19th April, 2012

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STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

Welcome back to a new term, I hope you all had a great Easter break and enjoyed the extended two week holiday. It was wonderful to see all the children return to school on Monday ready to commence school again.

Unfortunately our school experienced some vandalism over the holiday period; we had eight windows smashed and three computers destroyed over two different weekends. It is hard to understand the mindset of people who think it is appropriate to enter school grounds and destroy school property and deny children resources to learn. While in one sense we were lucky the damage wasn’t worse, these senseless acts have still caused us to divert funds earmarked for other programs within the school to cover the damage.

Term 2 is always an important term as our years 3, 5 and 7 students take part in the National Assessment Program, Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. These tests are designed to give a point in time snapshot of a child’s progress and to compare this progress with peers within the school, across the State and also across Australia. The tests will be held from Tuesday 15 May to Thursday 17 May and all parents will receive an individual student report from these tests.

The end of term 2 will also see formal written school report cards sent home for every student (years 1 to 7). These report cards will go home on the last day of term.

The start of a new term also sees all students begin with a fresh behaviour record on Phase One under our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. Student choice throughout the term determines if students move to a different phase. Our Code of Behaviour is designed to keep all students and staff safe at school and focused on the core business of teaching and learning. We expect and encourage all students to follow the four Cs of Care, Consideration, Co-operation and Common Sense. Dangerous, violent, illegal, abusive and/or blatant defiant/disruptive behaviour will not be accepted and can result in immediate suspension from school. We aim to keep you informed of any breaches of our behaviour code by your child and any student who chooses Buddy Class or the Restricted Play Room will bring home a note informing you of their visit. Our policy is to teach students to be responsible for their actions and to make the right choices.

As the weather cools down heading into winter students are wearing jumpers and warmer clothes to school. I would like to remind students and parents that our school has a winter uniform and students are expected to wear correct school uniform each day, every season. If there is a day when correct uniform cannot be worn, please provide a note for the teacher explaining the circumstance or reason for the change. The P&C has endorsed our school as a uniform school and this expectation is reflected in our school’s behaviour policy. Students who are not in correct uniform are choosing not to follow school rules and may be dealt with through our behaviour policy including moving off Phase One for their behaviour level. Please help students learn to respect and follow rules by ensuring that they are in correct uniform each day. I thank you for your support.

Our school ANZAC parade will be held next week during our regular parade time on Monday afternoon. Please note that Wednesday is the gazetted holiday for ANZAC Day and school will be closed on this day.

Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal
From the Deputy

Yesterday the Student Council and I met for the first time this year. We discussed many items that we will be involved in. Over the last three years we have put over $10000 back into the school and made many donations to local charities.

The first activity for the year is the Junior Disco (see the information below). 50% of the money raised at the disco goes towards the Student Council. Look out for two more discos and Free Dress days throughout the year.

The Student Council will also be involved in running a lunch time activity room and friendship table, but more on that later.

I trust everyone had a great break and a wonderful Easter.

Disco

The first disco for the year is on Friday April 27. The Student Council and stage one run the Junior Disco. The Junior Disco is for Prep to Year 3 students. Prep parents are required to stay for the duration of the disco.

The entry is $5 with drinks, chips and glow products available for sale. There will also be a sausage sizzle put on by the P and C during the Junior Disco. The money raised will be split evenly between the Student Council and stage one to be spent on our students!

An area will be cordoned off outside the hall for eating. Students will either be inside dancing or in the designated area eating. I would appreciate students and parents supporting this in the interests of everyone's safety.

More information can be found further on in the newsletter.

UNSW Competition

It is that time of the year again for the UNSW competitions. These assessments are open to anyone who would like to participate. Please be aware that there is a cost associated with the tests. More details are available in the newsletter regarding payment. 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:

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Cost of the competitions are:
Science, English, Maths $7.00
Writing : $15.00
Spelling: $10.00

Bravehearts

Bravehearts, the organisation that put on the recent Ditto show at school, are running a series of workshops called “Supporting Hands”. The workshops are aimed at helping parents and teachers understand the issue of child sexual assault. Details of the next workshop are below:

Loganholme Westpac Business Centre
3950 Pacific Hwy Loganholme
Cost is $20.
Participants receive a manual and paper copies of the powerpoint presentation.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Curriculum Corner

A very warm welcome back to everyone for term 2! I hope that everyone had a lovely break and feels ready for the term. This is an extremely busy term with many different items taking place. One of those important items is NAPLAN. Each year the year 3, 5 & 7 students will sit the NAPLAN tests and this year is no exception. The tests include a reading, writing, language convention (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy test. The tests will take place in week 5 over 3 days.

If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN tests please feel free to explore their website http://www.naplan.edu.au/, see your child’s classroom teacher or pop up to the office to see Steve or myself.

Olivia Wells
Head of Curriculum

Payment Window

The payment window will reopen on Tuesday. The new system is up and running but please be aware that it is very slow and we are still learning so your patience is appreciated. We are encouraging internet banking as an alternative.

AFL Carnival
On the Thursday before the school holidays our Chatswood Hills Girls AFL team competed in a carnival day at Lowe Oval. We played 5 games and convincingly won 4 of them. Well done to our girls and thank you to our parent supporters.

Reminder

No interschool sport this week due to the Logan District Crosscountry.

Stage 1 Disco (Prep- Grade 3)

Where: Hall  
When: Friday 27th April  
Time: 4.30pm- 6.00pm  
Cost: $5  
Prep parents must stay with their child.

Project Club Disco Years 4-7 (Stage 2&3)

There will be a senior disco held by Project Club on Friday 27th April from 6.30pm-8.30pm. There will be drinks on sale for $1 and glo products ranging from $1- $4.  
Enter fee is $5.

Only children from Chatswood Hills State School are eligible to attend.

Lost Property

A watch has been handed in. Contact the office if you have lost one.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

SCHOOL BANKING has started again. Your banking day is WEDNESDAY each week. Thanks to our new volunteer Terry for helping to continue this great savings scheme for the kids. Bring your banking books each Wednesday to school.

ELECTION DAY. The local elections will be held next Saturday 28th April. We are in need of baked donations for the cake stall and helpers for the BBQ as well. We will run the BBQ from 10am-1pm. As this is only a small election. All baked donations to the school hall Friday 27th from 8 am. Again a prize will be given to the person who's item sells first !!!!!

MOTHERS DAY. Donations of handmade items can be left in the pink bin outside the office. The mothers day stall will be held on Thurs 10 & Friday 11th May. Thanks to those who have already donated some beautiful items, your time and "craftiness" is very appreciated. Helpers will also be needed for the stall if you can offer 1 hour or so that would be great. Please leave your name and number at the office or email the P&C.

TUCKSHOP Prep classes can now start using the Tuckshop. A Tuckshop menu will be sent home this week. Helpers are always needed at the Tuckshop. If you able to offer some time please go and see Sophie our awesome tuckshop convener. Menu is available on the school website if you have lost yours.

Uniform Shop News

Currently we have stock of winter uniforms. We have jumpers, jackets and long sleeve polos, track pants and girls bootleg pants. Coming in approx. 3 weeks- children’s gloves & scarfs (navy colour)  
Please remember to read the school list of approved winter items your child can wear to school to ensure your child is always in the correct uniform.  
If you are unsure please ask or check the school website.  
School hats are available to buy everyday (except Tues) from the tuckshop. Cost :$10 & you must have the correct money.  
TIP: Always name your child’s belongings and put your child’s class name on it so the lost item can go back to the classroom.

News from OSHC

We all enjoyed a very successful vacation care. Boot camp was very popular and the rain held off for our excursion to New Farm Park. The children had a fantastic time climbing the trees at New Farm Park.

The term has started off with a bang and we are very busy. All new bookings need to be confirmed and casual bookings are very limited.

The children are all excited to be back at afterschool care and the new pool table is a big hit (thanks Casey and Mitchell)

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