

Chandler Public School

NEWSLETTER and CHANDLER CHATTER

Term 1

17 March 2011

Week 8

DATES TO REMEMBER



March

Sat 19 Autumn Festival

Sun 20 Pony Club

Sat 26 Election and P&C cake stall and Bbq

April

Thurs 7 Easter Parade

Fri 8 Finlayson Cup – date change

Fri 8 Last day for Term 1

Thur 28 Students return for Term 2

May

Mon 2 AASC – Gymnastics

Week 3 3 days NAPLAN – Year 3 May

(National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy)

Wed 11 May Teddy Bear's Picnic

Regular Events

Play group – Tuesday morning

Scripture – Tuesday

Library – Tuesday

Sport- Tuesday afternoon

Student Banking - Wednesday

Band – Thursday morning

Active After-School Communities (AASC) –

Monday and Wednesday

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Principal's Message

Our students are still learning about visual literacy and the way images convey information. This week they have been writing persuasive texts to convince a reader of their point of view. They should be very proud of their efforts as are we.

Kate McClenaghan on behalf of Fran

Annual School Contribution

Schools usually ask parents to make an annual contribution to the cost associated with running additional programs. Chandler's voluntary contribution will remain at \$30 per child, with a maximum of \$50 per family.

State Election

The brick classroom is being used for a polling booth for the NSW State election on Saturday 26 March. Please encourage friends, family and neighbours to vote at Chandler to help keep the polling booth open for future elections. If a booth is used by less than 100 voters it is likely to be closed.

Clothing Pool

There is quite a selection of school clothes in the clothing pool. Please feel free to have a look, all clothing is sold at a very reasonable price.

Thank you to those who supply the school with second hand school uniforms.

Easter Activities Afternoon Thursday 7 April

The theme for this year's parade will be "Easter Characters". There will be lots of fun activities.

We will be holding a raffle again this year.

Donations of Easter eggs for the raffle can be sent to the school.

Finlayson Cup Sports Day

There is a change of date for the Finlayson Cup Sports Day. It will be held twice this year. The first day is being held on Friday 8 April. The second day is on Friday 2 September. If the weather prevents the second day being held it will be cancelled.

Premier's Challenges

All students have been enrolled in the Premier's Reading Challenge and the Premier's Sporting Challenge for 2011. The children have been given a copy of the reading log to record the books they read for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Books need to be entered in the students' online reading record before the end of August. This can be completed at home or at school by using the children's My Portal log on and password. There are detailed reading lists available on the Premier's Reading Challenge website. We have many of the books available in our library.

NAPLAN – Year 3 May 9-13

(National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy)

Our Year 3 students will complete tests in reading, spelling, language (grammar and punctuation), writing and numeracy. Parents will receive individual reports of their children's results showing a comparison with all Year 3 students in Australia.

Active After-school Communities (AASC) – our after school sports program

A Community Coach Training Program is being run in Armidale on 30.3.11 from 8:45 am – 4:00 pm. This course provides the Certificate 1 in Community coaching required to run AASC activities. If you are interested in helping out with AASC, and able to enroll in this course please see Fran for more details.

AASC for the remainder of Term 1

We will focus on athletics with activities to prepare the students for track and field events for Finlayson Sports.

Questacon – Shell Questacon Science Circus will be in the Armidale region in early April. We are investigating a trip to Armidale to join with one of the larger primary schools to take part.

There will be a Public Exhibition at Cambell Hall, Sport UNE, Armidale on April 2, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Company Offering Ongoing Tutoring Contracts

Please see the article below from the Ben Venue School Newsletter

ALERT

There are people contacting parents about Tutoring and programs to assist students who may (or may not be) struggling with Maths or some other area. They are intimating that Ben Venue has suggested this.

Ben Venue has not and will not ever give information to any company about your child.

It is against the Code of Conduct. No teacher should ever suggest or refer you to tutoring outside school hours. Programs of support are the school's responsibility. Information about your child is confidential.

A couple of years ago a SCAM occurred where parents were asked to sign up to a company that would send tutoring lessons to support students. It then duped people into signing in some cases to pay a large amount of money for what turned out to be repetitive addition and subtraction exercises and not much else for a monthly fee. The program promised to continue for the duration of the child's education and the amount was staggering.

My advice is to not allow these people into your home. Please let me know if you have been approached as I will contact Legal Branch for further advice.

Thank you to the parent who alerted me to this recent approach where the school's apparent association with the company was communicated to the parent.

DEMON KNIGHTS FOOTBALL CLUB
REGISTRATION DAYS

DKFC will be holding registration days on:

Saturday 19st March at The Wicklow Hotel
Courtyard

Time: 10am – 1pm and

Saturday 26th March at The Wicklow Hotel
Courtyard

Time: 10am – 1pm

The cost is:

\$120 for 5-9yrs Juniors

\$135 for 10-17yrs Juniors

\$180 Junior playing seniors (15-17 years)

\$250 Seniors (O/18 years)

For further information please call the Registrar:

Dave Farmer: 0434237781



Can you guess who this is? If you can, write it on a piece of paper and drop it into the office and next weeks newsletter will reveal if you are right. Stay tuned. There will be more photos to follow.

Leadership Camp – 4,5,6 April

Year 4 students have been invited to attend a leadership camp with Ben Lomond and Ebor PS. Students will be camping (in tents) at Point Lookout and taking part in activities in the Cathedral Rock area and at Point Lookout. Mr John Melrose is organising the camp. Some activities will be presented by staff from Cascade Environmental Education Centre. Cost will be up to \$60 per child.



**Point Lookout Leaders Camp - Determining
of number of students attending**

I am interested / not interested in my Year
4 child _____

attending the "Point Lookout Le

Yours sincerely
