

14th March, 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

19 th	March	School Photos
20 th	March	Bravehearts Show (Prep – Year 3)
21 st	March	Crosscountry
27 th	March	Grandparents Day
28 th	March	Last day of Term 1

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

I would like to offer my congratulations to our 2013 school leaders who were acknowledged and presented with their badges on Monday's parade. Chatswood Hills is very lucky to have a number of dedicated students who volunteer to lead and help our school and fellow students in a variety of extra ways. This is very commendable. I hope all of our leaders commit to their role with enthusiasm and dedication throughout the year. It was also great to see so many family and friends of our school leaders sharing this important occasion with us, it was wonderful support.

The P&C held their annual general meeting Monday night and elected their executive team for 2013. The office bearers have remained unchanged and are: President: Mark Prieditis, Vice-President: Margaret Lancaster, Treasurer: Lisa Filkins, Assistant Treasure: Michelle Mosley, Secretary: Kirsty Evans, Grant Writer: Stacey Martin, QCPCA Rep: Tony Mort, Facilities Officer: Deb Swinton and Publicity Officer: Annett Holsted.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive team for their support of the school and for volunteering to take on these important roles. Last year, through their activities, our P&C paid off approx. \$50 000 for the outstanding loan on our school hall, gave \$20 000 for interactive white boards in classrooms, erected a new shade area at a cost of \$8 000 and undertook numerous minor activities around the school. CHSS is lucky to have such a dedicated team of volunteers who give their free time for the betterment of all students. I look forward to working with the P&C team again throughout 2013.

Every morning when I drive into our school I think how lucky we are to have such a lovely, natural setting with an abundance of trees to work and learn in. Unfortunately having mature trees in such close proximity to children and buildings does have inherent problems. Each year we engage an arborist, through Education Queensland, to undertake a tree audit and provide advice on tree maintenance. This year's audit has just been completed and identified trees to be removed or trimmed due to: the tree being dead, the potential of the tree to fall or lose branches, damage or potential damage caused to drains, paths and buildings and species identified as not suitable for school grounds. Tree trimming and removal this year will be in line with this audit. While tree conservation is important; the safety of staff, students, families and facilities is always our priority. We also aim to plant another lot of koala trees this year in more suitable areas of the school to maintain our natural habitat for native animals

Next week we welcome the first of our pre-service teachers from Griffith University who will begin their 'pracs' at CHSS. Throughout Term Two we will welcome more students from QUT, USQ and Sheffield University in the UK. These student teachers work under the supervision of the class teacher, continue the class program and gain some valuable practical experience teaching our students. These 'pracs' are extremely important and help prac teachers link the theory of university to the practical of implementing the theory in front of students. It is expected that all children will conduct themselves with our pre-service teachers to the same high standard as usually expected. Having a new or relieving teacher is not an excuse for students to display disrespectful behaviour or bad manners.

Dates to note

- **School photos** - Tuesday March 19 as per our School Uniform Policy it is
- requested that **students be in their formal uniforms for these photos.**
- 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. **(Please note, times are only a guide and circumstances on the day may require a change to the timing schedule.)** 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

Tomorrow our school will be participating in the "Bullying No Way" campaign that many schools are participating in around Queensland. Our students are allowed to wear orange or other free dress clothing that is sun safe and appropriate. We will also use Friday as our term 1 fundraiser. Students who choose to be in free dress need to also bring a gold coin donation, the student council met for the first time yesterday and would like to make a donation to the Ride to Conquer Cancer.

School Photos

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

sending out two photographers to cater for our growing school. Once each class has had their class photo taken students will be directed to the hall where they will have an individual photo taken. Please note that all students will have an individual photo taken regardless of whether or not they are ordering photos as the photo packages include a traditional class photo as well as a display of individual photos of each class member. The school would also like to upload these individual photos to our internal database to help with student identification. If you prefer that the school does not use those photos for our internal database please let the office know.

If you are ordering any photos, the procedure this year is the same as previous years; all money for photos is to come to school **only on photo day Tuesday March 19 and handed directly to the photographer.** 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.

Chappy Karen

This Sunday Chappy Karen has her formal induction as a Chaplain. A special combined church service will be held at Calvary Family Church at the KP Centre corner of Roselea Street and Upper Lyndale Street Shailer Park from 5pm to 7pm. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen for a great start to her Chaplaincy role and to wish her all the best for Sunday night.

Bravehearts

The "Ditto Show" that Bravehearts puts on each year is on next Wednesday, **March 20**. 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. If you are planning for your child to attend and have not yet paid please do so as soon as possible as we will be unable to take payments on the day.

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

I saw many examples of kindness and helpfulness over the last week which reinforces that Chatswood Hills is a great school.

On Monday, I sat and listened as more than twenty people met together to discuss how to raise funds and improve the school. Each person in the group has different gifts and abilities and people were volunteering to help in different ways. There were many laughs, yet the issues were discussed and progress was made. The meeting was of a core group of parents and citizens who willingly give up their time to help make this school an even better place for the children to learn and enjoy. Many improvements made will have benefits for current students but also impact students in the future. All are welcome to attend this group on the first Monday of each month.

Many of these parents also volunteer time outside of the committee to fulfil the roles they have elected to do. Some of these same parents volunteer time to type out the minutes, organise the finances, write applications for grants, and look at fund raising opportunities, order uniforms, sell uniforms in the uniform shop and probably a myriad of other activities. Last week, I also saw or heard of parents helping with art classes, reading groups and with changing of home readers.

One morning as I was walking towards the library, I saw a boy kindly offer to help another student who was obviously struggling to carry their bag, music folder and music case.

These are just a few examples of ways parents, grandparents and students contribute to the positive community here at Chatswood Hills. A million thanks for making this such a positive place to learn and also to work.

Chappy Karen

From the Guidance Officer

I am hoping to run a "1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching" Parent Course in the next term. This will be a three session program for parents and carers at Chatswood Hills State School. This Parent Course aims to help parents learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years. The cost of the course will be minimal to cover the cost of a workbook to keep and materials.

Register your interest now with Lea or Jenny in the office. Please give me a ring on Mondays, Tuesdays or 2nd Thursdays on 3489 2222 for more information.

Jenny Hickey
Guidance Officer

Fun Run/Crosscountry

Thursday 21st March

Wear your sports house colours

Times:	
8.45am	Prep
9.15am	11, 12, 13 years
11.20am	9 years
11.45am	10 years
12.20pm	6, 7, 8 years

Students run in the age group that they will be turning in 2013.

Lost Property

The following items have been handed into the office. Please collect if you own either of them.

Mouthguard
Camera

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

School Banking

If your child misses putting their bank book in their classroom bank bag please take it to the office where the staff will call me to collect them. A reminder to ask your child to collect their bankbook from their teacher's as this week there were a few that had not been taken home from last week. We are only a few weeks away from giving out our banking awards to students who have saved 10 consecutive weeks and don't forget your classrooms as well.

Terry Hodges
School Bank Co-ord.