27th October 2011

**From the Principal**

The community spirit was certainly evident at the fete on Saturday. I had a wonderful time walking around talking to staff, students and families and thought the day was a huge success. As mentioned in last week’s newsletter much credit needs to go to Kirtsy Evans for leading the fete committee and also to the countless volunteers who worked on the day and leading up to the day ensuring that the fete was a huge success. Thank you to you all.

Tomorrow is World Teacher’s Day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated teaching staff and let them know how much I appreciate their work. Teaching has become an increasingly demanding profession with ever growing complexities. Our teachers are a passionate and dedicated team who keep giving their all, striving for ways to improve student outcomes. I am very impressed at the way our teachers rise to every challenge and continue their pursuit of excellence and am honoured to work with them. Thank you to you all, I hope you have a great day.

I would like to give everyone this final opportunity to submit in writing any educational considerations you wish for me to take into account when putting classes together for next year. On today’s figures we may grow by one class as a school and there may also be a change to the number of classes (and some teachers) in the stages. (Final class make up and staffing will not be completed until day 8 next year).

As previously stated, I am not in a position to grant requests for specific teachers but I will consider educational factors when putting classes together.

I hope to have the classes finalised by the last week of term so that students can go to their new classroom and meet their new teacher and classmates during this last week. Along with the name of their new class and teacher each child will also receive a booklist/resource note and a copy of our behaviour expectations and uniform policy to bring home for your information.

I would like to remind parents to please adhere to the timelines for payments for school excursions and activities. We try to give as much time as possible for payments but we do need to finalise numbers, supervision, buses etc and need to cut off payments so that these final details can be organised. I understand that sometimes information notes can get lost on the way home. Please approach your teacher and ask for the information if you know an excursion is coming up and you have not received anything yet, or remind your child to get replacements so that they can become responsible for passing on the information correctly.

As part of our Quadrennial School Review I have included a questionnaire to all families with this week’s newsletter to help find out some information about your thoughts around our school. Your feedback is very important to us and we will use it to help set the strategic direction of our school for the next four years. If you can find a few minutes to complete the survey it will be much appreciated. Completed surveys can be placed in the box located at the office.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal
From the Deputy

What a great fete! It was great to see so many people from our school and the wider community come together to have so much fun. Congratulations to the P and C and all of the volunteers who made the day a success. The highlight for me was the Japanese balloons (my children loved them), the prawns and the fireworks.

It was evident from the day that Chatswood Hills School is a special place.

World Teachers’ Day

Tomorrow is World Teacher’s Day, this is a day set aside to acknowledge the work of teachers and the fact that many of them go above and beyond in their work. To the teachers of Chatswood Hills I would like to say, you are a great bunch of people.

Gardens

Just a reminder for students to stay out of the gardens, this is especially important during the warmer months when wildlife seem to come out of their slumber and sometimes move around the school.

School Disco

Our final disco for the year is on tomorrow 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! There will not be a sausage sizzle at the disco.

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.

Have a great weekend.
Stephen Josey

Principal Awards Stage 2 & 3

Congratulations to the following students who received an award on assembly on Monday.

Mea B for being a considerate classmate and having a positive attitude to her schoolwork.
Brandon P for working hard to improve his reading and sight word vocabulary.
Sophie B for a committed effort to concentrate in class and participate fully in class discussions.
Lauren B for working so hard towards completing her design task and portfolio.
Natalie W for keeping up the fantastic efforts you have been making in improving your writing across all subject areas.

Raidon W for wonderfully consistent work of a high standard all year.
Molly S for displaying a positive attitude towards all activities.
Maddie M for creating an excellent poster advertising class stall at the fete.

Gotcha Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received gotchas on Monday for obeying the 4C’s in the playground: Ryan D, Jake W, Abigail S.

Fete Recounts from Prep

At the fete I went on the rock climbing wall with Dad. I had fairy floss. It disappeared in my mouth. The fireworks were beautiful. I had a fantastic day.
By Teegan H (Bandicoots)

On the weekend I went to the fete and I was so excited. First I went on the Storm. Then I went on the slide. Then I went on the Teacups. I had a fantastic time.
By Tiana P (Platypus)

On the weekend I went to the fete. First I went on the slide. Then I went on the Storm. It was fun.
By Laura H (Platypus)

On the weekend I went to the fete. First I went to hold a guinea pig. Then I went to go in a police car. I went to the dunk pool. I had a good time.
By Nathan L (Platypus)

On the weekend I went to the fete. First I went on the big slide. Then I went on the cup and saucer with Dre. The fireworks were loud. Finally I got a slushy. The fete was exciting.
By Dylan E (Bandicoots)

I went on the slide. It was fun. Then I went on the Storm ride. I went with dad, Daisy and Beau. I loved it.
By Mia A (Bandicoots)

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.

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.

Coles Vouchers
A huge thank you to all our Chatswood Hills community for supporting our school with the collection of many vouchers. Grand total 62733.

**Year 1 and Prep Rugby League**

Yr 1 and prep students have been participating in a Rugby League Clinic on Tuesdays during PE lessons with Eddie and Sam from QLD Rugby League. Students have learnt how to pass, kick and score trys.

**Past Student Achievements**

Congratulations to two of our former students who now attend Springwood High.

Middle School Dux: Callam Y
Subject Awards (Year 8) Japanese, English, Science, Hospitality: Emma L

**P & C News**

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**Fete News**

It is with a HUGE thankyou that I take my hat off to everyone who helped to put the fete together. Whether you did a small job (which meant I didn’t have to do it), or helped with set up, pack up or both, your help, support and enthusiasm to provide our kids with a fantastic fun day was greatly appreciated. I could not have pulled it off without each and every one of you. To many to names to mention, but you know who you are, so THANK YOU !!!!

Thanks must also go to the teachers who organised their stalls and many of whom stayed for the entire event – thank you as your support is needed and appreciated. To the parents, grandparents, even friends & neighbours who helped on stalls throughout the fete, thankyou. These events don’t happen by themselves. It is only when we all come together and volunteer a small amount of our time that we can get these fun events happening. So thank you to everyone – your help is invaluable.

I would like to add that it always amazes me that although we struggle to get people to put their hand up and “commit” to a time before fete day – it seems that on fete morning people just came from everywhere to help. Once again I was astounded this year at the set up help that we received, yet we only had 3 people commit to a time to help us – but instead I actually had to turn people away at 1pm as it was mostly all ready to go.

I am pleased to say that our fete was a great success. The final profit amount & individual class stall amounts will be reported once finalised. I am sure you will agree there was a real BUZZ around the school on Saturday. Wherever I looked there were smiles on kids’ faces, this for me is what it is all about.

My final point will be to thank our sponsors as without them the ride costs would have been a lot more. Many schools now sell their pre-paid rides for $30 +. The P&C were not prepared to do this, so thank you to all the sponsors. I would ask that as a community, families from Chatswood Hills State School, support those who supported our school and go to those companies that helped to make our day more affordable for families.

Thanks to all my team for your efforts

A black duffel bag was found in a neighbour of the school’s yard. Contact me if you have lost it.

Kirsty Evans
P&C Fundraising Co-ordinator

I would like to personally thank all helpers who volunteered their time to help with the fete. It was great to see so many people willing to help wherever they could. Without parents, friends and teachers helping the fete would not have been as successful as it was. Thank you all once again.

Mark Prieditis
P & C President.

**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be closed on *Tuesday 1st November*. Next week uniform pre order forms will be available. NO PAYMENT is required as you pay when you collect order in 2012. Forms can be left at the office, tuckshop any day or uniform shop(Tuesdays only). Pick up times/dates for 2012 are Fri 20th Jan and Sat 21st Jan 2012. 10.30am-12.30pm at uniform shop.

**Lost Property**

We have two plastic containers in the office left over from the cake stall at the fete. We have also had a camera handed in. If you own any of these please contact the office.

**River City Spirit Cheerleading Auditions**

We are looking for talented cheerleaders to join our competitive cheerleading program for 2012. Experience is recommended for our advanced teams but novices are also welcome to join our level 1 and 2 teams.

Auditions:

- Tues 8 Nov and 15 Nov
  - 4pm - 5pm 10 years & under
  - 7.15pm – 915pm 11 years & over
  - Chatswood Hills State School Hall
  - Sleeman Sports Complex Gym Hall

For more details phone Kylie Pocklington on 0412 530 798