

25th July 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

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| 26 th July | Mayes Cottage Excursion (Year 3 & Year4 Emus) |
| 26 th July | School Discos |
| 30 th July | Daisy Hill Excursion (Kangaroos, Lorikeets, Echidnas) |

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

Thank you to all the parents who are helping to maintain our uniform standards and expectations. I know with the cold weather this can be more difficult but it is great to see so many of our students in school jackets and jumpers. The students looked wonderful on parade Monday afternoon. The image and tone our school uniform sets in our community helps maintain the great name of Chatswood Hills State School and distinguishes our students from other schools. Your support is very much appreciated.

The beginning of a new semester is an opportune time to relay a couple of procedural reminders.

- All students arriving at school in the morning must sit under the covered area until 8:15, after this time they can move off to wait quietly outside their classroom. There is no playing before school as no teachers are on formal duty.
- If you need to take your child home early please come to the office and sign them out. We ask that you do not disturb the class and teacher by going directly to the classroom. For safety and security reasons anyone signing

out a student must do so through the office.

- Students who bring mobile phones to school must hand them in to the office when they arrive on site and collect them again in the afternoon. Students are not to have the phones with them throughout the day as any communications with students must be through the office while students are under our care.

Our new enrolment management plan has been endorsed by Education Queensland and is now in place. This plan is designed to ensure that our school does not grow beyond the capacity of existing facilities by limiting the number of students we accept from outside our catchment area. Existing families of our school who adhere to enrolment conditions and dates will be guaranteed a place at our school. Our **Open Day** will be held on **Wednesday August 28**, and we will be accepting enrolments for 2014 from this date.

The weather has been much kinder this week and work re-commenced on the many maintenance jobs being undertaken around the school. Work on the front fence will obstruct our main gate access for the next two weeks. Please use the Prep gate to gain access to the school while this work is being done. Please note: the vehicle entry and driveway should not be used for pedestrian access as it was not designed as a shared area and using it in this way will endanger the safety of students.

Our next projects will be construction two new solid shade structures outside of the Prep block and phase two of our new koala walkway which will involve the instalment of educational signage and tree planting. This work will be progressively undertaken throughout the term.

The new grass has been installed in the amphitheatre and will continue to be fenced off until it is established. The shade structure outside of Year One will be completed tomorrow finishing off all work in this area. Our groundsman Mr Lee will then begin to redo the gardens around this work to re-establish them with plants suitable for the new areas.

Tomorrow afternoon and evening are our school discos. Pre to Year 3 students are invited to attend between 4:30 and 6:00pm (prep students must be accompanied by a parent), and Years 4 to 7 students can attend between 6:30 and 8:30pm. The discos are school run activities so school rules and behaviour standards still apply to all students. Please note that students will not be allowed to leave the disco early unless they are collected at the door by their parent/caregiver.

Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

It was great to see the concrete go down for the walkway this week. The area is looking good and as work progresses this area will be a great asset to our school community.

Yesterday the Koala Foundation came out to visit and as we walked towards the oval some students came running towards us shouting that they had seen a Koala. Sure enough up in the trees above the walkway was a very active little Koala, unusual for this time of the year. What great timing! It was as if the little fella knows what is going on.

Disco

The next disco for the year is on this **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 still need some volunteers to help with working on the stall and selling sausages. **At this stage we need helpers between 1 and 4:30pm.** Thank you to the teachers and parents who have already volunteered. 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?

Rochedale Challenge

The Rochedale Challenge is on next Tuesday July 30 for Year 6 students. 20 students have been chosen and notes have gone home. Miss Brunjes will be with the students on the day.

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

Chappy At Chats

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 to wear such as T-shirts, shorts, underwear, caps, hats, beanies or dresses.** **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.

Chappy Karen

Principal Awards

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

Jackson P for writing an excellent Literary recount from an indigenous perspective.

Kirra R for your positive attitude towards all activities that you attempt.

Sharni K for a commendable classroom performance.

Hayden B for having a much more positive attitude towards school this semester.

Jayden S for your willingness to lend a helping hand.

Mathilda M for consistently applying yourself to a high level.

Brie'Ana P for an improved attitude to school work.

Samuel M for working diligently in Maths groups everyday.

Helena W for demonstrating commitment to learning.

James L for a great effort with weekly spelling.

Library Award

Currumbin for always using good manners and showing enthusiasm in Library time.

From the Library

This term the children become book judges and vote for their favourite shortlisted Book Week book in various categories. In the Early Childhood category *Too Many Elephants in this House* was a clear favourite. In the new Illustrators category, *Apollo* and *The Forest* are top of the list and in the Picture Book Category *The Coat*, *Tanglewood* and *Lightning Jack* are level pegging. Parents are welcome to attend the Book Character Parade held on Monday 19 August in the Hall at 8.40am approximately. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character. It may be a fairy tale character or one from one of the Book Week books or just a character from a book at home. As the theme for Book Week is *Read Across the Universe*, children may dress in a space theme. We look forward to seeing many kings, queens, princes, princesses, pirates, fairies, flowers, Vikings, astronauts, wizards, witches or Wallys and other imaginative characters. Parents always surprise us with costume creations. We look forward to seeing you there.

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YATALA PIE DRIVE – DUE BACK THIS FRIDAY

!!!!!!_Orders & Money returned to tuckshop by Friday 26th July with full payment.

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

NO MORE SHERBET STICKS WILL BE ACCEPTED, we have more than enough, thank you

WED 31st Disposable gloves, Sauce Tom/BBQ/mustard & Tins of: Beetroot & pineapple
Tins of beetroot & pineapple will receive 10 points per 100g !! we need these for our BBQ so please bring a few tins in each and help make our fete a success.

Wed 7 Aug 2nd hand books, Jigsaw puzzles, Plush toys (in excellent condition only) & BOTTLED WATER PLEASE

This week will allow you to have a good clean out of those cupboards at home, but please only send in items in very good or excellent condition so we can use them as prizes or sell at trash & treasure.

This week's item was Poppers & water, the winning class this week is CURRUMBIN

Overall current leader board

1. Currumbin
2. Noosa
3. Quolls

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

"We have MOVED.....we are now located in the hall (car park end)" spread the word. There is currently 3x Year 7 commemorative shirts still available to buy - sizes 12 (x2) & 16 come see me if you would like to buy one.

Still on SPECIAL - Polo shirts \$10 each.... sizes 14,16,18,20,22 & 24 only.....

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.