From the Principal

The rain we received last week has been wonderful for our grounds and for filling our water tanks, unfortunately the storms associated with it were less than welcome. I am happy to inform you that our school avoided any major damage although we did get minor flooding to two buildings. The amount of water we received tested our drainage systems, however overall we fared very well. (In the past, that amount of rain would have seen the hall, become flooded). We have done a lot of drainage work this year to prevent the school flooding and the recent rain proves it has been money well spent.

Yesterday we had an extra visitor to school which reminded me how lucky we are to have such a wonderful, natural learning environment at Chatswood Hills State School. A koala mother and her young baby walked along the path in front of the Administration Block and then climbed up a tree to settle in for a sleep giving a thrill to both students and staff. Their visit reminds us of the importance of caring for our environment and maintaining the natural bushlands to ensure that these visits continue to happen for future years.

School Fete

Please remember that our school fete is on this Saturday. The fete will start at 3:00pm and conclude with fireworks at 7:30pm. There are many rides and displays throughout the afternoon/evening along with student performances. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to work on their class stall – without you the fete couldn’t happen! There is no such thing as enough help on these days so if you can spare a bit of time and work on a stall and are yet to volunteer, please see your child’s teacher or contact Kirsty from the P&C tomorrow - I know they will appreciate any extra assistance. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Kirsty Evans and her P&C team who have been the driving force behind our fete. A lot of hours have gone into the preparation for Saturday by these dedicated parents to ensure it is a success and the school community truly values and appreciates their efforts.

With the end of the year fast approaching (7 weeks to go ) we have many things to organise including classes and staffing. This process will begin in earnest from next week so this is your last opportunity to let me know in writing any educational considerations you would like me to be aware of when considering your child’s placement for 2012. (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.) While your educational needs will be valued and taken into account, the final class construction is ultimately a school decision made in consultation with this year’s teachers and I will not be in a position to make any changes to class lists once the process is finalised. Final class make ups will not be determined until Day 8, 2012; however we aim to get this as

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accurate as possible to minimise any changes that may occur.

Thank you to all families who have made this term’s payment to our resource scheme. Term 4 payments are now due and can be made at the office window any morning except Wednesdays. Our school does not keep a ready supply of books and pencils etc to give out to students as our curriculum money is put into areas of the school which are not a parent’s responsibility. If school monies have to be diverted to cover these basic personal equipment costs then other programs and initiatives will suffer. Parents who choose not to take part in our resource scheme and then do not provide their child’s equipment forcing us to divert committed funds will not be additionally burdened by the school with offers for extra-curricular, non-compulsory activities which incur a cost. This policy has been endorsed and has the full support of the CHSS P&C Association.

Finally I would also like to remind everyone of our before school rules and expectations each morning. Students should not be at school before 8:00am as teachers are not rostered on to formal morning duties. Once students arrive at school they must sit and remain under the covered area in front of the tuckshop until 8:15am. At 8:15 students can move off to sit outside their classrooms and wait for the bell. Morning time is not a play time and for the safety of all students, no ball games, running etc are allowed before school. This week we have had students arrive at school as early as 7:20am. If students must be at school this early they need to be enrolled in our Out of Hours School Care program. If students walk to school they must time their walk to arrive after 8:00 am. Thank you for your co-operation.

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

On Monday the staff looked at different ways that students learn and how the different ways that teachers teach can impact on the teaching and learning process in the classroom. It was a very informative and interesting morning.

It occurred to me once again how amazing it is that people are created so diversely and even more of a miracle that two parents can have many children and each one be so different. This is certainly the case with my family and one only had to view last night’s game of “Trouble” to see this diversity.

My daughter wants to win at all cost, my eldest doesn’t want the game to ever end and youngest changes sides throughout the game.

No wonder families are such dynamic places!

I look forward to seeing your family on Saturday at the Fete.

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 investigating a mural for the senior boys and girls toilet similar to the junior toilet. We are looking at an Australian animal theme.

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

Thank you to all who have contributed to Operation Christmas Child our school contribution was once again significant.

Have a great weekend.
Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal
Curriculum Corner

Over the coming weeks I will be starting to visit many of our classrooms and gain a snapshot of our literacy blocks here at Chatswood Hills. I have already had the pleasure of visiting a few classrooms and have left each room feeling an overwhelming sense of dedication from the teachers.

I am looking forward to being in each classroom and learning along with your children!

Olivia Wells
Head of Curriculum

From the Library

This term Stage One is focusing on stories by the author Bob Graham. The children have loved listening to *Rose Meets Mr Wintergarten, Crusher is Coming, Let’s Get A Pup* and *The Trouble With Dogs*. Stage Two children are busy revisiting *Student Library Lookup* which enables them to find resources in the library using computers. Stage Three are preparing for their Information Report and high school by learning bibliographic formats. We are very fortunate being able to carry out these lessons in our new library.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian.

Stage 1 Swimming Prep-Grade 3

We have extended the final payment date for swimming to **Friday 4th November**. All outstanding money must be paid by this date.

String News

Reminder to all String Players (in Beginner Strings and String Ensemble) that we are playing at the Fete this Saturday. Please arrive for tuning to the hall at 3:40pm. All family and friends are welcome to come along and enjoy these performances. Rehearsal on Monday will not be on for String Ensemble (7:40am) but lessons for all will be on as usual. Thanks and looking forward to catching up with you all on Saturday.

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

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Fete News

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 prep’s are running these stall 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 have been delivered to 2000 homes around the school and a yellow one to each family today. 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 !!!!

Bookclub

Bookclub catalogues should have been received by now. Orders are due back to the tuckshop by Wednesday 26th October.

Lost Property

We have the following items handed in to the office: boys wallet, girls purse and a pair of adult reading glasses. If any of these belong to you please contact the office.