From the Principal

The P&C held their annual general meeting Monday night and elected their executive team for 2012. The office bearers are:
President: Mark Prieditis
Vice-President: Margaret Lancaster
Treasurer: Lisa Filkins
Assistant Treasure: Michelle Mosley
Secretary: Kirsty Evans
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive team for their support of the school and for volunteering to take on these important roles. The school is lucky to have such a dedicated team of volunteers who give their free time for the betterment of Chatswood Hills State School. I look forward to working with the P&C team throughout 2012.

Following the AGM, the March general meeting was held where the P&C moved to pay out the remaining balance of the hall loan saving the committee approx. $15 000 in interest payments. They also moved to fund two new Interactive White Boards to support classroom curriculum implementation. Thank you to all parents who support our fundraising initiatives throughout the year. It is through this fundraising that the P&C are able to provide our school with extra resources and facilities which benefit all students. Your support of our school is very much appreciated.

Tomorrow is National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, where schools shine the spotlight on bullying and promote ways to reduce its impact in schools and the community. Not all disagreements and conflicts between students are bullying, but persistent and targeted behaviours designed to isolate, upset or threaten a person are serious bullying issues. The best way to deal with bullying at school is to bring these behaviours out in the open by reporting them to a staff member.

Chatswood Hills takes any actions which upset or threaten fellow students or staff very seriously and all students are encouraged to report issues immediately so that they can be dealt with. Chatswood Hills has a lovely tone and the cases of deliberate and persistent bullying are very isolated, but if we don’t know about it we can’t fix it. Not reporting bullying only makes the bully stronger, encourages their behaviour and stops us being able to help them as well. Our very structured school behaviour processes ensures that complex issues such as bullying are dealt with quickly, fairly and effectively.

Next week we welcome the first of our pre-service teachers from Griffith University and QUT who will begin their ‘pracs’ at CHSS. These student teachers work under the supervision of the class teacher, continue the class program and gain some valuable practical experience teaching our students. These ‘pracs’ are extremely important and help prac teachers link the theory of university to the practical of implementing the theory in front of students. It is expected that all children will conduct themselves to the same high standard as usual with our pre-service teachers. Having a new or relieving teacher is not an excuse for students to display disrespectful behaviour or bad manners.
Last Thursday we had another koala sighting in a tree outside the office just after the going home bell. The koala decided to climb down from his tree, walk around near the office and climb up a new tree much to the pleasure of the crowd which had formed to watch him. We are extremely lucky to be at a school with such a great natural setting which encourages native wildlife to come and visit. It certainly is a unique experience and one I know I will never get tired of seeing.

Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

Ready Reader Volunteer Training Program

On Monday morning we had 17 parents turn up for the Ready Reader training. I would like to thank each parent for their contribution to the morning and their enthusiasm and desire to assist their children and other students to improve their reading.

Some of the key messages of the morning included:

- Parents are their child’s first teacher.
- Reading should be fun.
- Praise is a key to teaching reading.

We also discovered together that parents have a lot in common and struggle with similar challenges. Once again thank you for your attendance.

Bravehearts (Prep- Grade 3)

The “Ditto Show”, put on by Bravehearts, has been performed for the last four years at our school and has been well received by parents, teachers and students. The cost for the show is $4 and I would like to encourage all students to attend. This is a Personal Safety Education Program that provides children with the basic principles of personal safety and the tools to stay safe. The show will be held on Wednesday March 21 in the hall. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

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

Lauren J for being a courteous and conscientious student at all times.
Kristof K for writing and performing an amazing poem.
Carly S for being a courteous and conscientious student at all times.
Charlie A for writing an excellent humorous poem and performing it brilliantly.
Abdur-Rahman M for a fantastically written humorous poem.
Dylan D for his enthusiasm and ability to manage his time effectively.
Dallas T for improvement in handwriting and homework effort.
Levi H for wonderful effort and well-earned great results in core spelling.
Shaun D congratulations on writing an excellent character description.
Emily N for always showing interest and initiative.

Library Award

Tallebudgera for always having excellent library manners.

Gotcha Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received gotchas for obeying the 4C’s in the playground: Sophie B, Emma R, Georgia S.

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

**Crosscountry Tuesday 20th March**

8.45am    Prep
9.00am    11,12,13 years
11.20am    9 years
11.45am    10 years
12.15pm    6, 7 & 8 years

**Sports Results**

Rugby League Juniors v Waterford lost 12-4
Player of Match: Grant T
Rugby League Seniors v Waterford drew 12-12
Player of Match: Jordan P
Soccer Juniors v Harrisfields won 3-1
Player of Match: Adam D
Soccer Seniors v Harrisfields won 4-1
Player of Match: Kyle S

**P & C News**

**Email:** pande@chatnhillss.eq.edu.au

**Easter Egg Request**

Our Easter raffle is just around the corner, but we are in need of donations of Easter eggs, chocolates or NEW grocery items or prizes you would like to donate. We are filling shopping baskets to the brim with great prizes for the raffle. Two shopping baskets are also needed if anyone would like to donate them (new). 1st prize is 3 child’s tickets to SEAWORLD Please leave donations in the “PINK wheelie BIN” outside the office door. All donations are appreciated, thank you. Tickets home next Monday.

**School Banking**    2-3 volunteers still needed to start up our school banking for 2012. Please contact Kirsty 0413 202 325 Volunteers need to be available the same day each week for approx 2 hours.

**Sport House Shirts** (used for cross country & sports days)
Limited numbers of hand screen printed sports polo shirts will be available for sale Fri & Mon from the tuckshop area 8 -8.30am CASH ONLY & Tues from uniform shop where cash, eftpos or credit card available Only **$5 each** Check with your class teacher as to which sports house you are in. **Houses are:**
- MARS – Red,
- PLUTO – Yellow,
- VENUS – Green,
- MERCURY – Blue
All shirts have been pre-washed before printing BUT **Before washing please give a steam free (no steam) iron with a tea towel over the top**

**COOKIE DOUGH** delivery is Tuesday 20th March from 1.45 – 2.30pm ONLY from the school hall. Helpers required from 12-2.30 please. Thanks for your support of this fundraiser.

**Mothers Day**

Homemade craft items has been a request from many parents from feedback from last year’s stall. We are asking for your donations to sell this year. So if you are crafty we would love to sell your creations. **Donations can be left at the Tuckshop please.** Not crafty ?? that’s ok, we are looking for the following things – small or medium jars with lids, patches of material to cover the lids, soft drink bottles (300 - 600ml only) please rinse them before sending in.

**Lost Property**

The following items have been handed in to the office: set of keys and a girls bracelet.

**News from OSIC**

The Easter holidays are approaching fast and our Vacation forms will be out very soon. Forms will be distributed to all classes, otherwise you can pick one up from the room. We have an excursion planned to New Farm Park and also a candle making workshop as well as Combat kids a fun boot camp style programme. The dates for vacation care are Monday April 2 to Thursday April 6 and Tuesday April 10 to Friday April 13.

We are still taking bookings for Before and After School care, you can contact me on the numbers below or call into the room. Our room is the Blue Building at the Gibbon St entrance of the school.

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