15th Nov, 2012

**STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260**

**CHATTY’S DATE CLAIMER**

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From the Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C team for all the wonderful work and fundraising they have undertaken this year. At this week’s P&C meeting it was moved to inject some funds back into the school to benefit all children. The P&C voted to fund three new interactive whiteboards to support classroom curriculum implementation, to concrete over the dirt area in front of the P&C sheds and provide tables and seating, and to also give some extra assistance to our student support team. Thank you to all the parents and community members who support our fundraising initiatives throughout the year. It is through this fundraising that the P&C are able to provide our school with extra resources and facilities which benefit all students. Your support of our school is very much appreciated.

A couple of weeks ago I highlighted our school’s NAPALN success in the newsletter. Another measure of our success is our increasing enrolments and the fact that we are one of the few schools in our area who are increasing in size. Many of our enrolments are from out of our area with families choosing to pass many schools to attend Chatswood Hills. This is a great endorsement for our school. We have almost 120 preps enrolled for next year - the largest prep cohort since prep’s inception – and as a result we will definitely be growing by one class for 2013. The increase in student numbers also means that our school is approaching its current capacity, and next year decisions will be made around whether we implement a restricted enrolment area for new enrolments or whether we receive additional buildings.

The remainder of the year will now be dedicated to the complicated task of putting next year’s classes together and trying to anticipate the exact number of students and classes to allocate the teachers. Please remember that the parent considerations for classes will be taken into account when we do our 2013 class lists, however they are preferences not promises. It is impossible to accommodate every individual parent request particularly when they are for specific teachers or for children to be in a class. Final class placements are a school decision made after considering a range of factors and changes may still be made early in the new year.

With the end of year fast approaching I would like to remind all students that school rules and expectations will be enforced right up until the final day. The last few weeks of school are not a time to behave or act differently from what has been expected all year. The
rules and expectations are in place so that all staff and students can feel safe and work unhindered while at school and any changes to these will not be acceptable.

In closing this week, and to help you plan ahead, please note that the tuckshop will only be open first break on the final day of school (Friday 14 December), as the P&C will be undertaking the annual tuckshop stocktake during the afternoon session.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

Can you believe only four weeks to go after this week? The year is flying past but still a multitude of work still exists to get through before we see the holiday light at the end of the working tunnel. Report cards, Year 7 Graduation, Academic Parade to name but a few. At the same time preparations need to be made for 2013, organising classes, curriculum and preparing for the History implementation.

Enrolments continue to roll in and this week I was able to show two families a little Koala sitting in a tree as we walked around the school. How good is it to have such a wonderful environment for our children to play in? Yesterday we saw a Frilled Neck Lizard and Monday a couple of Blue Tongues?

Over the next few weeks I will be involved in a couple of Preservice teacher panels, running some History Professional Development at another school and organising our first Chaplaincy Committee meeting.

Student Council supports Kids in Care Christmas Appeal.

The Student Council voted yesterday to support the Kids in Care Christmas Appeal as a focus for our last fundraiser for the year. The appeal aims to bring a smile to more than 8000 children this Christmas who live away from home in order to keep them safe. Money raised will go towards buying presents for these children to be received this Christmas. More on this in the next newsletter.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Chappies at Chats

Chappy Karen and Chappy Alexa

As a parent, I recognise that life can be very, very busy. Children thrive in an environment of encouragement and yet at our busy times we can easily forget to use words of encouragement. Here are positive words that can make your child’s day.

101 WAYS TO PRAISE A CHILD (Author Unknown)

Part 1

Wow! Way to go! Super! You’re Special
Outstanding! Excellent! Great Good! Neat! Well done! Remarkable!
I knew you could do it!
I’m proud of you! Beautiful! Now you are flying!
You’re catching on Now you’ve got it!
You’re incredible! Bravo! You’re fantastic!
Hurray for you! You’re on target! You’re on your way! How nice!
How smart! Good job! That’s incredible
Hot dog! Dynamite! You’re beautiful! You’re unique!
Nothing can stop you now! Good for you!
You’re spectacular! You’re darling! You’re precious!
Great discovery! You’ve discovered the secret!
You figured it out! Fantastic job! Super job!
Hip! Hip! Hooray! Bingo! Magnificent!
Marvelous! Terrific!

Principals Awards

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

Grace B for great contribution to our English discussions.
Tom T for excellent work during ICTs and media.
Keayna R for an improved attitude to your school work and homework.
Joshua F for consistently modelling excellent behaviour and a positive attitude towards you schoolwork.
Cole F for being a friendly class member who always makes interesting contributions to class discussions.
Jessica B for continually observing the 4C’s and being a valuable class member.
Georgia N for leadership in classroom activities and support of her peers.
Jasper G for improved concentration during class.
Alisha M for always being a respectful and co-operative class member.

Library Award

Rainbow for outstanding borrowing.
From the Library

This is the last week for class borrowing. All books must be returned with the next two weeks. Please pay for any lost books. Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter.

Lyndell Roberts,
Teacher Librarian

Booklists 2013 Years 4-7

Booklists for year 4-7 have been sent home today. Orders can be done online or left at the office for collection. Please direct all enquires regarding the booklists to EDSCO bookpack@edsco.com.au
If you are not ordering with Edsco please make sure you purchase the brands requested.

Stage 1 Swimming

Payment for this program has now closed.

Internet Banking

If you choose to make payments via the internet please make sure you state name of child and what payment is for. Lately we have had some payments come in with no name. This makes it very hard to track down who owns the payment.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Paul’s Collect a Caps.

This is coming to a close at end of December. So please get in all your caps before the end of the school year. We have made over $1200 from these caps so far !!! Amazing. Thank you.

Interactive White Boards

At the last P&C meeting for the year it was voted that the P&C would fund 3 more interactive white boards for our school. costing $20 000. This will enable us to have 1 in each double classroom. Thanks to all families as this purchase has only been possible due to your fantastic fundraising this year. Our children’s education in our school will benefit from this purchase.

Christmas Raffle Ticket

Tickets are going home this week for our annual Christmas raffle. Over 20 prizes to be won. This year also see’s the return of our fantastic mini Christmas trees that will be decorated by each class and raffled off at the carols. They are sometimes filled with chocolates, candy canes or even scratchies. Each class has a choice how they decorate, so if your teacher asks you to contribute, please help to make these trees a great prize for the winners. Thanks

Kirsty Evans (P&C)

School Banking

Last school banking day is 5th December.
School banking will resume 1st week in February 2013.
Win an IPAD for Christmas
19th Nov - 14 Dec 2012
1 deposit and automatically in draw through the school banking.
Thank you

Terry Hodges
School Bank Co-Ord

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

SPECIALS: Clearance – need to make room for new stock

Polo shirts sizes 14 to 26 only - ** $15.00 **There are 10 only - size 2 polo shirts available for the special price of $15.00
Boys school shorts sizes 10–16 only - ** $8.00 ** (gaberdine) buy now for next year!
NO money/payment required with pre-orders pay on pick-up in January 2013.
The new polo shirt can be pre-ordered but won't be available until January 2013 - place pre-orders in box at office, tuck shop or at uniform shop on Tuesday mornings by November 13th.

‘NEW’ to the uniform shop & in stock – Library/ Homework Satchels – $6.00

The last Tuesday the uniform shop is open for 2012 is 4th Dec