

6th Dec , 2012

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

3 rd -12 th Dec	Stage 1 Swimming
10 th Dec	Stage 2 & 3 Swimming Carnival
11 th Dec	Seaworld Excursion (Stage 3)
12 th Dec	Year 7 Graduation

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

Well how fast the year has gone – it seems only a short time ago that I was welcoming everyone to a new year of school. With only days remaining this school term this will be the final newsletter for the year. Students are becoming very excited as the end of school approaches and are enjoying a range of end of year activities in their class. Please look out for individual notices coming from your child's teacher with regards to these activities and class parties.

Sadly the end of the year will see us bid farewell to some staff members who will be moving on. Katrina Callebaut has been transferred to Kimberley Park SS after serving 13 years at Chatswood Hills. During her time here Katrina has taught Yrs 3 to 7, served time filling in as Acting Deputy Principal and has played a significant role in our schools' behaviour processes. She has a wonderful rapport with her students reflected by the number of past students who come back and visit to share their latest achievements. We wish her well at her new school. Laura Di Raimondo has also received a transfer and will be commencing at Springwood Central SS from next year. Laura has been a strong contributor and leader of our middle year's team ensuring consistency and a smooth transition to the National Curriculum throughout Yrs 4 and 5. Additionally Laura has been a mainstay of our staff social club contributing to the good humour and morale across our school. Laura is a passionate

supporter of CHSS and I know she will become a valuable asset to her new school. We will also be saying goodbye to some contract teachers who have filled in for varying times this year while permanent staff members have taken leave or have retired. Thank you to Sarah Holland, Richard Gabriel, Ashleigh Smith and Michelle Scheiwe for stepping in and ensuring smooth transitions and maintenance of the year level programs. Your contributions to our school have been greatly appreciated. I would like to wish all of these staff members the best for their new futures on behalf of the CHSS community.

On a final staffing note, Liz Bundy who works in Prep and across our Stage 1 classes will be taking long service leave for the first part of next year and Lyndell Grayson in Stage 3 (and Project Club) will be taking leave for the year. Their replacements will be announced next year along with all of our additional new staff members.

The P&C held their final meeting this week and have agreed to commit funds to replace an old cloth shade structure with a new solid structure over the Xmas break. Many of the old shade sails are showing signs of age and sagging and are in need of replacement. As we progress through a replacement program of these shade cloths, we would like to install all weather permanent structures which will have a longer life span, be less of a fire risk and offer a more flexible learning area for classroom teachers. Once again I would like to thank all involved with the P&C for their contributions to our school and the valuable support they give us.

Dates to Note

Friday 7 December – Xmas Carols Night

Wednesday 12 December – Year 7 Graduation evening.

Thursday 13 December - Academic Award Parade 8:45am and 2013 School Captains announced. Class lists and "Shuffle Up" session to meet 2013 class teacher in new room. Report cards issued.

Friday 14 December - Children will be assisting with the final preparation of rooms for next year followed by pen/pencil and paper

work under the supervision of teachers. (It may not necessarily be their own teacher as some of the teachers will have been reassigned other duties in preparation for 2013. Those children in attendance will be grouped appropriately, under full supervision).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our school community for a wonderful school year and wish you all a safe and happy holiday time.

Thank you
Merry Christmas

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

I cannot believe that this is the final newsletter for the year. While the end is in sight there is still an awful lot of work to do. This afternoon several teachers and I will be joining our school's Speech Pathologist to complete some training to learn how to administer some speech assessments for next year. Next Monday I will be attending a meeting at Springwood High School regarding the implementation of the History curriculum next year.

Wednesday night is the Year 7 graduation; I look forward to this each year as I am so proud of the students and teachers and what they have achieved. I look forward to shaking many hands and talking to the proud parents of our students. Final preparations are also being made for the Academic Parade on Thursday next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, staff and students and wish each and every one a blessed and relaxing Christmas and New Year.

Christmas Carols

I really do love Christmas time, amongst all of the busy demands is that wonderful message of peace and hope. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Carols on Friday.

If I don't make it, it will be because my wife has had to have some significant dental work during the day and I will be required to look after her and the kids. Hopefully all will be well and I will be able to join the community for a special celebration.

Kids in Care Christmas Appeal.

The Kids in Care Christmas Appeal was our school's last fund raiser 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.

Thanks to the generous support from our families the school raised \$350. We will be turning this money into gift vouchers for the people who run the appeal to determine the best way that this should be used.

Meet the Chappy Coffee Morning

Tuesday morning this week a group of parents sat down for a casual chat and coffee with Chappy Karen and Chappy Alexa. The "Meet the Chappy coffee morning" was well received. If you missed this opportunity don't worry we plan to have another one early next year.

I would like to thank Chappy Alexa for her time spent helping Chappy Karen settle in this term and wish her all the best for the work she does at her school next year.

Have a great holiday.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Chappies at Chats Chappy Alexa and Chappy Karen

Both Christmas and holidays are fast approaching and you may be counting down the weeks and possibly even the days. This time of the year often marks a busy time for us all. We all have different experiences at this time of the year but I would like to encourage you as a family to be intentional about the traditions you build into this time.

A tradition is something we repeat year in, year out. They can be simple experiences that we look forward to as we plan to spend time together. Gift giving is one aspect of Christmas which can consume us but some of the little traditions repeated each year can bring much joy to children and adults alike as we spend time participating in pleasurable activities together.

I would like to thank Chappy Alexa and the community for their support and encouragement throughout the term. I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to working with the community in 2013.

Chappy Karen

Principal Awards

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

Nicholas S for trying very hard with his story writing and excellent work in Maths.

Jana S for excellent reading and for always trying to do her best.

Daniel S for writing a fantastic "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" retell and for consistently trying his best.

Jackson S for improved listening and concentration throughout the year in all class activities.

Aroha T for being a kind class member who tries hard in everything she does.

Giselle W for trying her best to use her reading strategies.

Keegan W for excellent effort in his reading and writing.

Dion A for always trying his best and making great improvements in his writing.

Thomas C for trying hard to improve his punctuation and grammar.

Vegas C for amazing progress in reading.

Tehlia W for always working hard to do the right thing and taking pride in doing her best work.

Noah S for working so hard to improve your reading level.

Jiar L for improved reading and working hard in class.

Austin S for always putting 100% effort into your schoolwork and always being polite and well mannered.

Paige J for making thoughtful and interesting contributions during class discussions.

Emma-Lamei W for applying herself diligently in class.

Timothy S for putting extra effort into your work this term.

Library Award

Quolls for always making an effort to listen and enjoy stories.

Book Packs 2013 (Years 4-7)

Book Pack orders are due back **TOMORROW** to the office if you are not ordering online with EDSCO or purchasing the items yourself. Please **DO NOT** pay into the school bank account as we are not accepting the payment for the packs. All payments must be made to EDSCO.

From the Library

I would like to take the opportunity in our final newsletter for 2012 to thank the school community for your wonderful support of the Library. eg. book covering, encouraging children to return books and paying for those lost, for supporting Book Week with Bookfair and the Book Character Parade, encouraging your children in the Premier's Reading Challenge and Readers' Cup. Don't forget to take advantage of the holiday programs offered by the Logan Libraries. Enjoy the break.

Merry Christmas
Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian.

Lost Property

All the lost property will be on display till the end of the year. Please check the box if your child has lost any items. It is important that all items of clothing be marked clearly with your child's name so they can be returned to them. We end up with so much unnamed clothing in lost property at the end of each term. All unclaimed clothing will be sent to Vinnies.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Christmas Carols tomorrow!!!

Come and join us for a night of singing & spread the Christmas spirit throughout the community.

Sleigh photos from 5.30pm-7pm

BBQ & drinks from 5.30pm

Carols with Logan City Brass Band & school choirs, band & strings from 6.30pm

Raffles drawn throughout the night, over 20 prizes to be won!!!

Helpers for Friday Carols please.

We are in need of helpers for set up, BBQ, selling raffle tickets, glow products and pack up. Can you help? Helpers from 5.15pm onwards would be appreciated.

Thank you

Merry Christmas to you all, from the CHSS P&C

School Banking

" I would like to thank Chatswood Hills State School Teachers, Parents and Students for participating in the Commonwealth Bank Youth Saver Scheme. It is important to teach our children to save so they can have a secure financial future.

School Banking will resume on the **1st February 2013**, I will be sending flyers out to students when they return for Term 1.

I wish you all a Merry and Safe Christmas
Terry Hodges
School Bank Co-ord.

Uniform Shop

Pick up times/dates for the pre-orders in 2013 are

Wednesday Jan 23rd 9am - 2pm

Thursday Jan 24th 3pm - 6pm

Friday Jan 25th 9am - 2pm

*Eftpos/credit card facilities will be available *

email: PandCUniformshop@chathillss.eq.edu.au for any uniform enquiries.