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 2012. 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 2012. Educational considerations may include things such as not having your child in the same class as a sibling or relative, not having the same teacher for the third year in a row etc. 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. Giving general parental choice for class make-ups may not guarantee this balance and proves extremely impractical. Additionally some best friends in the playground may not be the best choice for industrious work in the classroom - and how often do friendship groups change throughout the year?

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 2012. Therefore I am unable to tell you what teachers may have a certain year level. There may also be some changes to the number of classes in each stage due to the differing number of students in each year level eg more children entering stage 2 in year four next year than leaving to go to stage 3 in year six. 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.

Enrolment Reminder

If you are an existing parent of our school with another child starting prep in 2012 you still must book in for an enrolment interview to confirm the placement. Please contact the office to arrange your interview time and a prep orientation day for your child.

Our school fete will be held on Saturday 22 October from 3:00pm to 7:30pm. Thank you to all of those people who have volunteered their time to help make this day a success. Helpers are still desperately needed and even half an hour of your time will be valuable to us. Please contact your class teacher if you can offer help or email the P&C or ring Kirsty our Fete Co-ordinator on 0413 202 325.

Please be aware that the school is private property and cannot be used as a public park or playground at any time. Outside Hours School Care (OSHC) uses the school grounds before and after school and also in the holidays and should not have to share or compete for school grounds and equipment with members of the public who do not have permission to be on school grounds. Anyone wishing to use school facilities outside of school hours, including students, must gain permission from myself to do so; otherwise the school is out of bounds. I thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

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.)

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal
From the Deputy

Our school fete is on Saturday October 22. A big thank you to all parents, P and C executive and staff for their hard work and contribution in bringing it all together. An event like this is important in the life of a school. Yes it brings in funds for the P and C to spend on the school but it also acts as a great opportunity to bring the school and the wider community together. I would like to wish everyone a happy fete day. I look forward to seeing you there.

Ready Reader Volunteer Training Program

If you are interested in the Ready Reader program then please register for the following training session. If you do complete this session could you please let me know.

Registration is essential as sessions with little response will be cancelled.

To register please contact the school listed for the session you would like to attend.

Slacks Creek Monday 24th October 9:15 – 2:15
Slacks Creek State School
Daisy Hill Road Slacks Creek 3208 2211

Student Council

The student council are looking into several ventures this term including, but not limited to, a mural for the senior toilets, creating a Friendship table and purchasing a new sound system for the school hall.

Fund raising for the term will include our last disco on Friday October 28 and a free dress day to be announced soon.

School Disco

Our final disco for the year is on Friday October 28. 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. Food is not to be consumed in the Hall. 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. Participation and cooperation at the last disco was great and appreciated.

I would also like to ask that students do not bring cameras to the disco and refrain from using the cameras on mobile phones.

Operation Christmas Child

Tomorrow is the final collection for all Operation Christmas Child items and boxes. I would like to thank all staff and parents who have contributed to this great cause this year. A special thank you to Ms Cargill and Mrs Streatfeild for coordinating the collection.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Curriculum Corner

I want you to think about how many times you have heard these words this week (or even today) “it,” “that,” “stuff” and “thing.” I know that this week alone, I would have heard all of these words numerous times as they escape from the mouths of my students! Recently, I have begun the habit of stopping my students and asking them “what is it?” “What is this ‘stuff’ you speak off?” I force my students (and occasionally myself or my husband), to give detail and expand on their vocabulary. Having an extensive vocabulary is vitally important for all walks of life, not to mention for reading and writing alone! So this week, consciously work on helping expand your child’s vocabulary and watch their reading and writing grow!

Olivia Wells
Head of Curriculum

Principal Awards Stage 1

Congratulations to the following students for receiving awards on assembly on Monday.

Baxter G for a fantastic effort in learning your letters.
Samantha W for doing excellent writing and illustrations in your journal.
Rebecca M for showing confidence in your writing and for doing fantastic reading.
Zachary J for being able to identify and produce rhyming words.
Ashton B for fantastic effort and improvement in his writing.
Lily M for always working exceptionally well at every task given to her.
Supuk T for working hard to improve her skills in all areas.
Zyohn W for trying extra hard to write well.
Abdur-Rahman M for an informative and well practised presentation.
Jacob B for excellent effort in using his skills to improve in reading and writing.
Hope G for completing work in the given time.
Connor L for always being a conscientious worker and a well behaved class member.
Amy O for great improvement in maths.
Ethan J for great improvement in writing and reading.
Jayden S for always working beautifully and following instructions in class.
Kayden T for an excellent start to the term, for wonderful storytelling and a great effort with all his written work.
Tamian H for making a great effort in class.
Kahil E for a much improved and respectful class attitude.

Library Award

Platypus for trying very hard to line up quietly after Library.

Stage 1 (Prep- Year 3) Swimming 28th Nov – 7th Dec

Payment for the swimming program is due tomorrow Friday 14th Oct. Deposit of $20 is required or full payment by this date. No payments will be accepted after this date.

We have had an internet payment of $54.20 for swimming paid into our account on 30 Sept without a name. If you made this payment please contact Lea in the office with proof of payment.

PE Week Wrap Up

Thank you to all students who were involved in activities this week as part of our PE week. Our Basketball Shoot Out winners were Tiani G and Vesi C both won themselves a basketball. Well done to all skippers on Monday and to our many cricket players on Tuesday. Jack from the South East Branch of QLD cricket had students involved in a diamond cricket game, bowling contests and ball skill activities. All students received a sticker, a KFC voucher, a sachet of Milo and a highlighter pen. Some lucky players received white cricket hats. On Wednesday the teachers vs sports captain game of soccer rounders had many spectators and great involvement from our many student teachers. Well done to Mrs Streatfeild, Ms Hawker, Miss Hicks and Mr Clark for representing the teachers.
AFL goal kicking was attended by many students who tested their skills against others to score goals. Winners who received AFL balls were Nathan A, Jonty G, Braven R, Paris W, Jamahl R and Curtis F.

Seven volleyball courts were set up on the oval for games at both lunch breaks today. Lots of digging, serving and setting was done by all.

REMEMBER: FRIDAY- COME DRESSED AS A SPORTS STAR

Jane Taylor
HPE Teacher

String News

All string groups - Beginner and Ensemble - are playing at the Fete on Saturday, 22 Oct. This is a great opportunity to come and hear these ensembles, especially if family and friends couldn't make the Concert Evening in Term 3. I am unsure of a set time for the Fete performance but there will be a note going out through the music department. Be sure to follow the instruction on the note when they are completed.

Thanks and looking forward to this performance.

The next lesson and rehearsal for all players will be on Monday 24, Oct as next Mon is Pupil Free Day.

Can all players please check their music - we have a student who has lost his. The music has the Ensemble music in it and it belongs to Thomas Jackson (yr 7 student). If a student has taken it by mistake please return to Thomas in Yr 7 or his sister Lauren in Yr 4. If you are unsure please return to the office. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Thanks to everyone - looking forward to the Fete performance.

Penny Williams (String Instructor).

Project Club Disco Years 4-7 (Stage 2&3)

There will be a senior disco held by Project Club on Friday 28th 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.

P & C News
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Fete News

Unlimited Ride Pass

Have you ordered yours yet ?
Order forms available from the tuckshop. $20 5yrs + $10 4yrs & under. All ages will be $25 on fete day, so save some money and preorder yours NOW.
Ride pass order forms CLOSE on THURSDAY next week. So hurry hurry hurry and get your forms in ASAP.

Cake Stall

Donations NEXT FRIDAY (21/10/11) are needed for the fete.
Homemade items always sell best, but any donations are appreciated. Please leave your donations from 8am onwards in the hall foyer. NO CREAM PLEASE as we can not refrigerate. If possible, please write ingredients on any homemade items. Thank you

Dunk Tank

We have a dunk tank at the fete this year, but we need more ADULT volunteers who are willing to be “dunked” – So be a sport and offer your help to support the Moreton class. Please email P&C to add your name to the list. What a fun way to cool off on a Saturday afternoon.

Eskies, marquees, trestle tables

We are in need of loaning the above equipment for fete day. Please email the P&C to offer your equipment. Please place your name on the items (on masking tape on bottom) so we can return to you. Any of these items can be left in the hall foyer anytime this week, please advise the P&C or the office that you are leaving it there so we can lock them away. Thanks to those who have already offered some equipment for loan.

Please Help Your Class Or Another

If your class stall roster is full, please offer your help to another class who may be having trouble filling their roster. We also need people to help at 5.30pm on the food stalls (bbq & dagwood dogs) as the preps are running these stalls and this is the time that they are performing in the hall. Please ring Kirsty 0413 202 325 or email the P&C

FREE Raffle at the Fete

Flyers advertising the fete will be delivered to 2000 homes around the school and a yellow one to each family next week. Hang onto them, write your name & phone on the back. Place in the big black box at the cake stall on fete day and at 7pm we will start calling the winners out. Heaps of prizes to be won – bonus prizes if you are present for the draw !!!!!

Outside School Hours Care

Don’t forget Monday October 17 is a pupil free day. Places still available so please book asap. Remember to bring your scooter, bike or skateboard and helmets. We will also be having a sausage sizzle for afternoon tea. We have been granted an extra 30 spaces for afterschool care, so please book a spot and if you are considering using before or after school care next year come and see us asap to enrol and secure your place. All enrolments will end as of December 9 and new bookings will need to be made for 2012.

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Lost Property

We have a pair of reading glasses and a girls purse handed in at the office. Please contact the office if you have lost these items.