23rd Aug, 2012

From the Principal

What another great week we have had here at Chatswood Hills State School. I thoroughly enjoyed the Book Week Parade on Monday and was very impressed with the enthusiasm of staff and students to dress up as book characters. This parade is a real tradition here at our school. Thank you all for joining in the spirit of the day and to Mrs Roberts and Mrs Walsh in the library for their organisation of our Book Week events.

For the safety of all students I would like to remind our community that our school is not open before 8:00am. 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 grounds.) At 8:15 students can move to their classroom areas to sit and wait for classes to start. It has been concerning this week that children have been dropped off at school as early as 7:00am.

If you need to have a child supervised early in the morning, please contact our before school care group, Helping Hands, on 3208 1610 to organise this supervision and don’t assume that the school and teachers will accept this responsibility before their official duties begin.

If students walk to school they must time their walk to arrive after 8:00 am. I thank you for your assistance with this matter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind students that all phones (and similar devices) are to be handed in to the office immediately on arrival at school and then collected again at the end of the day to prevent theft or inappropriate use at school as per our school policy. While I understand the need for phones as a safety measure for children who may make their own way to and from school, phones left in student care during the day can become a source of serious problems if used by other students, get lost or broken, used to upload photos of other students, and/or used to make contact with people outside of school. To uphold our duty of care it is important that all students adhere to this policy and that all communication from outside school with students is done through the school office.

Stephen Josey and I will be out of the school today and tomorrow at a leadership conference on the Gold Coast. In our absence our Head of Curriculum Ms Olivia Wells will be the Acting Deputy Principal.
Event reminder

Prep enrolments and Open Day – next week - Wednesday 29 August, over two sessions: 9:00 – 10:00am in the school hall and 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the school library. Students eligible for Prep in 2013 must be born between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008.

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

Monday’s Book Parade was once again fantastic! A big thank you to Mrs Roberts and the library staff for putting together a great Book Week. I love standing up on stage during the Book Week Parade to see all of the weird and wonderful outfits.

I also love the enthusiasm of the parents as the students and teachers march around the hall. Where else can you dress up as a vicious Viking and march to the music of Disney!

UNSW Competition

Congratulations to the following students for achieving a credit or higher in the UNSW Writing competition.

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READY READER VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM

Chatswood Hill State School
Friday 14th September 2012 9:15am to 2:15pm

The Readly Reader Volunteer Training Program trains parents and community volunteers to support young readers in the classroom.

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

Trained volunteers already working with students have said that it is amazing the progress that the children make with their reading in a very short time.

Parents and community members are invited to become Ready Reader Volunteers and make a difference in a young reader’s life.

Would you like to hear more about the program? Do you think you would like to be involved? Can you commit to a minimum of 1 hour per week for one term to assist four students? Would you like to do the training to assist your own children at home?

Registration is essential as sessions will be cancelled for a lack of response.

To register please contact:
Chatswood Hill State School on 3489 2222

Operation Christmas Child

Ms Cargill is once again coordinating Operation Christmas Child. Families are encouraged to make up a shoe box (A4 size) of new toys, clothes or other items appropriate for young children to be sent overseas to children as a Christmas gift. In most cases the shoebox is the only new present that these children ever receive. Shoeboxes and or loose items can be handed into Ms Cargill or Mr Josey. Final Collection for Operation Christmas Child will be announced later on.

You can check out the website for more information and to get labels for your box. http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.au/

Filled or partially boxes can be handed to the Office or Bilbies class. Also needed are donations of empty shoe boxes, lead and coloured pencils, sharpeners, erasers, soap, undies and small soft toys. Thank you to the people who have already contributed. Have you checked out the site to see the children receiving the boxes?

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

From the Library

Book Week started on Monday with a wonderful display of characters at our Book Character Parade. It never ceases to amaze us at the creativity of parents, staff and children. Each class worked very hard at creating a fabulous doorway for our annual Doorway display.

Authors Tristan Bancks, Lisa Hollier and Tracey Roper proved a hit and I’m sure their books will be on the popular list for quite a while. Phil Kettle visits us on Friday and his personally signed books may be purchased directly from him. TooCool, Marcy and Get Real are $12 and Our Australia series books are $15 each.

Bookfair sales are doing very well and we look forward to acquiring new books for the library from the proceeds.

Thank you all for your wonderful support of Book Week.

Book Fair concludes Monday afternoon.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian.
Stage 1 Olympic Sports Day Prep-Year 3

Time: 8.45am-1.10pm
When: Tuesday Sept 11th
Where: School Oval

All teachers have selected a country to represent at our Stage 1 Olympic Sports Day. Students are encouraged to wear their selected country’s colours. Activities will include sprints, tabloid activities, ball games and tug of war. Year 6 & 7 Sports House Captains will be assisting Ms Taylor on this day.

Geckoes — Italy
Wallabies — Netherlands
Platypus — USA
Bandicoots — Great Britain
Wombats — Jamaica
Kingfishers — Ireland
Goannas — Canada
Wombats — Greece
Quolls — France
Lorikeets — South Africa
Echidnas — Phillipines
Cassowaries — New Zealand
Emus — China
Bilbies — Fiji
Possums — Australia

Run Around the World Day

5th Sept – National Health & Physical Education Day

40,000 students around Australia will walk or jog 1km around their school ovals to make history and set a new Australian record for the largest number of students running on the same day.

Chatswood Hills will be participating in this activity at the following times:
Stage 1 - 8.45am  Stage 2- 9.30am
Stage 3 -2.00pm

Sports Results

AFL Senior Boys v St Edwards won 38-13
Player of the Match: Austin B

Junior Boys v Springwood Rd won 17-11
Player of the Match: Mason C

Senior Girls v Marsden won 76-6
Player of the Match: Destiny R

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Thank You

A huge thank you to the families who donated items for our fathers day stall, your time, effort and craftiness is most appreciated. Your items were all beautiful!!! Thankyou.

Fathers Day Stall

Wednesday 29th August 11-2.30pm
Thursday 30th August 8.15 – 1pm

Come and see the items for sale this year. 50cents to $10. See the flyer home today with this newsletter

Loose Change Challenge

Over $3500 raised this term so far…. WOW thank you!!!!! Teachers have been given a tally sheet, so far Bandicoots are winning, but not too far behind (Talle, Goannas, & Emu’s)

Thanks for all the donations and keep them coming, we only have 4 collections left !!!!! Can we reach our target of $8000 this will get us lighting for our stage in the hall.

Bookclub

There is no bookclub due to the Book Fair.

School Banking

What’s better than Spen? A free Spen!
That’s right….when a student orders a Dollarmites moneybox in August they will receive the Spen moneybox free!

Why not take this opportunity to build up their moneybox collection!

When 10 tokens are used to order a Dollarmites moneybox (Pat, Addy, Pru or Cred) the child will receive the Spen moneybox free!

Springwood Suns Cricket Sign on

Homestead Park, Jodie St Shailer Park
9am to 1pm
Sat : 18th, 25th AUG & 1st Sept
Sun: 19th & 26th Aug

Registration:
In2Cricket (5-8yrs Friday Nights) $70.00
JUNIORS (9-16yrs Sat Morn) $70.00
SENIORS (Saturday A/Noons) $110.00

Boys and Girls welcome. For more info phone Marion on 3209 4208 or 0418 730 205
COME JOIN THE SPRINGWOOD SUNS CRICKET CLUB!!!!