

19<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

**CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER**

20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Junior Sports Day
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Last day of term 3
8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Term 4 begins

**STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260**

**From the Principal**

Thank you to everyone in our school community for a wonderful third term. It has been a busy one with many exciting activities happening including the music concert last Friday night. The evening was a wonderful showcase of our music students and a credit to Mrs Liu and our team of instrumental music teachers, thank you all very much for your time and efforts and thank you also to one of our parents, Mr Peter Marsden for his wonderful technical support on the night. Finally I would like to thank our PE teacher, Jane Taylor, for being our master of ceremonies on the night.

The rain this week was very welcome, however it did cause us to reschedule our Junior Sports Day. The wet weather made it impossible to mark the running track and threatened to make

Tuesday a very wet and miserable day to be on the oval. Junior Sports Day will be held tomorrow.

It was great to see so many parents taking advantage of the opportunity to have an interview with the class teacher over the past two weeks. These conversations enable teachers to work with you to improve your child's outcomes and allow them to explain the strengths and weaknesses of your child. Our final formal reporting episode will be written report cards which will go home at the end of term 4.

In line with our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, students who have remained on Phase One for their behavioural choices will receive a certificate of commendation and a McDonald's award and meal voucher tomorrow recognising their responsible behaviour. All students begin each term on Phase One and their choices throughout each term determine if they move to a different phase. We are also continuing to recognise the importance of full school attendance by acknowledging students who have attended every day this term. These students will also receive a certificate and McDonalds voucher. While we understand that sickness can impact on student attendance (and

if children are sick they should be kept at home), full and regular attendance is important and has a direct correlation with student outcomes; every school day counts!!

The end of term will also mean some staff changes. Our PE teacher, Miss Jane Taylor will be taking off the first 6 weeks of Term 4 to get a knee replacement. Miss Taylor will be replaced by Miss Jade Ockendon who will continue for the whole term if Miss Taylor is unable to return to work this year. We wish Miss Taylor well. Mrs Julie Carlson will finish her contract on Lorikeets tomorrow. Mrs Carlson works Thursdays and Fridays and will be replaced by Mrs Amanda Slinger for term 4. Mrs Slinger is a permanent staff member who was transferred into our school at the start of this year and has been on extended family leave. Mrs Slinger will work at our school fulltime from next year. Finally, Mr Josey will be taking a week's long service leave for the start of term 4. While he is away, Mrs Bernadette Sheahan will be acting Deputy Principal and Mrs Louise Jackson will take the Kangaroos class.

### **Enrolment Reminder**

If you are an existing parent of our school with another child starting prep in 2014 please book in for an enrolment interview to confirm the placement **before October 30**. Our new catchment area does mean that there is a waiting list for students outside our immediate area and I would like to offer any spare places to families on the waiting list before the year is out.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. I hope you all have a wonderful and refreshing break. Please note that school restarts on Tuesday 8 October – Monday 7 October is a public holiday.

Please help keep our school safe by staying out of the school grounds over the holidays and reporting any suspicious trespassers or behaviour to the police or School Watch on 13 1788.

Happy holidays

Keith GRAHAM  
Principal

### **From the Deputy**

It has been another eventful and enjoyable term and while I am looking forward to a well-deserved break I am also looking forward to an exciting and busy Term 4. I would like to thank the teachers and parents who helped to put together a great music performance last Friday night, unfortunately I was unable to attend as I was at my children's music concert on the same night. I heard that it was a great night and would like to congratulate students on a great performance.

I would like to wish all of our junior classes a great day for tomorrow at their sport's day. The weather looks like being kind to us so it should be a great day.

### **Term 4**

Sport photos will be taken on Tuesday October 15 during week two next term. The last school disco for the year is scheduled for Friday October 25, which is in week three.

Have a great holiday

Stephen Josey  
Deputy Principal

### **Principal Awards**

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

**Andrew B** for writing a fantastic retell in English this week.

**Jaesea B** for always putting in a great effort towards your Literacy activities.

**Austin S** for being a kind hearted person who is always happy to help his fellow classmates.

**Izaaq S** for an outstanding effort in your journal writing.

**Maddison K** for great attitude and progress in Mrs Turner's reading group.

**Abbie S** for outstanding results in Athletics this term.

**Chanelle T** for a great effort in writing your information report on ducks.

**Lenny C** for working hard to learn your Popcorn words and using them in your reading.

**Riley W** for always showing wonderful manners in class.

**Kai B** for trying very hard to retell a story and making great progress.

**Jett B** for making a big effort to concentrate and get the most out of your learning.

**Piper B** for always trying your best in class.

**Jake M** for a well written "School Fete" recount.

**Jakobus T** for doing a very detailed retell of your history poster.

**Jaylee D** for excellent pattern making.

### Library Award

**Echidnas** for sensible quiet reading in the Library.

### Chappy at Chats

Thank you to the parents and students who have chosen to be involved with Operation Christmas Child by packing a box or donating items to be included in boxes. Today a number of Year 7 students and The Kids Club members have been involved with the final packing of 51 boxes. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. This year the boxes from Queensland will be going to Vietnam to be distributed to children impacted by poverty.

The holidays are nearly here and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful holiday break. Whatever your plans, I hope that you have a safe, enjoyable time filled with quality family moments.

Chappy Karen

### From the Guidance Officer

Next school term (Term 4) I hope to run another "1,2,3 It's Magic and Emotion Coaching" Parent Course. It will run over three weeks on a Monday or Tuesday probably 9.00am-11.30am. The course aims to help parents with learning to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12

years. Please register your interest in this worthwhile course with Lea or Jenny in the office. The course was well attended last time it ran and was well received.

Jenny Hickey  
Guidance Officer (Mon, Tues & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs)

### Rugby League Carnival

On Wednesday part of our upper school participated in the Souths Logan Magpies Challenge Cup. This annual 7 aside rugby league competition was held at Harris Fields State School. Three teams took the field, a senior boys, junior boys and senior girls. A rewarding day was had by all players and supporters. The highlight for Chatswood Hills was winning the Junior Boys competition defeating recent Brisbane Champions Kingston 36-24. Awesome performance boys!. Other hard fought games resulted in our senior boys finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and our first time playing girls 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Mr Graham and Miss Taylor for their support and making the day possible.

Steve Musch  
Coach

### Lost Property

We have an enormous amount of unnamed clothing in lost property. Any unclaimed items left after tomorrow will be donated to charity. We also have the following items :a key, a bag of prizes from the fete, and a pedometer.

### P & C News

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

### UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

\* Uniform Shop will be closed the first Tuesday back from school holidays \*

### School Banking

Just a reminder if you collect the Dollar Mite Money Boxes get in quick as they will not be available in 2014. As soon as I am informed of term 3 competition winners I will let you know. Next term School Banking starts 9th October 2013 .

Terry Hodges  
School Bank Co-ord