8th March, 2012

**STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260**

**From the Principal**

It was another wet start to a week this week and while the rain is always welcome, it was wonderful to see the blue sky re-appear yesterday.

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter we are using the remainder of our BER money to finish the interior lining of the school hall. Work began on Tuesday and should be complete by early next week. We are also using this money to mount another speaker on the roof of the old library to help students hear the bell and any announcements while out in the playground.

In line with our reporting policy, parent/teacher interviews will be held over the last two weeks of this term for years 1 to 7. (Prep interviews will be held in term 2). The interviews will last 15-20 mins and will be held before and after school at times suitable to each individual teacher. Wednesday March 28 has been set aside as the interview evening for parents who need interviews outside of work hours. An information note with the specific interview times for your child’s teacher should have gone home with your child today; if you have not received this note please see your child’s teacher. Interview times will be filled on a first come first served basis and I hope as many parents as possible can take advantage of this reporting opportunity. If you wish to meet with a specialist or support teacher, please contact the school and this teacher will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time. Written reports for each child will go home at the end of Term 2.

Thank you to the families in P-3 who have made payment to our resource scheme or who have provided their own resources for their student. These personal resources are vital for each student to participate fully in class lessons. If your child is in P-3 and you are still planning to join our resource scheme please note that payments are due now. Parents/caregivers must make a decision as to whether they wish to take part in our resource scheme or to purchase their own resources. Parents who choose neither option forcing the school to divert funds from other areas to cover a child’s personal equipment will not be offered additional, extra-curricular and optional activities which attract a cost as per our P&C endorsed Resource Scheme policy.

Next term students in years 3, 5 and 7 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. These tests are designed to give a point in time snapshot of a child’s progress and to compare this progress with peers within the school, across the State and also across Australia. If you have any concerns regarding NAPLAN or wish to find out further information concerning your child and the implementation of these tests, please contact Stephen Josey or myself for an appointment.

The P&C will hold their AGM this Monday night followed by the March general meeting. The meeting will start at 6:30 in the Admin block and new members are always welcome.

Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal

**From the Deputy**

**Young Leaders’ Conference**

Check out the comments from our school leaders in the newsletter this week on how great the Leaders’ Conference was this year. I was very proud of our four Captains and the
way they conducted themselves in the community on Monday.

The speaker that inspired me the most was Beau Robinson from the Queensland Reds. One thing that he said that stuck in my mind was the word sacrifice. He believed in doing what was expected and then a little bit more. He told the audience that he was not the most talented sportsperson in his home town of Dubbo growing up but he certainly was the most dedicated.

Often achievement in life is not about having the best skills and talents but it is about what you do with what you have.

CPR

Seventeen teachers stayed back at school on Tuesday to complete their CPR training and maintain their first aide certificate. I would like to thank the staff for their continued commitment and professionalism.

Ready Reader Volunteer Training Program

We have 20 parents booked in to complete the Ready Reader Training to be held at Chatswood Hills State School on Monday March 12 between 9am and 11am. I would like to thank the parents who have put their names forward for this training and look forward to seeing you Monday morning.

Parents need to sign in at the office and will then be directed to the new library.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

On Monday the School Captains attended the 2012 National Young Leaders’ Day with Mr Josey. We had a fantastic time listening to and meeting great influential role models such as Beau Robinson, Marayke Jonkers, Mike Martin, Giles Clark and Lord Mayor Graham Quirk. I was most inspired by Marayke, she had overcome a horrific car accident as a baby. This left her paralysed to fulfil her dream of representing Australia in swimming. She accomplished this in the Sydney Paralympics as well as Athens and Beijing Paralympics. I found her story amazing as she had a huge dream and no matter what hurdles she was up against she always tried her best and achieved what she set out to do. I too would like to represent Australia one day, hopefully I can be like Marayke & achieve this goal.

By: Chloe Prieditis

Chloe, Lucy, Marcellus and I went to the National Young Leaders’ day at the convention centre on Monday. There were around 3 000 other children there. We got to hear 5 different speakers, Mike Martin, Giles Clark [tiger keeper at Australian Zoo], Lord Mayor Graham Quirk, Beau Robinson [plays for the Queensland Reds and the Wallabies] and Marayke Jonkers [A professional para-olympian swimmer]. They were all great speakers and very inspiring. Overall it was a great day.

By Harry Procopis

On Monday, the four School Captains including myself went to the Brisbane Convention Centre to attend The National Young Leaders’ Day. About three thousand primary school children listened and learnt about leadership from five inspiring speakers. Mike Martin, Giles Clark who works at Australia Zoo, Lord Mayor Graham Quirk, Beau Robinson who plays for the QLD Reds and Marayke Jonkers who is in a wheelchair and represented Australia in the Paralympics. We also had fun with a few games and meeting some of the inspiring speakers. I believe all students walked out feeling inspired and motivated to follow their dreams. Over all we had a great day!

By Lucy O’Sullivan.

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly on Monday:

Olivia J for doing great independent writing on your postcard.
Grace P for excellent reading and writing.
Tia R for always trying her best and following the rules.
Seth M for following the rules and always doing his best work.
Maia C for an excellent persuasive text.
Jareece K for being an enthusiastic member of the class and always doing the right thing.
Hayley B for an excellent effort in English and Math and always great work habits and manners.
Jaoquin D for great sentence writing in English.
Baxter G for always having your hand up first in maths.
Chloe C for always trying her best in everything we do.
Annika M for putting in extra effort with her homework and working well in class.
Nathan A for applying himself diligently to all classroom activities.
Stuart L for making such great progress in your reading.

Library Award

Emus for using their reading time wisely in the Library.

Gotcha Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received gotchas for obeying the 4C’s in the playground: Lara L, Jackson D, Brook W.

From the Library

2012 is The National Year of Reading. I was interested to read an article in The Courier Mail which claimed that if you want your child to be a genius then pick up a book and read to them. You can rediscover the joy of reading across all platforms, from traditional books, comics and recipes to e-books. Having ten minutes of quiet reading to your child is important and the earlier the better. Please encourage your children to borrow books from our Library.

Happy reading!

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

ATTENTION PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

CHANGES HAPPENING AT CHATSWOOD HILLS
Chatswood Hills State School will be changing systems implemented by Education Queensland over the Easter school holidays. This release of the new system, OneSchool is imminent and will not be held back as we’ve experienced with previous pre-deployments.

There will be changes to the business of Chatswood Hills school leading up to the deployment and when it becomes live over the holidays. Please note these changes are required for the pre-deployment of this system, as it is not an upgrade of our current management system but a brand new system which is to be implemented.

We have been advised by our regional finance director that money collection days need to be reduced at schools to reduce the amount of cash being collected and processed on school sites. Chatswood Hills offers a variety of alternative methods of payment which do not require you to physically attend the school namely: internet banking (direct debit) and credit card (via slips or over the phone).

Dates to note:

- Shutting down of old management system Friday 23rd March, 2012. NO PAYMENTS CAN BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE MONEY COLLECTION WINDOW FROM THIS DATE. If any payments are required (balance of resource scheme or sport payments) we are happy to supply a manual receipt however the payment process cannot occur until the new system is live.
- We will have no computer access until we are live with the new system. We will have paper copies of emergency contacts, medical history information and classroom rolls on hand. However, we will be unable to view or access any finance account information for families at all until we are live with the new system after the holidays in Term 2.
- First week back in Term 2, 16th April – 20th April the administration staff will be doing data entry into OneSchool with the information that is not being migrated. The MONEY COLLECTION WINDOW WILL BE CLOSED DURING THIS WEEK and we will be limited with some computer access.
- Monday 23rd April, OneSchool up and running.
- Tuesday 24th April 8:00am – 10:00am Money Collection Window will reopen. Note the new days. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am – 10:00am.

As this is a totally new and a completely different system, our administration staff will be undergoing training leading up to the deployment of OneSchool. I would appreciate your patience with the staff as they will be still on their learners plates until they become proficient with the system and perhaps will not have all the answers you may require straight away.

Tracey Wallace
Business Services Manager

Soccer Juniors v Crestmead won 9-0
Soccer Seniors v Crestmead won 5-0

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Kahleb S for his selection in the Logan Schools Basketball Team.

Cheerleading

On Saturday 17 girls and Ms Taylor attended a Spirit Day of coaching at John Paul College. The day involved girls learning stunts and a new routine. This was presented to other teams and parents. Guest coach was American Oscar Corales from the Worlds Best Cheer Team - Top Gun.

Our Chatswood Cheer Team was awarded the “Spirit Award” for their performance.

Rugby League Visit

Yesterday 6 PE classes and our school rugby league teams were treated to a visit by 3 Melbourne Storm players. Cody Walker, Leon Panapa and Matt Zgrajewski are young players who train with the Melbourne Storm team. When not selected for weekend games with the Storm, the players return to their Springwood team and play for the East Springwood Tigers.

Students received posters and balls were also signed. These will be used later in the year for PE Week prizes.

Fun Run

Reminder you have 2 weeks to collect your sponsors and return your form with money to the box at the tuckshop. Don’t forget to select your prize.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop News

** Special Continued Until Sold Out **

Boys Navy Shorts (Gaberdine material) $12 Sizes 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16 only – approx. 15-20 pairs of each size. They will be on sale until completely sold out. It’s a massive - $4 saving !

Winter Uniform: Orders for these will go out in next couple of weeks. Some items if not in stock require approx 6 weeks until they can be supplied - so it is best to put in an order so I can guarantee your child's size.

Hats are available to purchase at tuckshop on days the uniform shop is closed. You will need to have the correct money ($10) as no change is available. (Size XS, S, M, L)

Email: PandCUniformshop@chathillss.eq.edu.au for any uniform questions or orders.

Sports Results

Rugby League Juniors v Springwood Central won 16-4
Player of Match: Leejon K
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