

17<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

**CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER**

Mon	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Pupil Free Day
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Discos

**STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260**

**From the Principal**

I returned this week after an eventful and relaxing break. I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of our families. Term Four is always exciting as we count down to Christmas but it can also be daunting when faced with the realisation that a lot of work has to take place before the ten weeks are over.

Prep enrolment interviews have started this week, Mrs Caris will be conducting the interviews this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and I will be completing interviews next Wednesday and Thursday.

Remember that if you are an existing parent of our school you need to 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.

A reminder also to let the school know if your family will not be attending Chatswood Hills State School in 2014. It is also the time to put in writing any educational considerations that you would like to be considered regarding your child's placement for 2014. Requests need to be in writing and addressed to Mr Graham, the school Principal. Please note that while your educational requests will be considered, the final class construction is ultimately a school decision. A more detailed explanation of this process was outlined by Mr Graham in last week's newsletter.

This term is a report card term and therefore it is important that all students remain focussed on their studies and finish the semester well. Students all started the new term on Phase One behaviour and are in contention for a Phase One behaviour award at the end of the term. It is up to individual students to maintain their Phase One status and it is only by choosing not to follow the school's rules and expectations that they lose their Phase One status.

This Monday we had an assembly for Year 4 to 7 students. I was impressed by the standard of behaviour and school uniform. This needs to be maintained throughout the term. On this assembly our rugby league teams were praised for their achievements this year and also our students who have received credits, distinctions or

high distinctions on the UNSW Maths and English competitions. This year has been a particularly successful year with regards to these competitions. An overall summary is listed below:

Competition	Credit	Distinction	High Distinction
Maths	8	3	1
English	5	6	0
Science	5	3	0
Writing	8	0	0
Spelling	7	1	0

### The Final Disco

The last disco for the year is on next **Friday October 25. Please note that there is no theme for this disco.** 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 6:30pm 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.**

Next Monday **October 21 is a pupil free day.** Staff at Chatswood Hills will be involved in a variety of training and curriculum development in the morning and in the afternoon our teachers will be joining teachers from our cluster schools to undertake moderation. This provides our school with the opportunity to develop a common understanding of the Australian Curriculum and helps us to ensure that our assessment standards remain consistent.

Have a great weekend.  
Stephen Josey  
Deputy Principal

### Chappy at Chats

Kid's Club meets on Thursday during the first lunch break for students in Years 4 to 7. Children who are interested in attending need get a form from me as they require parental permission to attend the Kid's Club.

Kid's Club is a time for games and learning about God. If parents are interested in finding out more about the Kid's Club, I am happy to meet with you and talk about the program.

Some interest has been expressed from a younger student about Kid's Club and so I am planning to start a lunchtime club for students in Years 1 to 3 next year.

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. Places are filling fast. Be quick to put you name down.

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

### Principal Awards

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

**Jack O** for additional work efforts.

**Justin Y** for your persistence and positive attitude towards everything that you attempt.

**Jenna B** for showing good behaviour and working consistently.

**Annabel A** for showing dedication and motivation to improve academically.

**Filip G** for always being a hard working student.

**Amy-Lee R** for contributing regularly and effectively to class discussions.

**Ryan L** for an excellent scientific research assessment.

**Aneisha C** for presenting an excellent investigation in science on the Western Swamp Turtle.

**Paige P** for improved effort in the classroom and getting on well with others.

**B J T** for concentrating well and working hard on all tasks.

### **Library Award**

**Karragarra** for a more mature approach to Library lessons.

### **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.

We have had a Melbourne Cup pin handed in to the office. Please call in if it belongs to you.

### **Student Achievements**

During school holidays Teina T and Kauri A travelled to Pittsworth as part of the Inaugural U11 Logan City Rugby League Representative side to play a Toowoomba Area rep side.

### **P & C News**

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

### **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

Reminder the uniform shop has moved to inside the hall. Just inside the main entry doors is where you'll find it (end near carpark)

Pre-order forms for school uniforms for 2014 will be going out towards end of this month so keep a look out for them soon. This year we will be accepting pre-payment of uniform orders (cash or eftpos) you can still choose to pay on collection in January.

January pick up dates & times will be :

Wednesday 22/1/14 - 10am - 12:30pm

Thursday 23/1/14 - 3pm - 6pm

Friday 24/1/14 - 10am - 1pm

Collection of uniforms will be at the new uniform shop in the hall.

\* Prep students for 2014 - who are having their interviews at the moment - there is a basket of sample sizes for you to try on your child & order forms at the office if you would like to place an order.

### **School Banking**

Term3 competition for a School to win a marquee was won by Rivermount College. Term 4 competition starts October and ends 30th November flyers will go out to all classrooms and to all students who participate in school banking. Remember Wednesday's are School Banking Days

Terry Hodges  
School Banking Co-ord