23rd February, 2012

CHATTY’S DATE CLAIMER

1st March  School Photos (Dress Uniform must be worn)
1st March  Cookie Dough orders due
2nd March  Interschool sport begins
20th March  Crosscountry

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

Tomorrow marks the halfway point of the term and the end of the first units of work of our new National Curriculum (ACARA). The new curriculum has been introduced by Education Queensland this year in English, Maths and Science to provide consistency in learning throughout Australia. Units of work are set out in five week blocks and two units are undertaken each term. To help teachers deliver the new curriculum we are working to upgrade technology within the school providing interactive white boards (smart boards) and data projectors to each block. We currently have IWBs and data projectors installed in approximately half of our classrooms as well as in the library and computer labs. Our goal for this year is to get one of each of these into each double teaching area. Installation of these devices will begin this term and continue progressively throughout the year. Parent teacher interviews for years 1-7 will be held at the end of this term to keep you informed of your child’s progress. Please look out for this specific information closer to the time. (Prep interviews will be held at the end of term 2).

School photos will be taken next Thursday March 1. As per our School Uniform Policy it is requested that students be in their formal uniforms for these photos.

Please ensure students are at school on time, with their photo money envelope so that they can be ready when their class is called. We have a very tight schedule on this day and need to minimise any delays. Information about photos went home to families last week. If you need a new photo envelope or require further information about the photos please see the office staff before Thursday.

Our School Captains and fellow school leaders will be formally inducted into their roles and presented with their badges on a special assembly this Monday 27 February. School leaders at Chatswood Hills include Sports Captains and Vice Captains, Library Monitors, Student Councillors and Environmental Rangers. Parents of these school leaders have been sent an invitation inviting them to attend this assembly and a pre-assembly gathering with the school leaders and school administration. We look forward to sharing this special event together.

At the P&C meeting Monday night support was given for our school to apply for funding for a school Chaplain. The Federal Government will fund this position for two days a week for two years. The Chaplain will play a role in our student support team helping to support the wellbeing and welfare of all students as well as running social skilling activities through games and activities. The Chaplain’s responsibilities will be directed by the school and any specific religious activities (such as a lunchtime RE group) will require parent permission for students to be involved. If you have any questions regarding this role please don’t hesitate to contact myself or Stephen Josey.

Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal
From the Deputy

Can you believe that we are half way through the term! It is great to see the classes settled and the National Curriculum being implemented into our classrooms for the first time. Thank you to the majority of parents and students who support the school uniform and Dress Code. It has been great seeing classes on assembly wearing our uniform with pride and I look forward to seeing the new Year 7 shirts when they arrive.

Leaders’ Induction Assembly

I look forward to once again being a part of the induction process of our school leaders for 2012 on Monday afternoon at 1:45pm in the Hall. I would like to congratulate all students in advance and look forward to working with them over the year.

Ready Reader Volunteer Training Program

We currently have 12 parents booked in to complete the Ready Reader Training. If you would like to be a part of this exciting program then keep reading!

PARENT READY READER PROGRAM
INVITATION
Parents and Carers of students Prep to Year 3

As your child’s first teacher you have a key role in the literacy and numeracy development of your child.

The Parent Ready Reader Program explores;
- the wide range of literacy experiences that happen daily and how these can provide opportunities for learning in natural and exciting ways
- the knowledge that effective readers use and
- ways to engage your child with reading.

Would you like to know more? Come along and learn how to support your child to become a confident reader.

If you are interested in this program please contact the school office on 3489 2222 to register. The training will be held at Chatswood Hills State School on Monday March 12 9am to 11am.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

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

Chelsea B for consistently working hard and being a responsible member of our class.
Kate S for trying hard and giving everything a go.
Kayden T for your fantastic contributions during our classroom discussions.
Kahleb S for always having a go and participation enthusiastically.
Thomas M for your great participation in the classroom and enthusiasm to be a helpful classmate.
Natalie W for lovely work and improvement with core spelling.
Kiara A for excellent presentation and effort with her homework.

Library Award

Currumbin for enthusiastic participation in the library.

Gotcha Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received gotchas for obeying the 4C’s in the playground: Charlie M, Kate S, Kyle S.

ATTENTION PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

CHANGES HAPPENING AT CHATSWOOD HILLS

Chatswood Hills State School will be changing systems implemented by Education Queensland over the Easter school holidays. This release of the new system, OneSchool is imminent and will not be held back as we’ve experienced with previous pre-deployments. There will be changes to the business of Chatswood Hills school leading up to the deployment and when it becomes live over the holidays. Please note these changes are required for the pre-deployment of this system, as it is not an upgrade of our current management system but a brand new system which is to be implemented. We have been advised by our regional finance director that money collection days need to be reduced at schools to reduce the amount of cash being collected and processed on school sites. Chatswood Hills offers a variety of alternative methods of payment which do not require you to physically attend the school namely: internet banking (direct debit) and credit card (via slips or over the phone).

Dates to note:
- Shutting down of old management system Friday 23rd March, 2012. NO PAYMENTS CAN BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE MONEY COLLECTION WINDOW FROM THIS DATE.
If any payments are required (balance of resource
scheme or sport payments) we are happy to supply a manual receipt however the payment process cannot occur until the new system is live.

- We will have no computer access until we are live with the new system. We will have paper copies of emergency contacts, medical history information and classroom rolls on hand. However, we will be unable to view or access any finance account information for families at all until we are live with the new system after the holidays in Term 2.

- First week back in Term 2, 16th April – 20th April the administration staff will be doing data entry into OneSchool with the information that is not being migrated. The MONEY COLLECTION WINDOW WILL BE CLOSED DURING THIS WEEK and we will be limited with some computer access.

- Monday 23rd April, OneSchool up and running.

- Tuesday 24th April 8:00am – 10:00am Money Collection Window will reopen. Note the new days. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am – 10:00am.

As this is a totally new and a completely different system, our administration staff will be undergoing training leading up to the deployment of OneSchool. I would appreciate your patience with the staff as they will be still on their learners plates until they become proficient with the system and perhaps will not have all the answers you may require straight away.

Tracey Wallace
Business Services Manager

Medical Details

With the introduction of OneSchool any medical details we currently have for our students cannot be moved over to the new system automatically. If your child’s medical history needs updating please contact the office so the information we have is correct.

Helping with reading at home

The Support-A-Reader training program is being conducted at school this term. It is designed to show parents, grandparents, carers, teacher-aides or any other interested people how to assist beginning readers or those experiencing difficulties with their reading. The program will give you the knowledge and confidence to enable you to help in the classroom and/or your own children at home. The program is not difficult and is free of charge. The sessions are informal and discussion and questioning are a major component. The program will be conducted for four weeks on the following days.

Please note that this program has been postponed till term 2.
Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm
If you are interested in attending, please contact the office on 3489 2222 with your details.

Liz Bundy
Key Teacher Year 2 Net

P & C News
Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

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 March 1st ……. 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)

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

Year 7 Shirts
Orders for these have now been placed. We cannot accept any late orders. The shirts won’t be in until approx April/Early May.

News from OSHC

Come join us at Before School Care for a buffet breakfast! Children can help themselves to toast, cereal and juice or Milo. The buffet style is working well and seems to be much more of a social time. Breakfast is available from 6.30 am till 7.45 am and is included in our before school care fee.

If you would like more information about our program or would like to enrol please contact us on one of the numbers listed below.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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