From the Principal

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter we are beginning to construct classes and organise staffing for next year. To help us be as accurate as possible and minimise any changes at the start of next year, please let the office know if your child is leaving and will no longer be with us for 2013.

Now is also the opportunity to let me know, in writing, of any educational considerations you would like me to be aware of when considering your child’s placement for 2013. Unfortunately it isn’t possible to just request a specific teacher, expect the same teacher for your child who may have taught their sibling in the past, or to want all your child’s friends in the one class. Classes must always be balanced in numbers and in educational dynamics. Your educational needs will be valued and taken into account, however the final class construction is ultimately a school decision made in consultation with this year’s teachers. I will not be in a position to make any changes to class lists once the process is finalised.

At this stage teachers do not know what class level they will be on for next year as we are yet to finalise staffing and class numbers for 2013. Therefore, I am unable to tell you which teachers will be on a certain year level. There will be some changes to the number of classes, and subsequently teachers, in each year level particularly in years 4 to 7 due to the differing number of students in each year level. Please also remember that the final class make ups (for all schools) will not be determined until staffing is finalised on day 8 of next year. I thank you for your understanding of this process.

Thank you to all the parents who are helping to maintain our uniform standard and expectations. The presentation of our students is a significant element in forming a positive public image of our school. Unfortunately some children use uniform variation to illustrate their ability to challenge school and community expectations. As a uniform school there is an expectation that all students and families will support the conditions of this policy which all families are made aware upon enrolment into Chatswood Hills. 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. When purchasing clothing for school for your student please refer to our uniform requirements to ensure that your child is not going to be placed in a position where our school rules and policies are being ignored. Please help students learn to respect and follow rules by ensuring that they are in correct uniform each day. These skills will be very valuable for them in later life. I thank you for your ongoing support.

A reminder to everyone that Monday is a student free day so students will have a long weekend. Our staff will be undertaking professional development on this day. (This is the last student free day for the year.)

Keith GRAHAM
Principal
From the Deputy

This week we welcome the appointment of Karen Kuring (Chappy Karen) to our school as our new school Chaplain. For the rest of this term Karen will be at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays funded by a grant provided by the Federal Government. I would also like to welcome Chappy Alexa (Chaplain from Kingston) who will be working with Karen while she settles into her new role.

Karen is keen to get alongside our students and will be working in classes, the LAIR, playground and other areas of the school. The Chaplain’s role will be one of general support for student welfare. Any specific religious activity will only be conducted with parental permission.

Moderation - Pupil Free Day

Next Monday is a Pupil Free Day. Teachers will be involved in looking at the History Curriculum in more detail in preparation for implementation next year and in the afternoon teachers will be meeting with schools in our cluster to moderate assessment tasks.

This moderation process is important in ensuring that the standards set at Chatswood Hills State School are commensurate with other schools. It is also important for developing a common language and understanding about the curriculum and assessment across our school.

Sports Photos

Next Tuesday October 23 Pixi Photos will be returning to our school to take photos of our Sporting teams from throughout the year. Envelopes have been sent out to students in these teams. If your child has not received an envelope then please contact the school office. Money should be placed in the envelope, brought to school on the day and handed to the Pixi Photo people.

Disco

The third and final disco for the year is on Friday October 26. 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 P and C will have a sausage sizzle on the night.

The entry is $5 with drinks, chips and glow products available for sale. 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

This year has been another successful year for our students in the UNSW assessments. I would like to thank students and parents who chose to participate this year. A special mention goes to Mrs Trevena who helps to organise the money and paperwork. A summary of our results for the year are below:

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Please consider entering the competitions for next year.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Chappies at Chats

**Chappy Karen and Chappy Alexa**

This week marks the beginning of Chaplaincy at Chatswood Hills State School and I have the privilege of being the very first Chaplain (or Chappy for short). For this term, Alexa Sanchez, the Chappy at Kingston State School will also be a Chappy at Chatswood Hills S.S.

A School Chaplain is a safe person for young people, parents and staff to connect with at school. Our role is to add to the positive, caring environment that already exists and to help students who may be facing a wide range of issues including friendship issues, peer pressure, stress, anxiety, and family problems.

We will be at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our base is “The LAIR” (Lunchtime Activities Imagination Room) and so please feel welcome to come and have a chat.

Principal Awards

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

- **Bradley S** for excellent work in Maths and for always trying his best.
- **Jakob A** for a great improvement in his writing and sight words.
- **Dilana H** for being a co-operative class member who tries hard with her work.
- **Luke W** for trying his hardest and doing his best work at all times.
- **Amina K** for working really well on your spelling words.
- **Alex A** for outstanding work habits in all subjects and for excellent use of expression in reading.
- **Amber K** for settling in so well and trying hard in all of her work.
- **Bindi W** for working hard to improve her punctuation and grammar when writing.
- **Indy P** for making an effort to do more writing.
- **Alarni K** for working hard to do your best work and to listen carefully in class.
- **Cory G** for making good playground choices.
- **Savannah D** for being a caring and polite member of the class.
TJ P for working well in class.
Connor L for great work in class.
Melody F for excellent and consistent application to all class activities.
Taleisha C for making great progress in your reading.

Library Award

Possums for making a big effort to listen attentively to stories in the Library.

Stage 1/ Student Council Disco (Prep- Grade 3)
Where: Hall
When: Friday 26th Oct
Time: 4.30pm- 6.00pm
Cost: $5
Prep parents must stay with their child.

P&C are putting on a BBQ- sausage sizzle – Sausages $2.50 each & drinks $2.

Project Club Disco Years 4-7 (Stage 2&3)
There will be a senior disco held by Project Club on Friday 26th Oct from 6.30pm-8.30pm. There will be drinks on sale for $1 and glo products ranging from $1- $4.
Entry fee is $5.

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

Sports Results
AFL Junior Boys v St Edwards 2 won 32-1
Player of Match: Noah P
Senior Boys v St Edwards 2 won 48-7
Player of Match: Kristian L
Senior Girls v St Edwards 3 won 73-1
Player of Match: Destiny R

Instrumental Music News
Mr Thompson has taken leave for Term 4 and there has been a few weeks without lessons. From next Tuesday 23 Oct there will be lessons as we have a replacement teacher. All brass, woodwind and percussion students need to bring their instruments to school and come up for their lessons at their usual time. Remember that Monday is student free day so your first day at school for Wk 3 is on Tuesday.
Looking forward to seeing everyone at lessons.

Instrumental Music Staff

Lost Property
The following items have been handed into the office: A girl’s purse, a set of keys on a lanyard, camera case and items left on oval after sports day.

Contact Details
If you have changed contact details recently or will be over the holidays please notify the office as soon as possible as we need to keep our records up to date to be able to contact you regarding your child and in case of emergencies.

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

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

SPECIALS: Clearance – need to make room for new stock
Polo shirts sizes 14 to 26 only - ** $15.00 **
These are still accepted as part of the school uniform in 2013
Boys school shorts sizes 10–16 only - ** $8.00** (gabardine) selling fast - buy now for next year !
* Forms for uniform pre-orders 2013 will go out in November.

NO money/payment required with pre-orders pay on pick-up in January 2013. The new polo shirt can be pre-ordered but won't be for sale until January 2013.

'NEW' to the uniform shop & in stock – Library /Homework Satchels – $6.00

Lollipops Disco
This Saturday 20th at 6pm. Only 30 tickets left. Call Kirsty 0413 202 325 if you would still like to come DO NOT send any more money or ticket forms to the Tuckshop they will not be collected. Thank you.

School Banking
"Who loves school banking, well I know Chatswood Hills State Schools does. If you have a Youth Saver Account and haven't banked for quite some time why not re-start. See what you can be rewarded with when you bank 10 consecutive school banking days.
Just like Kirra R., Lara L, who have been awarded their Bronze Certificate. Jackson B, Laura H, Dre K-H their Silver Certificate and don't forget your Classroom Awards in School Banking Quolls, Emus , Lorikeets.

Remember Wednesday is School Banking Day "
Thank you

Terry Hodges
School Bank Co-Ord