



16th May 2013

**CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER**

Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Rochedale High Open Day
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (Yrs 4-7)
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Queens Birthday Holiday

**STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260**

**From the Principal**

It has certainly been a busy week here at Chatswood Hills and even though it feels like we have only just returned from the Easter break, tomorrow marks the mid-point of term two.

Like all schools nationwide, this week saw our year 3, 5 and 7 students participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. Our school will use the information from these tests in a number of ways, primarily to better identify students requiring additional support, and to identify strengths and improvement areas in teaching programs. While the NAPLAN report is a significant measure of how all students are performing, it is important to remember that it is only one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace the more extensive and informed judgements made by the class teachers throughout the year.

Semester one reports will be sent home at the end of term on Friday 21 June for all year levels. Teachers are currently busy finishing off assessment and writing the reports so that they are ready to go home on the last day of term. Due to the logistics of writing, copying and signing 650 odd report cards it is impossible to give them out early to students who are not going to be in attendance on this final day. Our expectation is that there is regular schooling up to and including the last day of term and any student absent can collect their report from the office next term.

I have had a request from Outside School Hours Care to remind our school community that the school playgrounds are not for general use afterschool. OSHC hire the playgrounds and outdoor areas as part of their afterschool programs and occasionally they have had children who are not part of their program playing in the school grounds and using this equipment during OSHC time. For the safety of all children and to uphold our duty of care to the OSHC children please ensure that children who are not part of the OSHC program leave the grounds after the school day is finished.

The P&C meeting this week was postponed due to illness and family commitments with the executive. My apologies for any inconvenience, however we need a minimum number of executive present to conduct official business and this wasn't going to be the case Monday night. This month's meeting will be held this Monday 20 May.

Thank you  
Keith Graham  
Principal

### From the Deputy

This week has seen all of our Year 3, 5 and 7 students undertake the NAPLAN tests. I would like to congratulate all students for putting in their best during the week. Thank you also to the staff and parents who have supported our students.

Supa IGA Daisy Hill came to the party again this year and provided 660 apples over the three days to our NAPLAN students at a very low price. The apples have once again been well received by students and teachers.

### CHAPPY Week!

Next week is Chappy week. Chappy Karen will be holding a few activities over the week including a "guess the jelly beans competition".

### First Aid

Over 30 staff members from the school will be involved in Full First Aid and/or CPR training tonight with the Queensland Ambulance. Thank you to staff for their ongoing commitment to keeping Chatswood Hills State School a safe environment.

### 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.

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	Closed	\$17
Spelling	Tuesday June 18	Closed	\$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

### Last Chance

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 21<sup>st</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays on 3489 2222 for more information.

Jenny Hickey  
Guidance Officer

### Chappy at Chats

### Next week is CHAPPY WEEK!

### Guess the Lollies in the jar!

Just for fun, I am filling a jar with lollies and each child can have a guess about the number of lollies in the jar at a cost of 20 cents for each guess. The child with the guess closest to the correct number of lollies will win the jar and the lollies.

I will have some helpers in the undercover area who will record your guesses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The winner will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Have a great week.

Chappy Karen

### Principal Awards

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

**Ashton B** for working hard to improve your writing and reading skills.

**Coen A** for always trying your best in all areas of school.

**Jesse M** for always trying your best during writing tasks.

**Aaliyah M** for writing a wise letter about bullying.

**Ashlee P** for consistently high standards in writing a character description.

**Samantha W** for a great effort in writing your character description.

**Ella J** inquisitive and analytical thinking.

**Danteus R** for working well in class and using good manners.

**Ella N** for working hard and participating enthusiastically in whole class lessons.

**Tabitha S** for improved participation in class discussions.

**Zane B** for always having your amazing mathematical brain turned on.

**Tiffany S** for showing a caring attitude to your class mates.

**Kai H** for always working hard in class and sharing your ideas confidently.

**Kain N** for excellent reading.

**Jerry P** for following our school rules and trying very hard in class.

**Chloe W** for being a caring and helpful member of our class.

### Library Award

**Cassowaries** for excellent non fiction searching in the Library.

### From the Library

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide event for students from Prep to Year 7. The reading period is from Tuesday 14 May to Friday 6 September. The Premier's Reading challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Students in Prep to Year 2 will experience 20 books in their Library lessons. I will keep their reading log. Years 3 and 4 will read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 will read 15 books. They will keep their own reading log. Students who complete the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier and go into a draw for a number of prizes. Please encourage this reading event.

Lyndell Roberts  
Teacher Librarian

### Lost and Found

We have had a large key handed in (could be a car key). Please contact the office if you have lost one.

A cabbage patch doll has been lost outside Kingfisher class. Blonde pigtails, blue and white smock dress. Sadly missed. Please contact the office if you find her.

### P & C News

Email: [pandc@chathills.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@chathills.eq.edu.au)

### Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to all the amazing helpers; Mel Reid, Caty Workman, Tammy Vaughan, Michelle Sparke, Karen McGibbon, Nicola Back, Amanda Fergus, Lisa Filkins and Julie. What a team! I hope it wasn't too much for you and that you all come back next year. Thank you also to Ina Kaolo, Mel Reid, Caty Workman, and Robyn and Terry for all your assistance leading up to the stall, without your help it could not have been possible. Finally thanks to Stewart and Gerd for the much needed coffee and cake, plus their help with getting all the boxes etc to the bins.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the raffle prizes;

Coffee Club Voucher and Gift Basket - Cody from Bandicoots  
Chatswood Hills Florist Floral Arrangement - Chelsea from Moreton  
Ethos Orthodontists Gift Basket - Chloe from Emus  
Beautylicious Beauty Bar Gift Voucher - Molly from Bilbies

I hope your Mum's enjoyed their prizes.

Thank you to all the lovely, happy, well mannered students from Chatswood Hills, it was a pleasure to help you choose something special for your special Mum, Grandma, Nana, Aunt etc. I hope you had a fantastic Mothers Day and spoil your Mums.

To everyone who donated items for the stall, thank you, we had some lovely handmade scarves, hand towels, notebooks, candles, cards and bookmarks, it is very much appreciated.

This year's stall raised around \$2800 which will be used throughout the school to benefit ALL our children, so a very big thank you to everyone who supported this event.

A great big thank you to our wonderful supporters for providing such great raffle prizes and/or goods for the stall, they are:

**The Coffee Club at Logan Mega Centre; Ethos Orthodontists; Chatswood Hills Florist; Bendigo Bank at Springwood; Beautylicious Beauty Bar of Springwood and Bunnings at Underwood.**

Until next time, stay happy and healthy. Marie Gabriel.

### School Banking

" Dear Parents - as you may be aware your child now has a new cloth bank deposit book cover. For those who do not, they will change over a period of time. I have sent out notices to those students who initially banked last year and in term one who have since ceased banking.

It would be an excellent outcome if all parents and students continued their school banking. Don't forget our Family competition ?

This term School Banking Rewards are (spen,addy,pat,cred,pru money boxes) wallets ,handball, ,knuckle game and torch. I know a lot of you have saved your dollarmite coins maybe you would now like to cash them in.

Terry Hodges  
School Bank Co-Ord