9th Aug , 2012

**STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260**

**From the Principal**

Thank you to the parents who have returned our School Opinion Surveys, your input and views are very important to us. If you are still to complete your survey, please try and take the time to fill it in and return it to the school by next Friday. The information you provide will help us set the direction of our school over the next twelve months. Year 5 students and some randomly selected Year 7 students will also be asked for their opinions on school issues as part of this annual survey process.

As part of my commitment to Queensland Primary School Sport I shall be away from school Thursday and Friday of next week at the Queensland Primary School Touch Football Championships held at Bald Hills on Brisbane’s north side. Stephen Josey will be the acting principal in my absence so please contact him with any urgent issues that cannot wait until my return.

The lost property pile is growing bigger as is usual this time of the year with children ‘shedding’ layers as the day warms up. To help re-unite children with their lost property please write your child’s name clearly on each clothing item, so that if found it can be returned immediately. Please also regularly check the jumpers and hats in your child’s bags as often another child’s property is picked up by mistake and kept in place of the actually property which is still waiting in the classroom for collection.

At the P&C meeting Monday night a motion was passed based on our consultation process to introduce the new proposed polo shirt as part of our school uniform. The feedback we received from parents, staff and students overwhelmingly supported the new polo shirt and as a result the older design will be phased out over the year. (As the uniform shop replenishes its stock it will do so with the new shirt design.) Please note that the uniform change is only for the polo shirt and there will be a phase in period of at least 18 months during which both the old and new shirts will be accepted. Families will not be expected to buy the new shirts straight away. Thank you to everyone who gave feedback as part of this process, our students are certainly looking forward to the new design.

The Brisbane Exhibition is once again upon us and while the show may stick with tradition the show holidays for schools have changed. This year most of our Student Free Days, including the Wednesday show holiday, were moved to create a new two week holiday at Easter. Therefore students will only have one day off next week as a show holiday instead of the traditional two. Our school will only be closed on Monday 13 August for the Logan show holiday and will remain open for regular business every other day. Students are expected to use weekends and the Logan show day to visit the Exhibition and not elect to take unnecessary days off from school as school attendance is vital to increasing student achievement.

**Events to Note**

- Book week celebrations will be held during the week 20/8 – 24/8. Our annual book character parade will be held Monday morning, 20 August, at 8:45 am in our hall.
- Prep enrolments and Open Day – Wednesday 29 August, over two sessions: 9:00 – 10:00am in the school hall and 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the school library.
- Monday 13 August Show Holiday – school open every other day.

Thank you and enjoy the long weekend if you work in Logan.

Keith GRAHAM
Principal
From the Deputy

This year has seen significant curriculum reform in Queensland with the implementation of the National Curriculum in English, Maths and Science. Some states and education authorities have elected to only implement one of the big three curriculum areas however Chatswood Hills have embarked on the implementation of all three. The work of our teachers and staff are to be commended for the hard work and hours that have put into making the new curriculum a success.

Our experience from this year has now placed us in a strong position to take on the next Australian Curriculum area, History.

As of next year History will replace one strand of the SOSE (Study of Society Education) curriculum. History differs from SOSE in that it is a stand-alone subject with a discipline based approach to inquiry and skills whereas SOSE in an integrated approach to broader social science concepts and skills. Over the next few years as the National Curriculum continues to roll out the other areas of SOSE will be replaced by subjects such as Geography.

READY READER VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM

Chatswood Hill State School
Friday 14th September 2012 9:15am to 2:15pm

The Ready Reader Volunteer Training Program trains parents and community volunteers to support young readers in the classroom.

The trained volunteers assist individual children in grades Prep to Year 3. They engage with children, building their reading confidence so that they enjoy books and the art of reading.

Trained volunteers already working with students have said that it is amazing the progress that the children make with their reading in a very short time.

Parents and community members are invited to become Ready Reader Volunteers and make a difference in a young reader’s life.

Would you like to hear more about the program? Do you think you would like to be involved? Can you commit to a minimum of 1 hour per week for one term to assist four students? Would you like to do the training to assist your own children at home?

Registration is essential as sessions will be cancelled for a lack of response.

To register please contact:
Chatswood Hill State School on 3489 2222

UNSW Competition

The results for the UNSW Science competition have arrived. Congratulations to the following students who have achieved a great result. Students listed below will receive their certificates on their next assembly.

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The UNSW Maths competition is scheduled for Tuesday August 14. We have 25 students participating in the assessment and I would like to wish them all well.

Operation Christmas Child

Ms Cargill is once again coordinating Operation Christmas Child. Families are encouraged to make up a shoe box (A4 size) of new toys, clothes or other items appropriate for young children to be sent overseas to children as a Christmas gift. In most cases the shoebox is the only new present that these children ever receive. Shoeboxes and or loose items can be handed into Ms Cargill or Mr Josey. Final Collection for Operation Christmas Child will be announced later on.

You can check out the website for more information and to get labels for your box. http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.au/

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly this week:

- **Jade M** for consistently working hard and being a responsible member of the class.
- **Jonty G** for a great effort learning his weekly spelling words.
- ** stataca M** for having a positive attitude to everything you do.
- **Kahlil E** for consistently completing and submitting homework.
- **Paige P** for consistently working hard and to a high level in all subjects.
- **Elliott T** for a huge effort on his Egyptian research task.
- **Curtis F** for the most consistent hand writing improvement.
- **Elysia L** for fantastic efforts in Mathematics.
- **Zac P** for working consistently and to his best in all areas of the curriculum.
- **Tahlia B** for willingly sharing her creative ideas in writing.
- **Kyle W** for recently displaying a great work ethic.

Library Award

**Macleay** for being the best listeners to Book Week stories in the Library this week.

Gotcha Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received gotchas on assembly for obeying the 4C’s in the playground: Isaac K, Kayden T, Leila M.

From The Library

Book Character Parade

MONDAY 20 AUGUST IN HALL 8.45AM

Children come to school dressed as their favourite book character. You don’t need to spend a lot of money. Jazz up children’s clothes with hats, crowns, wands made of card or browse the $1 shops for accessories.

$5 Authors

Children will see Phil Kettle and Tristan Bancks or Lisa Hollier and Tracey Roper. No refunds available.

Bookfair
8.15AM – 3PM
Tuesday 21 August – Monday 27 August
Children will bring home wish lists.

Thank you for supporting Book Week.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

Instrumental Music News

There will be no lessons or rehearsals next week (week starting 13 August) for students of Mr Thompson and Ms Williams. We are embarking on a music tour with Springwood SHS instrumental students. Lessons and rehearsals will resume as usual week starting 20 August. Looking forward to seeing everyone then.
Thanks to all.
Instrumental Music Staff.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop WILL NOT be open next Tuesday 14th Aug. Sorry for any inconvenience.

S P E C I A L
Size 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 & 24 polo shirts $22 (until sold out)
Get in quick at this great saving !!!
There is still plenty of NEW winter stock of jumpers, jackets long sleeve polo shirts, scarfs, gloves, track pants. All available now.
In the pre-loved boxes there are plenty of plain navy jumpers for sale they only cost $1 yes that’s correct $1 !
The re-usable tuckshop bags are available to be purchased at the uniform shop for $10 - 3 colours available pink, green, blue.

School Banking

What's better than Spen? A free Spen!
That's right....when a student orders a Dollarmites moneybox in August they will receive the Spen moneybox free!
Why not take this opportunity to build up their moneybox collection!
When 10 tokens are used to order a Dollarmites moneybox (Pat, Addy, Pru or Cred) the child will receive the Spen moneybox free!

Loose Change Challenge

Another amazing week of coin collecting with $770 coming in this week. BANDICootS are still the leading the class collections each week and some classes are yet to get their name on the board. Big congratulations to RUSSELL for getting $25 in NOTES in their collection this week!!! The next P&C newsletter will have a tally class by class. So come on…..get your class into the chance of winning the MEGA PARTY at the end of term. Only 3 classes will win !!

Continual Parking Issues

Please note the school office is NOT responsible for how parents choose to park outside the school ground. Police and council have been invited to attend to help keep our children safe. If you would like to make a complaint about illegal & dangerous parking please contact one of the following. Springwood Police 3387 8333 or Logan City Council Parking Officers 3412 3412

Fathers Day Stall

We are looking for donations of handmade or new items for our father’s day stall this year. Please leave any donations at the office, thank you - your help is appreciated. What star sign is your daddy ??
You will need to know for some of the great items available for sale this year.

Book Week / Book Fair

Helpers are needed during lunch times to run the book fair book stall inside the Library. Heaps of kids love to buy books during the book fair, but helpers are needed to “control the happy shoppers” !!! if you can spare an hour or 3 during the week from 21 August please leave your name at the office or email the P&C directly.

Re-usable Lunch Bags

All orders have now been delivered. Due to the popularity of these bags, we have now got a LIMITED NUMBER in stock at the uniform shop which is open on Tuesday morning. $10 each - available in Pink, Green or Blue. A great way to help reduce our carbon footprint and reduce, reuse, recycle. Can’t get to the uniform shop ? email the P&C or uniform shop directly and leave your order, our volunteers will be happy to get back to you.

Zarraffas Coffee Van

Thanks to all those who supported the coffee van last Friday night at the disco. Hope you enjoyed your cuppa.

Springwood Suns Cricket Sign on

Homestead Park, Jodie St Shailer Park
9am to 1pm
Sat: 18th, 25th AUG & 1st Sept
Sun: 19th & 26th Aug

Registration:
In2Cricket (5-8yrs Friday Nights) $70.00
JUNIORS (9-16yrs Sat Morn) $70.00
SENIORS (Saturday A/Noons) $110.00

Boys and Girls welcome. For more info phone Marion on 3209 4208 or 0418 730 205
COME JOIN THE SPRINGWOOD SUNS CRICKET CLUB!!!!

Dental Van

The dental van will be unattended till Tuesday 14th August.

Noah’s Ark

6-8pm 18th August Rochedale Baptist Church
Cnr Farley and Rochedale Rds
Free Entry
Handcrafted 2m scale model. Many people have questions about Noah’s Ark and the World wide flood. Presentation by Rod and Nancy Walsh, resources available.
Contact Karen 0423 969 674