On Monday we held our whole of school Anzac Day service. As part of this service each class was asked to make a wreath and these were laid at our ANZAC memorial and mural. ANZAC Day is a very important part of Australian culture and it is great to see our students take such an interest in proceedings and show so much respect for what this day means to Australian society. It was a wonderful school event and I would like to thank Mr Stephen Josey for organising the parade, the school leaders for playing an active role in the running of the parade and Mr John Winter from the Springwood Tri-Service RSL Sub Branch for being our guest speaker. The flowers placed at our memorial were taken to Yurana Hostel for the enjoyment of the residents.

Over the duration of this term we will be undertaking some maintenance activities around the school which have been funded by Education Queensland and must be completed by the end of the financial year. The work will include:

- Replacing some uneven and old pavers with new concrete
- Upgrading and repairing the boardwalk – this will begin on April 30 and the boardwalk will be closed for approx. four weeks
- Re-flooring the main toilet block, and
- Sealing the prep playground area with artificial grass to prevent erosion and water issues.

In addition to the above we have also undertaken our annual tree audit and will be getting some tree work done in line with this advice. Our aim is to get as much of the above work as possible completed outside of school contact hours and to ensure that whatever work is done in class time causes minimal disruption to classroom learning.

I mentioned last term that the P&C passed a motion at their March meeting to purchase two more Interactive White Boards for our school. I am happy to inform you that these were installed this week in the Geckoes and Possums classrooms. Again I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C and the community for their fund raising efforts - these IWB are a welcome addition to our classroom facilities.

Our Term 2 school discos will be held tomorrow afternoon and evening. Stage One students are invited to attend between 4:30 and 6:00pm (prep students must be accompanied by a parent), and stage 2 and 3 students can attend between 6:30 and 8:30pm. The discos are school run activities so school rules and behaviour standards still apply to all students. Please note that students will not be allowed to leave the disco early unless they are collected at the door by their parent/caregiver. The P&C will be providing a sausage sizzle between 4:30 and 6:00pm.

On a final note this week I would like to acknowledge one of our senior teachers, Mr Hans Abeling, who has announced that he will be retiring from Education Queensland tomorrow. Mr Abeling has been on leave.
this year and has had a long teaching career in QLD, NSW and Victoria. While at CHSS Mr Abeling has taught years 4, 5, 6 and 7 and has overseen some curriculum development particularly in the area of maths. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Abeling for his contributions to CHSS and for his hard work and dedication throughout his career, and on behalf of the Chatswood Hills school community wish him all the best for his retirement.

Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

Yesterday I had the opportunity to attend the Holland Park ANZAC Day march and service with my family. I am constantly amazed each year at the numbers of people who attend. This year the numbers were greater again. I am encouraged that younger generations keep the messages of ANZAC alive, messages of mateship, courage, sacrifice, resilience.

Each year I reflect on my behaviour and ask myself if I have lived my life in such a way that would make my Grandfather proud of me. This can sometimes be quite a sobering task.

School Anzac Service

Many thanks to the students and parents who attended our school’s Anzac service on Monday. I would also like to thank Mr John Winter who gave our guest speaker’s address. Thank you for your courage and sacrifice to our country and community.

Disco

The first disco for the year is on this Friday April 27. The Student Council and stage one run the Junior Disco. The Junior Disco is for Prep to Year 3 students. **Prep parents are required to stay for the duration of the disco.**

The entry is $5 with drinks, chips and glow products available for sale. There will also be a sausage sizzle put on by the P and C during the Junior Disco. The money raised will be split evenly between the Student Council and stage one to be spent on our students!

An area will be cordoned off outside the hall for eating. 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.**

More information can be found further on in the newsletter.

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**UNSW Competition**

It is that time of the year again for the UNSW competitions. These assessments are open to anyone who would like to participate. Please be aware that there is a cost associated with the tests. More details are available in the newsletter regarding payment. Over recent years the school has performed well in these assessments and I would like to encourage our students to be involved.

The dates for the UNSW tests are as follows:

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Cost of the competitions are:
Science, English, Maths $7.00
Writing: $15.00
Spelling: $10.00

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

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**From the Library**

During the past two weeks the children have been listening to stories relating to Anzac Day. *Simpson and Duffy* and *Why Are They Marching Daddy?* have been wonderful resources which tell of an Anzac hero and explain why there is a march and why we have our Anzac ceremony at school. A new book *Do Not Forget Australia* tells the story of how a school in Villers-Bretonneux was rebuilt after the war because of the generosity of Australians. After telling the children that I have been to the school they are very surprised to realize the story is true. Their listening and questioning after these stories shows their maturity and respect for this part of our history.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian
Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students for their selection in district sporting teams:

District Tennis- Chloe P, Lauren J & Isabella M
District Crosscountry: Noah P who was placed 8th in 11yr boys & Amy A who placed 4th in 13yrs girls.

Strings News

There will be no Strings rehearsal before school next Thursday.

Stage 1 Disco (Prep- Grade 3)

Where: Hall
When: Friday 27th April
Time: 4.30pm- 6.00pm
Cost: $5
Prep parents must stay with their child.

Project Club Disco Years 4-7 (Stage 2&3)

There will be a senior disco held by Project Club on Friday 27th April 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.

Lost Property

The following items have been handed in to the office: Child’s Watch , gift bag (found in tuckshop area), umbrella (left at uniform shop).

With winter approaching fast school jumpers and jackets are starting to be worn. Please make sure all items of clothing are named. Every year we accumulate at lot of unnamed winter clothing in our lost property.

CANCELLED - due to lack of available helpers. Thanks to those who had offered

Disco Cleaning Crew

Helpers are needed to clean the hall after the disco so the AEC can use the hall on Saturday for the election. This will take no more than approx 1/2 hr if we have 5 helpers. Please SMS Kirsty 0413 202 325 if you can help or hang around on the night after the stage 2/3 disco. Many hands make light work!

Mothers Day Stall

Our Mothers Day stall will be held on Thurs/Fri 10th & 11th May. Helpers needed please leave name at office or email the P&C. Donations are still being accepted please leave in the pink bin at the office door.

School Banking

Starts next Wednesday 2nd May. Lets help our kids to learn important savings skills. Terry is our school banking co-ordinator. Banking day is now Wednesdays.

Uniform Shop

Winter uniform pricelists/order forms went out this week.

-SALE -
Size 14 & 16 Polo shirts will be on sale for: -$22

New boys shorts in gaberdine material are still on sale for only $12 sizes 8-16

* The end of financial year is fast approaching.Get in all your purchases before this to ensure you can claim all your children’s uniforms back on your taxes *

UNIFORM SHOP

NEXT WEEK ONLY

TUESDAY CLOSED

WEDNESDAY OPEN

P & C News

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Election BBQ & Cake Stall