

24th October, 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

Fri	25 th Oct	School Discos
Mon	28 th Oct	My Story(years 3&4)
Fri	1 st Nov- 29 th Nov	Year 4 Swimming

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

I had a great week in Darwin last week with the Qld U/12s and U/15 touch teams. These teams played against the other states and territories in the National Touch Championships in boy's and girl's divisions and proved very competitive. We won all four division finals beating NSW each time, proving how strong and effective our Qld school sport program is. It was a very happy flight home with a wonderful group of talented students from all over Queensland. My school sporting commitments have now finished for the year and it is business as usual for the next 7 weeks.

With the end of the year fast approaching we have many things to organise including classes and staffing. This process will begin in earnest from next week so this is your last opportunity to let me know in writing, any educational considerations you would like me to be aware of when considering your child's placement for 2014. Please note that final class make ups will not be determined until Day 8, 2014; however we aim to get this as accurate as possible to minimise any changes that may occur.

Last Monday, as part of our pupil free day, our teachers took part in a

moderation afternoon with the other primary schools in our cluster. This moderation process was used to assess standards of work our students are undertaking in line with the new national curriculum and compare our expectations and interpretations with other schools within our area. Across each year level it was evident that our teachers have a very high level of understanding of the criteria required to assign a specific grade to a student's achievement level. The grade assigned to a child is based on achievement criteria which should be consistent across all schools in Queensland and Australia. By undergoing a moderation process we can ensure that our grades are consistent with the curriculum intent and that our students are graded fairly and in line with students of similar ages across other schools.

Tomorrow is World Teacher's Day and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated teaching staff and let them know how much I appreciate their work. Teaching has become an increasingly demanding profession with ever growing complexities. Our teachers at CHSS are a passionate and dedicated team who keep giving their all, striving for ways to improve student outcomes. I am very impressed at the way our teachers rise to every challenge and continue their pursuit of excellence and am honoured to work with them. Thank you to you all, I hope you have a great day.

Our final discos for the year will be held tomorrow afternoon and evening. P - 3 students are invited to attend between 4:30 and 6:00pm (prep students must be accompanied by a parent), and years 4 - 7 students can attend between 6:30 and 8:30pm. The discos are school run activities so school rules and behaviour standards still apply to all students. Please

note that students will not be allowed to leave the disco early unless they are collected at the door by their parent/caregiver.

Enrolment Reminder

If you are an existing parent of our school, please finalise any 2014 enrolments by next week to guarantee your place. 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.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

This week I have had the privilege to complete the Prep interview process that Mrs Caris started last week. Over the years I have always enjoyed this time as I get to talk to current parents from our school who are enrolling siblings and new families to the Chatswood Hills State School community. Overwhelmingly families praise the great work from staff, behaviour from students and the kind and welcoming parents as reasons for choosing our school. This is something that we should all be proud of and continue to work to maintain.

Rochedale High School Science Extension

Five Year 5 students have been selected from our school to attend the Rochedale High School Science Extension Program to be held at **Rochedale State High School on Wednesday November 6 and Wednesday November 13 from 1pm until 2:45pm**. The purpose of the program is for our high performing students to participate in hands on science extension activities with students from other primary schools. Congratulations to the students selected.

The Final Disco

The last disco for the year is on this **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.**

Pupil Free Day

Last Monday teachers from Chatswood Hills, Springwood Road, Springwood Central and Rochedale South met in there year levels across a variety of sites to moderate student work. This was a great opportunity to develop a common understanding of the Australian Curriculum which then enables us to ensure that our assessment standards remain consistent. At Chatswood Hills we had the Year 6 and 7 teachers from each of the schools. I would like to thank each of the teachers and pre service teachers who attended for their professionalism.

Have a great weekend.

Steve Josey
Deputy Principal

Chappy at Chats

Friday the 25th of October is World Teacher's Day - a day when we can take time to appreciate our teachers. This day is a time we can show our appreciation and say thank you for all that our teachers do.

Chatswood Hills State School teachers are an amazing group of hard working people who work diligently together to provide quality education and a positive learning environment.

Involve your child in the process of appreciating their teacher. A homemade card, a poem, the list is endless. Thank- you are two little words that can mean so much and show that we value what another person has done for us.

Chappy Karen

From the Guidance Officer

The "1,2,3 It's Magic And Emotion Coaching" Parent Course will run on Mondays for 3 weeks from 9am-11.30am on these dates: 11th Nov, 18th Nov and 25th Nov. 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. Places are filling fast. Be quick to put your name down. The course will cost ten dollars and you receive a parent workbook to keep.

Jenny Hickey
Guidance Officer (Mon, Tues & 2nd Thurs)

From the Library

A study by the Oxford University Press found a sharp decline in the number of parents reading bedtime stories after their children had begun to master books themselves. Parents are encouraged to continue reading to their children up to the age of nine and beyond to help boost their academic results. Adults still have a vital role to play even after children have learned the basics. Support your children to develop a love of reading and see the difference extend across the curriculum. Prep students may borrow 1 book per week and other year levels two books. Visit your local Logan Library and sign up to borrow many more books to share with your children.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Jack G for making the QLD Under 13yrs Futsal Squad to go to Canberra in January.

Lost Property

Our lost property is overflowing. We are asking for a gold coin donation for any items you wish to purchase out of the box. Come along and grab a bargain.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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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

Cool Cricket Helping Hands

Learn all the skills and techniques to become a cool cricketer !

Over a 5 week program, you will be guided by our qualified cricket coach to become a better cricket player.

For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact Helping Hands Chatswood Hills on 0488 444 161 or email chatswoodhills@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Booking forms are also available from the school office and Helping Hands Chatswood Hills service.