Gonski week

What Gonski means for your child

National Gonski week is taking place from July 28 to August 3 and it is a great opportunity to focus on what the benefits of additional resources are for your child and our school.

Gonski is a way of funding schools based on the needs of students. It was recommended by the Gonski Review that found too many students were missing out due to a lack of resources.

For us, the additional Gonski funding over the next six years will allow us to really expand the educational programmes and learning support we know will make a difference in what our students achieve.

With this funding we will be able to:

- Put in place additional literacy and numeracy programmes and provide one on one assistance to students at risk of falling behind.
- Increase the specialist support and assistance for students who really need it – such as those with disabilities or special learning needs.
- Take a whole-of-school approach to building the skills and knowledge of teachers.
- Provide extension programmes that will help teachers really enrich our high achieving students to further develop.
The significant problem we have is that the Abbott Government in the May budget announced it will only provide the Gonski funding we are relying on for four years not six. That is a big issue because only one third of the funding comes in the first 4 years.

Cutting the Gonski funding means public schools across the country will be denied the money they need to provide all students the opportunity for a high quality education.

In addition, we are very concerned that the Napthine government has not delivered appropriate additional funding for the first year of the agreement to our schools and we do not know what will happen from 2015 onwards. Principals, teachers and parents are working hard to try and get the Prime Minister to change his mind on this critical investment and you can learn more at www.igiveagonski.com.au

The City of Kingston Report

Change in parking conditions

The City of Kingston will be installing a new 2 minute zone on the service lane in Wells Rd. This zone is designed for traffic flow to allow the parents who may be needing to arrive and depart quickly. This 2 minute zone is not designed for parents who wish to leave their cars to collect or walk their children into school grounds. It is preferable that children are seated on the passenger side of the car (the safety side) with their school bag placed on their lap. They are to alight from the curb side of the car. If, when you arrive, there are cars stopped in this zone, please move on to an alternative car space as queuing for these spaces may result in an infringement.

Please be mindful

The City of Kingston would like to remind you that parking on the median strip between the service road and Wells Rd can result in an infringement being issued.

Staff car park

Please remember that the Staff Car Park is for CHPS STAFF ONLY between the hours of 8:15am and 4:00pm. This helps to ensure student safety as well as avoiding people being blocked in. Even with staff using this car park, it is very busy, congested and is an unsafe place for students. Thank you for your support and understanding.
Welcome back to a fun, Freddo filled, Term Three!! It’s lovely to see Mrs. Young back in the classroom; I know we have all missed her. The students in 1B have been working hard on being their own boss and becoming good self-managers to make her transition as smooth as possible.

We have been lucky enough to be a part the Alannah and Madeline Foundation Better Buddies Program. Our school will be spending time during Term Three and Term Four 2014 to plan and set up the program for its launch in 2015. The Better Buddies Program Framework is an initiative designed to create friendly and caring primary school communities where bullying is reduced.

Through Better Buddies, children in their first and last year of primary school buddy up and learn the values: **caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing difference, including others and responsibility.** All children in the school learn these values through formal and informal activities, including their interactions with the mascot Buddy Bear, our giant, fun-loving and caring purple bear.

This program fits nicely into the buddy program that we have had running at CHPS and will strengthen our existing welfare programs.

Watch this space for more information. I shall leave you with this quote from Wilson McCaskill that will make you think about being brave and participating to progress:

“Teachers open the door,
You enter by yourself”

Elizabeth Evans

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**Can two parents set up an account for the same student?**

Qkr!™ offers the ability for two parents to set up an account for the same student if needed. However, please note that the two accounts are independent and no details are shared between them.
You are cordially invited to

*Chelsea Heights Primary School’s Art Show*

Friday the 29th of August 5pm – 8:30pm

In the Green Zone

Be amazed by the original artworks of our students

Enter this fabulous event for **$25 per family**

This price includes **2** pieces of artwork for each child

One mounted piece and one 3D piece

On the night you will have the chance to **bid** in the silent auction for one of the year level canvases **worked** on by all the children in that grade level, as well as many other fabulous goodies donated by the local community

Enter the raffle for your chance to **win** some fantastic prizes also donated

Participate in a cartooning workshop, **decorate** a gingerbread man or take the time to **investigate** our other arty activities

Feeling hungry? Then **stop** at the Sausage Sizzle to refuel or **nibble** on Cake and Coffee.

**Tickets are on sale now**


Ticket and information packs will be sent home with the youngest child in the family with all the information you will need to enjoy the night

If you have friends or extended family that would like to enjoy our Art Show too, they are welcome to come for a gold coin donation, payable on the night (provided a family ticket has been purchased).
Specialist Report continued

Choir

On Monday the 28th of July the choir sang let It Go by Idina Menzel. There was a junior, middle and senior group. The foundation and ones are in the junior group, twos in the middle group and three fours and fives in the senior group. We all had a lovely time.

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Athletics Carnivals

This year, on Friday 22nd August, Level 3 to 6 students will have fun working together and also trying to improve on their best performance at our House Athletics Carnival. Wearing house colours, earning points for their house and ribbons for themselves whilst trying out for the District Athletics Carnival, students will enjoy competing in a range of events at Ballam Park in Frankston. Keep an eye and ear out for more information.

Those students who successfully make it through the trials at our House Athletics Carnival, will then be invited to compete at the Chelsea/Patterson District Athletics Carnival, on Friday 5th September. At District, also being held at Ballam Park in Frankston, students will be competing against students from other local schools, representing Chelsea Heights Primary School rather than their house, but with the same goal of improving on their personal best.

House League Sports

House League Sports happens every Tuesday and Thursday during lunch. Tuesday is the girls competition and Thursday is the boys competition. For the remainder of the year students in Levels 4-6 will have the opportunity to play various sports during the lunch hour. Students will play in their house teams against other houses and will gain points for their house depending on wins, loses and draws. Some of the sports that will be played are: Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Netball, Kickball, Handball, Netball and Tee Ball. Students will also learn how to demonstrate good sportsmanship and teamwork.
On the last day of Terms 1, 2 and 3 all CHPS students dress in house colours and participate in Tabloid Sports. Due to the 2014 Soccer World Cup in Brazil, there were a lot of fantastic soccer skills on display on the last day of Term 2, 2014. As you can see from the photos, we have a number of budding soccer stars!
Around our school

Yarn Art Project

To celebrate Children’s Week and Senior’s Week, Chelsea Heights Primary are joining several other local schools, groups and elderly citizens homes, in a community Yarn Art Project led by Chelsea Longbeach Place. Each group has their own theme, ours being The Rainbow Fish, in which they will decorate trees, fences etc. in yarn art such as knitting, crochet and weaving.

More information about our Yarn Art Project can be found further in this newsletter, on the front page of our website, in our Yarn Art Project Blog located on our website or by contacting Jane Fitchett aljane@iprimus.com.au or Mr. Aldred. All help is greatly appreciated.

Maths Club

Last term we trialed lunchtime Maths Clubs. These were such a hit that this term we will be running them every week! The idea is that students can gain additional support or extend their mathematical skills through games and problem solving tasks.

Level 3 to 6 Maths Club will run on Mondays from 1:30 – 2:00pm in the Green Learning Zone

Foundation to Level 2 Maths Club will run on Tuesdays from 1:30 – 2:00pm in the Performing Arts Studio

For more information please speak to Miss. Pia Licciardo or Miss. Aleesha Wood.

Reading Club

We will be holding a Lunchtime Reading Club on Tuesdays from 1.30 - 2.00pm in the Green Learning Zone. All students are welcome to attend.

Any parents (with a current Working with Children Check) who would like to listen to students read are welcome to attend Reading Club each Tuesday to help.

For more information please speak to Mrs. Raelene Brown.

Lunch Time Club

We are running a lunch time club every day from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. This club is designed specifically for PSD students and students who may find the whole hour outside overwhelming. Our aim is to give each student an opportunity to be involved in a range of fun activities that encourage the use of positive language and help teach them skills that enable them to independently solve problems, make new friends, and be resilient while in group play. We endeavour to develop the students’ social skills and increase their positive interaction with their peers. Some of the activities that we will be doing are construction, craft, sports games, drama and iPads. So let the FUN begin!!!!!!
This week we have been celebrating Canteen Week and the amazing job Roz and her staff do. There have been lots of guesses at our Gingerbreadman’s name and we have had some lucky raffle winners. But you haven’t missed out completely as Canteen week continues all week.
CAN YOU HELP US???

WE ARE IN NEED OF:

- OLD WIRE COATHANGERS
- VACUUM CLEANER HOSES/AGG PIPE
- BRIGHTLY COLOURED ACRYLIC WOOL
- OLD CDs
- MESH BAGS (from onions, oranges etc.)
- CLEVER PEOPLE WHO CAN KNIT OR CROCHET, OR GENERALLY LIKE TO BE CRAFTY

WHY?

Chelsea Heights Primary has been asked to be a part of an exciting community Yarn Art project taking place in October.

To celebrate Children’s Week and Senior’s Week we will be covering our school in yarn art to the theme of The Rainbow Fish from 18th to 26th October, 2014.

So, what is Yarn Art? Sometimes called Yarn Storming or Urban Knitting, it is a type of temporary street art that employs colourful displays of knitted, woven and crocheted pieces to brighten up the community.

We are planning a fun craft activity for the Art Show on August 29th and need wire coat hangers as soon as possible to prepare them before the night!

We are also in need of vacuum cleaner hoses to create an octopus!!

During our Lunchtime sessions, Level 3-6 students are welcome to help us with preparation and creating, starting this week.

We are inviting everyone who would like to be a part of making things for our display to let us know how you can help— please ask your mum, dad, siblings, grandparents, aunties, uncles, family, friends and neighbours if they can help...you don’t have to be a master crafter!

For more information please see Mr Aldred or email Jane aljane@iprimus.com.au.
As part of our Narrative genre Foundation students have begun the exciting writing process. The beginning of this process included listening and responding to different Narratives, e.g. Traditional Tales. Students needed to look more deeply at the characters and list their attributes. (see pictures)

Students then created some of their own characters. We were thrilled with the variety! We had a fairy, ghost, The Hulk and an old time favourite – princesses!

Settings were described and illustrated, stories were planned and they have now begun their very first “Big Write”. We look forward to sharing with you some of the narratives created by the imagination of our wonderful Foundation students!

Look out for these on our website soon and in next month’s Newsletter.
Level 1 and 2 are currently learning about writing procedures. As part of the 'immersion' stage we followed a procedure to make yummy cupcakes!

Some of our cupcakes worked really well, others looked a bit funny. We talked about why this might be and discussed why it is important to have procedures.

And of course the best bit was eating them!

Level 2 also had fun creating colourful pompoms and putting them to all sorts of uses.
Today we went to the Edithvale Wetlands to find out about sustainability. I learnt a lot and it took a while to get used to walking everywhere. I saw a lot of rubbish, I heard lots of sounds, I smelt lots of stuff and I felt lots of interesting things. When we got to the lookout we saw lots of birds and insects. While we were there a guy took a photo of Ned, Ryan, Jade and me for the newspaper! There was lots of cool and amazing stuff at the wetlands. Madison 3/4D
The Senior Sub School have been busy whilst still having fun this term helping around all areas of the school, for filling their leadership duties, creating amazing pieces for our upcoming Art Show, working as a team whilst competing in interschool sports, singing up a storm in choir, learning about Yarn Art and still finding time to hit the books for both study and fun.
As part of National Tree day, CHPS Sustainability team and Jade helped every student in our school have fun and help our environment by planting native trees along our wildlife corridor as well as some extra plants in our beautiful gardens around our grounds. Big thanks to Jade for organising both the trees and the planning.
Hello There,

Welcome back to Term Three.
I hope everyone had a safe and restful holiday.
Please remember to go online to check or cancel bookings for the new term.
This month at OSHC we will look at continents, Australia and its states, the Commonwealth games in Scotland.
Active After School sports program starts again Week 3. We have Karate on Wednesday with Daniel from GRK Karate. We have volleyball on Thursday with Chris from Kelly sports. All activities run for seven weeks from 4pm to 5pm. It is great to see all the children participating and enjoying these activities that are funded by the Australia Spots Commission.
We will also be busy preparing some art work for the school art show. Camp Australia and the Chelsea Heights OSHC Staff will be doing free face painting at the art show on Friday 29th August 2014. Hope to see you all there.
A Big welcome back to Emma (OSHC assistant) who has been visiting and teaching in Mexico. The children are very interested in her experience and had lots of questions for her. They know which continent it is in.
Camp Australia and all OSHC services have an opportunity to be involved throughout the year with The Alannah and Madeline Foundation. They work with the Buddy Bear Program within schools and groups to promote strong and safe friendships. This term the children will have an opportunity to take buddy bear home and write and draw about their experience with buddy bear by sharing how they are a great buddies. I am sure you will take great care of him. They will also have an opportunity to be Buddy Leader at both before and after sessions.

**A BIG OSHC THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:**
Thank you to both the parents and the children for making my job so enjoyable. It really is a pleasure to see you all with smiles on your faces.
Have great month and remember to look after yourselves and each other.
Thank You

Mandie Murray
OSHC Coordinator
Chelsea Heights
Researchers from the University of Queensland are conducting research into parenting of children with type 1 diabetes. We are seeking parents of children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes to participate. Participation in this project will involve completing a survey, and a telephone interview. The telephone interview includes questions on diabetes management tasks which parents of children with type 1 diabetes experience difficulty with, how parents think and feel about parenting a child with type 1 diabetes, and their preferences for assessing services to assist in dealing with these behaviours and tasks.

If you are interested in participating in this research or would like further information please email clin.roslyn.pay@uq.edu.au

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

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Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.
**MOIRA**

**siblings Social Support Group 2014**

The MOIRA Siblings Social Support Group is a group for kids who have a brother or sister with a disability or special need. It is a place where they can get together and have fun with other siblings who really understand what it’s like.

**Who can participate?** Children who are 8-14 years old children who have a brother or sister with a disability. Participants with a disability are not eligible to attend the program.

**Is there a cost?** There is no cost to participate in this program. Afternoon tea supplied. Please inform of any dietary requirements, or food allergies

**How do I become involved?** You need to be registered with MOIRA’s Sibling Support Program. Complete a registration form and support profile on MOIRA website [www.moira.org.au](http://www.moira.org.au)

Phone: MOIRA – 8552 2222 or Email: communitysupport@moira.org.au

**When/where does SSS meet?**

Groups are held from 4.15-6.15pm at MOIRA Youth Services 2A Station St Moorabbin.

During session 1 staff will hold planning session with the children to develop a program of activities for semester 2. Kids start getting those ideas written down.

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**Disability Respite & Recreation EXPO 2014**

**FOR PARENTS AND CARERS LIVING IN THE SOUTH DIVISION**

Find out more about opportunities for people with a disability
- Respite Options
- Recreation & Arts Info
- A Large Variety of Stalls

**Wednesday 13th August**
10am - 2pm

**Peninsula Community Theatre**
Cnr Nepean Highway & Wilsons Road
Mornington

**FREE EVENT**

For more information contact the MOIRA Expo Coordinator:
Ph (03) 8552 2222 Email: respiteexpo@moira.org.au

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**Venue: MOIRA 2 Station St Moorabbin**

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**MANKIK ENTERTAINMENT**

**YCW Cricket registration day**

CHELSEA YCW JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB
REGO DAY
23 AUGUST 10 am till 12 noon

Come along and sign up for the 2014/15 cricket season.

Chelsea YCW CRICKET CLUB contact details:
Club Secretary Karen Thornton
karendthornton78@hotmail.com

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**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JANUARY 2015**

**EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME**

In January 2015 we will be receiving exchange students from Europe (Germany, Italy, Denmark, Finland and France), South America (Argentina) and Japan. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation.

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**News from Chelsea Heights Community Centre**

Chelsea Heights Community Centre invites stallholders to apply for the next Community Market to be held Saturday 25th October.

As soon as your child turns 3 they are welcome to join our Monday Kinder Activity Group which runs from 10am to 1pm and provides a semi-structured program of outside and indoor activities.

On Thursdays 7pm to 9.30pm you can learn the practical skills of upholstery, completing a beginner’s footstool project in 3 weeks. On Monday 18 August 7.30pm to 8.00pm a workshop on Creating a Home Office Haven will look at ways of organizing a home office, dealing with paperwork, time management and maximizing your space.

On Friday mornings we welcome beginners to advanced students at our friendly Art class, improve your art and try new mediums.

Ring 9772 3391 to book, for more details or our Term brochure, and please visit our website for a full program at www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au or just drop on by.

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**The Patterson Lakes Community Centre are having a**

**Spring Garden and Plant Sale**

On Sunday 31st August, 2014
9.00am - 2.00pm
At the Patterson Lakes Community Centre, carpark and main hall.
54 Thompson Road, Patterson Lakes.

We are inviting you to attend to show/sell your product,
The available spaces are:
- Car park $20.00 paid in advance ($25 on the day)
- Car park double site $35.00
- Main Hall $30.00 paid in advance
- Trestle Table $5.00
Please book a time if you’d like to give a demonstration.

Please contact the office for a booking or more information.

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Chess For Kids @
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Learn to play chess in a fun and supportive environment.
Improve your school grades whilst learning this great game.
Studies have shown that children who play chess develop strong analytical and strategy skills.

Come and try for FREE on
Tuesday 12th August, 2014, 4:30pm-6pm
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Classes will then follow on during school term,
Class Fee will be $40.00 for 4 weeks

To enrol or for more information please contact Patterson Lakes Community Centre on 9772 8588