

28th March, 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

28th March Last day of Term 1

15th April Term 2 commences

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in Thursday's Cross Country, and further congratulations to all of our age champions and to the winning house Mercury. Thank you to Miss Taylor for organising this event and to the staff and sports house leaders who supported her on the day. Our school Cross Country team for years 4 to 7 has now been selected and will compete at the District Carnival which will be held on April 19.

Yesterday was Grandparent's Day which was a very successful and lovely day for Years P-3. Thank you to all of our greater school community who attended this day. It was wonderful seeing so many grandparents (and parents, aunts, uncles, friends etc) sharing the morning at school. Thank you to the early year's teachers for organising a terrific morning and to all our visitors who helped make it a special day.

Today is the last day of term and in line with our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, students who have remained on Phase One for their behaviour choices this term received a certificate of commendation (and a McDonald's award and meal voucher) recognising their responsible behaviour. Thank you McDonald's for supporting our student awards – the voucher can be used to order food from their healthy option menu. Phase One students are students who do not need any intervention for behaviour apart from general class rule reminders and warnings and have proven that they can manage and are responsible for their own behaviour. These students have not required any extra help from the class teacher or the school behaviour process to support their behaviour. They are also students who wear our correct school uniform with pride consistently throughout the term. It is an outstanding achievement and one which all students (and parents) should be proud of.

All students at CHSS begin every term on Phase One and their choices throughout each term determine if they move to a different phase. Next term all students begin with a fresh start and a clear behaviour record. Hopefully students who have experienced some difficulty this term will be able to change their behaviour and take advantage of the new term and avoid moving off Phase One by making the right choices.

Students with perfect attendance have also been recognised with a certificate today as this is the first step in a successful school experience. As noted in last week's newsletter, student achievement is related to student attendance and unnecessary time away from school can equal missed opportunities. Well done to those students who have made every day count in Term 1.

It has been brought to my attention that many children are waiting in the park in the afternoons and playing in the drains or climbing up trees. These actions can be very dangerous. Please remind your children to stay out of drains and pipes as the water currents and volume in these drains can change dramatically and quickly, sometimes from what is happening kilometres away. Additionally many of the trees have lost branches or have had their limbs weakened by recent weather and may not bear the weight of a person climbing. Children climbing these trees are not only risking their safety but also the safety of people below if a branch falls. Drains and trees may look like fun places to play but in reality they can be dangerous and should be avoided. Please reinforce these safety messages to your children particularly if they are using the park after school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter holiday. I hope you all have a wonderful and refreshing break. I look forward to everyone's safe return to school next term. School begins again on Monday 15 April. (Please note - there is no pupil free day to begin term 2). Please help keep our school safe by staying out of the school grounds over the holidays and reporting any suspicious trespassers or behaviour to the police or School Watch on 13 1788.

I will be taking a week's long service/study leave for the first week of term 2 to continue work on my thesis. During my absence Mr Stephen Josey will be acting Principal and Mr Steve Musch acting Deputy Principal.

Happy Easter
Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

What an amazing turn out yesterday for Grandparents Day. I firmly believe that it takes a village to raise a child and so it is always encouraging to see so many parents and Grandparents involved. Parents, Grandparents, extended family and the wider community all play a part in the development and wellbeing of a child.

Some of my fondest childhood memories were spending time with my Pop. He never really gave me anything material. The odd bag of lollies (when you could get a whole bag for 50 cents) and \$10 for my birthday every year for 30 years (he never understood inflation!). I guess he really didn't have to give me anything and yet he gave me a lot, I just loved spending time with him, fishing, swimming, talking, playing.... great memories.

Thank you for attending a great day Grandparents, never underestimate the influence you have in your grandchild's life.

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 attended the Halogen Foundation's Leadership Conference yesterday. Since 2009 our school has invested in the leadership development of our School Captains. Have a read of the experiences each captain had yesterday in the newsletter today. I am very proud of them.

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

Amazing! Yesterday Josh, Ashley, Kane and I went to the Young Leader's Day at the Brisbane Convention Centre. It was an inspiring, fun day. We listened to people known as legends. The people that spoke were Mike Martin, Creel Price, Paul Hockey and Ruben Meerman. My favourite speaker was Paul Hockey. He was an inspiring, wonderful and energetic person, with one arm that climbed Mt Everest! I learnt that being school captain isn't just a job with a badge, its being a responsible, confident, hardworking and switched on person. Many thanks to the school for taking us there.

Brianna C
School Captain

Today Kane, Brianna, Ashley and I went to the Brisbane Convention Centre for the Young Leader's Day. We had great experience learning about the meaning of leadership. We were inspired by great people like

Kay McGrath, a presenter for Channel 7 News and Paul Hockey, a person who lost his right arm due to cancer at an early age. One of the things I learnt was not to lose sight of your ultimate goal. My favourite speech was from Paul Hockey. He has conquered Mount Everest and much more with one arm. It was a fantastic day.

Joshua L
School Captain

Yesterday Brianna, Kane, Josh and I went along to the Brisbane Convention Centre for the 2013 National Young Leadership Day. During the day we heard many inspirational speeches. Among the special guests were, Paul Hockey, Kay McGrath, Mike Martin, our host Megan Dredge and many more. The most inspirational speech to me was from Paul Hockey who talked about never giving up. What I got from the day is that leadership is about honour, responsibility and that leadership is more than just a badge. The day was great fun!!

Ashley H
Vice School Captain

Today I got to go to the National Young Leader's day with Brianna, Ashley and Josh. We listened to five speakers; their names were Creel Price, Kay McGrath, Paul Hockey and Ruben Meerman. I really enjoyed the day because it helped me to realise how I want to lead our school and what I can do to make this school a better place.

Some things I learnt were,

- Creel Price told me that when you start a business it can go anywhere.
- Kay McGrath told me to be the best you, you can be.
- Paul Hockey told me never give up, never ever give up.
- Ruben Meerman told me when one person does the right thing everyone does the right thing.

It was a great day.

Kane H
Vice School Captain

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 is likely to be on a Monday or Tuesday from 9.00am to 11.30am over three weeks. 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

Chappies at Chats

Yesterday, I had the privilege of accompanying our wonderful School Leaders to the National Young Leaders Conference in Brisbane and I was inspired as I listened to speakers from different backgrounds talking about leadership. Whilst each speaker shared different life stories relevant to leadership, many of the key messages were common. Creel Price is an entrepreneur who has chosen to make a positive impact in many countries of the world. He started 7 businesses whilst at school. He identified the following leadership values as being

important: use initiative, show resilience, have vision, show integrity, empower others and show self-belief.

We all have the opportunity to influence those around us in a positive way and we can be leaders in our own situations. We have the choice over how we will allow other people to influence us and also how we will influence others.

To quote Kay McGrath, "Be the best you, you can be!"

Chappy Karen

Principal Awards

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

Te Kauri N for always listening carefully and trying to answer questions.

Emma W for being a conscientious student at all times.

Kahungunu K for always trying your best at every task.

Harmon D for being a caring and considerate class member.

Riley J for trying very hard in all of your work in class and always contributing to lessons.

Kyaire H for being kind, considerate and helpful in the classroom.

Alex A for interesting morning talks and expressive reading.

Ellora S for consistently participating in all lessons and being respectful.

Alicia K for excellent work in class and for always using great manners.

Tayla C for contributing thoughtful responses and being a caring class member.

Autumn M for participating happily in all activities at school.

Nina B for using excellent writing skills to share your opinions of stories.

Zenith A for moving from level 8 to level 15 in reading.

Drew H for being always ready to answer questions when called on.

Kihan Z for being a responsible and independent worker and considerate friend.

Matthew H for working hard during reading groups.

Harmony S for excellent listening and great participation in all lessons.

Library Award

Bilbies for quietly browsing, reading and borrowing in the Library.

7 year	Mia A	Tua K
8 year	Ella N	Harmon D
9 year	Jade A	Khodi M
10 year	Joanna T Daniel T	
11 year	Kenneth W	Lauren J
12 year	Noah P	Isabella M
13 year	Tom B	Britney H

House Points

1 st	Mercury	235pts
2 nd	Venus	189pts
3 ^{rs}	Mars	177pts
4 th	Pluto	172pts

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.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

" How would you like your school to win \$5,000.00. Simply make 3 or more deposited during Term 2 to automatically enter. Each student that enters gives you and your school a greater chance of winning".

Remember School Banking resumes on the 17th April so make a note and put it on your fridge.

Happy Easter

Terry Hodges
School Bank Co-ord

Crosscountry Results

Age Champions 2013

6 year Bailee R Jesse M