

29th August 2013

**CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER**

7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	School Fete
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Prep-Grade 3 Sport Day
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Last day of term 3

**STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260**

**From the Principal**

Yesterday we held our 2014 Prep enrolment information sessions and Open Day. Over 100 people attended our morning and evening sessions and I fielded many questions about our new catchment area and enrolment management plan. The impact of this plan will be that our Prep places for 2014 will be limited to 75 places and we will be giving children in our catchment and siblings of existing students enrolment priority. If you are in these groups please ensure you return your **completed paper work including a birth certificate** to the office before **30 October** to secure your place. You will also need to book an interview time. After 30 October I will begin to offer any remaining Prep places to families on our waiting list to finalise our 2014 prep numbers.

Sometimes at schools you cannot anticipate what a day will deliver, and this was certainly the case on Monday when the main power to school was cut. As part of the construction of our new Prep shade area, the builders were expanding an existing hole when they hit the school power line causing us to lose power for 24 hrs. The line should not have been

there as our services map shows this cable 5 m away from where they were digging. The resultant loss of power meant that we were without phones and electricity for almost two days. The school still had water and plumbing but the two days of no power certainly let us know how much we rely on electrical technology to function. All power was restored Tuesday and I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone in our school community – particularly our wonderful staff - for working around this power loss and for their patience while we had the power restored. Everything is back to normal now and work on the shade area should be completed by tomorrow.

Parent teacher interviews will be held over the last two weeks of this term. I hope most families are able to take advantage of these interviews to find out about your child(ren)'s progress this term. Wednesday 18 September has been set aside as the interview evening for parents who need interviews outside of work hours. An information note with the specific interview times for your child's teacher will go home with your child next week; if you do not receive this note please see your child's teacher. Interview times will be filled on a first come first served basis. If you wish to meet with a specialist or support teacher, please contact the school and this teacher will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time. Written reports for each child will go home at the end of Term 4

Today and tomorrow the P&C will be running our Father's Day stall. Thank you to our P&C volunteers who organise and run this activity. All classes get to visit the stall and this morning the students I saw appeared very eager to buy their dad a special gift. As well as providing presents for dads on their special day the stall is also an annual fundraiser for our

P&C. Thank you to all in the CHSS community for supporting our school through this stall.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads, I hope you have a great weekend.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM  
Principal

### **From the Deputy**

This week it was reported in the media that the bedtime story is slowly becoming a thing of the past. That time poor, hard working parents don't have time to read to their children of a night time.

We might not be able to read to our children every night and indeed it doesn't always have to be at night, but reading to our children is important not just for their education but for building relationships with our children.

This Sunday is Father's Day and I would like to wish our Dads a great day. Why not celebrate by reading a story with your kids.

### **The Helen Streatfeild Koala Walkway**

The Koala Walkway signs have been finalised and are being printed as we speak. The signs should arrive on Monday. 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**

Students who have received a credit or higher in the UNSW tests will have their certificates presented at the next year level assembly. Year 3s will receive their awards next Monday and Year 4,5,6 and 7 students will receive theirs on Monday September 9.

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.**

**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.

Children can include a special note with their box.

Please send in completed boxes or individual items by the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September.

Thank you to all who have contributed individual items or packed a whole box. Individual items that have been donated will be used to pack boxes which will also be sent with the collection from our school.

Chappy Karen

### **Student Resource Scheme Prep-Grade 3**

Statements were sent home with students recently for the final payment of resources which is now due. Please finalise this account as soon as possible. Payments can be made via the internet, credit card or in person at the cash window Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday between 8am-10am.

## From the Library

At the close of Bookfair on Monday we had sold over \$6000 worth of books. A percentage comes back to the school in new books for the Library. Thank you to everyone for supporting this venture and to the volunteers particularly Esther Daley, Lisa Filkins, Marg Lancaster and Penny Leimeister for giving up so much of their time to sell the books and place orders.

Reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on Friday 6 September. Reading Logs need to be in to the Library by Monday 9 September. Thank you for encouraging your children to complete this task.

Lyndell Roberts  
Teacher Librarian

## Bookweek

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August Brian Doyle came to the school. Brian Doyle is a cartoonist. He showed all the students how to draw cartoons, like a car but he said that the trick is to make the object come alive. He can see pictures in words like CARtoon and Br(eye)an. All the students laughed throughout his visit. After Brian finished, there was a long line waiting for his autograph. I hope all the students had fun!

Leila M from Burleigh

## 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

## Sports News

AFL Junior Boys v Kingston won 41-13  
Player of the Match: James L  
AFL Senior Boys v Springwood Rd won 44-0  
Player of the Match: Keenan W  
AFL Girls v Groves won 18-16  
Player of the Match: Jadase H

## P & C News

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**9 MORE SLEEPS UNTIL THE FETE !!!**

**FETE COLLECTION** – This weeks best collectors Noosa 1200, Bilbies 850, Goannas 515, well done to you all!!

**Ride Pass** – pre-paid orders close @ 2pm Monday 2/9/13 NO MORE EXTENTIONS after this time. So get your forms into the tuckshop by then or pay the full price of \$25 (all ages) on fete day.

**Raffle tickets** – order forms have gone home, return tickets to tuckshop by Wednesday 4/9/13 @2pm Great prizes up for grabs like 2x Adult + 2x kids tickets to MOVIE WORLD on the Gold Coast, Lions Dinner vouchers, Lions supports products, Wine, Beer & more !! good luck.

**FETE HELPERS** – some classes STILL have NO HELPERS on their class roster..... don't leave it to someone else, offer 1 hour of your time, and help make the fete a great success. Please contact your class teacher – or if you list is full, contact the P&C we can always find other jobs we need help with.

**FETE set up** – helpers needed from 9am

**FETE pack up** – don't run off – grab a garbage bag, lift some litter or put some chair away, if everyone helps we will all get home sooner after a long and fun day. Thank you

## STAFFROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

***Help us win a \$20,000 staffroom makeover!***

*Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the chance to win a \$20,000 staffroom makeover as part of their "Staffroom for Improvement" competition.*

*The prize is a complete makeover of our school's main staffroom and even better is the chance for individual voters to win one of five \$1,000 QTMB bank accounts. The winning school will be the one with the most votes weighted against the number of students, so any school, small or large has an equal chance to win. We need as much support from our local school community as possible.*

*Simply visit [www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au](http://www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au) to read the terms and conditions and register your interest today. The competition kicks off on 28 August so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for our school.*