12 July, 2012

From the Principal

Welcome back to semester two, I hope you all had a safe and relaxing holiday. The start of the new term will see one staff change; Mrs Kim Bullen our Japanese teacher will be taking maternity leave from Monday. Mrs Bullen is expecting her second child and leaves with our very best wishes for her and her family. Mrs Bullen will be replaced by Mrs Michelle Scheiwe for the remainder of the year. I would also like to take this opportunity to announce the retirement of a long serving staff member; Mrs Rayna Belcaid. Mrs Belcaid has been on long service leave since the beginning of this year and commenced service at Chatswood Hills in January 1984. During her time at CHSS Mrs Belcaid has taught many year levels and has had a direct impact on improving outcomes for hundreds of students. Her dedication and commitment to students have been a hallmark of her career and on behalf of the Chatswood Hills school community I would like to wish her all the best for her retirement.

For students the start of a new term also means that they all begin again Phase One for their behaviour again. The only way a student will move off this top behaviour level is if they choose to break a school rule or act in a way that is detrimental to the school environment. The behaviour level of a student is a direct result of their choices and any change to a level will remain in place for the length of the term.

All students should have received their report cards at the end of last term. Any report cards that haven’t been issued can be collected from the office between 8:00 and 3:30pm. NAPLAN reports for years 3, 5 and 7 will be sent home towards the end of this term as soon as the school receives them. (These usually arrive at school around mid-September.)

The prep playground has now been sealed with artificial grass and has reopened for prep use. The artificial grass has made this area much more attractive and useable for prep play and should now prevent the erosion and water problems we have experienced over many years.

Prep Enrolments for 2013 Now Open

We are now taking Prep (and all other year level) enrolments for next year. Our Open Day/Prep Information Sessions will be held on Wednesday 29 August at 9:00 - 10:00am in the school hall and 6:00 – 7:00pm in the school library. General school information will be given and interview times for formal enrolment into classes for 2013 will be organised at these sessions. Students eligible for Prep in 2013 must be born between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008. These dates are strictly enforced and parents will require a birth certificate before a Prep place and enrolment can be confirmed. While the majority of new enrolments are in prep (the talks will include a prep focus from a prep teacher), we are taking enrolments for all year levels.

Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal

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**From the Deputy**

Welcome to Term Three. I hope that families have been able to spend some quality time together and that you are well rested and ready for an exciting new term.

This week has personally been a little challenging as our youngest child has had some eye surgery. The good news is that he is well on the mend and has certainly got his appetite back. The whole experience once again reminded me of how precious our children and families are.

**School Disco**

The next school disco is scheduled for Friday July 27. More details will follow as we approach this date.

**Uniform**

When the whole school comes together for a full school parade they look fantastic when all of the students are in school uniform. Likewise, when new families come to enrol at our school they more often than not state that the reason for coming to Chatswood Hills is the school’s reputation in the community including the great behaviour of the students and the way that they present themselves.

Correct school uniform is important for a number of reasons but for the main part when parents enrol their children at the school they agree to support the school’s dress code as determined in consultation with the P & C. The code was sent out to all families at the beginning of the year.

When I walk around the school the areas that are most neglected appear to be black shoes, jumpers and haircuts. Shoes need to be entirely black, jumpers need to be navy and haircuts must be neat and tidy (please refer to the dress code for details). Long hair must be tied up with no tracks.

We really appreciate the support by families with regards to maintaining our high standards.

**Police Pipes Band**

Yesterday students had the opportunity to watch an exciting and enjoyable concert put on by the Police Pipes Band. The concert went for 45 minutes and was put on free of charge. I would like to pass on my gratitude to the Police band for their time for the performance.

**Academic Parade**

On the last day of last term we held our school Academic parade. I would like to thank all of the students for their exceptional behaviour and participation during the presentations.

**School Banking**

If you have been involved in the school banking program and no longer wish to be a part of it could you please let the office know so we can take you of the list. Likewise if you would like to start banking please come up to the office to receive an information pack.

**LAIR (Lunchtime activities and imagination room)**

The Lunchtime Activities and Imagination Room or the LAIR for short, runs most lunchtimes. This room has been resourced with table tennis, games and other items but we would appreciate some donations of any appropriate board games, magazines or inspirational posters.

**UNSW Competition**

The dates for the UNSW tests are as follows:

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Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

**From the Library**

BOOK WEEK is during Week 7 this term. We have Bookfair, Book Character Parade and Authors and an Illustrator visiting our school. The theme for Book Week is Champions Read. See dates for these events below. The children are listening to stories and voting for their favourite book in each category.

**BOOKFAIR**

- Tristan Bancks – Wednesday 22 August
  (Yr 4-7)
- Lisa Hollier – Wednesday 22 August
  (P-3)
- Tracey Roper Wednesday 22 August
  (P-3)

**AUTHOR**

- Tristan Bancks – Wednesday 22 August
  (Yr 4-7)
- Lisa Hollier – Wednesday 22 August
  (P-3)
- Phil Kettle Friday 24 August

**ILLUSTRATOR**

- Tristan Bancks – Wednesday 22 August
  (Yr 4-7)
- Tracey Roper Wednesday 22 August
  (P-3)
- Phil Kettle Friday 24 August

**BOOK CHARACTER PARADE**

- Thursday 23 August
  (Whole School)
Premier’s Reading Challenge

We had very busy readers over the holidays as several children have already handed in their forms for the PRC. They have completed their reading quota to receive a certificate from the Premier. Please encourage your children to complete their reading by 7th September.

Happy Reading
Lyndell Roberts

Interschool Sport

Semester 2 interschool sport commences next Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} July. Students have nominated for Mixed Touch, AFL and Cheerleading. Students will receive their permission forms tomorrow. Please be aware that the sport bus may not return to school by 2.30pm and if your child needs to meet younger siblings, other arrangements may need to be made.

Thank you
Jane Taylor
HPE Teacher

Operation Christmas Child

This term Ms Cargill and Mr Josey will again be collecting shoeboxes of toys for Samaritan’s Purse. This is a lot of fun. Items need to be\textit{small}, so you can fit a lot in each box. Remember these children may\textit{not speak English} so books and toys that need instructions are not suitable. You will have a choice of filling a box from your family or contributing to the general collection which we will share among boxes. Items must be new as for some children this will be the only new things they have ever received.

Check out\textbf{www.samaritanspurse.org} – Australia (US has different rules) for ideas and to see what CAN’T be sent due to customs and shipping regulations. Boxes are inspected before sending. Items such as toothpaste, lip gloss, plasticene will be removed.

Please start collecting now:  Keep an eye out at sales and fetes.
\textbf{Shoeboxes} – attractive, solid ones. Or cover them with contact.
\textbf{School supplies} – lead pencils, coloured pencils, exercise books, crayons, sharpeners.
\textbf{Small sturdy toys} that\textit{won’t break easily} – skipping ropes, balls, cars, small dolls or soft toys, marbles in a marble bag, magnifying glass, mouth organ, beads, craft kits.
\textbf{Personal Care} items – toothbrushes, face washers, soap, hair clips, brush, comb
\textbf{Clothing} – thongs, caps, T-shirts, shorts, undies.

WARNING: This activity is addictive!! I can’t go shopping now without looking out for teeny, tiny, clever bargains.

Deliver to Office or to Bilbies Class.

Thank you
Lynne Cargill

Lost Property

A pair of gold earrings were lost on the last day of Term 2.
If you have found them please forward them to the office.
We have had a watch and a wallet handed in also.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

School Banking

School Banking is back in full swing. Banking days Wednesdays. Some students, classes and teachers will receive awards prior to the \textbf{25th July 2012} for their efforts in promoting School Banking.

 Loose Change Challenge.

There has been a delay getting more jars from our supplier. Official collection will now start on Tuesday 24 July. Start collecting your coins now so your jar will be really full on the 1st collection day.

Tupperware Fundraising

Need a new lunch box or drink bottle?  Tupperware flyers home today.

Bingo Family Fun Night

A date in August will be advised soon for this fun family night.  Keep an eye out for more info.

Outside School Hours Care

Vacation Care was an absolute blast! Attendance was high, with over 45 children enrolled on most days. Program highlights included incursions run by Claire’s Circus School, Ocean Life Marine Animals, Crazy Sports Party and Akran Martial Arts. The fun continues at Before and After School Care so please come by and see our exciting program in action!