22nd August 2013

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

What another great week we have had here at Chatswood Hills State School. The Book Character Parade on Monday was a wonderful school community event. I am continually impressed with the enthusiasm and efforts of staff and students to dress up and join in the spirit of this day. This parade is a real tradition here at our school and one of the big events on our annual calendar. Thank you to Mrs Roberts and the library team for their organisation of our Book Week events.

In continuing our school’s commitment to environmental education we recently planted a mix of 35 eucalyptus and other native trees in our new koala walkway area. These new trees will add to the food source and habitat of the native animals which live in our school grounds. We will continue to add trees to this area in future years to help preserve the habitat of our local koala population. Some signage has been ordered to complete this project including a sign naming this area after Mrs Helen Streatfeild. These will be installed in the next two weeks and the koala walkway will be officially opened at our school fete.

The maintenance and work projects around our school are almost at an end. The new signage on our front gate was installed yesterday and looks fantastic. The painter is due to finish painting this wall today and the new school gates are scheduled to be fitted next Tuesday. This new entrance should then be completed by the end of next week and will give our school a very impressive new look. The first of the prep shade area was open for use yesterday, and the final one will be constructed next week. This maintenance work does cause a bit of inconvenience around the school, but the finished products are well worth it. Thank you once again to everyone for your patience and understanding during school construction work.

As part of our ongoing upgrade of technology within the school we recently purchased another interactive white board for the Platypus prep classroom. Now every double area across our school has access to an interactive white board which supports our curriculum delivery. From next year we will begin to install more IWBs into the double areas gradually ensuring that there is one IWB per classroom.

Our school fete will be held on Saturday 7 September from 3:00pm to 7:30pm. Thank you to all of those people who have volunteered their time to help make this day a success. Helpers are still desperately needed and even half an hour of your time will be valuable to us. Please contact your class teacher if you can offer help or email the P&C.

Prep enrolments and Open Day, next week—Wednesday 28 August, over two sessions: 9:00 – 10:00am in the school hall and 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the school library. Students eligible for Prep in 2014
must be born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009
The implications of our Enrolment Management Plan on new enrolments will be discussed at these sessions.

Thank you
Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

The Koala Walkway signs are almost ready to be signed off on and sent through to be manufactured. We are working towards the completion of the walkway ready for the official opening at 3:15pm on September 7. This day, as well as being Election Day, is also our fete day. If you are around on this day and would like to see the walkway being opened then please come along.

Springwood Space Day

Ten of our best Year 6 and 7 science students have been selected to participate in the inaugural Space Day to be held at Springwood Road State School on Thursday September 5. Students will participate in the designing and making of their very own rocket under the supervision of staff from Springwood High School. Notes will go out to students in the next few weeks.

UNSW Competition

Notable results for the UNSW Writing competition are as follows:

Nikat Year 6 Credit
Emily Year 6 Credit
Sohini Year 5 Credit
Clancy Year 5 Credit
Charlie Year 5 Credit
Kathryne Year 5 Credit
Paige Year 5 Credit
Ryan Year 4 Credit

Notable results for the UNSW Spelling competition are as follows:

Aneisha Year 4 Distinction
Joshua Year 7 Credit
Emily Year 6 Credit
Paige Year 5 Credit
Molly Year 5 Credit
Clancy Year 5 Credit
Ryan Year 4 Credit
Cuba Year 3 Credit

Operation Christmas Child

Last day for getting in your Operation Christmas Child box is September 2. Thank you to all families and individuals who have contributed to this worthy cause.

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 items for personal hygiene like soaps, face washers, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, hair ties or clips. 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. Thank you to all who have contributed individual items or packed a whole box. Please send in completed boxes or individual items by the 2nd of September.

Chappy Karen

From the Library

Thank you to parents for supporting Book Week by dressing children in amazing costumes. The staff had just as much fun as the children. Bookfair has been well supported this year. Thanks to the hard work done by our volunteers. Bookfair is open 8.15am -3pm daily. It closes next Monday afternoon. Cartoonist Brian Doyle revealed some budding artists as he showed children how to make everyday things come to life. Thank you to the P&C for making this a whole school event.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian
**Book Week Parade**

On the book week parade I saw and realised how much effort everyone put into their costumes to make them look awesome and so life like to impress the school. I myself was amazed at all the outfits. When we visited all the doorways I found out all the doorways made me think of the story, like a real life experience. My favourite doorway was the python one made by Emus classroom. I liked it because I Loooooooooooove snakes.

Paige from Bilbies

**Sports Results**

AFL girls v Crestmead won 24-20
Player of the Match: Chloe B

AFL Junior boys v Calvary won 28-22
Player of the Match: Kenneth W

AFL Senior boys v Kingston won
Player of the Match Tau T

**Music News**

Our annual Music Concert will be held on Friday, 13th September. The evening will start at 6pm - in the school hall. We are needing all students to be at school by 5:30pm for tuning and setup. Groups involved will be all choirs, bands and string groups as well as dance and recorder groups. The concert dress for all performers will be full school uniform except dance and Beginner Strings. Beginner Strings will wear free dress and the dance students will wear dance costumes. The evening will conclude by 7:15pm. All friends and family are encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there. The students are looking forward to performing to an appreciative audience and show the hard work that they have been doing all year. All students have been given a note detailing arrangements. Please see Ms Liu if you are needing a note.

Thank you,
Music Staff

**Lost Property**

The lost property box is overflowing again. The box will be placed outside the office daily. Please check if you are missing items.
A child’s puzzle book, some toy cars, dress up hat and sunglasses have been handed in. Please contact the office if you have lost any of them.

**P & C News**

Email: pande@chathillss.eq.edu.au

**School Banking**

Don’t forget School Banking is every Wednesday. Learn to save and collect dollar mite tokens, when you have 10 tokens cash them in for your rewards. Just cut out the reward put your name, class and student ID on the back and place it in your school banking deposit book.

Remember keep banking for your school's chance in winning a Marquee and a lucky student to win an Ipad mini. Closes end of term 3

Terry Hodges
School Bank Co-Ord.

**Fathers Day Stall**

The annual stall will be held on Thursday the 29th and Friday the 30th of August from 8.30am outside the school hall. There will be lots of great gifts for Dads, Granddads etc available and prices will range between $1 and $12. Each class will have the opportunity to visit the stall and we will be open during break times as well.

We know there is a lot going on at the moment with bookfair and the 30th anniversary fete just a week later but if you can spare some time to volunteer at the stall it would be very much appreciated.

As always, donations are gratefully accepted and if anyone has some time available in the next week or so to help prepare the items for the stall that would be great.

For more information or to volunteer please phone Marie on 0432541896, Caty on 0437437241 or you can leave your details at the office and we will contact you.

**CRICKET SIGN ON**

**HOMESTEAD PARK, JODIE STREET, SHAILER PARK.**

9.00 AM to 1.00 PM

SATURDAY: 17th 24th & 31st AUGUST
SUNDAY; 18th & 25th AUGUST.

REGISTRATION FEES:--

Govt. Sports Subsidy Vouchers
In2Cricket (5-8yrs Friday Nights)$75.00
Juniors (9-16yrs Saturday Morn.)$75.00
Seniors (Saturday A/noons)$130.00

BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME.

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