25th Oct , 2012

From the Principal

As part of my commitment to Queensland Primary School Sport I shall be away from school next week at the National U/12 and U/15 Touch Football Championships. This is my last school sport commitment for the year. If you have any urgent issues while I am away please see Stephen Josey who will be acting principal in my absence. For any issues that can wait a week I will be happy to talk with you on my return.

With the end of the year fast approaching (7 weeks to go) we have many things to organise including classes and staffing. This process will begin in earnest from next week so this is your last opportunity to let me know in writing any educational considerations you would like me to be aware of when considering your child’s placement for 2013. Please note that final class make ups will not be determined until Day 8, 2013; however we aim to get this as accurate as possible to minimise any changes that may occur.

On Monday, as part of our pupil free day, our teachers took part in a moderation afternoon with the other primary schools in our cluster. This moderation process was used to assess standards of work our students are undertaking in line with the new national curriculum and compare our expectations and interpretations with other schools within our area. Across each year level it was evident that our teachers have a very high level of understanding of the criteria required to assign a specific grade to a student’s achievement level. The grade assigned to a child is based on achievement criteria which should be consistent across all schools in Queensland and Australia. By undergoing a moderation process we can ensure that our grades are consistent with the curriculum intent and that our students are graded fairly and in line with students of similar ages across other schools.

We also took the opportunity on Monday to go through our school’s latest NAPLAN data and set some improvement targets for next year. Our NAPLAN results continue to show steady improvement and for the second year running our percentage of students in each strand in each year level at or above the National Minimum Standard was equal to the national average. Additionally the improvement in our student cohort’s results as they progress through our school is significantly greater than other schools in the state. These results show that the programs and lesson delivery we have here at CHSS are having a positive effect on student outcomes and are helping our school improve outcomes for all students. By setting targets and looking for areas to highlight in 2013 we aim to continue the rate of improvement and assist our students to attain their best; every lesson, every day.

Tomorrow is World Teacher’s Day and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated teaching staff and let them know how much I appreciate their work. Teaching has become an increasingly demanding profession with ever growing complexities. Our teachers at CHSS are a passionate and dedicated team who keep giving their all, striving for ways to improve student outcomes. I am very impressed at the way our teachers rise to every challenge and continue their pursuit of excellence and am honoured to work with them. Thank you to you all, I hope you have a great day.

Our final discos for the year will be held tomorrow afternoon and evening. P - 3 students are invited to attend between 4:30 and 6:00pm (prep students must be accompanied by a parent), and years 4 - 7 students can attend between 6:30 and 8:30pm. The discos

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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.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

Last Saturday I had the privilege of attending the 25th anniversary of Old Yarranlea State School, the school that I was Principal at in 2007 and 2008. There were 8 past serving Principals at the celebration. It was great to talk to them about the school and reflect upon how much education has changed. I really enjoyed catching up with the students that I taught during this time. It was great to see how much they have developed and set out to achieve their goals.

Likewise it is always rewarding to scan the program of the Award’s night of the local High Schools to see how past Chatswood Hills’ student have continued to perform well after leaving our school.

As we celebrate World Teachers’ Day this Friday it’s timely to reflect of the contributions that schools and teachers make to the lives of many children.

Moderation - Pupil Free Day

On Monday afternoon our staff were involved in an extensive moderation session with teachers from other schools in our area. By all reports this was a very positive experience. It was great to meet with teachers from other schools and spend quality time on assessment and curriculum.

Disco

The third and final disco for the year is on Friday October 26. 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 P and C will have a sausage sizzle on the night.

The entry is $5 with drinks, chips and glow products available for sale. 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.

Chappies at Chats
ChappyKaren and ChappyAlexa

Firstly, thank you to the students for making us feel welcome and part of the school community.

Whilst Chaplaincy is new to Chatswood Hills S.S, more than 500 Chaplains (affectionately known as Chappies) are employed in over 600 Queensland Schools. Apparently, 45% of primary schools have a Chaplain and 80% of high schools have a Chaplain.

Chaplains are in schools to work alongside other school personnel to provide emotional support to students, staff and parents. The role of a Chaplain in our school will be more clearly defined by a Chaplaincy Committee in consultation with the Principal, P and C committee and school community.

I am hoping to see some cool dances and moves when I drop into my very first Chatswood Hills Disco on Friday.

PE Week

Last week was a very busy and fun experience for our students. On Monday Rami, Welly and Eddie instructed all year 6 & 7 students and some Yr 4/5’s in Tae Kwon Do. All instructors were International & Australian champions and had a great rapport with students.

Tuks & Elysis each won a basketball for being the best basketball shooters in our lunch time competition.

The teachers were once again victorious in our Soccer Rounders game against our Sports House Captains winning 18-5.

Six volleyball courts had lots of action on Tuesday lunch breaks.

Thank you to students who dressed up as Aussie supporters on the Wednesday. The “best dressed” from each class all won a prize.

Brisbane Roar brought their giant inflatable soccer field to our oval and many students had a great time playing in our “World Cup Soccer Games”.

Nik, from Goodbye Gym at the Hyperdome, took many students through an exercise Wednesday at lunch time and Jack, from Milo in2 cricket involved students in a Mega Cricket Clinic.

Many students took up the opportunity to “Jump Rope” and skip their way through their lunch breaks.

Our final event was an introductory Cheerleading lesson with Courtney.

Thank you to all our students for making PE Week a great success!

Jane Taylor
HPE Teacher

Stage I/Student Council Disco (Prep- Grade 3)

Where: Hall
When: Friday 26th Oct
Time: 4.30pm- 6.00pm
Cost: $5

Prep parents must stay with their child.

P&C are putting on a BBQ- sausage sizzle – Sausages $2.50 each & drinks $2.
**Project Club Disco Years 4-7 (Stage 2&3)**

There will be a senior disco held by Project Club on Friday 26th Oct 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.**

**Sports Results**

AFL Junior Boys v Waterford lost 8-22  
Players of Match: Keigan Q & Leejon K

Senior Boys v Waterford won 31-19  
Players of Match: Zac V & Keenan W

Senior Girls v St Edwards 5 won 102-0  
Player of Match: Kiara A & Macey R

**String News**

I have a performance with another school on Thursday, 1 Nov. There will be no String Ensemble rehearsal before school and lessons will be scheduled later in the day. Lessons and rehearsals will be on as usual the following week (8/11).

Many thanks.

Penny

**Lost Property**

The following items have been handed into the office: A girl’s purse, a set of keys on a lanyard, camera case and items left on oval after sports day.

**Contact Details**

If you have changed contact details recently or will be over the holidays please notify the office as soon as possible as we need to keep our records up to date to be able to contact you regarding your child and in case of emergencies.

**P & C News**

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

**Staffroom Makeover Competition**

Today is the day – Staffroom for Improvement is back for 2012! You can visit www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au right now and click on the big red button to begin your apple giving. That’s right, apples! The perfect way to show thanks to your teachers – each apple represents one vote. You can come back to the website every day, and each time you do you’ll be able to give more apples. The grand prize of a $20,000 staffroom makeover for the winning school is up for grabs. So register now, start sending your apples to our school total.

Thanks to everyone for coming along, $800 was raised from the night. Great effort, thanks!!

**Baskin Robbins**

This term we are running an Ice cream day fundraiser – just for something different!! Thursday 15th November during 1st play break pre-order forms will go home early next week. A selection of flavours will include options that are dairy free, sorbet & full cream flavours. This is a pre-orders ONLY so get your forms back ASAP so you don’t miss out.

**Christmas Carols**

Pencil in your diary for Friday 7 December. Times to be confirmed shortly. BBQ and sing-a-long family Christmas carols. A great night to share the spirit of Christmas with your children. Christmas raffle will also be drawn on the night. Prizes include:- SeaWorld entry tickets, Uniform Shop voucher, Wine/beer and lots more!! Keep an eye out for your tickets to come home soon.

**School Banking**

"Who loves school banking, well I know Chatswood Hills State Schools does. If you have a Youth Saver Account and haven’t banked for quite some time why not re-start. See what you can be rewarded with when you bank 10 consecutive school banking days.

Remember Wednesday is School Banking Day "

Thank you

Terry Hodges  
School Bank Co-Ord

**AFL Queensland**

NAB AFL Auskick has kicked off at our school

**ITS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN AUSKICK**

Cost $60  
Length: 8 weeks  
Contact 3394 2198

You will also receive a backpack with football, hat, drink bottle, pump plus heaps more.

For more information visit aflauskick.com.au

**Lollipops Disco**

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