22nd March , 2012

From the Principal

Last Friday was a very interesting day here at Chatswood Hills State School as we got to experience the current State Election campaign first hand. The LNP party sought permission from the Director General of Education Queensland to launch an election policy at Chatswood Hills State School. This permission was granted and Campbell Newman, Jeff Seeney MP (Leader of the Opposition) and John Grant (LNP candidate for Springwood) attended our school along with all of their advisors and media. It was fascinating to watch the behind the scenes interactions between the politicians and the media, and then to see the official press conference and how quickly the tone became formal. While the media conference went for approximately half an hour, the television stations only selected a few seconds of what was said to show that evening and each station took a slightly different angle for their story. The lead up to the visit was just as interesting as the actual day, with the visit being on, then off, date changed at the last minute and finally only officially confirmed that morning after much high level communication and discussion. I hope that the children who were part of this visit enjoyed it as much as I did. It was a great learning experience and insight into our democratic election process.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in Tuesday’s Cross Country, and further congratulations to all of our age champions and to the winning house Mercury. Thank you to Miss Taylor for organising this event and to the staff and sports house leaders who supported her on the day. Thank you also to the P&C for organising the wonderful new school sports shirts – the students looked great wearing their house colours. Our school Cross Country team for years 4 to 7 has now been selected and will compete at the District Carnival which will be held on April 20.

I have been asked by several families how Helen Streatfeild is progressing with her illness and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have sent their best wishes, cards and gifts. We have passed these on to Helen and her family who have appreciated all the kind words and thoughts. Helen is out of hospital and is home recovering and continuing her treatment. Helen has extended her leave in consultation with her doctor and will not return in term 2. Mrs Kylie Senter will continue to take the Goannas class in Helen’s absence.

Thank you to the family and community members who helped look for a lost two year old child on Tuesday morning. While the child was not connected to Chatswood Hills, it was wonderful to see the community support from our school to help locate the child who had wandered out of his yard. Due to the efforts of those looking, the child was located quite quickly and returned home safely. His mother rang the school to thank everyone for their help. As a parent myself, it was relieving to have a happy ending to the story. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this positive outcome.

Parent teacher interviews begin today for years 1-7. I hope you are able to take advantage of these interviews to find out how your child has progressed this term. If for any reason you are unable to make your agreed time, please phone the school to let the teacher know as soon as possible so that they are not waiting around for an interview which won’t happen and can re-allocate the time slot.

Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal
Last weekend I took my family down to the Gold Coast for a picnic and a swim. As is normally the case upon our arrival my daughter needed to go to the toilet. So being the dutiful father that I am I took my little one to the nearest public toilets. As we entered I was hit in the face with what can only be described as some very unsavoury and offensive graffiti.

Now my daughter, who is in prep this year, and I must say, is quite a bright little one (yes I am a biased parent but aren’t we all), asked me after we left the amenities what did the words say on the wall?

I tried to plead ignorance which is a tactic I often employ when faced with a difficult question from my children. I don’t know why because it never works. She asked me again and suddenly it occurred to me that in this situation I was glad she couldn’t read those disgusting words on the wall.

I want my children to be able to read and write and be successful in our text rich society but even more than that I want my children to be able to make the right choices over what they read, write and watch. We call this critical literacy, the ability of a person to make choices and respond appropriately to different media.

So I told her that the words on the wall were not very nice. They were written by very mean people and that one day sadly she will most probably hear these words and be able to read them for herself. For now I asked her to trust her dad.

There was a pause, I took a deep breath and she responded:

“That’s not very honouring to God is it Dad?”

Her words not mine! What a proud moment. We can’t hide our children from the world but we can give then the strategies to navigate through it.

Information concerning enrolment at Mabel Park High School is available to any parents interested in sending their students there in the future. If you are considering Mabel Park for your child please see the office for more information.

Thank you to teachers and parents for your support of the Braveheart’s Ditto show. We had over 300 students attend again this year. It is an important message that is delivered sensitively and age appropriately by the Bravehearts team. The show will be booked again for around the same time next year.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

This week sees the commencement of parent teacher interviews. Parent teacher interviews are an excellent way to gain an insight into how your child is progressing within the new curriculum. Please use this opportunity to ask questions regarding the English, Maths and Science Curriculum.

Olivia Wells
Head of Curriculum

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly on Monday:
Zac M for always listening well and trying his best at all the times.
Amanii M for always having beautiful manners and writing your name neatly.
Thomas B for great work with his reading.
Coen M for always using his manners and being a wonderful listener in Prep.
Jacob H for working well on your persuasive writing.
Amitey A for having a go at all tasks.
Kayla W for a well thought out Celebrations poster.
Seth H for always trying hard to do the right thing and being a helpful member of the class.
Mia A for always using excellent work habits in class and being a caring class member.
Angelina C for excellent listening skills and always trying hard in all work.
Jarryn B for great listening in class.
Charlotte L for exemplary effort in class speaking and listening program.
Daman D for a big improvement in his behaviour and attitude towards his school work.
Nicole W for working conscientiously in class.
Chloe B for putting so much effort into your Celebration poster.

Congratulations to the following students who received gotchas for obeying the 4C’s in the playground: Zac W, Taj H, Jackson D.

ATTENTION PARENTS/CARGIVERS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION!
Tomorrow, Friday 23rd March our current management system will be decommissioned. As mentioned in the newsletter in the last few weeks that changes will be occurring with the implementation of OneSchool (the new system). Next week the office will be unable to access any financial records directly from the system and any payments will only have a written manual receipt issued. Due to the transition we will be unable to place the payment to your child’s account until next term. We encourage internet payments as much as possible and remind you that next term the payment window will be closed for the first week back at school and will reopen only on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays from 8:00am – 10:00am, starting on Tuesday 24th April.

Thank you for your co-operation.
Tracey Wallace  
Business Services Manager

**Junior Band**

The Junior Band will be performing on assembly on Monday afternoon. Band members please make sure you bring your instruments to school on Monday.

**Crosscountry Champions**

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**Crosscountry Fun Run**

Thank you to all students who ran in our school FUN RUN Crosscountry. Thank you also our school P&C parents who sold our sports house coloured shirts and for your assistance on the day. 

**Reminder** all fun run sponsorship forms MUST be returned by tomorrow.

**Sports Results**

Rugby League Juniors v Shailer Park lost 16-4  
Player of Match: Johnan W  
Rugby League Seniors  BYE  
Player of Match:  
Soccer Juniors v Springwood Rd won 5-0  
Player of Match: James C  
Soccer Seniors v Springwood Rd won 4-0  
Player of Match: Peter B

**Sporting Achievements**

Congratulations to the following students for their selection in district sports teams:  
District Hockey: Keara W & Natalie W.  
District League: Tau T, Jordan P & Tukotahi A

**Lost Property**

An umbrella was left at the uniform shop on Tuesday. Contact the office if you have misplaced yours. All lost property will be outside the office next week till Friday. Any unclaimed items will be sent to charity.

**P & C News**

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au  

**COOKIE DOUGH.** Thanks for support of this fundraiser we raised $1100. Toy prizes will be delivered to classes when they arrive. Thank you.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL.** Homemade craft donations for the stall are needed, please bring in after holidays to the tuckshop or place in the ‘pink bin’ outside office. Thank you.

**EASTER DONATIONS.** Thanks for the donations so far, we will be accepting any donation up to Wednesday next week. Donations to the ‘pink bin’ outside the office. Thanks for support.

**EASTER RAFFLE.** Tickets home today. Due back next Thursday 29 March by 9am. More available for the tuck shop. Win 3 x child tickets to Seaworld !!!!!!!

**ELECTION THIS SATURDAY !!!!** Helpers needed from 11am - 2pm. Just turn up if you can help.

**CAKE STALL DONATIONS.** Please take all donations at the school hall from 8am Friday morning. No cream please as we can not refrigerate. Thanks

**CROSS COUNTRY.** Well done to everyone - all teams looked great in your team shirts. Thanks to Miss Taylor for a great day.

**News from OSHC**

The Easter holidays are approaching fast and our vacation care forms went home this week.. Forms have been 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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**PAYMENT WINDOW**

NEW TIMES FOR 2012  
STARTING TUESDAY 24th APRIL 2012  
Tuesday; Wednesday & Thursday’s 8:00am – 10:00am

**Rochedale High School**

Rochedale High School is having their school Open Day on Tuesday 22nd May. We have some information at the office regarding this open day. If you are interested in your child attending please contact the high school on 3340 0400.