

21st March, 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

27 th	March	Grandparents Day
28 th	March	Last day of Term 1
15 th	April	Term 2 commences

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

Today was our school Cross Country day for all year levels and all children in their sports houses appeared to be competing very enthusiastically and eagerly. At the time of printing the newsletter the final points had not been tallied although age winners were awarded individual trophies at the completion of racing. The winning house will be announced and house captains presented with the shield once all points are finalised. Good luck to all houses.

Parent teacher interviews began this week for all year levels. I hope you are able to take advantage of these interviews to find out how your child has progressed this term. If for any reason you are unable to make your agreed time, please phone the school to let the teacher know as soon as possible so that they are not waiting around for an interview which won't happen and can re-allocate the time slot.

A big thank you to all parents for supporting our uniform policy and ensuring students were in formal uniforms for our photo day on Tuesday. Occasions like photos certainly are enhanced with the formal uniform and I certainly appreciate the following of this policy by the vast majority of the school. Our school is a uniform school and there is an enforced expectation that students will be in correct uniform each day. A high standard of pride and presentation through the wearing of correct uniform by our students helps maintain our school's positive reputation in the community. As you purchase uniform items throughout the year please remember to refer to the school's uniform policy to ensure that your child is not going to be placed in a position where our school uniform rules and policies are being ignored.

Next term students in years 3, 5 and 7 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. These tests are designed to give a point in time snapshot of a child's progress and are an important tool for comparing this progress with peers within the school, across the State and also across Australia. If you have any concerns regarding these tests or wish to find out further information concerning your child and the implementation of NAPLAN, please contact Stephen Josey or myself for an appointment. With the onset of NAPLAN it is timely to remind parents of the importance of full and regular student attendance. It can be very unsettling for students when they miss days or arrive late for class as they often lose track of what work is being done. There is a direct correlation between student attendance and student performance. This means, the more schooling a child misses, the more their performance and results will suffer. It is quite alarming to see how much 10 minutes late a day can build up over a year - this late time will equate to a full week and a half of missed learning compared to the rest of the class. A half hour late per day adds up to four weeks over a year which puts a child at a great disadvantage when compared to their peers. By law, students must attend each school day from start to finish. Please help us do our best for your students by ensuring that they are here every day on time and that any social, leisure or birthday activities are planned for outside of school hours.

In closing could I please remind parents that the school is not a playground before and after school. Students who arrive at school in the morning need to sit and wait under the tuckshop covered area before moving off to class when the bell sounds. After school children are expected to exit the school as soon as possible and not stay to play with friends. Similarly for brothers and sisters of students, if they are waiting within our school I ask that they are supervised and sit with parents and do not play on equipment or ride bikes and scooters in the school. Recently we had a tree damaged by a young child swinging on branches in one of our gardens and a couple of near misses involving children not enrolled at our school on bikes or scooters. These rules help keep everyone in our school community safe and I thank you for your co-operation.

Dates to note

- **Grandparents' Day** for years P-3 will be held on 27 March.
- **Last day of term 1** – Thursday 28 March. Term 2 commences on Monday 15 April.

Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

Last Friday our school participated in the "Bullying No Way" campaign. It was great to see so many children involved. The message from our community is clear; we will not tolerate bullies or bullying behaviour. If a student at Chatswood Hills State School feels that they are being bullied then I encourage them to report it to a staff member so that the incident can be followed up. Chatswood Hills State School is a great school and we all need to work hard to maintain the high standards that we all enjoy.

The free dress day raised \$630. What a great effort! \$300 will go towards the Ride to Conquer Cancer. The balance will be spent by the Student Council this year. Last year's Student Council decided to roll over some money to be spent this year on Chatswood Hills State School's 30th anniversary. Over the next term the Student Council will be asking other students for some ideas on what to spend the money on. All of the money raised by the Student Council is either donated to charity or spent on the school to benefit all of the students.

School Photos and Bravehearts

Thank you to staff and students for all of your help and flexibility with the school photos and Bravehearts this week.

Chappy Karen

Last Sunday Chappy Karen was formally inducted as a Chaplain. A special combined church service was held at Calvary Family Church. A big congratulation goes to Karen!

UNSW Competition

Next term we start the process of entering students in the University of NSW tests. Watch this space for more information and updates. These competitions are a great way to see how your child compares to the rest of Australia and the Pacific.

The tests are open to any child in the school from Year 3 to 7. Students can elect to compete in as many competitions as they would like however please be aware that a cost is involved for each test taken.

Leadership Conference

Our four school captains will be attending the Halogen Foundation's Leadership Conference next Wednesday. Since 2009 our school has invested into our school leaders by sending them to this leadership day. Students from all over Queensland and Northern NSW descend on the Convention Centre each year to hear guest speakers talk to students on the topic of leadership.

ANZAC DAY Parade

Our Anzac Parade will come up very fast after the holidays this year. Our school Anzac parade will be held at 1:45 to 2:30 on Monday April 22 (second Monday Back) in the school hall.

Have a great weekend.
Stephen Josey Deputy Principal

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.

Learn:

- To engage your children's cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them.
- To set clear expectations and help them to develop frustration tolerance.
- To help children's brains to develop filters for behaving well.
- To resolve family conflict quietly.
- Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent.

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

Chappies at Chats

A few years ago, I was shocked by one of my daughter's maths results which had plummeted from previous years. On her report she had achieved a satisfactory standard in some strands and below satisfactory in some other areas of maths. When I asked her why she thought she was having difficulties, her reply spoken emphatically was, "I am bad at maths!" She seemed to think that we were going to find her results acceptable as she was bad at maths. My daughter's negative thinking was also impacting on her learning and she had become disengaged. We went on a journey with my daughter to identify why she was having difficulties and what we could do about it. Together we formulated a plan and we found that she had a short term hearing problem that was impacting her learning which was compounded by a male quietly spoken teacher and a building project happening close to her learning environment. As a result, she was not benefiting from the direct teaching that was occurring and the more she didn't understand the more her confidence was eroded.

Her hearing problem was fixed by doing an activity recommended by an audiologist which involved blowing a balloon up with each nostril. (Great party trick!) Then with hard work, perseverance, asking questions at home and school, completing many Athletics units and help from supportive teachers she was able to bring her maths results up to an A standard, three years after we started this journey. We were thrilled but I think my daughter was ecstatic.

I share this story to encourage you to challenge your children when they claim that they are bad at something. Just because they are challenged by something does not mean that they will always have difficulties in that area. When we think correctly, then this can have a positive impact on our learning and lives. If we think we can improve at something, then we are more likely to build in actions that will help us to improve. Encourage your child to be the best they can be!

Chappy Karen

Principal Awards

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

Paige P for consistently having a positive attitude and conscientious work ethic.

Jake W for having a positive attitude towards classroom tasks and jobs.

Ryan L for presenting an outstanding narrative that met the criteria.

Stuart L for displaying a positive attitude towards classroom tasks and jobs.

Maia C for writing an excellent narrative on "The Twits"

Emma J for great work with weekly spellings.

Paulino T for outstanding attitude towards school.

Whiringa A for working hard to achieve great results.

Charlie A for excellent presentation of all written work.

Jack G for showing respect to others and striving to do your best.

Zyohn W for being a mature and hard working member of the class.

Library Award

Rainbow for listening well to stories and working quietly whilst mapping.

From the Library

Congratulations to the 17 Library Monitors who received their badges on our Leaders' Assembly last week. Volunteers for 2013 are: Carly, Teannah, Emma, Emily, Nikhat, Mea, Thalisha, Lauren, Amy, Phoebe, Crystelle, Lyn, Paige, Sarah, Thomas, Paulino and Jack. We thank these children for giving up their time to help shelve, hand out games, look after computers and tidy up at the end of play break.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

Internet Banking

If you choose to make your payments for excursions etc. by internet banking please be aware that it can take 24 hours to be processed depending on what time you pay it and what financial institution you are with. Payments therefore need to be in our bank account by the closing date not after as this can cause problems with late payments not being able to be processed.

Lost Property

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

Mouthguard
Camera
Reading glasses (child)

Lost property will be on display outside the office next week.

Tickets are due in next Wednesday 27th March. Winners will be contacted by phone and published in the school newsletter. Prizes need to be collected on Thursday March 28th by 2.30pm or you will not be able to collect until after the school holidays. Thanks to everyone who donated chocolates for this raffle.

HOT X BUN Fundraiser

Orders are now closed. Thanks to everyone who ordered. We have not run this fundraiser before and it has proven to be very popular. Delivery will be direct to your child's class on Wed 27th March.. ENJOY !!!

NEXT P&C MEETING

Monday 15th April 2013 at 6.30pm in the staffroom.
All welcome.

P&C events Coming up term 2

- Loose Change Challenge – weekly Coin collection jars (goal \$5000)
- Picture plates prep-yr 7 \$25
- Mothers Day Stall (helpers needed)
- Pizza day (last week of term)

The P&C wishes everyone a safe holiday break. Enjoy!!

School Banking

With Term 2 about to finish, I am very happy to see a lot of students at Chatswood Hills State School who previously banked have recommenced and congratulations to all our new students who have opened up a Youth Saver Account.

Next term will see students who have banked 10 consecutive school banking days receive their School Banking Rewards Certificates as well as the classrooms. These will be presented late April.

Next term will see the Commonwealth Youth Saver Accounts-School Banking Competition. Look out for more details as it is very exciting.

Terry Hodges
School Bank-Co-ord

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Easter Raffle