

9th May 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

Tues 14 th May	Naplan
Wed 15 th May	Naplan
Thur 16 th May	Naplan
Tues 21 st May	Rochedale High Open Day

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

Next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday students in years 3,5 and 7 will take part in the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. The NAPLAN tests are a formal measure of how students are performing, however, it is important to remember that they are a point in time test and only one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process. We expect that the test results will be sent to our school in September this year, and an individual NAPLAN report for each student will be sent home around this time. These confidential reports will show your child's results against key national information in each year level. Our school will use the information in a number of ways, primarily to better identify students requiring additional support, and to identify strengths and improvement areas in our teaching programs. We will endeavour to make these tests as stress free and supportive for all students as possible and to this end I have found that students take comfort in doing them together with their peers, so where possible please try to ensure your child is present at school on time for these tests. Students who are absent are required to sit makeup tests on Friday. Furthermore, ensuring your child is well rested from a good night's sleep and has had a good breakfast each morning can assist with their concentration and help them to focus on

tasks for longer periods of time which is very important with these tests. Our local IGA supermarket is supplying apples to give our students a healthy snack each day of NAPLAN.

For the safety of all students I would like to remind our community that before school is not a playtime and all playgrounds are out of bounds at this time. While teachers are a school early in the morning, this is their preparation time and there are no formal duties before school. Students should arrive at school before 8.00am and once they are to sit under the covered area till 8.15. (This includes students who are here with their parents and we ask parents to work with us to ensure all students follow the school rules once they enter our property.) At 8.15 students can move to their classroom areas to sit and wait for classes to start. Ball games, running around and using equipment etc are still not allowed during this time to prevent accidents from happening in unsupervised games.

Thank you to Marie G and her wonderful team of P&C volunteers for organising our Mother's Day stall this week. Students had the opportunity to visit the stall yesterday and today during class and their own time to buy their mum a special gift. As well as providing presents for mums on their special day the stall is also an annual fundraiser for our P&C. Thank you to all in the CHSS community for supporting our school through this stall.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

Preparations have been underway for some time now getting students and the school ready for NAPLAN. The tests will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday May 14, 15 and 16 next week. It is important to note that Friday May 17 is a catch up day. Any students away on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday will have to sit the assessments on the Friday.

While these tests are important they are one assessment item in a myriad of tools used to measure student performance. I would like to encourage students to do their best, have a good night's sleep before each day and have a good healthy breakfast each morning.

Each day apples will hopefully be provided for each student in Years 3,5 and 7. IGA has agreed to supply these apples to the school at a minimal cost.

I would like to wish all of our students the best during this time.

Disco

Thank you to all parents, students and staff that supported the first school disco for the year. The night was very successful and student behaviour of a high standard. Thank you also to the P and C for running a sausage sizzle and donating the profits straight back to the students!

All of the profits go back to the students either through the student council or straight to Year levels. The next disco is scheduled for Friday July 26.

RACQ Streets Ahead

The week beginning May 27 the RACQ Street's Ahead program will be running at the school. All students will be involved during one lesson throughout the week. The program is designed to teach children about road safety and is free of charge.

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.

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. Especially if you are a mother!

Stephen Josey
Deputy 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 consecutive 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

Chappy at Chats



Usually by this time of year, I have spied my children scurrying through the house clutching brown paper bags. The bags have contained something lovingly selected for me from the school Mother's Day stall. In previous years, my children have hidden the bag in the depths of their cupboards or another hard to find place until Mother's Day. They have gained much delight in giving the gift or card which they have made or selected with much thought. This year I haven't noticed any such behaviour and so perhaps there will be no gifts for me. I am looking forward to breakfast in bed prepared by my hubbie which is a real treat as he rarely cooks. Best of all though, are the gifts and cards that the kids make and they are to be treasured.

Being a Mother is one of the greatest privileges and joys of my life and yet the role also brings the greatest responsibility and challenges. As a Mum, it is easy to focus on the things that need to be done and the challenges that each stage brings but take time to enjoy the gift of your child and the unique gift which you have been given.

This Sunday, I hope you can take the time to honour your Mum, Grandma or the mother person in your life. Remember, you

The dates for the UNSW tests are as follows:

don't need to wait for Mother's Day each year to show appreciation and love to your Mum.

Chappy Karen

Principal Awards

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

Kauri S for being exceptionally caring and thoughtful when in the playground.

Riley B for being an outstanding member of our community, showing care and thoughtfulness.

Marielle O for your positive approach to work and always trying your best.

Trey D for consistently giving 100% to everything you do.

Nicholas G for being creative and resourceful in the choice of materials for your Technology project.

Bella S for wonderful work on your Environmental Day poster.

Sohini K for enthusiastic approach to learning.

Abby D for presenting an engaging and well spoken presentation.

Jasmine T for presenting a polished, well prepared speech to the class.

Chelsea B for your diligent attitude towards achieving success.

Ryan D for producing a brilliant speech for English assessment.

Jadase H for outstanding classroom effort.

Library Award

Tallebudgera for enjoying fiction books read to them in the Library.

Trevena Glen Farm Excursion- Platypus

On Friday we went to the farm. First I rode on the pony. Next I rode on the bull. Finally I went home.

Mia T

On Friday we went to the farm. First we wandered around. Next we saw the cows. Then we went to have lunch. Finally we went back on the bus.

Alex A

On Friday we went to the farm. First we rode the bull. Then I went on the tractor ride. Finally we got on the bus.

Tane H

On Friday we went to the farm. First we held on to the bull. Next we held the chicks. Finally we headed back to school.

Liliana E

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Isabella M who was selected in the Logan Tennis Team.

Fun Run Holiday

Congratulations to Tameka R from Burleigh- her family has won the weekend at Seaworld Nara Resort. Tameka was presented with her prize on assembly on Monday.

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

Change of Details Form (Please tear off and return to office)

Name of Child.....

Class.....

Address.....

Phone Numbers

Home.....

Work.....

Mobile.....

Emergency Contacts.....