

29th Nov , 2012

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

3 rd -12 th Dec	Stage 1 Swimming
10 th Dec	Stage 2 & 3 Swimming Carnival
11 th Dec	Seaworld Excursion (Stage 3)
12 th Dec	Year 7 Graduation

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

The 2013 School Captain election process has entered the final stages. Next Friday twelve quality candidates will give their speech on school assembly. At the conclusion of this parade years 4-7 students and staff will vote and then the top six students, as reflected in this voting process, will go on to the final selection interview phase. From these interviews the successful four applicants will be decided and announced on our final Awards Parade held on Thursday 13 December.

Classes for next year have just about been finalised and will be released on the last Thursday of school. It is always a difficult process to get the class balances right and many hours were spent in discussions with teachers to ensure this process takes into account the wide variety of student needs. I would like to thank parents for giving me points to consider in writing and can assure you that these notes were a very vital part of the process. While it is never possible to give everyone a pure choice of teacher or friends in class (and sometimes one request contradicted another), all relevant information was considered and acted on. The vast majority of parent requests that were educationally based were able to be accommodated and catered for.

If you are buying new shoes and clothing for school next year, please refer to our school uniform guide to ensure that your purchases fall within our P&C approved policy. By doing this you help support our school image and also help teach children to respect and follow rules. Students who are not in correct uniform may be dealt with through our behaviour policy including moving off Phase One for their behaviour level. Please help students learn to develop responsibility and respect for rules by ensuring that they are in correct uniform each day. I thank you for your support.

As mentioned a fortnight ago, the P&C voted to fund 3 additional interactive white boards. Due to our relationship with the supplying company we were able to secure 4 boards for the price of 3 and these were installed this week. Every double teaching space now has an interactive whiteboard to assist teachers and support classroom curriculum implementation.

Recently four of our students represented Chatswood Hills SS at the Brisbane South Competition of the Readers Cup Five. Each child in the team was required to read some books leading up to the event then during the final had to answer questions about the books. Our team finished second overall out of 18 schools. Congratulations to our team: Nikhat, Grace, Emily and Thalisha, you were great ambassadors for our school.

In line with Education Queensland requirements, we are looking to review our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. Our plan has been in place for three years and while our staff reflect on it each year we are seeking parent input for our three year review.

If you wish to comment on any aspect of our behaviour plan, please complete a reflection form by Friday 7 December. Reflection forms are available from the office and can be placed in the box at the front counter.

Dates to Note

Friday 7 December – Xmas Carols Night

Wednesday 12 December – Year 7 Graduation evening.

Thursday 13 December - Academic Award Parade 8:45am and 2013 School Captains announced. Class lists and “Shuffle Up” session to meet 2013 class teacher in new room. Report cards issued.

Friday 14 December - Children will be assisting with the final preparation of rooms for next year followed by pen/pencil and paper work under the supervision of teachers. (It may not necessarily be their own teacher as some of the teachers will have been reassigned other duties in preparation for 2013. Those children in attendance will be grouped appropriately, under full supervision).

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

Since the last newsletter I have been involved with Teacher Applicant Panels and Prep Orientation mornings among other things. I equally enjoyed both of these events. The first, because it is great to meet the teachers coming through to start their careers and the second because it is great to meet the children that these teachers may come in contact with and who will be spending the beginning of their formal education years with our school.

It was encouraging to hear on several occasions the passion and desire that these people, coming to the end of their teacher training had for transforming the lives of the children that would be in their classes.

Equally it has been exciting to see the enthusiasm and passion on the faces of our Preps for next as they prepare to get into a classroom and begin their formal learning.

Kids in Care Christmas Appeal - \$1 collection day tomorrow.

The Kids in Care Christmas Appeal will be our school's last fundraiser for the year. The appeal aims to bring a smile to more than 8000 children this Christmas who live away from home in order to keep them safe.

Our school will have a collection day tomorrow **Friday November 30**. On this day we are asking students to **bring in a \$1 coin**. The money raised will go towards buying a present for each class that will then be donated to the Kids in Care Appeal for these children to receive this Christmas.

By working together we could donate up to 26 presents from our school to the appeal as each present needs to be around the \$20 to \$25 dollar mark.

Meet the Chappy coffee morning

Next Tuesday December 4 from 8:30 to 9:30 in the Lair (Modular Block), Parents are invited to come and have a cuppa with our Chaplains, Chappy Karen and Chappy Alexa. If you would like to take up this opportunity please contact the school office so we can keep a track of numbers.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

From the Library

Prior to stocktake at the end of each year we dispose of old and damaged books. Most disposed books this year have been taken from the Fiction and Series section and suitable for Years 3-7. These books are available to the children for a donation of 50cents for one book and 3 for \$1. There is also a small selection of Junior Fiction and parenting books available. Thank you for supporting this venture.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

Sports Parade

This will be held on Wednesday 12th Dec at 1.50pm in the hall. All welcome.

String News

Dear Parents of String of Students.

Just a few things as we arrive at the last few weeks of school.

- I will not be at Chatswood Hills next week (Thurs, 6/12). There will be no rehearsals or lessons for the students.
- The Christmas Concert is on Friday, 7th December. Beginner Strings and String Ensemble will be performing. Please wear Christmas attire/accessories so that we sparkle on the stage! All family and friends are encouraged to come along. Please be at

school by 6:15pm – we will meet in the hall. These will be our final performances for the year.

- Yr 3 students/new students – I will collect school instruments after our performance on 7/12. Reminder also that all students next year will require their own instrument as the school loan instruments are issued to the 2013 Yr 3 students. Please make contact with me if you need help with purchasing an instrument for continuing tuition in 2013.

Thanks to all students and families for their efforts throughout the year and for your continued support for the Instrumental Music.

Penny Williams
Instrumental Music Teacher

Lost Property

All the lost property will be on display till the end of the year. Please check the box if your child has lost any items. It is important that all items of clothing be marked clearly with your child's name so they can be returned to them. We end up with so much unnamed clothing in lost property at the end of each term.

A Logan Viking Swimming Club ribbon has been handed into the office. Please collect if it is yours.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Ice Cream Day.

Order now CLOSED !!!! Thanks for your support, we got 400 orders for this Friday.

Please note, every event MUST have a cut off date, as time is needed by our volunteers to collate and place the orders. Thank you..

Christmas Carols

Have a family Christmas photo taken for FREE in our special sleigh scene from 5.30pm (photo delivered following week to child's class) this the P&C's way of saying thanks for all you help fundraising over the last year. One photo per family. Sing along Christmas carols starting from 6.30pm so bring your blankets, find a space on the floor of the hall and join in this family night.

WHEN: Friday 7th December. Photo's, BBQ & drinks from 5.30pm, carols from 6.30pm.

As respect to others we ask that anyone bringing chairs to sit on please sit ONLY to the outside edge of the hall not in the middle where you may obstruct someone else's view.

Book Club

Orders have now closed for the year.

Tuckshop Changes

Please note that the Tuckshop will be CLOSED for stocktake from 11.30am on the last day of school (Fri 14th Dec) NO food will be available for 2nd break As a last day special, over the counter sales of ice blocks, drinks etc will be available at 1st lunch break.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to all the helpers throughout the school from the Tuckshop to classroom helpers. Whether you helped with one thing or many, all help was so appreciated. Volunteering your time is something you should always be proud of. You are contributing to your community and making a difference in the lives of many. See you in 2013 for more fundraising fun !!

Kindest regards & Merry Christmas.
Kirsty Evans (2008-2012 Fundraising Coordinator)

2013 Volunteer Changes

We have a "changing of the guard" for 2013. Welcome to Karen & Zoe who will be the new fundraising coordinators and to Paige & Esther who will be the new book club coordinators. Please make them all welcome.

Uniform Shop News

Thank-you to all families who placed an order it makes my job a lot easier & I am able to guarantee those with pre-orders stock availability.

Pick up times/dates for the pre-orders in 2013 are

Wednesday Jan 23rd 9am - 2pm

Thursday Jan 24th 3pm - 6pm

Friday Jan 25th 9am - 2pm

*Eftpos/credit card facilities will be available *

There are still Boys Shorts on sale \$\$ & School Sports Shirts on sale \$\$ come in & grab a bargain before school finishes for the year. Last day uniform shop is open for 2012 is Dec 4th !!!

email: PandCUniformshop@chathills.eq.edu.au for any uniform enquiries.