

24th April, 2013

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2nd May Ipswich Rail Museum Yr2
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STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

I would like to wish everyone a belated welcome back to school for term two and thank Mr Stephen Josey and Mr Steve Musch for covering the Principal and Deputy Principal's positions during my long service leave last week. It is great to be back at school and see the students back in the routine of a new term, enthusiastically engaged in class work.

Parking and traffic around the school, particularly in the afternoons, is still an ongoing concern. Chatswood Hills SS continues to work closely with Logan City Council to try and alleviate the traffic congestion and keep the streets as safe as possible for our students and residents. Part of this strategy has seen the council paint some yellow 'no parking' lines around our school and surrounding streets over the holiday break. These lines should make it very

clear for drivers as to where they can and can't park. Please help us keep our students safe (and avoid a fine) by obeying all parking restrictions. The council will continue to send out the enforcement officers this term to monitor parking around our school.

On Monday we held our whole of school Anzac Day service. As part of this service each class was asked to make a wreath and these were laid at our ANZAC memorial and mural. ANZAC Day is a very important part of Australian culture and it is great to see our students take such an interest in proceedings and show so much respect for what this day means to Australian society. It was a wonderful school event and I would like to thank Mr Stephen Josey for organising the parade, the school leaders for playing an active role in the running of the parade and Mr John Winter from the Springwood Tri-Service RSL Sub Branch for being our guest speaker. The flowers placed at our memorial were taken to Yurana Hostel for the enjoyment of the residents.

As the weather cools down heading into winter, students are wearing jumpers and warmer clothes to school. I would like to remind students and parents that our school has a winter uniform and students are expected to wear correct school uniform each day, every season. The presentation of our students is a significant element in forming a positive public image of our school and something our school wishes to enforce.

Unfortunately some children use uniform variation to illustrate their ability to challenge school and community expectations. If there is a day when correct uniform cannot be worn, please provide a note for the teacher explaining the circumstance or reason for the change. The P&C has endorsed our school as a uniform school and this expectation is reflected in our school's behaviour policy. Students who are not in correct uniform are choosing not to follow school rules and may be dealt with through our behaviour policy including moving off Phase One for their behaviour level. Please help students learn to respect and follow rules by ensuring that they are in correct uniform each day. These skills will be very valuable for them in later life. I thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal
From the Deputy

Thank you to parents and students who attended our ANZAC parade on Monday afternoon. I would also like to thank the members of our school community who provided flowers and wreaths on the day.

Tomorrow is a very special day for Australians across the world. I know of people who are fortunate to be overseas during this time and will be visiting services at Gallipoli and Villers-Bretonneux. Where ever you are tomorrow I hope that it is a day that you can spend some time reflecting on any relative that may have served or is still serving in the armed forces. ANZAC day is also a day where we can just be grateful that we live in a safe and free country and spend time with our families.

I was inspired by some of the words from our guest speaker, Mr John Winter, on Monday when he suggested that if we see a soldier out and about that we should stop and say thank you. That night I was shopping with my eldest boy when I walked past a young soldier in uniform. I thanked him for his service and sacrifice and moved on. An older man then came after me and said that he was grateful for what I had said to the young soldier. He told me that he was a Vietnam Veteran and that what I had said had made his day.

Lest we forget.

Disco

The first disco for the year is on **Friday May 3**. The Student Council and Years Prep to 3 run the Junior Disco for Prep to Year 3 students, it starts at 4:30 and ends at 6pm. **Prep parents are required to stay for the duration of the disco.** The Senior disco is run by Year 4 to 7 and the Student Council for Year 4 to 7 students and starts at 6:30 and finishes at 8:30pm. **Could parents please be prompt with picking up their children at the end of each disco.**

The entry is \$5 with drinks, chips and glow products available for sale. There will also be a sausage sizzle put on by the P and C during the Junior Disco. The money raised by the discos will go towards the Student Council and each year level to be spent on our students!

An area will be cordoned off outside the hall for eating. Students will either be inside dancing or in the designated area eating. **I would appreciate students and parents supporting this in the interests of everyone's safety.**

Seat

The Spinal Education Awareness Team (SEAT) will be visiting the school on Wednesday May 1. SEAT have been to our school before to talk about making wise decisions and personal safety to avoid spinal damage. This program is provided free to all of our students.

UNSW Competitions

It is that time of the year again for the UNSW competitions. These assessments are open to anyone who would like to participate. Please be aware that there is a cost associated with the tests. Students from around Australia and the Asia Pacific participate. Over recent years the school has performed well in these assessments and I would like to encourage our students to be involved. The dates for the UNSW tests are as follows:

Competition	Sitting Date	Closing Date for Payment	Cost
Science	Wednesday June 5	Wednesday May 1	\$8
Writing	Monday June 17	Thursday May 16	\$17
Spelling	Tuesday June 18	Thursday May 16	\$11
English	Wednesday July 31	Tuesday June 18	\$8
Maths	Tuesday August 13	Thursday July 11	\$8

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

From the Guidance Officer

I will run a "1 2 3 Its Magic and Emotion Coaching Course" this term on a Tuesday morning from 9am – 11am over 3 weeks if there is enough interest at the 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 (\$10). 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

When we become parents, no manual is provided giving instructions on how to best parent our children and guide them as they grow and develop. Recently, when our daughter became a teenager I was looking for information about parenting and I read a number of articles by Michael Grose, a leading parent educator. I have included an excerpt from one article that may be of interest to you. The remainder of the article and other articles relevant to parenting can be read at the link provided below.

Keep calm and carry on...

5 discipline ideas to remember by Michael Grose

I'm often asked how to discipline kids when their behaviour infringes on the rights of others, or they plain won't co-operate. Here are five ideas to help make sure discipline is effective and doesn't harm your relationship with your kids:

1. Relax: Angry parents don't do much of a job of teaching their kids to behave better. So before you say or do anything of consequence take a breath. Most of us rush in or act in anger. Do the opposite. Pick your time and the place for discipline.

2. Resist: How many chances do you give your child before you put a consequence in place? How often do you repeat your message to kids? "I've told you 1,000 times don't annoy your sister?" Kids usually learn from explained action so act rather than repeat yourself.....or yell.

Refer to link for the remainder of the article
<http://parentingideas.com.au/Blog/January-2013/5-steps-to-disciplining-your-child>.

Chappy Karen

Found

We have had a book handed in to the office titled "True Tales of Animal Heroes" If this is your book please collect from the office. We have also had an asthma spacer handed in.

Fun Run

Fundraising Australia has just contacted our school to tell us we had raised almost \$12,000 in our Fun Run/Crosscountry.

It is envisaged that all prizes and vouchers should be at school by early next week.

Please note, some younger students will be going home with more prizes than indicated on your forms as money categories allowed some extra prize selections when they were checked.

Thank you again to all families for making our Chatswood Hills Fun Run a success.

Logan Crosscountry

Congratulations to Daniel T and Monique W who qualified to be members of the Logan Crosscountry Team. Twenty schools were involved in the run at John Paul College last Friday.

Freddo Frog Friday

Next Friday 3rd May the representatives from the Chatswood Cheer Team will be selling plain Freddo Frogs, Caramello Bears and Strawberry Frogs outside the library at both breaks. Cost is \$1. Please support our Cheer Team. Posters will be up in classrooms shortly.

Jane Taylor
HPE Teacher

DATE IN LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER WAS INCORRECT FOR DISCOS

Junior Disco (Prep- Grade 3)

Where: Hall

When: **Friday 3rd May**

Time: 4.30pm- 6.00pm

Cost: \$5

Prep parents must stay with their child.

P&C are putting on a BBQ- sausage sizzle –

Sausages \$2.50 each & drinks \$2.

Senior Disco (Years 4-7)

There will be a senior disco held on **Friday 3rd May** from 6.30pm-8.30pm. There will be drinks on sale for \$1 and glo products ranging from \$1- \$4.

Entry fee is \$5.

Only children from Chatswood Hills State School are eligible to attend.

