**September 2014**

**Dates to remember:**
- Friday 5th September — Father’s Day Stall
- Friday 5th September — Chelsea/Patterson District Athletics Carnival
- Tuesday 11th September — Level 6 Hoop Time Excursion
- Thursday 11th September — Level 6 Indoor Rock Climbing Excursion
- Friday 12th September — 2015 Foundation Transition Session
- Friday 12th to Thursday 18th September — Book Fair
- Wednesday 17th September — Stomp Dance Company
- Friday 19th September — Tabloid Sports (Footy colours), Fun Food Day, Last Day of Term 3 — 2:30pm Finish
- Monday 6th October — First Day of Term 4
- Monday 6th October — 2015 Foundation Parent Information Night 6:30pm to 8pm

**Numeracy**
The Senior School have spent the last 6 weeks busily working on fractions. They have been trying to find real life scenarios where we don’t need to use fractions... but this has proven difficult, as fractions are everywhere! Students have been learning about equivalent fractions, simplifying, mixed and improper fractions and adding and subtracting fractions.

When we look at linking fractions to real life, it’s always easier to have food to help us! Adding one quarter of a chocolate bar with one third of another chocolate bar is much easier when we can see it for ourselves.

Numeracy week has also just passed. Students created some fantastic posters to enter our numeracy competition about tricks they use to help them with their math lessons. Did you know, when you are doing your nine times tables, when the digits in the answer are added together, they add up to nine!

**Literacy**
Senior School students have been working diligently this semester during Literacy sessions. We have been learning all about narratives and discussing all the different forms of narratives out there. Students have made their stories come to life with interesting plot twists, underlying themes, developed characters and well described settings that set the mood of their whole story.

During consolidation time this semester we have been focussing on sentences. Students have been reading, analysing and writing their own simple, compound and complex sentences. This knowledge has been transferred into the daily writing of all students.

The Senior School students have also been continuing on with their VCOP journey. Each week they have been creatively constructing ‘Big Writes’ and then using their own self assessment and editing skills to ‘rainbow’ their work and set future writing goals.

**Inquiry Topic**
Throughout the term we have been covering sustainability. We have researched various topics such as damage to our oceans and how we can improve the world around us. In the final few weeks each student will be able to create a speech on a sustainability topic which has taken their interest and present it to the Senior School. This display of public speaking ties in perfectly with the Level 5 students starting their leadership program.

**CHPS Athletics Day**
On Wednesday 20th of September the Middle and Senior school caught buses to Ballam Park where the trials for athletics took place. The different events were shot put, discus, long jump, high jump, triple jump, hurdles, 100m sprint and 200m sprint. Those students who came in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place received a ribbon and gained points for their house. We all tried extremely hard even if we didn’t get a ribbon. It was an exciting but exhausting day. Good luck to all students who made it to district which is taking place on Friday 5th of September.

**The Senior Sub School Team**