24th May, 2012

I would like to begin this week by congratulating the group of Stage 3 children who represented Chatswood Hills SS at the Mabel Park State High School Brain Day Challenge on Tuesday. Our 11 students had to work in 3 teams and solve English, Science, Technology and Mathematical problems racing the clock while being assessed by independent teachers and competing against other schools. All of our students conducted themselves extremely well and undertook their tasks with great enthusiasm. It was a very successful day and I am happy to report that all three of our teams had success. One team was judged as the top team in Technology, the second team was judged as the top team in English and the third team was judged overall winners and the Champion Team of the day. Well done to all students, Chatswood Hills SS is very proud of you!

Thank you to all of those parents who use our absentee line or send in a note to explain a student’s absence. Please remember when you use the phone number to leave a reason for your child’s absenteeism, their name, class and date they are away. All unexplained absences are required to be followed up by the school to ensure compulsory attendance of school age children in line with Queensland law. Giving an explanation for the absence, helps us abide by this accountability. The absentee line number is 3489 2260

I attended a meeting on Monday where one of the major topics was the move of Year 7 into the high school setting. The meeting confirmed that the new State Government is committed to this initiative which will occur across all Queensland schools by 2015. Some high schools have already begun to trial this move and others are set to join next year. The move of year 7 will help align Queensland schools with the rest of Australia and the new Australian Curriculum which makes assumptions that Year 7s are in high school with specialist subject teachers and specialist facilities. The move for Chatswood Hills will happen at the end of 2014 and be in place for the start of the 2015 school year. Our current Year 5s will be the last cohort of Year 7 at CHSS and will leave at the end of 2014 to go to Year 8 like in past years. Our current Year 4’s will be in Year 6 in 2014 and at the end of this year they will move into Year 7 at a high school setting for the start of 2015. As more information becomes available closer to the date, we will keep you informed as to what our local high schools are doing to help assist this transition. Within our school we will be making some local decisions about school leadership positions, ‘Year 7’ shirts and graduation, and what this will look like at CHSS as we lose two cohorts of children at the end of 2014. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact either myself or Stephen Josey.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal
From the Deputy

I came home last week to a rather forlorn looking son who informed me that he had a confession to make. I asked him what he had done and he told me that he had dropped the TV remote control and that it had broken. He quickly added that mum was able to fix it and that it was working fine.

Now the TV remote is very important to me, of course my family comes first, but the TV remote is probably even more precious to me than the TV itself. I took a deep breath, composed myself and said that I was proud of my boy for being honest with me, taking accountability for his actions and explaining what he had done before I found out.

Later that night when he was in bed I told my wife about how proud I was of him for owning up to breaking the TV remote.

Mrs Josey replied, “Did he tell you how he did it?”

“No”, I said.

“He was balancing it on his head when it slipped off and fell down the stairs!”

It is amazing how when we relate a story to someone regarding our actions how we neglect to tell the whole story, we omit minor details or we present the events in a positive manner. I deal with kids on a daily basis and I care about each one of them but you wouldn’t believe some of the fabricated fables, manipulated memories and contrived commentaries that I hear. Or maybe as parents you have already heard your fair share and have a story or two to tell.

The next day I confronted my boy about the few details that he had forgotten to tell me.

He said, “Sorry Dad, I won’t do it again”.

I replied, “I know” and placed the TV remote on the highest shelf available.

Mabel Park Brain Day Champions!!!!!

Congratulations to the 11 students from year 7 who proudly represented our school on Tuesday at the Mabel Park Brain Day Challenge. We have done well in this competition each year but this year has seen one of our best performances. We won the Technology category, the English category and were named the overall Brain Day Champions! The certificates and plaques will be presented on assembly next week. 6 Schools competed with 17 teams overall.

Springwood High School Storm Cup

Chatswood Hills State School will be entering teams in the Springwood High Storm Cup for year 4 and 5 students again this year. Twelve students will represent the school next Tuesday May 29.

Permission notes have gone home to students selected to participate in the Storm Cup next week and need to be returned as soon as possible.

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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English and Maths $7 each.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

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

Leo D for listening well in class and for excellent reading.
Felix C for being a cheerful, responsible class member and always doing your best.
Flynn H for showing great interest in Science lessons and answering lots of questions.
Tua K for great participation in Science lessons by sharing ideas and thoughts.
Dilen D for always using excellent work habits and beautiful manners.
Poppy P for working hard and great results in Maths this term.
Shianne D for always trying your best and for being a caring class member.
Summer-Rose B for being a cheerful hard working class member.
Paige M for always being a thoughtful and hardworking member of the class.
Shelby K for always trying her best in class.
Cooper G for always displaying excellent behaviour and manners and always trying her very best.
Nicole W for using beautiful manners in the classroom.
Marielle O for putting so much effort into your schoolwork.

**Library Award**

**Bandicoots** for quietly sharing books with a partner.

**Gotcha Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received gotchas for obeying the 4C’s in the playground: Neo C, Mathilda M, Rebecca M.

**From the Library**

National Simultaneous Storytime, Australia’s biggest single storytelling session took place this week on Wednesday 23 May at 11am. The story chosen for the event this year was *The Very Cranky Bear* by Nick Bland. This endearing tale was chosen for its theme of friendship and sacrifice. CHSS children listened to the story during their library lessons and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Reading for the Premier’s Reading Challenge began this week. Please encourage students in Years 3-7 to complete their reading log. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

**Student Achievement**

Congratulations to Elysia L who has been selected to play in an exhibition womens Rugby League game at the Qld Womens State League Championships in Ipswich in June. Elysia also has the opportunity to be selected to play in a game at half time, at the next Broncos V Rabbitohs game at Suncorp Stadium. Well done Elysia!

**QLD Volleyball Cup**

Every year Chatswood Hills enters teams into a Qld Volleyball Competition. Sign up for Year 5-7 volleyballers will be after the holidays. The competition is on 30th August.

**Athletics**

Students turning 10yrs & above have been competing in athletic events during lunch times to win themselves a place in the Chatswood Hills Athletics Team. This also gain points towards their Age Championship Trophy. Events completed so far have been shotput, long jump and high jump. Still to come - discus, 200m & 800m. The 100m events will be held on Sports Day on June 4th.

Jane Taylor
HPE Teacher

Congratulations to our girls AFL team who played in the Brisbane Lions Primary Cup at Tansey Park. Girls all played well and had a fun day of competition.

**Stage 2 & 3 Sports Day**

Our senior sports day is coming up on June 4th. Students at present have been competing in field events at lunch times. 100m, relays, ball games, tug of war and tabloid events will all be held on the day. Don’t forget to wear your sports house colours. Mars- red, Pluto- yellow, Mercury- blue, Venus-green.

**Lost Property**

The following items have been handed into the office:
Girl’s bracelet, girl’s school shoe,1 pair of black school shoes, a pair of joggers  a purple wooden doll and a girl’s purse.

**P & C News**

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

**HAPPY P&C DAY ****!!**

Tomorrow (Friday 25th May) is National P&C Day. A day when we can thank all our wonderful volunteers who help our school. So whether you help a little or a lot, all the time our volunteers can offer is greatly appreciated. So as our way of saying thankyou, all volunteers are welcome to attend a THANK YOU morning tea, at the tuckshop area, after the morning school bell at 8.30am tomorrow (Friday 25th) for a coffee, cake and catch up.

Just our way of saying THANKS !!!! hope to see you there.

**End of Term 2 Pizza Day**  $6 for ¼ pizza and a popper, Forms home TODAY.

**P&C Newsletter** sent home today – check it out for all the latest P&C news and info.

**Term 2 P&C Calendar** – unfortunately the term 2 calendar sent to all families a few weeks ago was far too small for anyone to read, so find another bigger version on the reverse of the P&C newsletter – thanks for your feedback – your comments are appreciated