

20th June 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

Fri 21 st June	Report Cards sent home
Fri 21 st June	Term 2 ends
Mon 8 th July	Term 3 commences
Wed 10 th July	School Banking resumes

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

Well how quickly the semester has gone! Report cards will go home tomorrow informing you of your child(ren)'s progress. Please take the time to go through the report card with you child(ren) and discuss their strengths and achievements and help them set some goals for next semester. (Any student away tomorrow can collect their report card from the office next term.)

Our report cards, in line with all Queensland state schools, report with a 5-point scale with different headings for different year levels. The report card scales refer to attainment standards called "*benchmarks of achievement*" or "*criteria*." So what makes an "A", "B", "C" etc is predetermined by a scale of achievement. Any student who shows evidence of meeting a particular level, deserves that benchmark grade. A "C" means that the student has met the criteria for a learner to be at the appropriate age level. Receiving a "C" (or **middle grading**) means that the student is doing everything required at their Year Level at school. The best

description is to say that a "C" means that the student's academic development is exactly where it needs to be. That means attaining a "C" for Achievement means you are ON TARGET for your age level! The higher grades are not awarded simply to the top students in the class; they are only given to

students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria required for their Year Level. The "Effort" grades are also really important because they are a reflection of how, in the teacher's opinion, the student is working consistently in class in that learning area.

An Academic Award Parade will be held tomorrow at 8:45am to acknowledge students in years 2 to 7 who have excelled in the core curriculum areas as reflected in their report cards. Additionally students who are on Phase One for behaviour this term will also receive, through their class, a certificate tomorrow acknowledging this achievement. Once again McDonalds is sponsoring these awards and children will receive a McDonald's award and meal voucher. Thank you McDonald's for supporting our school through the student awards. The vast majority of students at Chatswood Hills are responsible school members who continually do the right thing. I think it is very important for us to focus on these students and acknowledge their efforts. Behaviours and consequences come as a result of individual choices; if students wish for positive consequence then they are responsible for making appropriate choices

Yesterday we celebrated Under 8s week with a day of fun activities for our P-3 classes. This was a fantastic event! I thoroughly enjoyed watching the Under 8 students moving from activity to activity and proudly showing me their stamped activity cards outlining where they have been, and I also enjoyed watching our older students run each activity and working with the younger grades. Thank-you to the junior school team and to all our students for making this day such a success.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our team of Year 5 students who represented CHSS at the Springwood High School Academic Storm Cup this week. They competed very well against 15 other schools in the disciplines of Humanities, Maths and

Science and won the Team Spirit Award for outstanding teamwork throughout the day. I would also like to congratulate Nikhat, Emily, Mahtika and Thalisha for representing our school in the Readers Cup last week. The students had to read five books and then answer questions relating to the book. It was an extremely difficult and tight competition and our team finished 12th out of 34 teams. Congratulations!

Our School Annual Report has been posted on our web page this week. This report is a summary of Chatswood Hills SS for 2012 and includes results in numeracy and literacy for years 3, 5 and 7, and the results of the annual School Opinion Survey. If you are interested in reading it, please log onto our web page or ask for a hard copy at the office after the holidays.

Work on our new front fence began yesterday and will continue into next week. Thank you to everyone for avoiding this area and taking alternative routes while access is restricted. We will also be using the holiday period to undertake other work while students are off site. Three new hard cover shade areas will be constructed outside of Blocks 1 and 2, as well as a new shade area and pathway for the Koala Educational area we are developing near the oval. We will also be undertaking some drainage work. Weather permitting, all work should be finished by the time school starts next term.

I hope you all have a relaxing and safe break. Please remember that school commences again on Monday 8 July and that there is no student free professional development day to begin the term. Please help keep our school safe by reporting anyone you see trespassing or acting suspiciously on our school grounds over the holiday period to School Watch on 13 1788 or the police.

See you in semester two.
Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

It was great to see so many students and teachers having fun yesterday at the Under 8s day. A big congratulation must go to staff, students and helpers for creating such a fun and exciting atmosphere.

On Friday we come together for the last time this term at our Academic Parade to celebrate the achievements of students throughout this semester. The Parade starts at 8:45am on Friday morning.

I would like to extend a safe and restful holiday to all members of our community as we head into the winter school holidays. I look forward to working with everyone once again next term.

Springwood High School Storm Cup

Congratulations to our twelve Year 4 and 5 students who represented Chatswood Hills State School at this year's Storm Cup to held at Springwood High School on Monday. This year one of our teams were awarded the Team Spirit Award.

I was talking with one of the high school teachers this week and they told me that they were particularly impressed with the ability of our students to work together.

Disco

The next school disco will be held on Friday July 26. The student council elected to have a Science Fiction theme. I hope to see you all there after the holidays.

Koala Walkway

On Saturday an excavator was brought in to break up some of the ground and topsoil added to prepare the area for trees and plants. Over the holidays the pathway will be constructed. The student council has agreed to pay for the main sign for the walkway and for a bridge that is needed to span some tree roots.

UNSW Competition

14 students participated in the UNSW Writing competition and 18 students participated in the UNSW Spelling competition this week. I would like to thank each participant for putting in their best efforts.

The next tests are the Maths and English competitions which will both be held next term.

The Maths UNSW competition is 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		Finished	
Writing		Finished	
Spelling		Finished	
English	Wednesday July 31	Closed	\$8
Maths	Tuesday August 13	Thursday July 11	\$8

Have a great holiday.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Chappy At Chats

The holidays are nearly here and most I suspect are looking forward to a break in school routines and the busy schedules. Tonight, I Googled Logan City Libraries to see what activities are being held during the holidays. I was pleasantly surprised by the range of activities being offered at the Logan Libraries and the best part is that the activities are FREE. Across the Libraries in Logan, there are activities like Fabric Rope Jewellery, movie screenings, a Performance by Lady Penelope, finger knitting, specific activities for teens, making puppets, Coiling 101 and sessions for parents. I also discovered that each school day during Term, there are people available to help children with their homework. These services are free !!!!

Trash and Treasure Stall for the School Fete

Holidays are also a time to improve our organisation at home. Recently, I went through my children's clothes with them and we found many items that are too small for them to wear. Some items had barely been worn and a few are brand new. If you have **Children's clothes, books or toys** that you would like to donate to The Trash and Treasure Stall, please send them into school on Thursdays. This year, we will only be collecting items that fall into the categories of **Children's Clothes, Toys and Books**. We are interested in items that are in good condition. Any items not sold at the fete will be donated to a local charity.

Operation Christmas Child - Boxes given to children living in poverty, impacted by war, diseases, famine or natural disasters.

Do you want to contribute items for a box to be given to a child? In the first week of next Term we will be collecting something to love, such as a doll, a stuffed toy or a teddy bear. This is a voluntary activity that you are welcome to join in by sending in individual items or packing your own shoebox. Please send in medium sized shoeboxes.

If packing your own shoebox include something to love, something for school, something to wear, something special, something to play with and something for personal hygiene.

Do not include items that leak or melt, food or lollies, any used or damaged items, any breakable items with glass, anything that can scare or injure a child and also no materials related to gambling.

Chappy Karen

Cherry Blossom Picnic and Obento Competition

Konnichi wa! What a fantastic way to celebrate the end of my first term back but with a Cherry Blossom Picnic and an Obento competition. Students from grade 4, 5 and 6 helped create our cherry blossom forest outside the LOTE room and learnt the art of Obento (Obento are Japanese packed lunches that are made to look like a picture of a famous character). The Obento entries were truly amazing and we had a lovely time under the cherry blossoms eating them too. Arigatou Gozaimasu.

Bullen Sensei



From the Library

Holiday time is perfect for a visit to your local Logan Library. Membership and activities are free. There is also free wi-fi available at all Logan City Council Libraries. Visit www.logan.qld.gov.au/libraries. It is a good time to remind children to continue with the Premiers' Reading Challenge and to record stories read. Another useful activity is to look for 'lost' school library books at home as rooms are tidied and bookshelves checked. Thank you for encouraging your children to read.

Lyndell Roberts

Teacher Librarian

Change of Contact Details

A change of contact details form will be sent home with the report cards for the youngest in the family. Please return them to the office only if any of your details have changed. It is very important that we have the correct information on our records in case we need to contact you regarding you child/ren.

Lost Property

The lost property bin will be cleared tomorrow. Please check the bin if your child has lost items of clothing.

A pair of sunglasses have been handed in to the office.

Magazines

We are in desperate need of your old magazines. We use them for many activities and the ones we have right now have been cut into pieces. Please leave donations at the office. They will be very much appreciated.

Imogen McCann

SEP Teacher

Helping Hands Vacation Care

Are you looking for something FUN for your children to do over the school holidays?

Why not book them into our June/July Vacation Care Program. We offer care from 6.30am to 6.00pm from Monday 24th June to Friday 27th June and Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July. During this time we have a range of fun activities including crafts, cooking and a 'Christmas in July' day. Our incursions include making 'Wax Hand' casts and 'Ocean Life' meeting unique sea creatures. Our excursion is to Ten Pin Bowling.

Breakfast is provided up until 8am, with Morning Tea and Afternoon Tea also included in the daily charge.

Call in to see Wendy or any of our friendly staff in the blue room for an enrolment form.

BE QUICK OR YOU MAY MISS OUT!!!!

Kind Regards,

Wendy Garrett

Coordinator Helping Hands Chatswood Hills

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Tuckshop

As of Term 3 Singapore Noodles will be removed from the tuckshop menu and replaced with Lasagne \$4.