



13<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER**

Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Under 8's Day
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Report Cards sent home
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Term 2 ends
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 3 commences

**STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260**

**From the Principal**

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. The end of the term is fast approaching and report cards will be issued Friday of next week. We will also be holding an academic awards parade on the final Friday at 8:45 to recognise students in Years 2 to 7 who have achieved to a commendable standard in the four core areas of the curriculum (English, Maths, SOSE/History and Science) in addition to selected other subjects. Teachers will let parents know if students are getting an award so that they can attend - if possible surprise your child by not informing them of their award.

As stated, reports will be sent home on the last day of term, Friday 21 June. Due to the logistics of writing, copying and signing 650 odd report cards it is impossible to give report cards out early to students who are not going to be in attendance on this final day. Our expectation is that there is regular schooling up to and including the last day of term and any student absent can collect their report from the office next term.

Tomorrow is the last round of interschool sport for this season. Next term a new season of sports will be offered to upper-school students. Please remember that interschool sport and excursions are non-compulsory, extra-curricular activities that require parents to pay an additional cost. Parents who have not supplied their child's resources for class or have not paid the school resource scheme causing the school to fund these parent responsibilities, will not be offered these extra activities to avoid additional financial burdens. Additionally students who do not uphold our rules and expectations while at school will not be invited to represent our school in the greater community, under the supervision of teachers from other schools. (Students can take part in social sport back at school for no cost.)

Our School Annual Report will be posted on our web page by the end of term. This report is a summary of Chatswood Hills SS for 2012 and includes results in numeracy and literacy for years 3, 5 and 7, and the results of the annual School Opinion Survey. If you are interested in reading it, please log onto our web page or ask for a hard copy at the office after the holidays.

Next Wednesday 19 June is Under 8's Day for years P - 3. Children in these years will be taking part in a range of activities throughout the morning and middle sessions assisted by the older classes. Parents, family and friends are more than welcome to join in. Please check with your child's teacher if you want more specific information about activities and times for your child's class.

We have had some repeated incidents of head lice this term which is not uncommon in places like schools where children work very closely together. Please assist us by checking your child's hair and treating the head lice if necessary to prevent repeated outbreaks. It is also important to recheck and treat hair 7 to 10 days later to ensure any eggs that have hatched are also dealt with. Effective control of head lice requires all parents to do their part and I thank you for your support.

Please remember that Monday evening (17 June) is our parent information night regarding the move of Year 7 to a high school setting in 2015. The night is aimed primarily at current Year 5 and 6 parents; however parents from any year level can attend. The information session will be run jointly by Springwood State High School and Chatswood Hills SS and will give parents an insight into what Year 7 will look like at Springwood High. Parents will also have the opportunity to ask questions or raise ideas that they feel will need to be included in the Year 7 transition plan. The session will run from 5:00 till 6:00pm in the Year 5 classroom.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM  
Principal

#### **From the Deputy**

Chappy Karen has been Chatswood Hills' school Chaplain since September last year. During this time Karen has established a Kid's Club, run during lunch time, held "Get to know that Chappy" coffee mornings, has worked with a myriad of children both in the playground and in classrooms.

The school would like to receive parent and community feedback on the Chaplain's role. If you would like to comment on the Chaplaincy program at Chatswood Hills then please write down your comments and leave them in the box provided in the office.

#### **Springwood High School Storm Cup**

Twelve Year 4 and 5 students have been chosen by the school to represent Chatswood Hills State School at this year's Storm Cup to be held at Springwood High School next Monday, June 17. Our school goes into the competition this year as the defenders having won the Storm Cup last year for the second time since the competition began in 2010.

#### **Koala Walkway**

Some work is scheduled to begin on the Koala Walkway this weekend. The path will be marked out and the ground prepared for new trees.

#### **UNSW Competition**

12 students participated in the UNSW Science competition this week. I would like to thank each participant for putting in their best efforts.

The next tests are the Spelling and Writing competitions which will both be held on Tuesday June 18. We have 18 students down for the Spelling and 14 for the Writing competition.

The English and Maths UNSW competitions are still open to anyone who would like to participate. Please be aware that there is a cost associated with the tests. Students from around Australia and the Asia Pacific participate. Over recent years the school has performed well in these assessments and I would like to encourage our students to be involved.

The dates for the UNSW tests are as follows:

Competition	Sitting Date	Closing Date for Payment	Cost
Science	<b>Finished</b>		
Writing	Tuesday June 18	Closed	\$17
Spelling	Tuesday June 18	Closed	\$11
English	Wednesday July 31	Tuesday June 18	\$8
Maths	Tuesday August 13	Thursday July 11	\$8

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey  
Deputy Principal

#### **From the Guidance Officer**

Two great leaflets have arrived at the school entitled "Cybersafety and Cyberbullying – A guide for parents and caregivers" and also "Social Media and the School Community". These are free and there are a number available for collection at the Office. If you want to know more about "How can I promote my child's cybersafety?" plus other contents collect a leaflet from the office.

Jenny Hickey

Guidance Officer

#### **Chappy At Chats**

Over a number of years, the Chatswood Hills S.S. community has been involved with Operation Christmas Child. The program allows individuals the opportunity to pack a shoebox for a child who lives in an area impacted by war, famine, natural disasters, or extreme poverty.

During Term 3 you and your child or children can pack a box or send in items to contribute to boxes.

If you want to participate in this initiative and pack a box, you simply take a medium sized shoebox and cover the box and lid separately with brightly coloured paper. Then, you choose a gender ( Boy or Girl ) and an age group (2-4 Years, 5-9 Years or 10-14 Years). Select items relevant to the gender and age selected to place in your box which fit in with the following guidelines.

**Pack your shoebox with** -**Something to love** (Teddy bear, doll, soft toy).-**Something for school** (pencils, books, colouring books).-**Something to wear** (T Shirt, hat, sandals).-**Something special** (Bangles, Necklace, stickers).- **Something to play with** (Ball, skipping rope, marbles)- **Something for personal hygiene** (Toothbrush, soap, washer)

#### **Do Not Include**

- Items that leak or melt.
- Food or lollies
- Any used or damaged items.
- Any breakable items with glass or mirrors.
- Any item that can scare or harm a child
- Any gambling related items.

Our family enjoy packing some boxes each year and my children are always keen to participate. Most children in Australia have so much and this is a practical way to impact another person in a positive way. The shoebox may be the first physical gift the child receiving the box has ever received.

Chappy Karen

#### **From the Library**

ON Wednesday 12 June the Year 6/7 Readers' Cup team travelled to Regents Park State School to compete against 34 schools for the Brisbane South competition. Congratulations to Nikhat, Emily, Mahtika and Thalisha from Moreton who placed a very creditable 12<sup>th</sup>. The author Richard Newsome read the questions for the competition and signed his books for the girls and the Library. Thank you to Grant Paetai for transporting the team. The Year 5 Readers' Cup competition will take place in term 4. Well done girls!

Lyndell Roberts  
Teacher Librarian

#### **Under Eights Day**

Our celebration of Under Eights will take place next Wednesday, June 19. Children from Prep to Year 3 will be participating in range of hands-on activities in and around the hall. The first session will run from 9:00am until 10:15am while the second session runs from 11:15am until 12:30pm. Classes will attend at the following times:

1st session - Quolls, Wombats, Goannas, Kingfishers, Bilbies, Possums, Cassowaries, Emus  
2nd session - Geckoes, Wallabies, Koalas, Bandicoots, Platypus, Echidnas, Kookaburras, Kangaroos, Lorikeets  
Parents are welcome to join their children in these activity times.

#### **Instrumental Music News - Development Day**

On Thursday, 20th June all Instrumental Students are involved in a Development Day. The Instructors will be working with new and continuing instrumental students throughout the day. We are presenting a concert at the end of the day. Family and friends as well as all classes are invited to attend the concert. The concert will start at 1:45pm in the hall. Instrumental students have been asked to wear their school uniforms to school, bring a coloured t-shirt to change into for concert attire.

String students: There will be no before school String Ensemble rehearsal on Thursday 20th June.

The consent forms have gone home and are now due back at the office. Looking forward to working with all students and seeing everyone at the concert.

Instrumental Staff

#### **Rugby League**

FINALS THIS FRIDAY 14/6/2013 AT LOGAN BROTHERS

Grand Final 1:00 Juniors Chatswood Blue v Kingston  
Match Up Final 1:35 Seniors Chatswood v Springwood Central

#### **Woolworths Earn and Learn Competition**

This competition has now closed. If you have any stickers or sticker sheets (even if incomplete) please bring to the office before the school holidays so they can be collated for return to Woolies.

#### **P & C News**

Email: [pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au)

For information regarding P & C activities please refer to the P & C flyer that went home today.

#### **Bookclub**

If you did not receive your bookclub order please see the office. We have an order with no name on it.