

10th October, 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

Tues	15 th Oct	Sports Photos
Mon	21 st Oct	Pupil Free Day
Fri	25 th Oct	School Discos

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

Welcome back to the final term of the year. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday period. Time seems to go past so fast and it is hard to believe that in 10 school weeks we will be breaking up for Christmas. However before then we do have a lot of work to get through at school.

The individual results of the Year 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN tests, which students undertook earlier in the year, have been sent home today. These tests are point in time and are used to compare students with benchmarks and their peers across Queensland and Australia. Most importantly teachers will use the data to help plan future support and class programs which will be responsive to individual needs.

Congratulations to the vast majority of students who received a commendation certificate at the end of last term for excellent behaviour throughout term 3. This is a truly

outstanding effort of which all students and families should be proud. The start of a new term sees all of our students begin again on Phase One behaviour with another chance to earn a certificate. Students will only move off this phase if they choose to not follow school rules and expectations.

Could I please remind parents that students should not be at school before 8:00am in the mornings. Teachers are not on duty before school as they are preparing for the day, so students cannot come early to play. Once students do arrive on school grounds they must sit under the tuckshop covered area until 8:15 even if they are waiting with their parents. After the 8:15 bell students can move off to sit and wait outside their classroom area. Students who ignore these morning school rules and choose to be in the wrong areas may find themselves issued a consequence under our school behaviour plan.

Term 4 is when we begin to construct classes and organise staffing for the following year. To help us be as accurate as possible and minimise any changes at the start of next year, please let the office know if your child is leaving.

Now is also the opportunity to let me know, in writing, of any educational considerations you would like me to be aware of when considering your child's placement for 2014.

Educational considerations may include things such as not having your child in the same class as a sibling or relative, not having the same teacher for the third year in a row etc. Unfortunately it isn't possible to just request a specific teacher, expect the same teacher for your child who may have taught their sibling in the past, or to want all your child's friends in the one class. Classes must always be balanced in numbers and in educational dynamics. Giving general parental choice for class make-ups may not guarantee this balance and proves extremely impractical. Please note that while your educational requests will be valued and considered, the final class construction is ultimately a school decision made in consultation with this year's teachers. At this stage teachers do not know what class level they will be on for next year as we are yet to finalise staffing and class numbers for 2014. Therefore I am unable to tell you which teachers will be on certain year levels. There will also be some changes to the number of classes in each year level and teacher movement between year levels due to the differing number of students in each cohort. Please also remember that the final class make ups (for all schools) will not be determined until staffing is finalised on day 8 of next year. I thank you for your understanding of this process.

Enrolment Reminder

If you are an existing parent of our school, please finalise any 2014 enrolments by October 30. An enrolment isn't confirmed until we receive all valid paperwork and an interview is booked. It is extremely important with our new catchment area that all existing families finalise their enrolments by October 30 as available places in Prep (and places in other year levels) will be offered to families outside of our catchment area after this date.

Thirteen prac students from Griffith University and QUT have commenced their continuous prac blocks this week at Chatswood Hills. These student teachers will be working in classrooms full time for periods of 1 to 6 weeks under the guidance of the class teacher. The prac students work and plan in partnership with the class teacher continuing the class programs. I am sure they will find their experience here at CHSS very enjoyable and rewarding.

As part of my commitment to the school sport program I will be in Darwin all of next week attending the National Touch Championships. Mr

Stephen Josey will be the Acting Principal in my absence so please contact him with any urgent issues that cannot wait until my return.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

UNSW Competitions

In Term 3 some of our students participated in the University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessments for English and Mathematics. Well done to all students who participated in these assessments and special congratulations to the following students on their results:

English

Credit: Melody F-C; Sunny F-C; Carly S; Sohini K and Molly P.

Distinction: Ryan L; Matilda Mc; Charlie A-Mc; Nikhat B; Clancy Mc and Emily N

Mathematics

Credit: Cuba G; Melody F-C; Ryan L; Filip G; Cameron L; Clancy Mc; Paige P and Nikhat B

Distinction: Maia C S; Carly S and Charlie A-Mc

High Distinction: Sohini K

Students will receive their certificates during parade on Monday 14th October

Chappy at Chats

This term we are implementing a World Vision Program called Kids Hope which is successfully operating in over 300 schools across Australia.

One Child-One Hour-One School-One Church

Our school is partnering with The Vine Springwood Christian Community Church. Each child involved

in the program will spend an hour with an adult mentor during school time. The adult mentor has been trained, screened and has a Blue Card allowing them to work with children. The children involved will have parental permission before they are involved in the program.

During the hour, the child and the mentor may spend time doing school work, completing homework, playing games, and participating in arts and crafts.

The Program respects the secular nature of Public Education and so there is no religious content.

For this term, a small number of children will have a mentor and then the program may be extended in 2014.

Chappy Karen

From the Guidance Officer

This school term 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 & 2nd Thurs)

School Disco

The next disco for the year is on this **Friday Oct 25**. 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.**

Student Resource Scheme Prep-Grade3

The resource scheme payment should have now been fully paid. If you still have an outstanding balance on your child’s account please pay asap. If payment is not finalised your child will not be given the opportunity to attend excursions that may occur this term. Statements were sent out last term. If you are unsure if you are up to date please contact the office.

Lost Property

We still have an enormous amount of unnamed clothing in lost property. Please check the box outside the office if your child is missing any items.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Fete News

A huge thanks to all our school families, teachers and local community for helping us to raise over \$17 000 from our fete last term. This is the most profit we have made from a fete. Thank your and well done!!!!

This money will go towards more interactive white boards for classrooms & shade structures.

School Banking

Welcome back only 10 banking days left. There are quite a few who have participated in school banking throughout the year but have lost interest. School Banking is designed to teach students how to save. By doing this they receive rewards which the student can redeemed after they have collected ten tokens. So let’s get banking.

Terry Hodges
School Bank Co-Ord