

31st October, 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

Fri 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Nov
Year 4 Swimming

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

Spring is in the air and the warmer weather is encouraging our wildlife to be on the move within the school grounds. While the native animals are a wonderful part of our school environment it is important to respect their habitat and give them space as animals can become very protective of their homes and young. Over the past few weeks there have been reports of birds swooping from the trees. These incidents appear to be decreasing and a search of the trees has been unable to locate a nest, but it does serve to remind everyone to be aware of animal behaviour and to avoid encroaching into their areas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C team for all the wonderful work and fundraising they have undertaken this year – over \$17 000 raised through our fete alone!. At this week's P&C meeting it was moved to continue supporting all our students by funding another shade structure and to explore the instalment of a new playground in 2014. The P&C has also agreed to use their funds to pay for all children to be involved in Athletics again next year. By providing this funding this program becomes available to all classrooms and families free of charge. Thank you to all the parents and community members who support our fundraising initiatives throughout the year. It is through this fundraising that the P&C are able to provide our school with extra resources and facilities which benefit all students. Your support of our school is very much appreciated.

Our school bell appears to have gained some time over the year and is going approximately 5 mins earlier than programmed. We apologise for any inconvenience this is causing and have asked our technician to reprogram it. This should be rectified over the next two weeks.

Monday will see the start of our selection process for our 2014 school leaders. As Year 7 will move to a high school setting in 2015 we will be inviting current Year 5 and 6 students to nominate for these school captain positions so that both cohorts have an opportunity to be a school leader. Nominated leaders will undergo an endorsement and shortlisting procedure over the next two weeks. Successful candidates will then give speech on assembly followed by a voting and interview process. Our 2014 School Captains will be announced during our end of term Awards Parade held on Thursday 12 December.

Tomorrow is the last day of interschool sport for the year. We have several teams in finals competing for the title of District Premiers and I would like to wish them and all teams good luck for tomorrow's games.

Parking in Magellan Road is becoming an issue again when the streets and parking spaces become busy. For the safety of your children and all other students, please only park in the designated parking bays and in a safe and legal manner. What message are our children receiving when adults model to them a disregard for rules and disrespect for the law by parking wherever they wish, and how does this teach children to do the right thing? Having to wait or walk an extra five minutes by parking correctly is surely a cheap price to pay to ensure the safety of our students and to instil in our children a sense of responsibility.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

I spoke on assembly this week about the importance of looking after our environment. We have such wonderful surroundings with plenty of wildlife. Looking after what we have been given is the responsibility of all. Over the rest of the term we will continue to work more on the Koala Walkway.

It is also a good time to remind students that behaviour and uniform need to be maintained to a high standard. I spoke to some Year 7 students this week about the importance of ending the year as well as it has started.

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

A big thank you to staff, parents and students who attended our final disco for the year. The night was a great success. Profits from the night are shared between year level budgets and the Student Council. Either way the money is spent back on the students at our school.

Thank you to Senior Constable Anderson and his team for checking up on us throughout the night.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

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

Michaela F for using great expression & fluency when reading.

Toby B for an excellent effort in improving your reading skills.

Tua K for making fantastic progress with your reading and writing.

Annika M for an improved attitude in the classroom.

Connor L for being an enthusiastic, conscientious and polite member of the class.

Sorcha R for good listening on the carpet.

Farani U for working conscientiously all day every day.

Ellora S for excellent behaviour and sharing your ideas in class discussions.

Hazel J for showing great resilience when things feel difficult.

Cassie M for being a co-operative class member who always tries your best.

Alannah F for creative and artistic ideas during Art lessons.

Myah A for excellent reading and writing.

Nathan S for working hard to improve your skills in all areas.

Neven G for working hard and trying your best in writing tasks.

Claire B for working hard on every activity and having exemplary behaviour.

Yousof D for settling into your new school beautifully.

Library Award

Wombats for always using their best Library manners whether borrowing or listening to stories.

Chappy at Chats

Coffee Connections

When: Thursday 7th November 1-45pm-2.30pm

Where: Library

Drop into the Library for a tea, coffee or cold drink.

Enjoy a chat with other parents.

Avoid parking hassles.

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

You are invited to local author Karen Tyrrell's *Bailey Beats the BLAH* book launch party on Saturday November 2 at 10am at Logan North Library. It is a picture book for children 4-8 years empowering them to beat Worry thoughts and Sad days and building self-esteem. Bring your children and join in the

outrageous fun as Karen reads *Bailey Beats the BLAH* with crazy costume wearing local Authors presenting a pantomime. It is a great opportunity to join the Library in readiness for the Christmas holidays.

Phone 34124140

RSVP on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/events/163257823872395>

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

Student Achievements

At Queensland Championships Sharni & Alarn Ki both made the QLD team for Track and Field.

Alarni is the QLD Champion for 10yrs Discus 2013 and placed 3rd Shot Put.

Sharni Placed 3r in 12yrs Discus

Both girls are due to compete at Nationals in late November.

String Intake 2014

This week the String Intake for 2014 was finalised. There was testing done through the classroom, consultation with the class teacher and finally an audition process on the string instruments. This process was done to find suitability on an instrument for students to start their tuition in 2014. The students that were tested now have a consent form that needs to be looked at as a family and talked about for the student to see if they might be keen to commit to their chosen instrument. Lessons are during the day (this year it is a Thursday but that may be different next year) with the students coming out for 30 mins in a group for their lesson. During Term 2 the Beginner String ensemble will start and that is during first break. In addition to their lesson day there is a requirement of practice being undertaken between lessons. It is expected that practice would happen between 3 -5 times a week. It is a big commitment on top of their school efforts. The consent form needs to be returned asap to the school office so that the intake can be finalised. We have school loan violins and cellos so there will not be a need for students to purchase unless they are keen to do so. If there are more student numbers than instruments there would be a need for the families to purchase.

If there are any students/families who may be interested in starting a string instrument in 2014, or need further information please make contact with the school office.

Many thanks.

Penny Williams (String Instructor).

Lost Property

We have had the following items handed into the office: a pair of reading glasses and a black glasses case.. If you have lost these please contact the office.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Fundraising

Labels and Book Covers

Just a reminder of ongoing fundraising for labels for clothes, hats and books. Order forms are available from the uniform shop. Get in now to be prepared for 2014.

Order forms going out this week for **Book Covers** – Exercise books, A4, and scrapbook sizes available. Colour samples available at the uniform shop or posters at tuckshop, office and hall. Save yourself time and money covering books and get them ready to go!

Completed forms to be returned to the tuckshop in an envelope marked BOOK COVERS.

School Banking 2014

The last day of school banking for 2013 is Wednesday the 27th November as I will be away after that date.

School Banking will resume **THURSDAY 6th February 2014**. So mark this date on your 2014 calendar, fridge.

As there were two more school banking day's left in December those students who have continually banked and are due for their Banking certificates will be given to them.

As of 2014 Dollarmite **reward tokens will no longer exist**. All tokens will be recorded automatically by the CommBank School banking system to which they will advise myself when a student has reached ten tokens.

It is requested that out standing tokens be redeemed by the 27th November 2013. Any student **with less than ten tokens** will be carried over next year automatically (up to 9 only)

To ensure this happens as a back up can all School Banking students return their tokens with their name attached so I can forward the amounts to CommBank School Banking Help Desk.

Current rewards are Money boxes, head phones, Usb sticks, Calculator, Torch, Knuckle game, handball.

Money boxes will not be available in 2014.

Yours faithfully,

Terry Hodges

School Banking Co-Ord