

14<sup>th</sup> February, 2013

**CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER**

19 <sup>th</sup>	March	School Photos
20 <sup>th</sup>	March	Bravehearts Show (Prep – Year 3)

**STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260**

**From the Principal**

It has been another wonderful week at Chatswood Hills State School. Three weeks into the new year and our school and classes are working very well and industriously on class work and routines. As indicated in last week's newsletter we were forced to restructure some classes due to our enrolment numbers. While the change was unfortunate, it was certainly unavoidable and I would like to thank everyone involved for helping to make such a smooth transition. From my walks around the school this week it appears that all students involved have settled into their new classes very well.

Last week I mentioned about parking around the streets surrounding the school and how important it is to ensure that all drivers observe the road rules. Our local councillor Steve Swenson reported at our P&C meeting this week that several local residents have contacted the council regarding dangerous and illegal parking that still appears to be occurring, particularly in the afternoons. The school and P&C have given full support for the council and police to attend our school and enforce all parking restrictions. Please help keep our children safe (and avoid a fine) by obeying all road and parking rules.

The importance of correct parking was brought home yesterday when we had to call an ambulance to the school in the afternoon and the school gate was obstructed by double parked cars delaying the ambulance access. In this instance the delay wasn't life threatening,

however in the case of emergency, every second can count. Could I also take this opportunity to sincerely thank the parents who came to the aid of one of our caregivers who fainted in the school grounds yesterday afternoon. One parent contacted the administration and by the time I got to the hall, an ambulance had been called and the patient was being comforted and children were being kept away from the area. Thank you all for your concern, care and actions; it was a great demonstration of our school community spirit. I have spoken to the family this morning and the lady who fainted has been given the all clear by the hospital and the family have asked me to convey their thanks to everyone who assisted yesterday.

The shade area outside of the Year 1 block has now been completed and offers a wonderful covered area for this year level. Thank you to our very active P&C for providing this resource. Last year as well as paying for this covered area our P&C fundraising also paid off the \$50 000 owing on our school hall and helped the school purchase interactive white boards to ensure that there is one in each double room. Please help support our P&C throughout the year as they support the learning of our students.

Can I again thank the families in Years P-3 who have made payment to our resource scheme, (or who have provided their own resources for their student.) If you are still planning to join our resource scheme then payments are due now. Parents/caregivers must make a decision as to whether they wish to take part in our resource scheme or to purchase their own resources. It will be presumed that parents who do not pay into the scheme by the end of next week are electing to purchase the resources themselves, and a resource list will be sent home with these students. Parents who choose neither option forcing the school to divert funds from other areas to cover a child's personal equipment will not be offered additional, extra-curricular and optional activities which attract a cost as per our P&C endorsed Resource Scheme policy.

Our class parent evenings will be held on Wednesday 20 February at 5:00pm for Years 6, 7 and Stradbroke, 5:30pm for Years 4 and 5, and 6:00pm for Prep to Year 3 and Emus. These will be 20-25min general information sessions talking about the year ahead and classroom routines and expectations. (This is not a time for individual progress reports – these will be held at the end of term). Please take this opportunity to come and meet with your children's teachers and establish a partnership as research proves that children achieve their best success at school when the school and families are working together towards the same goals.

Thank you  
Keith GRAHAM  
Principal

### From the Deputy

#### Parent Information Night

I look forward to seeing parents next Wednesday night. The Parent information night is a great chance to hear how your child's class will run this year and some of the things that students will be learning.

Education has to be a three way partnership for the maximum outcomes to be realised. Students, parents and teachers together can make a real difference. I will be attending my children's Parent Night next week, it's a great way to see how I can best assist my children as they transition to a new year level and support them throughout the year.

#### Kid's Club

This year Chappy Karen will be running Kid's Club at lunchtimes on Thursdays for any Year 4 to 7 students interested in participating in RE activities. Students during this time will engage in fun activities including games, bible stories and art activities.

**Students must have a permission form** to be able to participate in the Kid's Club. Permission forms can be obtained from Chappy Karen or through the office. Once the 4-7 club is up and running we may look at running a Year 1 to 3 group. For more information see Chappy Karen's section in today's newsletter.

#### Behaviour

I have had to deal with a few incidences with this week concerning students picking up rocks and sticks. At Chatswood Hills State School students are not allowed to pick up sticks or rocks in the playground. The other expectation is that students keep their hands and feet to themselves. By following these two rules everyone can enjoy a safe and supportive environment.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey  
Deputy Principal

### From the Guidance Officer

We all like to feel that we are fully listened to. Children are so different in this respect. The little things are important- stop what you are doing and look at your child, give eye contact, get down to their level, reflect not just the content of what they are saying but the underlying feeling/s, etc. I have a hand-out for interested parents at the office entitled "Listening to Children" Please avail yourself of this short article if interested.

Source: NAPCAN FOUNDATION [www.napcan.org.au](http://www.napcan.org.au)

Jenny Hickey - Guidance Officer [Mondays, Tuesdays, 2nd Thursdays]

### Chappies at Chats

Kids Club is starting next Thursday for children who are interested in learning about God and the Bible. For a child to attend the Kids Club, their parents need to complete and sign a form giving permission for them to participate. Children who do not return a form will not be allowed to participate.

Who – Children in Years 4 to 7

What – Learning about God, games and activities

When – Thursday first lunch breaks from 10:40 to 11:10 am

Where – Koalas classroom.

Some interested children may have brought home forms today. If your child is interested in attending and needs a form, they can see me or request a form from Mr Josey.

All forms for next Thursday need to be returned by next Wednesday so that preparations for the Kids Club can be organised. Student can join at any time but must have the permission form before participating.

Chappy Karen

### Principal Awards Prep- Year 3

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

**Brianna C** for outstanding classroom attainment Year 7.

**Sarah C** for 100% effort in the classroom.

**Leila M** for being an enthusiastic student and getting weekly spellings correct.

**Grace B** for displaying a wonderful attitude and work ethic.

**Zach G** for being a friendly responsible student who works quickly on all his classwork.

**Keiran C** for consistent positive attitude and for always striving to do your best.

**Molly P** for being a hard working and responsible student who shows initiative and persistence.

**Clinton U** for demonstrating enthusiasm and consideration at your new school.

**Maesyn T** for always putting your best effort into your work.

**Ashleigh C** for being hard working, attentive and co-operative.

**Jade A** for being co-operative and hard working.

### Library Award

**Miami** for outstanding quiet work mapping in the Library.

### Interschool Sport

Students in years 5-7 have now selected their Friday afternoon spots. Fixtures commence on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Paperwork for all sports will be given to students shortly. Due to an increase in bus prices this year fee for Soccer, Netball and League will be \$80. Cheerleaders will receive a separate letter with associated fee attached.

### **Fun Run Crosscountry**

Chatswood Hills, once again will be holding our crosscountry/fun run as a fundraiser for sporting facilities to be built in the school. All students will receive a sponsorship form in the beginning of March. If \$10 is raised your child will receive a prize. As more money is collected more prizes will be available to be selected. One family from the school will also win a weekend at Seaworld for participating in the fundraiser. The class who raises the most money will be rewarded with a surprise party. All students on completing their run will receive a Berri frozen juice iceblock. We look forward to your support.

### **Interschool Sport Shorts**

Sport shorts are available for purchase at the uniform shop if your child is participating in an interschool sport or a member of the school crosscountry or athletics team. These shorts can only be worn on Fridays while interschool sport is on. The shorts are optional and cost \$15. Forms can be obtained from the office.

Jane Taylor  
HPE Teacher

### **Project Club**

In the coming weeks, some students will be participating in activities to improve the school's environment. As you may know, CHSS is home to some beautiful finches (5 at the moment with eggs waiting to hatch). The aviary is currently a little bare and the students would like to add some natural plant life to their home. If you are able to donate a large plant or small potted tree, suitable for the aviary, it would be greatly appreciated. The school's vegetable garden beds are awaiting to begin for the year. Any donations of vegetable seeds will gladly be taken.

Thank you  
Miss Alison Brunjes

### **P & C News**

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**Fundraising meeting** Thanks to the number of people who turned out for the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the year. With this being our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, we will have plenty of chance to get to know each other more. A calendar of events will be attached to the P&C newsletter due to go home next week. Thanks again, it was great to see so much support for our fundraising team.

**P&C meeting** Thanks also goes to the great number of parents who attended our 1<sup>st</sup> P&C meeting for the year. Great to see so many new faces. The P&C is looking at contributing to many areas & departments of the school during 2013 including

(but not limited to) Learning Support, reading books. These items will be confirmed at our next meeting and published.

**AGM** Our AGM will be held next month, before our usual monthly meeting. Nomination forms have gone home today to the youngest child in each family. If you would like to nominate or would like to nominate someone you think would be a great candidate for our P&C, please return the slip to the office by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm. Nominations are in WRITING ONLY so support your P&C and join our great team of willing volunteers. Even just attending our meetings is a great way of supporting your school

**Respect of volunteers** Did you know that the P&C only has ONE paid position at our school? This is our "super dooper" tuckshop convenor Sophie. All other jobs you see being done are 100% volunteers !!! This includes our uniform shop, other tuckshop helpers, fundraising, P&C executives and general members, classroom home readers and in class parent helpers, Learning support ready reader helpers, and many other jobs. !!! ALL of our school P&C and its events are run by volunteers – many of whom work fulltime jobs as well. So it is with this in mind that we remind parents that **volunteers are a vital part of our school.** We ask that all volunteers are treated with the upmost respect & courtesy at all times. If you have a problem and complaint, please attend a P&C meeting to discuss your concerns with the members.

**The P&C of Chatswood Hills would like to advise: It IS NOT ok to abuse our volunteers ! We need our volunteers!!**

Verbal & physical abuse will be reported to the P&C, the Principal & where needed the Police. The P&C welcomes & encourages new members to attend our meetings – If you feel you could contribute or have a different idea on how to run an event, we would be more than happy to hear from you.

**Mothers Craft** We are asking any talented mothers, aunts, grandmothers (or even dad's) to get your crafty fingers out and start making items for our annual Mother's Day stall. We will also be having a Craft stall at our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fete in September. So items for both men and women would be appreciated. Anything from cards, knitting, sewing, woodwork, jewellery and more would be appreciated. Any donations can be taken to the Office – THANK YOU, your help is appreciated. Please email the P&C if you have any questions.

**Parking** Please be advised that illegal parking around our school & neighbouring streets is endangering the safety of our children. Local police & council parking officers have been invited to attend our school at any time.

### **Logan City Council**

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