



23rd May 2013

**CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER**

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (Yrs 4-7)
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Queens Birthday Holiday
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Under 8's Day

**STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260**

**From the Principal**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our P&C team for all the wonderful work and fundraising they do. A hallmark of our P&C group is their ability to look at the big picture and work in partnership with the school to undertake some strategic projects. At this week's P&C meeting it was moved to inject some funds back into the school to benefit all children and support some initiatives the school has put in place.

Chatswood Hills recently applied for a grant to provide shade structures to playgrounds and existing outdoor learning areas. The grant requires a contribution from the P&C which is matched by the state government. As part of the P&C commitment it was passed to fund three more external shade areas to Blocks 1 and 2 replacing the shade cloth. These new shade structures will provide full protection from the sun and rain, connect completely to the classrooms so that students are fully covered from the elements as soon as they step outside their room, be long lasting structures that don't need frequent replacing and do not pose the same fire risk as the shade

cloths. Our school has also been successful in winning a grant to develop a dedicated koala education area. This grant will help us construct a walk way, plant koala friendly trees and provide some information signage about koala conservation. To enhance this grant the P&C have agreed to fund the pathway work and provide a covered, outdoor flexible learning area which will be integrated with this environmental area. In addition to this infrastructure the P&C have also committed funds to provide books to our upper school literacy program and funds to give some additional resources to the learning support area. Thank you to the P&C team and all the parents and community members who support our fundraising initiatives throughout the year. It is through this fundraising that the P&C are able to provide our school with extra resources and facilities which benefit all students. Your support of our school is very much appreciated.

With the end of the financial year approaching, we are also undertaking some maintenance work using the \$140 000 maintenance money allocated to our school by the state government. This money is being used to work through projects on our school's maintenance list which includes some internal and external painting, work on the amenities block and an upgrade to our school entrance. This work will be undertaken over the next five weeks and should be completed by the beginning of next term. A final bit of construction we will be undertaking this term will utilise the money raised from the cross country/fun run to build a half-court basketball court between the new library and oval. Work

for this project should commence in the next two weeks.

Our school continues to grow in size, and while this is a great endorsement for what we do here at Chatswood Hills, it also causes problems by putting pressure on our classroom space. Projections for next year show that we will grow again by one or possibly two classes. Many of our students come from beyond our catchment area and with the move of year 7 to a high school setting in 2015 (which will see our numbers shrink); the state government is reluctant to spend long term money on permanent buildings for our school. Due to our increasing numbers, I been asked by Education Queensland to implement an enrolment management plan for our school which will see the number of Prep places capped at four classes for next year to avoid growth caused by out of catchment students. This will mean that any child living within our catchment area will be guaranteed a place in our school, but we will be limiting the number of children we enrol from outside of this catchment area. The outside of catchment enrolments will be decided on a number of criteria including supporting existing families with siblings at our school. This new procedure will not impact on any existing students and will only be implemented for new and future enrolments. Once complete the enrolment management plan will be endorsed by EQ and the P&C and will be available for all families by request.

Next year will be the last year that Year 7 will be based in a primary setting in Queensland state schools. This move will help align Queensland schools with most other states and territories and also to align with the new Australian Curriculum which makes assumptions that Year 7s are in high school with specialist subject teachers and specialist facilities. Our current Year 6s will be the last cohort of Year 7 at CHSS and will leave at the end of 2014 to go to Year 8 like in past years. Our current Year 5's will be in Year 6 next year and will move into Year 7 at a high school setting for the start of 2015. To help share information around this move Chatswood Hills and Springwood SHS will be offering a joint information session for parents about 2015 with time to answer any questions or concerns parents may have. The session will be held on Monday 17 June from 5:00 to 6:00pm in block 4.. All Years 5 and 6 parents were specifically invited this week, however parents and caregivers from any year level are most welcome to attend.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM  
Principal

### **From the Deputy**

### **CHAPPY Week!**

This week has been Chappy week! Chaplaincy is a key service that is provided through a Federal Government grant, however some fund raising is needed to support programs and other activities. Chappy Karen has been with us since September last year. She works two days a week, Mondays and Thursdays.

On Thursdays at first break Chappy Karen runs a Kids Club for interested Year 4 to 7 students. Chappy Karen also plays a vital role talking and sharing with staff and students as well as working in classrooms. If you see Chappy Karen around make sure you say hello or why not attend a "meet the Chappy" coffee morning that is held from time to time.

### **First Aid**

Around 25 staff stayed back at school last week to complete either their full first aid or CPR certificate last Thursday. I would like to thank the Queensland Ambulance Service for sending out two wonderful trainers for the night.

### **RACQ Streets Ahead**

Starting Monday 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**

We have 12 students who will be participating in the UNSW Science competition this year due to Sports day being scheduled for the same day we will be moving the sitting date for Science. I will advise students of the changed date in the next newsletter.

The English and Maths UNSW competitions are still 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	To Be Advised	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

### Chappy at Chats



This week is Chappy Week and the Guess the Number of Lollies competition will close today. The winner will be announced in next week's newsletter.

The money raised will be donated to the Chaplaincy Program here at Chatswood Hills State School.

The holidays are not far away and so here is some information about a camp being conducted by Scripture Union during the June / July school holidays.

Footy Camp is a fun time of activities including beach games, paddle boarding, training sessions, State of Origin Party, Footy Camp Show, Mate Vs Mate Rugby League Game and some life tips from NRL Legends. Amongst the training sessions there will also be time to tackle the bigger questions of life, faith in God and footy.

Where - Tallebudgera Rec Centre

When - June 24<sup>th</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>

Who - Grade 7, 8, 9 boys from Logan and Gold Coast areas

Cost - \$230 (For more information or to register online - [www.sucamps.org.au](http://www.sucamps.org.au))

Chappy Karen

### Principal Awards

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

**Sunny F** for designing and constructing a creative Aboriginal artefact.

**Abdur-Rahman M** for being a conscientious worker and respectful classmate.

**Jayden S** for always trying your best in all areas of school.

**Aneisha C** for working hard to produce a quality narrative.

**Brandon P** for an improved attitude to your work and greater effort.

**Meaghan H** for trying harder during classtime and working on improving your understanding.

**Jadase H** for outstanding classroom attitude.

**Thomas M** for making a huge improvement in Live Mathletics results.

**Shaylen B** for being a mature and sensible class member.

### Library Award

**Stradbroke** for excellent silent reading and focus on tasks in reading rotations.

### From the Library

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual event held during Library and Information Week. It brings together thousands of children across Australia to read the same book and promotes an Australian publisher and writer. This week Prep to Year 3 listened to Nick Bland's *The Wrong Book*, a delightful persuasive text about Nicholas Ickle who becomes quite upset when characters invade his story.

Lyndell Roberts  
Teacher Librarian.

### P & C News

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### Bookclub

The fourth issue of Book Club is due to the Tuckshop by the 31st May. Please ensure your child's order is placed securely in a sealed envelope or snap locked bag so that the payment and the order form are kept together. If you have any queries please contact Esther on 0413 222 364 or Paige on 0449 682 178.