Dear Parents

Playground Maintenance Help Needed!
As mentioned in previous newsletters, the old library building is being demolished over the next school holidays. We would like to keep the sleepers around the old building to use in other areas of the school. To do this we need to remove them from the site before the demolition takes place. Staff will be at the school this Saturday morning (4th September), moving resources into the MPR, so if you are free and would like to help unbolt some sleepers and move them to the Veggie garden for safe keeping, we would love to see you.

Secondly, the rusty guttering on the Music Room needs to be removed to ensure the safety of our students. If you could assist us with either of these requests, please leave your name at the office.

The Method of Shared Concern
The key to stopping playground disputes and bullying is getting those involved to talk about what is happening and decide on some ways to overcome the problem. The Friendly Schools & Families Program recommends schools use the Method of Shared Concern to encourage children to talk about bullying incidents.

The Method of Shared Concern aims to change the behaviour of students who are bullying and to improve the situation for the student being bullied. This method helps students to develop empathy and concern for others and gives them strategies to help them get along better with others in the school and at home.
What happens in shared concern?

Individual meetings are held with each of the students involved in the bullying incident: the student or students bullying, the person being bullied and any bystanders who may have seen what was happening.

Each student is asked about the problem and to suggest ways he or she personally could help to improve the situation.

The student being bullied is also given the opportunity to discuss what happened and encouraged to think of ways to improve the situation.

There are follow-up meetings, discussions and planning that give students the opportunity to change and improve attitudes and behaviours and to put these into practice in a supportive environment.

So when children come home and tell you they have been sent to my office, please don’t assume that they were spoken to angrily, developing social skills is just another part of learning at school and it is our job as adults to help students understand friendly ways to interact with each other. I often tell the children that we can’t change what has happened in the past, but we can certainly have plans to make the future better. However, this does not mean that there are not consequences for inappropriate behaviour. When students break school rules they can expect consequences such as withdrawal from the playground during play or lunch time, helping to repair damage if something has been broken, cleaning up the school grounds or classrooms, and in severe cases, suspension.

Court orders & student information

Sometimes families have specific court orders relating to living arrangements and contact between family members. The school needs to be aware, and have copies of these documents to ensure processes are followed correctly. If your circumstances have changed recently, please take the time to inform the office. Remember that you may no longer wish to have certain people listed as emergency contacts for your child, or that your phone numbers and address have changed. Unless you tell us of the changes we may end up in an awkward situation.

Selamat sore!

HATS HATS HATS

Winter is officially over and our sunsmart policy has begun. All children are required to wear wide brimmed hats as of Monday 6th September.

The City of Kingston will be running an After School Care program here at Chelsea Primary School beginning at the start of Term 4. Enrolment forms can be picked up from the office.

What made you want to become an Integration Aide?

Well the hours to start with, which were perfect being a working mother. And working with kids and hopefully making a difference

How long have you been at Chelsea for?

This is my 8th year. Previously to working here I was an area Manager for a Video Store chain and was doing extra work on TV.

What did you want to be when you were young and why?

I wanted to be an actress because I wanted to be rich and famous (more famous I think). Also when I was in primary school I wanted to be a vet until I found out your H.S.C marks had to be higher than a doctor to just get into uni.

Do/did you play a sport? If so, what sport?

I currently play baseball but when I was younger I played basketball and indoor cricket outside of school. Inside of school I played everything that was offered. I also competed in spring board diving (only at school level)
What is your favourite holiday destination and why?
New York!! The moment you set foot in Manhattan you feel like you belong. There is so much to see and do and most of the people are friendly and all are fascinating. Best place in the world to people watch..hands down!

**Do you have any pets?**
Yes, I have 2 cats, Boston and Hobbit and a dog named Indi.

**If you could, what superpower would you have?**
Definetly flying! Just the feeling of freedom would be so amazing. I have been lucky enough to dream I was flying a couple of times and I would do anything to dream it again.

**What footy team do you barrack for?**
CARLTON!!!! When I was in kinder I followed the Swans because my big brother did, but as soon as I got to school it was Carlton.

**Did you have a leadership position as a child? If so what was it?**
I was Vice Captain of blue house in primary school.

**What is the best part about being an Integration Aide?**
Being able to come to school each day and hopefully being able to make a difference, even if only small.

**What is your favourite food and why?**
Mexican because I love it. It’s as simple as that.

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**Environmental Rangers News**

This week in the garden we have been busy planning for our vegetable market which is being held this Friday in the gazebo starting at 3:15 to 3:45. At the market we will be selling rhubarb, celery and plenty of different vegetables. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thankyou
Liam Drake and Rachel Budrys
Environmental Rangers

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**Moonlit Sanctuary**
**Summer School Holidays**

**Young Ranger Program**

Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care,
Fun and Games in **Spring 2010**.

**Monday 20th**, **Wednesday 22nd**, **June, Friday 24th September**

**Monday 27th**, **Wednesday 29th**, **September, Friday 1st Oct**

Cost: $39.00 per day, or $105 for 3 days.

**Bookings essential** - suitable 8-14 years.

Hours: 10AM – 3PM

Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and remember your hat.

Lunches: BYO or available for $7.50

**Moonlit Sanctuary**
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Ph. 5978-7935

Web: [www.moonlit-sanctuary.com](http://www.moonlit-sanctuary.com)

Open daily between 10am and 5pm
Junior Cricket Players Wanted Chelsea Junior Cricket Club
Registration Day Milo to U16 (girls welcome)
Saturday 4th September 2010 Between 930am-1130am
Chelsea Recreational Reserve (Beardsworth Ave)

chelseajcc@iprimus.com.au
Dave Hart 0425 754 556

PLEASE HELP WASHING MACHINE NEEDED
Does anyone have or know of anyone who may have a working washing machine that can be donated to the school. Unfortunately it is time for our washing machine to be made in to scrap metal. If you can help please contact the school or call by the office.

CANTEEN DAYS
Thursday & Friday

Have you ever considered introducing your children to an older international sibling?

WEP (World Education Program) is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Secondary Students arriving in February 2011.

Expose your child early to another culture, cuisine and language. Many of our exchange students have younger siblings at home and enjoy being the older sister or brother. They seek the kindness and warmth of an Australian family who will share their culture and knowledge of our country.

Our Big Brothers and Sisters from Italy, Brazil, France, and Japan are keen to start corresponding with a family they can call their own and learn about the place they will soon call home.

Find out more!
If you would like more information on becoming a WEP Host Family, please contact:
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An information pack, including photos and letters from our students and their parents will be available for interested families.

It’s easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!