

18<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

**CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER**

19 <sup>th</sup> July	Interschool Sport begins
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Mayes Cottage Excursion (Year 3/ Year 4 Emus)
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Bookclub due
26 <sup>th</sup> July	School Discos

**STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260**

**From the Principal**

Over the next two weeks our school will undertake the annual Education Queensland School Opinion Survey. Each year EQ asks all staff and some parents and students to give their opinions about their school. The surveys are anonymous and the information is used by schools to see how well they are going and to help plan future initiatives. This year, students in years 5 and 6 will be asked to do the survey along with a random sample of parents. The parents are selected by a department generated number on our alphabetical list of enrolments, by this method the school has no say in which families are chosen. If you are sent a survey, please try and take the time to fill it in and return it to the school, as your feedback is important to us and will help us set next year's direction. I thank you for your input.

Interschool sport begins tomorrow (weather permitting) for upper school students and will continue for a twelve week season. Due to the early term start of the interschool competition, only a part payment for sport is due by tomorrow to guarantee your child's place in the team, the balance of payment must be paid by 1 August. Please note all permission forms must be received by tomorrow for

children to leave the school grounds. Thank you.

The weather has certainly been working against us as we strive to complete some maintenance work around the school. The fence contractor has contacted the school and stated that work on our new entrance should re-commence next week. He also stated that the job should be finished by Friday 2 August. The landscapers have measured the amphitheatre area for turf and this should arrive next week. Work on the permanent shade structure outside of Year 1 will start tomorrow and progressively move on to the two shade sails outside of the Prep Block.

Our final project, a Koala Education Walkway, is being undertaken in conjunction with a grant from the Logan City Council and CHSS P&C. We are awaiting dry weather to pour the concrete path and then we will begin with tree planting and installing some information signage. As a school, and in consultation with the Streatfeild family, we have decided to name this new area in memory of Helen Streatfeild. Helen loved working in our school's natural setting and naming this new educational area after her, we feel, is very appropriate. We aim to have this area open in time for our fete. In addition we would like to create a photo book of Helen's time at CHSS to present to her family. If any community members have pictures of Helen that can be scanned or emailed, please send them to the school email address so that they can be included in our book. Any support with this would be much appreciated.

**Prep Enrolments for 2014**

Our Open Day/Prep Information Sessions will be held on Wednesday 28 August at 9:00 -10:00am in the school hall and 6:00 – 7:00pm in the school library. General school information will be given and interview times for formal enrolment into

classes for 2014 will be organised at these sessions. Students eligible for Prep in 2014 **must be born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009**. These dates are strictly enforced and parents will require a birth certificate before a Prep place and enrolment can be confirmed. While the majority of new enrolments are in prep (the talks will include a prep focus from a prep teacher), we will be taking enrolments for all year levels from this day.

As part of my commitment to Queensland Primary School Sport I shall be away from school Thursday and Friday of next week at the Queensland Primary School Touch Football Championships held at Caboolture. Stephen Josey will be the acting principal in my absence so please contact him with any urgent issues that cannot wait until my return.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM  
Principal

### **From the Deputy**

For as long as I have been at Chatswood Hills State School and I suspect even longer, there has been a strong sense of community. Monday night this week was no exception. There was a great sense of community and positive feeling as the P and C provided support for a variety of programs run throughout the school.

I would like to extend my gratitude towards our hard working P and C and the many other volunteers around the school. It is great to see the fruits of everyone's labour as you walk around the school.

### **Disco**

The next disco for the year is on **Friday July 26**. This disco will have a Science Fiction theme. 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.**

### **Chaplaincy Bunnings BBQ**

The school's Chaplaincy Committee is running a BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday August 4. We need some volunteers to help with working on the stall and selling sausages. We would also appreciate people coming down to the Underwood Bunnings to buy some sausages and drinks on that day.

If you are able to assist with the BBQ could you please leave your name with the office as soon as possible? We have a particular need for assistance between 11am to 1pm and 1pm to 3pm

### **Rochedale Challenge**

The Rochedale Challenge will be held on Tuesday July 30 for Year 6 students. Very soon teams will start to be organised. More information next week.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Chappy Karen is coordinating Operation Christmas Child this year with the help of Ms Cargill. Families and children are encouraged to make up a shoe box (A4 size) of **new** toys, clothes or other items appropriate for young children to be sent overseas to children as a Christmas gift. In most cases the shoebox is the only new present that these children ever receive. More information can be found in Chappy Karen's section of the newsletter.

### **UNSW Competition**

The UNSW competitions are now all closed. The English test is scheduled for Wednesday July 31 and the Maths for Tuesday August 13. I would like to thank participating students and their parents. Results for the other competitions will start to come in and I look forward to reporting the results back to the community.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey  
Deputy Principal

### **Chat with Chappy**

**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? This week we will be collecting **something for school** such as exercise books, pencils, pens, pencil cases, rubbers, sharpeners or chalk.

**If packing your own shoebox**, please collect an information sheet from the office which will detail the items to be included and items not to be included.

### **Principal Awards**

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

**Jacob A** for great improvement in your reading this term.  
**Amanii M** for trying very hard to write a character description.

**Bradley F** for completing your work independently.

**Quanell T** for working hard to sound out words during guided reading lessons.

**Georgia M** for always putting in a great amount of effort and presenting your work beautifully.

**Alyssa B** for being a well mannered student who always tries her best.

**Anahera S** for making a good start to the term and listening carefully in the classroom.

**Dion A** for having a go at all tasks and always trying your best.

**Mia C** for working hard on your reading and sight words.

**Roman K** for always listening beautifully in class.

**Leena A** for excellent story writing.

**Nikki D** for always being a polite, hard working class member.

**Ziad A** for improved reading and inferential thinking.

**Liam A** for an improved effort in all of your work in the classroom.

**Steven B** for settling into your new school so well and for always working quietly.

**Charli C** for having beautiful manners and always presenting your work neatly.

### **Library Award**

**Goannas** for using their manners when borrowing quietly.

### **Interschool Sport**

Interschool sport starts tomorrow. Although the payments for AFL, Touch and Cheerleading are not due until 1<sup>st</sup> August, for students to participate tomorrow all paperwork must be submitted to the cash window.

### **Athletics Training by Commonwealth Games Athlete**

A big thank you to Geoff Smith who has been assisting Ms Taylor in training our field event athletes for our upcoming Logan District Athletics Carnival. Mr Smith an ex PE teacher who won a gold medal at the 1970 Commonwealth Games for the Decathlon. His knowledge and expertise is much valued by our school.

### **Thank you**

A big thank you to the wonderful person who delivered a wallet to the house of one of our parents who had lost it in the school grounds on Tuesday.

### **P & C News**

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

**YATALA PIE DRIVE** - forms have gone home (more available from the office or tuckshop.) **Orders & Money returned to tuckshop by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July with full payment.** Orders must be collected **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August** from the school hall between 2.00 - 2.30pm **ONLY.** Overnight Refrigeration is **NOT** available so all orders **MUST** be collected on the day. If your child attends an after school care program, please ask them to collect on your child's behalf.

### **Fete Collection Boxes**

Below is a list of the next few items we are collecting – we need your help, as every donation helps raise money for the fete. If you missed a week you can still bring that item in for collection, all donations are appreciated. Thank you

WED 24<sup>th</sup> Poppers and bottled water

WED 31<sup>st</sup> Disposable gloves, sauce Tom/BBQ/mustard & tins of: beetroot & pineapple

This week's item was Chocolates

The winning class this week is Quolls

Overall current leader board

1.Quolls 2.Wombats 3.Geckoes

### **Fete Class Stalls**

This week your class will be advised of the stall they are running at the fete. WE NEED YOUR HELP !!!! without helpers & volunteers the fete just will not happen. So PLEASE let your teachers know you can help and put your name on your class fete roster. Many hands make light work..... so lets all help out for ½ - 1 hour and we will have a great fete. Thanks P&C

### **Term 3 CommBank Competition**

Students could win an iPad Mini and a Marquee for their school. Students will receive an entry into the competition by making at least one deposit during term 3. One student from the Brisbane South Area will win an iPad Mini and 10 Brisbane South students will win a dollarmite back pack.

The school with the highest percentage of active students making at least 1 school banking deposit through term 3 will win a marquee.

Terry Hodges Banking Co-ordinator