

7th March, 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

11 th	March	Leadership Ceremony
19 th	March	School Photos
20 th	March	Bravehearts Show (Prep – Year 3)
21 st	March	Crosscountry
27 th	March	Grandparents Day

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From the Principal

Last week I had the opportunity to attend a two day conference with my fellow state school principals from across the state hosted by the education minister. It was an exciting opportunity to discuss educational issues on a whole of system scale. The conference resonated with some constant themes of Education Queensland which we then use to set our agenda here at Chatswood Hills. This core business includes; improving student outcomes, refining school curriculum and pedagogical frameworks, using existing data to guide future development, closing the gap with indigenous students and continued implementation of the national curriculum. Our aim at Chatswood Hills is to cater for every child, every lesson, everyday so that we can improve the outcomes of all students. It is something I believe we do well and something we want to maintain our focus on in the future.

Our School Captains and fellow school leaders will be formally inducted into their roles and presented with their badges on a special assembly this Monday 11 March. School leaders at Chatswood Hills include Sports Captains and Vice Captains, Library Monitors, Student Councillors and Environmental Rangers. Parents of these school leaders have been sent an invitation inviting them to attend this assembly and a pre-assembly afternoon tea with the school leaders and school administration. We look forward to sharing this special event together.

School photos will be taken Tuesday March 19. As per our School Uniform Policy it is requested that **students be in their formal uniforms for these photos**. Please ensure students are at school on time, with their photo money envelope so that they can be ready when their class is called. We have a very tight schedule on this day and need to minimise any delays. Information about photos went home to families yesterday. If you need a new photo envelope or require further information about the photos please see the office staff before photo day.

In line with our reporting policy, parent/teacher interviews will be held over the last two weeks of term. The interviews will last 15-20mins and will be held before and after school at times suitable to each individual teacher. Wednesday 20 March has been set aside as the interview evening for parents who need interviews outside of work hours. Specific information for each teacher's interview times will be sent home next week. Interview times will be filled on a first come first served basis and I hope as many parents as possible can take advantage of this reporting opportunity. Written reports will go home at the end of next term.

I noted with interest a media item this week regarding a crackdown on dangerous and illegal school parking around Brisbane schools. This is an ongoing concern for many schools, including ours, and something that we all have an influence on. As a community we can practise road safety at all times so that our young people can copy and learn our road safety culture and practices.

Unfortunately due to wet weather last week our interschool sport season did not commence as scheduled and was postponed. The rain this week has been lighter, however some grounds are still waterlogged and in unplayable condition. At the time of writing this newsletter a decision on sport this week had not been made. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the rain has been nice but all of us at school are looking forward to some extended clear, sunny weather.

Dates to note

- The **P&C** will hold their AGM this Monday night followed by the March general meeting. The meeting will start at 6:30 in the admin block and new members are always welcome.
- Our first school sports event, the **Cross Country**, will be held on Thursday 21 March. All years from Prep to 7 will participate in some form, please see your child's teacher for the specific times for each year level. Successful students (u/10 and older) will then be invited to join our school team to compete at the District Cross Country held the first week of term 2.
- **Grandparents' Day** for years P-3 will be held on 27 March.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

Yesterday afternoon we had a sighting of two Tawny Frogmouth Owls in a tree at the back of one of the school blocks. We have recorded this in our school's wildlife register.

The register is used to collect data on all of the wonderful native animals that we have at our school. Recently we have used this data to help write an application for an environment grant.

If you happen to see a Koala or any other Australian animal on the school grounds then please write it down on a piece of paper. We need to know the type of animal, the time and date that you saw it and who sighted it. You can then hand the note into the office and we can record the information.

School Photos

School photos are scheduled for **Tuesday March 19**. This year we are having our photos taken by a company called Advanced Life Photography.

The company will take class photos as well as individual and family photos. The procedure this year is the same as previous years; all money for Photos is to come to school **only on photo day and handed directly to the photographer, Tuesday March 19**. Please be aware that the school office will not collect photo money.

All students are required to be in **full dress uniform** for the school photos. We appreciate your assistance.

Parking

I received a phone call from a local resident yesterday expressing a concern over some of our parents parking across driveways along Magellan Road in the afternoon during pick up time. Whilst parking can be challenging at this time could I please remind people to follow the road rules to ensure the safety of our children and the wellbeing of our neighbours?

Bravehearts

Notes have gone out for Students to attend the "Ditto Show" that Bravehearts puts on each year. The cost for the show is \$4. This is a Personal Safety Education Program that provides children with the basic principles of personal safety and the tools to stay safe. The show will be held on **Wednesday March 20** in the hall.

Kid's Club

Kid's Club runs 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.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Chappies at Chats

Recently, I was reminded of how we are presented with everyday experiences where we have the opportunity to help our children learn problem solving skills. One afternoon after school whilst practicing his bowling techniques in the school cricket nets, my seven year old son managed to get the handball on top of the nets.

I suggested that we purchase a new one at a cost of \$2.50. My son was adamant that we would be able to retrieve the ball and eventually we did.

At first I tried using a big stick and gradually moved the ball along and then I tried hitting the ball and moving it more rapidly along towards a break in the net. Just when we thought that we were close to achieving our goal the ball would roll further away from the edge of the net. Then, my son spotted a wheelie bin which he stood on and nudged the ball with the stick. Finally, I stood on my tippy toes again and nudged the ball until it fell down a break in the net.

Whilst purchasing a new ball would have been quicker and easier, we certainly enjoyed more laughs and the time shared together as we used problem solving skills to achieve our goal. I'm sure anyone else watching was provided with some entertainment as they watched our antics.

Chappy Karen

Principal Awards

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

Jorja C for great writing and oral presentation.

Isaac T for always presenting your work beautifully.

Scarlett M for having an excellent attitude to learning and trying your best in all subjects.

Liliana E for being an enthusiastic learner and a caring friend.

Angelina G for always remembering classroom rules and trying hard in everything you do.

Zaiden W for always trying so hard to write your name.

Kiara K for listening attentively and always trying your best.

Cooper G for always working hard and being a polite and courteous member of the class.

Lily M for being a polite and helpful member of Cassowaries who always gives 100%.

Dominic F for listening well in class and for always trying your best.

Dilana H for great writing and oral presentation.

Teegan H for an excellent poetry presentation showing enthusiasm and expression.

Lucas G for doing some great writing and remembering to use spaces between words.

Braidyn M for giving thoughtful answers during Science lessons.

Nathan L for being a caring class member and always trying your best.

Angus M for great enthusiasm and good manners in class.

Library Award

Lorikeets for quiet borrowing, browsing and listening to stories.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

HOUSE SHIRTS !!

Show your team spirit & dress in your house colour for the cross country. The P&C again this year have all house coloured shirts screenprinted in a variety of sizes available for only \$ 5

For sale tomorrow morning at the tuckshop area from 8:15am & the following Friday morning 15/3/13 at the tuckshop area. Get in fast as if a colour/size sells out we won't be getting anymore in until next year.

*Due to the huge popularity of the new polo shirts a lot of sizes are currently out of stock. These should be back in stock in the coming 2 weeks. If you have prepaid for a polo please note they will be sent directly to your child's class as soon as they come in.

*March 19th (school photos) is fast approaching so come in now to purchase your child's formal shirt /blouse it is compulsory to wear for the school photos.

*Old style polo's are now even cheaper - \$10 !!
Sizes only available are 14,16,18,20,22,24 &26 a few size 2's are also available for the absolutely amazing price - \$10 !
(these shirts are still a part of the correct school uniform for the next 2 years)

Bookclub

The second issue of this year's bookclub catalogues was sent home with students last week. Please have all order forms and monies to the tuckshop by the 14th of March to ensure your orders are counted. If you have any queries please contact Esther on 0413 222 364 or Paige on 0449 682 178.

School Banking

What a great start School Banking students had during February, unfortunately a lot of students have opened up accounts and that is where it has stopped. Remember School Banking is every Wednesday,

For each 10 consecutive Banking days you save you will receive a Certificate as does your class with the most students that bank.. Each time you bank collect your rewards tokens, 10 tokens you can redeem them for Rewards:- Money Boxes, Ball,Wallet,Knuckels for this term.

For other rewards look at the poster's located in the display cabinet near the hall and on the shutter, school canteen.

Terry Hodges
School Bank Co-ord