This term Chatswood Hills State School will be hosting 15 student teachers from Griffith University and QUT who have been visiting and working in classrooms for one day a week. From next week these students will begin their continuous pracs and will be working in classrooms full time for periods of 4 to 6 weeks. The prac teachers work and plan in partnership with the class teacher continuing the class programs. I am sure they will find their experience here at CHSS very enjoyable and rewarding.

For the safety of all students I would like to remind our community that before school is not a playtime and all playgrounds are out of bounds at this time. While teachers are at school early in the morning, this is their preparation time and there are no formal duties before school. Students should not arrive at school before 8:00am and once at school they are to sit under the covered area until 8:15. (This includes students who are here with their parents and we ask parents to work with us to ensure all students follow the school rules once they enter our property.) At 8:15 students can move to their classroom areas to sit and wait for classes to start. Ball games, running around and using equipment etc are still not allowed during this time to prevent accidents from happening in unsupervised games.
Naplan

Preparations have been underway for some time now getting students and the school ready for NAPLAN. The tests will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday May 15, 16 and 17. It is important to note that Friday May 18 is a catch up day. Any students away during the Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday will have to sit the assessments on the Friday.

While these tests are important they are one assessment item in a myriad of tools used to measure student performance.

DISCO and BBQ

Many thanks to the many families for their wonderful support of the first school disco. Once expenses are taken into consideration a profit of around $1000 will be split between the Student Council and Stage One. A special thanks needs to go to the P and C for the BBQ. The BBQ raised another $500!!!

The money from the Disco and BBQ goes straight back to our students! Our other discos are on the Friday of week three Term three and four.

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.

Thank you to the 11 students who have nominated to participate in the Science competition. Science in now closed but it is not too late for the other competitions.

The dates for the UNSW tests are as follows:

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

Have a great weekend.
Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

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

Andrew B for excellent reading and for learning his sounds and sight words.
Isaac T for being a helpful peer and always doing your best.
Ashlyn W for always doing her best work at all activities.
Emma R for always being a helpful and caring class member.
Abbey C for working well on your reading and comprehension.
Tamara J for having a great attitude to school and always trying her best.
Michaela P for fantastic work in spelling and learning new words so quickly.
Te Kauri N for always trying her best with all tasks and for being a caring member.
Ryan W for always putting in 100% effort.
Joseph W for excellent bookwork and always doing the right thing.
Jasmine H for working beautifully during maths lessons.
Drew C for excellent behaviour in class.
Ella N for always displaying excellent behaviour in the classroom and in the playground.
Jared B for making a great effort to participate in class-asking and answering questions.
Shaylen B for being such an attentive and cheerful member of Emus.

Library Award

Wombats for always moving to and from the library quietly and listening well to the stories.

GOTCHA Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received gotchas for obeying the 4C’s in the playground: Mathilda M, Stuart L, Dakota P.

Library News

This week the children have been treated to an Oscar winning short 15 minute animated film, *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore*. It was written by William Joyce and is a wonderful example of visual literacy. It is available on the internet and I am sure the children would love to share it with you.

Adidas Fun Run

Congratulations to our Chatswood Hills School Community for raising $7259.95. Students have all received their fun run prizes. Thank you to all students and parents for their involvement.
Coles Dockets - Sports Gear

All classes have now received their kit bags of sports equipment. Our 63,000 points enabled us to receive 24 kit bags. Thank you again to our Chatswood Hills families.

String News

String Ensemble rehearsal next week (Thurs 10 May) has been cancelled. I am on leave at present and thus far there has been no replacement assigned therefore I am not wanting the students to arrive early to school. In regards to lessons, can students please bring their instrument as a replacement may be found and lessons should still continue for everyone.

Rehearsals and lessons will resume as usual on Thursday, 17 May as I am back from leave. Looking forward to seeing everyone then.

Penny Williams (String Instructor)

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.

Wednesday 23 May
Wednesday 30 May
Wednesday 6 June
Wednesday 13 June

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

Lost Property

The following items have been handed into the office:
Girls bracelet
Umbrella (left at Uniform Shop)
Gift bag with present inside
A girl’s school shoe
I pair of black school shoes

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop News

SPECIALS – POLO SHIRTS SIZE 14 & 16 $22
BOYS SHORTS SIZE 8-16 $12

Winter Uniforms in stock NOW…get in before sizes sell
* Long Sleeve Polo shirts size 4-22 $30
* Fleecy Jumpers size 4 – 18 $20
* Microfibre Jackets 4-16 $40.50 - $41.00
* Microfibre Trackpants size 4-16 $28.00
* Girls Long pants size 4-16 $24.00
*Gloves $3.50 (pair)
*Scarf $5.00
*Stockings size 4-6 & 7-10 $10.00

There is a good quantity of plain navy jumpers for sale that are in the pre loved boxes outside the uniform shop most Tuesday mornings. Sizes vary. Prices from $1 ! That’s right from $1 !!

Please remember the correct uniform should always be worn. Navy blue is the colour jumpers/jackets should be unless it is the school jacket. Under culottes should only be navy stockings in winter. If you have any questions Regarding the uniform policy please see me or ask for a copy at the office. Eftpos available.

News from OSHC

We’ve had lots keeping us busy at afterschool care. Cooking is one of the most popular activities and we made some Anzac biscuits last week. Last Friday lots of children enjoyed face painting and body art. Afterschool care is a great social time and the children enjoy spending time playing with their friends of all ages, not just children in their grade. It is great to see the older children interacting and being good role models for the younger children.

If your child would like to come to afterschool care and enjoy some of the fun activities please come and see us in the afterschool care room or give us a call.

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