It has been another wonderful week at Chatswood Hills State School and we have continued to enrol new students.

Currently our school enrolments are 648 - approximately 15 more students than last year. This increased number does not entitle us to an extra teacher as we already have the adequate number of teachers for the number of classes we have created. However, the growth in student numbers has caused us to make changes across year levels to readjust class numbers to ensure that all classes remain at or below our target size. These changes will also create spaces in each year level for future enrolments which will hopefully avoid the need for further change and disruptions throughout the year. The majority of changes for Monday will be in Stage 2 and Stage 3 as we have created a Yr 5/6 class to cater for our very full Year 4 and 5 classes, although there is minor movement in Stage 1 as well. Students who will be affected by a change have had an individual letter sent home with them today. I am aware that change can be unsettling for students; however, these changes have been unavoidable and are essential in maintaining the targeted class sizes. As the school year has only just commenced, and class routines and programs are being established, I am confident that any disruption to students and classes will be minimal. All teachers will continue to follow the school curriculum plan and work with the other stage teachers to ensure a smooth transition and continuity of learning.

Our class parent evenings will be held on Wednesday 15 February at 5:00pm for Stage 3, 5:30pm for Stage 2 and 6:00pm for Stage 1. These will be 20-25min general information sessions talking about the year ahead and classroom routines and expectations. (This is not a time for individual progress reports – these will be held at the end of term.) Notes regarding these interviews were sent home today with every child.

It appears that several parents are using the staff entrance and carpark in the mornings and afternoons. This practice is dangerous and does endanger the safety of all students. Could I please remind parents that these areas are for staff and day-care vehicles only and are not to be used for private pick-ups and drop offs. For the safety of all students it is important that parents/caregivers observe all parking rules and do not use the staff entrance. I thank you for your cooperation.

On a final note, please be aware of the following information from Education Queensland regarding accident insurance cover for students.

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education and Training does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students. Therefore, if your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents. Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur. Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if they choose to take out student personal accident insurance cover for their child.

Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal
From the Deputy
The first four weeks of the year are typically taken up with establishing good routines at home and school, settling into a new class and getting to know your child’s teacher. Next week I will be involved in two of my children’s information nights. As well as being involved in our information night next Wednesday.

I see this as a crucial time for myself to begin an important relationship with the people who will be spending 5 hours a day, 5 days a week with the most treasured people in my life. I have faith in these teachers, that they will do their very best this year for my children and I will leave them to do their job, but at the same time I know that to maximise the potential of my children this year I need to be assisting with homework, supporting them emotionally and meeting their physical needs. Education is a team effort where students, teachers and parents all work together.

I look forward to seeing you at the Information Night.

Ready Reader Volunteer Training Program
Over the last two newsletters I have advertised some training sessions for the Ready Reader Volunteer Training Program. An opportunity has arisen for the training to occur at Chatswood Hills State School.

Our school currently has 2 trained Ready Readers. If you would like to join the program please read the following message:

The trained volunteers are placed in a school of their choice to assist individual children in grades Prep to Year 3. They engage with each child, building their reading confidence so that they enjoy books and the art of reading.

Parents and community members are invited to become Ready Readers and make a difference in a young reader’s life in the classroom or at home. Both principals and volunteers are reporting great progress with the children being engaged.

Would you like to hear more about the program? Do you think you would like to be involved?

If you are interested in this program then please pass your details onto Jenny in the school office. The training will occur one morning during the week for approximately two hours. Time and location within the school TBA.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Curriculum Corner
This week, I thought we would take a closer look at the new Maths Curriculum. The Australian Maths Curriculum has been broken up into three content strands and four proficiency strands.

The content strands specifically detail what is to be taught and learnt. Within each content strand there are numerous sub-strands, each one having its own individual settings regarding when it will begin to be taught and learnt.

The proficiency strands describe how the content is explored, the thinking behind the math concept. It has a strong emphasis on the language of maths and has been woven into the maths content strands. The proficiency strands are Understanding, Fluency, Problem Solving and Reasoning.

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I know this is only a brief look at the Australian Math Curriculum and once again I would direct you to The Australian Curriculum website for any future detail.

http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/

Olivia Wells
Head of Curriculum

Principal Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly on Monday:

- **Keeley S** for consistently working hard and being a responsible member of our class.
- **Caleb A** for consistently working hard and to a high level across all subjects.
- **Whiringa A** for settling into our school so quickly and being a hard working class member.
- **Clancy M** for writing creative poetry during our English lessons.
- **Sreyam D** for being an enthusiastic listener who participates in all class discussions.
- **Callum M** for thinking outside the square and participating so effectively in lessons.
- **Georgia S** for a top effort using cursive and meeting spelling goals.
- **Nicole J** for a great start to year 6, showing diligence towards independent work and confidence to participate in classroom discussions.
- **Callum B** for a wonderful improvement in work habits.
- **Kaylah C** for settling well into Russell class.
- **Brianna C** for making a great start to year 6.

Library Award

**Noosa** for fantastic listening in the Library. A great start to the new year.

From the Library
Each year I have a dedicated group of Year Seven students who volunteer to become Library Monitors. This requires them to give up one day of play to be in the library at morning tea to shelve books and at second break to do several other tasks including helping students with computer games, setting up outdoor chess, lending board games, organizing movies and paper, pencils and crayons for our artists. They still keep the noise level suitable for children who wish to read. Mrs Walsh and Mrs Ritchie are also grateful for their barcoding and stamping books in readiness for cataloguing. I am always amazed at their willingness to help and their ability to see what needs doing. This year we welcome 21 very enthusiastic Library Monitors. Keep up the good work!

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!
A FAMILY SKILLS TRAINING COURSE
Being a mum, dad, grandparent or carer is a rewarding but also challenging job. It is full of fun yet there are times when we may be at a loss. This programme offers parents and carers the opportunity to meet others in similar situations and explore options by sharing information and experiences in a safe and non judgmental atmosphere.

**PRESENTER:**  
Jenny Hickey (Guidance Officer)  
Joan Burrows (YFS)

**COMMENCING:**  
Tues 21st February to Tues 27th March

**TIME:**  
9-11am

**VENUE:**  
Chatswood Hills State School (Library)

**PLEASE BRING FOLDER AND WRITING MATERIALS**

This programme is not lecture based and parents opinions are appreciated. Parents also choose topics that may be important to their unique family, these may include discipline, developmental stages, family relationships, communication, self esteem and self care for parents. Jenny and Joan are both parents and together have worked with children, adolescents and families for many years. Please note the Group is offered for parents only. Child minding is not available. If you wish to attend please call Jenny Hickey on Tel: 348 92222 (Mondays & Tuesdays) or leave your expression of interest with the personnel in the office. Look forward to hearing from you.

Jenny Hickey (Guidance Officer)

**School Photos**

Photograph envelopes will be sent home with every student on Monday. Please DO NOT send them back until photo day (Thurs 1st March) as we are not responsible for collecting them. The students will hand them to the photographer on the day.

**Lost and Found**

Found:  zip up lunchbox
Lost:  a pair of girls reading glasses

**P & C News**

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Our next P&C meeting is this MONDAY 13th Feb 2012. All parents are invited to attend and enjoy a short evening getting to know your school better. Starts 6.30pm with coffee & cake from 6.15pm in the Admin building. Hope to see you there.

**School Banking**

Banking will be back soon!  
Keep an eye out for the starting date.

**Book Club**

Orders due back tomorrow (10/2/12) to the tuckshop. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.

**P&C Calendar**

Last week a TERM 1 calendar was sent home with the school newsletter. This is to keep you updated with fundraising events and school activites that will be happening during term 1. Please note: this is correct at time of printing, please keep a check through the weekly school newsletter for updates and info on any changes.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

- **Special ** For February **
  - Boys Navy Shorts (Gaberdine material) $12
  - Sizes 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16 only – approx. 20 pairs of each size.
  - They will be on sale for this month only unless sold out prior.

- It’s a huge $4 saving !

School photos are on 1st March all students MUST wear the formal white-stripe shirt / blouse (with tie) in the class photos. Get in early to ensure your child’s size is in stock!

- Hats are available to purchase at tuckshop on days the uniform shop is closed. You will need to have the correct money ($10) as no change is available. (Size XS,S, M, L)

- Girls ties are back in stock.

Email: PandCUniformshop@chathillss.eq.edu.au for any uniform questions or orders.

**Year 7 Shirts**

Order forms have gone out for these shirts. Cost $36 each. Order forms & correct money or credit card details are to go to the tuckshop in a clearly marked envelope “ YR 7 Shirt”

Orders & money MUST be in by Friday 17th FEB !

There will only be one round of orders done. On Monday the Yr 7’s voted for what they would like on the back of the shirts - the winner was……

“ Year 7 2012 TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL ”

**News from OSHC**

We have been very busy in the first two weeks and its good to have some nice weather. The children are enjoying the outside play and have been utilising the mats with their gym skills. Cooking is very popular and we tried our hand at making turkish delight which was very successful.

Please remember if your child is away from school or is not attending for any reason we need to be notified of their absence. Please text, phone or email the absence as early as you can. Also please notify us of any change in contact details asap.

Vacancies are still available for before and after school care and we look forward to seeing some new faces starting soon.

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**Dental Van**

The dental van will be closed until the 24th February. If you need the dentist for emergency treatment please ring 3412 7200.