

1st August 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

2 nd August	No Interschool Sport
6 th August	GOMA Excursion (Stradbroke/Moreton)
12 th August	Logan Show Day Holiday

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

Thank you to the parents who have returned our School Opinion Surveys, your input and views are very important to us. If you were selected and are still to complete your survey, please try and take the time to fill it in and return it to the school by next Friday. The information you provide will help us set the direction of our school over the next twelve months. Year 6 students and some Year 5 students will also be asked for their opinions on school issues as part of this annual survey process.

I would like to congratulate the Year 6 students who took part in the Rochedale SHS Challenge on Tuesday. The day is designed to test students' academic knowledge in conjunction with some physical games and activities. Over 30 teams from many schools took part in the competition with our top team leading for most of the day. Unfortunately they were just

beaten on the last activity resulting in them finishing second overall, one point behind the winning team. This is the highest result for our school and all students involved should be extremely proud of their achievements. Well done!!

Thank you to everyone who has avoided our main front gate while work is being done. The wall is now complete and the concrete area in front is being poured today. This wall will then be rendered and painted, a new school sign and gates attached. The entrance should be open for use from next week. Work on the replacement shade structures in front of the prep block will begin in a fortnight.

It has been brought to my attention that the staff entrance area near the tuckshop is being used as a general drop off and pick up area. Can I please ask all drivers to stop using this entrance and driveway as it can endanger student safety at these busy times. Student safety should be more important than saving a couple of minutes walking to a street parking space. The only cars permitted into the school in this area are the before and after school care vehicles, staff cars and cars allocated to use the disability parking position. Please also respect the speed zones around our school as these are also designed to keep our students safe. Remember, children learn from the behaviour we model so it is important to show respect for rules and regulations which are designed to help everybody. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please note that due to the Logan District Athletics Carnival being held today and tomorrow there will be no interschool sport this week. This carnival was factored into the 12 week draw and games will continue next week. Good luck to our school athletics team who will be competing over the next two days for our school and for selection into the Logan District Athletics Team.

Events to Note

- Book week celebrations will be held during the week 19/8 – 23/8. Our annual book character parade will be held Monday morning, 19 August, at 8:45 am in our hall.
- Prep enrolments and Open Day – Wednesday 28 August, over two sessions: 9:00 – 10:00am in the school hall and 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the school library.
- Monday 12 August, Show Holiday – school open every other day.

Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

Next week should see the beginning of tree planting throughout our Koala Walkway. I am constantly amazed by the support that the school has received from the school community and the wider community. As a part of the walkway we will have a sign that will reflect the support that we have received. It is clear that Koalas are important to people. Chatswood Hills hopes to play a key role in the conservation, education and sustainability of Koalas in our school and local area.

Disco

We had another wonderful disco last Friday. I would like to thank the families for coming along and the teachers who gave up there Friday night. The student council received around \$600 and participating classes received around \$150. Thank you to the P and C for running the sausage sizzle and donating the profits straight back to the school.

I would also like to thank the local Police who attend all of our discos and who visited us throughout the night.

Our last Disco will be held on the Friday of week three Term 4.

Rochedale Challenge

Our school sent 20 students to represent us at the Rochedale Challenge on Tuesday. Congratulations to all students, especially those in the team that came second overall.

Chaplaincy Bunnings BBQ

The school's Chaplaincy Committee is running a BBQ at Bunnings this 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?

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

18 students sat the UNSW English test yesterday. The last competition is Maths scheduled 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 Chatty

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 **things to play with such as a hand balls, skipping ropes, marbles, musical instruments, yo-yos, slinkies, finger puppets and wind up torches.**

If packing your own shoebox, please collect an information sheet from the office which will detail the items to be included and also the items not to be included. You are able to send boxes in throughout the term.

Thank you for such a positive response to this initiative which aims to help others who are less fortunate than us.

Chappy Karen

Principal Awards

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

Kai B for fantastic improvement in your writing.

Dylan B for fantastic improvement in writing a character description.

Phezy K for putting in a great effort towards your writing.

Bailey Y for making a great effort in class and using good listening skills.

Isabella H for applying yourself well during class discussions and for employing great powers of observations.

Chloe P for having a fantastic attitude to learning and always trying your best.

Bailey V for writing wonderful stories in your "Have-a-go) book.

Zane B for working hard with your Maths and always being an attentive listener.

Tawa S for showing care and consideration to your fellowclassmates.

Amina K for working hard to improve your skills in all areas.

Solind F for very good reading and spelling.

Dekota P for working hard to make good choices that help your learning.

Tai R for amazing progress in reading.

Bridie M for listening and writing lots of sounds in your journal.

Makalah H for a great effort in journal writing.

Koen P for outstanding improvement in reading.

Aolani H for an excellent effort with all your work.

Sophie H for being a kind and considerate class member at all times.

Library Award

Kangaroos for fantastic manner and listening to Book Week stories in the Library.

From the Library

Important dates:

19 August Book Character Parade

20 -26 August Bookfair

21 August Brian Doyle cartoonist visits

6 September Premier's Reading Challenge finishes

Thank You for participating.

Lyndell Roberts

Teacher Librarian

Sport Results

AFL Junior Boys v Crestmead won 23-2

Player of Match: Gianluca O

AFL Senior Boys v Crestmead won 42-14

Player of Match: Johnan W

AFL Girls v Groves won 24-1

Player of Match: Chaneya B

Contact Details

Recently we have had a bit of difficulty contacting parents regarding their children. It is important that our records be up to date in case of emergency. Please contact the office if any of your details have changed.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Pie Drive

Delivery is this Wednesday 7th August. Pick up from hall foyer between 2.00 - 2.30pm ONLY. If your child's attends after school care please advise them of pies to collect.

Thank you to everyone who ordered from the pie drive and a HUGE thank you to Danielle for organising this fundraiser, job well done, thank you !!!!

Fete Collection

Due to the huge number of donations received this week, we were unable to complete the collection yesterday, so tally numbers for this week will be printed in the P&C newsletter going home early next week, keep an eye out for the full list and see how your class is going. We must express our thanks for the great number of donations received this week. Every donation you send in helps our fete preparations and helps raise money for the school. Well done & thank you.

Pre-order Ride Pass Forms

Ride passes will be available to be PRE ORDERED from next week. See the back of the P&C newsletter for the form.

Want to sponsor our fete?

It's a great way to advertise your business from now until Xmas school holidays. Email the P&C to receive a sponsorship form with all the info on what we can offer you.

School Banking

The CommBank has a new activity site called the "Bean Stalk" that helps parents bring money to life for your young children and teenagers. It's about teaching your child the value of saving, access tips and activities that will place your child on the right path to financial literacy.

Go to www.commbank.com.au/youthsaver