

2nd May 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

3rd May Trevena Glen Farm
Prep

3rd May School Discos

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

This term Chatswood Hills State School will be hosting 15 student teachers from Griffith University, QUT and Sheffield University (UK). From next week these students will begin their continuous pracs and will be working in full time in classroom for periods of 3 to 6 weeks. The prac teachers work and plan in partnership with the class teacher continuing the class programs. I am sure they will find their experience here at CHSS very enjoyable and rewarding.

Thank you to all families who have made this term's payment to our resource scheme. If you are paying the resource scheme term by term, please note that term 2 payments are now due and can be made at the office window any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings. Parents who elect to no longer take part in our scheme will be given a list of personal resources to buy to ensure that their child has the appropriate equipment for the rest of the year. Our school does not keep a ready supply of books and pencils etc to give out to students as our

curriculum money is put into areas of the school which are not a parent's responsibility. If school monies have to be diverted to cover these basic personal equipment costs then other programs and initiatives will suffer. Parents who choose not to take part in our resource scheme and then do not provide their child's equipment forcing us to divert committed funds will not be additionally burdened by the school with offers for extra-curricular, non-compulsory activities which incur a cost. This policy has been endorsed and has the full support of the CHSS P&C Association.

Thank you everyone for your recent support in sponsoring last term's school cross country/fun run. Through the efforts of all involved our school raised approx. \$12 900 – a fantastic result! This money will be used to provide more equipment, facilities and programs for all children within our school. Children who raised over \$10.00 are eligible for prizes and most of these have been handed out this week. Congratulations to Wallabies class for raising the most money out of all our classes – they will receive a class party as a prize – and to Ashlyn in Year 1 for raising the most money by any student – she received her individual prizes on this week's assembly.

As part of an upgrade to our computer bandwidth service I wish to advise that there will be some road work and disruption to traffic near our main entrance on Raleigh Street over the next few weeks. This work will involve digging a trench across the road to connect the school with existing cabling connections to provide us with faster internet capabilities. The company in charge of doing the work has met with the school and will aim to undertake any work after the morning rush time and before school pick up to minimise any disruption to traffic. Traffic controllers will also be on site to help control and direct traffic. The bandwidth upgrade is desperately needed by our school and I thank you for your understanding and co-operation while this work is undertaken.

Our Term 2 school discos will be held tomorrow afternoon and evening. Years Prep to 3 students are invited to attend between 4:30 and 6:00pm (prep students must be accompanied by a parent), and Years 4 to 7 students can attend between 6:30 and 8:30pm. The discos are school run activities so school rules and behaviour standards still apply to all students. Please note that students will not be allowed to leave the disco early unless they are collected at the door by their parent/caregiver. The P&C will be providing a sausage sizzle between 4:30 and 6:00pm.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

Thanks to a dedicated team of parents and staff Chatswood Hills has won a grant to begin our proposed Koala Walk. The walk will go from the Library, winding around to connect with the path towards the Music block. With new Koala friendly trees and signage that provides information about Koalas and their habitat, over time, this area should develop into a great resource and asset to the school. I look forward to working with the P and C and other parties on this exciting project.

Disco

The first disco for the year is on this **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

I would like to thank Wayne from the Spinal Education Awareness Team (SEAT) for visiting the school yesterday. The message about making wise decisions about personal safety to avoid spinal damage is one that everyone needs to be reminded of. Teachers and students all commented on how interesting the talk was.

UNSW Competition

The UNSW competitions 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 | Closed | \$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
A/Principal

From the Guidance Officer

The "1,2,3 It's Magic and Emotion Coaching" parent/carer course is planned for **Tuesday** mornings 9am -11.30am on these three dates 21st May, 28th May and 4th June in a room in the Library.

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

Yesterday I had the privilege of meeting with 80 plus Chaplains from Logan City and the Gold Coast at Tambourine Mountain. Some of the Chappies have been chaplains for 20 plus years and some for only one week. I found the day very inspirational as I had the opportunity to listen to many chappies and hear what is happening in other schools.

Cuppa with Chappy

Thursday 9th of May 8:30 - 9:30 am

Come and meet with other parents and have a chat.

Chappy Karen

Principal Awards

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

Sebastian B for fantastic writing with great use of interesting verbs.

Charlee N for excellent reading and spelling.

Ashley B for working hard to improve your writing and reading skills

Jack C for trying your best at all tasks and being a helpful class member.

Bethany L for always working quietly and remaining on task.

Amber T for knowing your letters and sounds in "Letterland"

Marlene S for being a wonderful class member who always tries her best and uses beautiful manners.

Ally M for always trying your best during writing tasks.

Amiety A for working very hard in class and always doing your best.

Nylanah W for having excellent manners and behaviour and for always trying your best.

Angelina C for always participating in class discussions.

Leo D for trying hard to improve your writing in class.

Lily B for giving great answers in our Science lesson.

Shreya K for making a big effort in class this term.

Jaspar D for good reading and for trying hard with all your work.

Bailey F for an excellent attempt at your independent writing.

Library Award

Platypus for always listening attentively to stories in the Library.

Compost

Compost bins are back out this week – the small green bins. Help our environment!

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SCRAPS ONLY

Environmental Rangers

Soccer

Congratulations to Erika A for her selection in the Logan District Girls Soccer Team.

Freddo Frog Friday

Frogs on sale \$1 outside of the library at both breaks tomorrow.

Fun Run

Prizes and discount vouchers have now been distributed to all classes. A huge thank you to our Chatswood Hills families and friends for supporting our fundraiser.

Rugby League Clinic

Wednesday PE classes have been continuing with their rugby league skills with representatives from National Rugby League. Sam took students through a number of kicking skills and try scoring. Students are looking toward their first game next week.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Raleigh Street Road Closure Disruption

Please be advised that contractors in the next week or so will be installing cables across Raleigh St. This will mean that Raleigh St/ Burgallby St will have ½ road closures on consecutive days with traffic control assisting. We have been advised of no set date at this stage, however we will endeavour to notify our school community once we are notified.

Found

The following items have been handed in to the office:

An asthma spacer, girl's purse.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop News

Year 7 Shirts

There is 3 size 12, 1 size 14 & 1 size 16 year 7 shirts available to purchase. If you would like to buy one please come & see me tomorrow morning at the tuckshop - \$37 each.

Winter uniforms are in stock - sizes from 4 to 18+

SPECIALS

* Screen printed long sleeve polo's - \$ 20

* Taslon school jacket (size18+) - \$10 - 3 left only

* Polo shirts sizes 14 up to 22 - \$10

Sports house shirts are still available - \$5 only

Years 4-7 athletics day is coming up purchase now so your child can show their team spirit !

Email :- PandCUniformshop@chathills.eq.edu.au

School Banking

" Family Adventure Competition starts 15th April to 5th July 2013. All you have to do to enter is make 3 or more deposits through your school banking during Term 2.

1st prize \$5000.00 Adventure Holiday in Australia plus \$500 spending money.
\$5000.00 for the winning school to do as they wish.

25 runners up Kids Adventure Packs worth over \$700.00 each to be won.

Main flyer on the notice board near Administration window other flyers on all class room doors or windows additional flyers will be sent home to our school banking students"

Terry Hodges
School Bank-Co-ord