From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The 2012 School Captain election process has entered the final stage this week. On Monday ten quality candidates gave their speech on school assembly. Each one of these candidates presented themselves extremely well and the overwhelming opinion of the audience was how difficult it will be to choose four students from this group. At the conclusion of the parade the students and staff voted and the top six students, as reflected in this voting process, went on to the final selection interview phase. From these interviews the successful four applicants will be decided and announced on our final Awards Parade on Thursday 8 December.

Classes for next year have now 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 was contradictory to another), all relevant information was considered and acted on. Approximately 95% of parent requests which were educationally based were able to be accommodated and catered for.

Some Dates to Note
Sunday 4 December – Xmas Carols Night
Wednesday 7 December – Year 7 Graduation evening.
Thursday 8 December - Academic Award Parade 8:45am and 2012 School Captains announced. Class lists and “Shuffle Up” session to meet 2012 class, teacher in new room. Report cards issued.
Friday 9 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 2012. Those children in attendance will be grouped appropriately and provided with school work under full supervision.)

This will be my last week at CHSS for this year as I am taking long service leave for the last two weeks of school. My wife is attending a work conference in Switzerland and since this is where her family lives we are taking the
opportunity to take our children over and spend some family time together and have a white Xmas. While I am away Stephen Josey will be the Acting Principal of our school and Kylie Bruce (our Behaviour Support Teacher) will be the Acting Deputy. I look forward to working with you again on my return in 2012. I hope you all have a safe, relaxing break and a happy Christmas.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

I would like to thank Mr Graham for another great year at Chatswood Hills State School and wish him and his family a most successful Christmas and New Year holiday period.

While Mr Graham is away the show will go on. Over the next two weeks we have the P and C Christmas Carol Night, Year 7 Graduation and Academic Parade among other things.

I would like to welcome Mrs Bruce into the Acting Deputy Principal role for the next two weeks and look forward to working with her.

Prep Orientation

This week our 2012 Prep students have visited our current Prep classes to get a “taste” of what school is like. I would like to welcome the new families and thank the Prep teachers and students for welcoming our new additions to the school.

Year 7 Shirts

As in previous years Year 7 students are allowed to have their school shirts signed by friends and staff on the last Thursday of the term (December 8). This is provided that they are not wearing the shirt that is to be signed.

In other words students need to wear their uniform and bring along a spare shirt that can be signed.

Behaviour

I would like to ask parents to remind students of the importance of remaining focused right up until the end of term. While reading report cards this week I have noticed some very good results and growth made by students over the year.

Student Council

Thank you for supporting the last free dress day for the year, $150 was donated towards the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, $100 was donated to the Koala Foundation and the remainder of the money will go towards the murals in the senior toilets.

This year’s Student Council will be donating the remainder of money raised towards the new sound equipment for the school hall. I would like to thank this year’s School Captains and Student Council Representatives for their contribution.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Principal Awards Stage 2 & 3

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

Chloe J for working consistently and showing good results this semester.
Shanuille P for being a wonderful class member this semester.
Helena W for being a friendly and helpful class member.
Thomas J for his outstanding country project on Laos.
Courtney M for always having the determination to improve your work and the caring attitude to support others.
Sophie S for being a wonderful supportive class member and helping others. Your concern for others is always appreciated.
Skye B for outstanding improvement in all areas particularly Maths.
Gabriella G for an outstanding result in mapping skills.
Chloe O for an outstanding result in mapping skills.
Bryce H for an outstanding result in mapping skills.

Library Award

Peel for always using our library well.
**Gotcha Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received gotchas on Monday for obeying the 4C’s in the playground: Curtis F x 2, Tessa B, Annika P

**Cash Window**

The cash window will be closed from Tuesday 29th Nov for 2011. **No payments will be accepted after this date.** This also applies to internet banking. Cash window hours are 8am-10am.

Payments due:
- Stage 2 & 3 swimming carnival: Friday 25th Nov
- Movieworld: Friday 25th Nov
- Year 7 Graduation: Mon 28th Nov

**From the Library**

Borrowing has finished for the year and we are in the process of collecting all books. Much loved library books are often found on children’s bookshelves at home. The CHSS barcode on the spine makes it easy to identify our books. Please encourage your children to return them to the library as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your help.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

**P & C News**

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** tickets home today, 20 prizes being given away. 1st $150 saucepan set 2nd $80 school uniform shop voucher 3rd beer 4th wine 5th beer and 6-20 are mystery prizes !!! $1 per ticket. Please return with money to tuckshop by 9am Friday 2nd Dec. Drawn at the carols.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS** Sunday 4th Dec 5.30 – 7.30pm in the hall. Sausage sizzle from 4.30pm. People bringing chairs to sit on are asked to sit to the side of the hall so as not to block anyone’s view of the children. Thank you

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The last Tuesday the uniform shop will be open is December 6th.

There are still plenty of uniforms in stock available to purchase now for next year - the only item currently unavailable are size 8 polo shirts.

If you have placed a pre-order a reminder of pick up times:-
Friday January 20th & Saturday January 21st
10:30 am to 12:30pm at the uniform shop
(eftpos is available)

**YEAR 7 SHIRTS**
Order forms for these will go out in 2012

For any uniform enquiries please email: PandCUniformshop@chathillss.eq.edu.au

**School Banking**

Just a reminder that Monday 28th November will be the last banking day for 2011 and the last chance to cash in your tokens or they will carry over until next year.

Merry Christmas

Marg and Leisa
Banking Co-ordinators.

**News from OSHC**

The year is coming to an end, but it is the busiest time for OSHC. Vacation care forms are available now, and booking forms for 2012 will be available soon. The year 7’s will have a farewell afternoon tea next Tuesday.

Get your vacation care forms in as soon as you can and we hope you all have a great holiday. We look forward to another busy year at OSHC and would like to thank the whole school community for supporting us in such a positive way.

See you all next year and please confirm your bookings for next year by the last day of school or during the vacation care break.

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