From the Principal

Monday was our Stage 2 and 3 sports day and luckily the rain cleared and we had wonderful blue skies for our sports activities. All four sports houses competed very enthusiastically and eagerly, and every child who participated earned points for their house. I am happy to announce that Mercury was the winning house on the day after a very close competition. We will present the winning house captains with the shield and also recognise our age champions on our Awards Parade on the final Friday of term.

The maintenance work around our school should all be completed by next week. The toilet block re-flooring has finished and the block was fully re-opened this week. All of the new concrete has been poured and some barriers have already been removed. Thank you to everyone for avoiding these areas and taking alternative routes while access was restricted. The concreting should be completed by tomorrow and all areas opened by Monday. The boardwalk is taking a bit longer than planned as the paint coating needs three sunny days to dry before applying a second coat and leaving that for three more days. The weather has been better this week and has allowed the work to continue; hopefully the boardwalk will re-open at the end of next week.

I have had a few reports of children feeling bullied and in particular being targeted on social network sites. Bullying is an issue many children face growing up both inside and outside of school. My experience is that the best way to deal with bullying at school is to bring it out in the open by reporting it. Chatswood Hills takes any actions which upset or threaten fellow students 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 and encourages their behaviour and stops us being able to help them as well. Please also understand that not every negative interaction between children is bullying and teaching children confidence and resilience is also a very positive tool in combating children feeling bullied. As for the internet, my advice to all parents is to be vigilant and monitor your child’s computer use, and if they are being harassed on line to delete their account or to delete the ‘friends’ who may be involved. If you would like any further advice on cyber bullying, our Guidance Officer Jenny Hickey has copies of Cybersafe and Cyberbullying, A Guide for Parents and Caregivers to pass on.

Dates for this term

Monday 18 June
Stage 2/3 Parade

Friday 22 June
Academic and Awards Parade – 8:45am
Report cards to go home
Phase One Behaviour Certificates issued
Last day of term.
It is a public holiday for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee this Monday, so school will recommence on Tuesday.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

There are many elements to my job that I love. One of them is walking into classes and seeing the teachers at our school deliver fantastic learning opportunities. I also love seeing students engage in their learning. This all comes together at the end of each semester in the form of the student’s school report. I enjoy reading these reports; they are a celebration of all that students have achieved and valuable communication to parents on the progress of their child and the areas that need improvement.

Sometimes I feel overwhelmed with what is expected of my own children in today’s world until I remember that life is a marathon and not a sprint. Small steps over a long time lead to a great distance travelled.

LAIR (Lunchtime activities and imagination room)

Some people might remember the HERO program that we ran at the school over the last couple of years, this program has now transformed into a new strategy called the Lunchtime activities and imagination room or the LAIR for short.

This room has been resourced with table tennis, games and other items but we would appreciate some donations of any appropriate board games, magazines or inspirational posters.

The Student Council have agreed that this room is important and are planning to spend some funds on resources for the room. Members of the Student Council have also voted to volunteer to assist at lunchtime in the room.

UNSW Competition

Time still remains if you would like to sit for the UNSW English or Maths competition tests. On Wednesday this week 11 students sat for the Science test and I look forward to seeing their results later this year. The next test is scheduled for Friday June 15 on this day students who have nominated will sit for the Writing and Spelling test. I would like to wish these students all the best.

The dates for the UNSW tests are as follows:

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Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

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

Rudi S for being a kind and encouraging friend who always tries his best.
Reyes B for being a wonderful caring class member.
Rhiannon F for giving some great explanations about her science project.
Jesse M for putting a lot of thought and some great ideas into making his science project.
Makayla A for always working beautifully and having excellent manners.
Chanelle T for always doing first time every time and a positive attitude in the classroom.
Nathan S for always trying hard and achieving excellent results in spelling.
Neo C for doing a great job on your Maths graphing test.
Lisa M for being an attentive listener who follows instructions first time every time.
Titoma B for being a helpful and hardworking student who always does the right thing.
Taj H for putting so much thought and detail into your mask.
Matthew L for excellent Maths and creativity in problem solving.
Destiny K for a great improvement in her reading.
Mathilda M for excellent and consistent application to activities.
Tom S for trying harder to listen to instructions.
Billy C for making big improvements in your behaviour.

Library Award

Bilbies for sensible use of quiet reading time in the Library.

Gotcha Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received gotchas for obeying the 4C’s in the playground: Anna C, Paige P, Tia R.

From the Library

During this term several children aimed to read 5 novels and a Picture Book for the Year 6/7 Brisbane South Readers’ Cup. On Tuesday the team travelled to Runcorn Heights State School and competed with 32 other schools. They were beaten out of the top 10 by ½ a point.

Congratulations to team members Elliott, Alisha, Amy and Tahlia and also to Hannah and Ben for reading the books. Year 5 Readers’ Cup will take place during Term 4. A special thank you to Mr Thornton for providing transport and Mrs Ritchie for accompanying the children.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

Sports Day

Stage 2 & 3 had their Senior Sports Day on Monday. Despite the weather all events went ahead. Well done to all students for participating and for wearing their house colours. Age champions will be announced on our final Awards Parade in the last week of school.

Team House Results were:
1st Mercury 946pts
2nd Pluto 898pts
3rd Venus 771pts
4th Mars 652pts.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Jordan P, Marcellus R and Tukotahi A for their selection in the Logan District Rugby Union Team. Reagan S was selected as a reserve. Well done boys.

Lost Property

We have had a “Hello Kitty” glasses case handed in to the office. Please collect it if you have lost it.

Earlier this term, on the 20th April, Maia and Mason Colman Savage competed in the 2012 BMX National Championships held in Mount Gambier, South Australia.

Competition was fierce with 963 riders in total and each rider hungry for a place on the winners podium.

Mason rode hard against the other 55 riders in his 11 year age group, eventually being overcome in the quarter finals.

Maia also had a hard road ahead with the challenge of beating 17 riders in her 9 year age group including the current National Champ from Victoria. But beat them she did with a convincing win to give her the title of 2012 National Australian Champion.

Their next goal is to qualify for the World Championships held in New Zealand in July 2013.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Family Photos

This Saturday. A few spots still left $15 call Kirsty 0413202325 if you would like to update your family photo.

School Banking

"Dollarmize yourself competition ends 30th June 2012" a number of students have banked (5) consecutive weeks. Log onto the commbank.com.au/ youth-student and follow the links.” Great prizes to be won.

Pizza Day

Thursday 21st June. $6 for 1/4 pizza and popper. Orders have now CLOSED. No late orders accepted.

Loose Change Challenge

Start collecting those coins over the holidays our best fundraiser starts again next term (previously 5 cent jars). ANY loose change is accepted (we like notes too...) but only AUSTRALIAN coins will be accepted. Top 3 classes at end of term will win a mega party !! More details out soon.

2012 BMX Nationals Mount Gambier