

28th May 2009

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

June 3	Bookclub due
June 8	Queens Birthday Holiday
June 11	Planetarium Excursion (Bandicoots/Platypus)
June 12	Seaworld Excursion (Russell/ Stradbroke)

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Human Swine Flu is still in the news and cases have now been reported in Australia and Queensland. On Tuesday I sent home a letter with the latest information regarding Human Swine Flu. This letter outlined the procedures Queensland schools are following to prevent the spread of this virus. We are continually getting updated information from Education Queensland, the Department of Health and the Federal Government and will follow their recommendations as required. To help students maintain good hygiene practices I have instructed the cleaning staff to ensure that the soap dispensers are operating in all toilet blocks and I have also purchased hand sanitiser for each classroom. (If your child may be allergic to these sanitising products please inform your child's teacher so that they are aware of any issues.) As stated in the letter home, any child returning or arriving from specific overseas countries (as listed on the Department of Health website) will be given a seven-day time out period before being admitted to school. In the event of a confirmed case of Human Swine Flu in a student at CHSS, in line with Government procedures, we will be closing the school for up to seven days. I will keep you up to date on all the latest arrangements and information regarding this virus through letters home and the school

newsletter. If your child is showing flu symptoms please take them to a doctor for professional medical advice. Thank you for your support.

Mabel Park State High School is offering \$300 academic scholarships for 2010 year 8 students. Please ask at the office if you require application forms or further information about these scholarships.

I have been asked to include the following message from the Department of Transport and Main Roads regarding major road works in our area.

The draft alignment for the South East Busway Extension from Rochedale to Springwood has been released. Consultation on the draft alignment is now underway and will run from 1 June to 3 July 2009. A newsletter has been distributed to home owners and businesses in the Springwood area providing details on the consultation process. We encourage you to become involved and provide us with your feedback by attending one of the following staffed displays:

*Logan North Library, Cnr Sports Drive & Springwood Rd, Underwood
Thursday 4 June 2009 2 pm - 4 pm
Tuesday 9 June 10 am - 12 noon
Thursday 18 June 2009 5 pm - 7pm*

*Centro Springwood, Cnr Rochedale Rd & Fitzgerald Ave, Springwood
Tuesday 23 June 2009 5 -7pm*

Saturday 27 June 2009 2 – 4pm

Your feedback is also welcome by:

- *completing a feedback form on the website at www.transport.qld.gov.au/sebusway*
- *phoning the project team on 1800 794 288*
- *emailing the project team on sebusway@transport.qld.gov.au*

- *mailing (no stamp required)*
South East Busway Extension Project

Queensland Transport
Reply Paid 213
Brisbane Qld 4001

Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

School Disco

Thank you to all who attended the Junior or Senior Disco last Friday night. Thank you to Mrs Streatfeild for coordinating the Junior Disco on behalf of the Student Council and Ms Thurlow for coordinating the Senior Disco for the Project Club. Special thanks must also go to the P and C for donating some of their resources.

Our next Disco is scheduled for Friday August 28. We hope to see you there.

Mabel Park Brain Challenge

At the time of writing 12 intelligent Year 7 students were preparing to do battle at the Mabel Park SHS Brain Challenge. Thank you to the Year 7 teachers and parents for supporting this venture and a special mention to Ms Callebaut for helping to organise permission slips and procedures. I will let everyone know how the students perform next week.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Curriculum Corner

Pathways

When children are little they often tell their parents and friends what they want to be when they grow up and this may change from week to week or even daily. There are so many different pathways that they could follow in life and the choices are constantly changing with the development of new technologies. When my oldest daughter, Fran, was about nine she wanted to build things. I helped her find some old bits of wood under the house, some nails and a hammer and off she went building a doll's high chair for her younger sister. It turned out beautifully, a bit crooked, but still very solid and fulfilled the purpose perfectly. She even painted it and put a stencil of a bird on the back. We still have that chair and Fran is now at university studying to become a construction manager in the building industry. We are all blessed with different gifts and as parents and teachers we strive to nurture children to use their gifts and make the most of them which is why we provide such a wide range of key learning areas in schools. Dr. Gardner, professor of education at Harvard University, proposes eight different intelligences to account for a broader range of human potential in children and adults. These intelligences are:

Linguistic intelligence ("word smart")
Logical-mathematical intelligence ("number/reasoning smart")
Spatial intelligence ("picture smart")
Bodily-Kinesthetic intelligence ("body smart")
Musical intelligence ("music smart")
Interpersonal intelligence ("people smart")
Intrapersonal intelligence ("self smart")
Naturalist intelligence ("nature smart")

By providing a wide range of pathways through the study of various disciplines and by using a variety of effective teaching and learning tools in the various intelligences we are nurturing the gift of our future engineers, artists, architects, musicians, naturalists, scientists, designers, dancers, therapists, entrepreneurs, and others who enrich the world in which we live.

Julia Whittaker
Head of Curriculum

Principals Awards Stage 2 & 3

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly on Monday.

Shaun D for working well and always trying your best.

Tiani G for always working independently and on task with your work.

Brooke H for most improved effort in homework and spelling.

Rani B for a fantastic interesting story.

Thomas J for always trying his best with everything that comes his way.

Joanne D for always putting in a consistent effort and showing pride in your work.

Reece A for a pleasing effort and result with his research on the push pedal bike.

Tarni G for always using the 4c's and being an absolute pleasure to teach.

Tara J for presenting an excellent super hero interview.

Adell R for producing work of a wonderfully high standard at all times.

Erich R for improved effort with handwriting and general bookwork.

David S for completing all work to the best of his ability.

Library Award

Russell for always working well on activities in the library.

Gotcha Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received gotcha awards for following the four C's in the playground.

Tina-Maree K, Sophie B, Britt K, Jurnee K.

Project Club Disco (Senior)

Project Club has been holding three to four discos every year since 1986. Not only is this a fund-raising venture for the Club, it is also a fabulous learning experience for the Club members. The children learn to budget, plan, timetable, make change, make speeches, etc, and experience the responsibility and sense of achievement of being part of a Club.

Over the years, we have moved from a classroom, to the Undercover Area near the Tuckshop to now, the Hall. I would like to thank the parents who attended the Senior Disco last week for helping us ensure the safety of the children, by sitting

outside. Thanks also to all the parents who turned up on time to pick up their children. This meant the Project Club clean-up crew got away in good time.

Running the Disco is a wonderful learning experience for the children, but unfortunately from time to time, mistakes are made.

It has been brought to our attention, since the evening, that a couple of children purchased items on the night, and then left without collecting their change. Unfortunately, these children did not bring this to my attention on the night. If your child believes that this happened to them, please come and see me, or send your child with a note from you, and the error will be happily corrected.

Thank you for your support of a wonderful learning experience for the Project Club members, and what is now...a school tradition.

Wendy Thurlow
Teacher – Peel

Year 2 Reports

As previously stated, report cards will be issued at the end of term. However, Year 2 reports will not be available until Friday 24 July (Week 2 Term 3). This is because all Year 2 students participate in the Year 2 Net process. The moderation of students' work is not completed until early Term 3 so report cards cannot be fully completed until this time. This timeline is always set for us by Education Qld. so it is unavoidable that the Year 2 reports are issued at a different time. If you have any queries re: Year 2 report cards, please see Liz Bundy.

Liz Bundy - Year 2 Net Key Teacher

Hip Hop Dance

On Monday and Friday 1st breaks, 28 students are involved in hip hop dance classes with Bessy and Michelle. It is hoped all students can participate in an Ausdance for Schools Performance at Logan Entertainment Centre on the 14th June. Further information will be given to students shortly.

Interschool Sport

Two weeks of interschool sport remain. The last fixtures and finals are on 5th June.

Interschool Sport Semester 2

Students in years 5-7 will be selecting their interschool sports for semester 2 before the holidays. Choices are mixed touch, boys and girls softball, cheerleading and social sport.

Stage 2 and 3 Sports Day

Sports Day for Stage 2 and 3 is on Thursday 18th June. Events are being held at lunch times at present. Those already completed are 200m, 800m long jump and shotput.

Cheerleading

Our first World Cup Cheerleading Competition is on Friday 5th June at 1pm in our hall. We have 2 teams competing- an advanced team and a beginner team. Both teams are doing individual stunt routines and a combined pom dance. Our advanced team will be debuting our new uniform purchased through Cheergear. Spectators are welcome.

String News

Rehearsal and lessons will be on as usual this Monday (1st June). Looking forward to seeing everyone there. A note for your calendars - Friday 12th June will be a string day. There will be a rehearsal and lessons at usual times. This is the Friday after the next Monday public holiday - Queens Birthday.

2009 World Environment Day Poster Competition Logan City Council

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Winning award and prize for their poster entry : Hannah S, Charlie A, Kristiarne L and Leila M.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW STUDENT COMPETITIONS

Each year the University of NSW runs Australia-wide competitions in a range of subject areas. Many of our children participate in order to test themselves against others. Each participant receives a certificate acknowledging either participation or achievement if they achieve at the level of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. Students also receive a comprehensive report detailing how they answered and scored on each item compared to others in the state. All competitions are open to students in years 3 to 7. This year the annual competitions are scheduled as follows: Technology in May, Science, Spelling and Writing in June, English and Maths in August.

The cost to students is \$6.00 for Technology, English, Maths and Science, Writing costs \$11.00 as each test has to be individually marked by a trained marker. Spelling is \$8.00. If you are interested in your child participating in these competitions the closing dates are as follows. No payments can be taken after the due date.

English	23 rd June
Maths	15th July

Found

A small container was handed in at the office last week. If your child has lost one please get them to check at the office.

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UNIVERSITY OF NSW PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my child.....
To enter the competition
Child's name.....Class.....