

7<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

**CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER**

Fri 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Year 4 Swimming

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov Payment Window closes  
For 2013

**STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260**

**From the Principal**

How quickly this year is going, tomorrow marks the halfway point of term with only five weeks left until the end of the school year.

One of the major tasks for the remainder of this term is preparing the classes and staffing for 2014. The staffing process is underway but will take a while to finalise. To this end it is not possible to give definite answers to which teacher will be on which class next year. While we should have a good indication of teacher placement before the end of the year, final staffing is never complete until day 8 of the following year when we know how many students have actually enrolled in the school.

Next year will see a change in the number of classes in year levels due to the different number of classes in the individual cohorts progressing through the school, causing some teachers to change year levels. Currently we are working on 'best guess' figures and as is the case with all allocations (staffing and classes), final make-up will depend on actual numbers of students and will not be finalised until early next year.

Our aim is to get class formations as accurate as possible to avoid large changes at the beginning of 2014. Current projections are predicting that we will grow in numbers for 2014 and may have to add an additional class. 2014 will be a unique year for us as it is the last year of Year 7 at Chatswood Hills. From 2015 onwards Year 7 will be based in high schools meaning our school will decline in numbers slightly.

In the meantime teachers will be asked to look over their current year level and make recommendations on student combinations and how these impact on learning. The current teachers will then construct next year's draft of classes taking into account; friendships, academic ability, social and emotional factors, behavioural considerations and any parent educational requests. To assist us with this process please let the school know through the office if your child(ren) are not returning to Chatswood Hills next year.

Whatever the class and whoever the teacher, our school's focus will remain on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students by catering for individual needs. Today's education is not about a single year level program with all students working from the same text and the same page in the same way. It is about differentiated work programs which support students who are having difficulty by modifying work, and extending the students who already show an understanding for specific concepts. Every lesson, every day, every child should be catered for.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM  
Principal

### From the Deputy

After the successful implementation of the History Curriculum into our school this year, our staff have begun the planning necessary to implement Geography for 2014. Geography, like History, is a stand-alone subject with specific content and skills. It will replace the strand called Place and Space of the broader subject area Study of Society Education (SOSE). SOSE will continue to be replaced over time by the National Curriculum areas of Civics and Citizenship and Economics and Business.

The overall behaviour of students at Chatswood Hills State School is very good however it is important that I remind students that they need to keep their hands and feet to themselves. We are halfway through the term and it would be disappointing for a student to lose their phase one status due to a bad choice. This week and last I have had to talk to students about this issue who I rarely see for behaviour reasons.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey  
Deputy Principal

### Principal Awards

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

**Georgia B** for your consistent and excellent effort towards all homework tasks.

**Supuk T** for being a quiet and conscientious student.

**Robert B** for consistently applying yourself to achieve pleasing results.

**Kiara H** for working to the best of your ability at all times..

**Monique W** for always working to the best of your ability in all learning areas.

**Kathryne C** for consistent good behaviour and great work ethics.

**Joanna T** for increased participation in class discussions.

**Robert L** for striving to improve classroom performances.

### Library Award

**Stradbroke** for outstanding Library efforts throughout the year.

### Chappy at Chats

One morning this week, my seven year old son decided that he needed a calendar to calculate the number of days he had left at school before holidays and the number of days until Christmas Day. I am certain that some of your children have also been making these same calculations.

There are 27 more school days and only 49 days until Christmas. If you are looking for some holiday activities to keep your children busy, Scripture Union have some camps that are for primary and school aged children from Grade 5 up to Grade 12. There is Camp Wild, Summer Splash, The Quest, Acho (A Girls Camp), Schoolsout, Father and Sons Camp, Camp 628 and more. The camps are really fun and there are times where children will be learning about God. If you are interested please see me for a brochure or go onto the Scripture Union website.

If you are eligible for Childcare rebates, you may also be eligible to claim some of the camp fees back for childcare during the holiday period.

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: 11<sup>th</sup> Nov, 18<sup>th</sup> Nov and 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Last Chance!!

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

### From the Library

This week the children have been personalising a poppy for a wreath to be displayed in the Library for Remembrance Day. Their mature approach to this historical significance is evident.

Lest We Forget

Lyndell Roberts  
Teacher Librarian

### String Intake 2014

Last 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).

### Payment Window

The payment window will close for 2013 on Nov 21<sup>st</sup>. All payments for swimming, excursions and graduation must be paid by 10am on this day. Internet payments must be made by the 20<sup>th</sup> Nov to allow them to be processed in time.

### P & C News

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

### Uniform Shop News

- Pre-order uniform pricelists for 2014 went out last week-

These must be returned by November 12th with or without payment to either the Tuckshop or the Uniform Shop (on Tues).

By placing a pre-order your guaranteed the uniforms your ordering will be available to you.

\*Special\* - for every new polo shirt purchased you can buy the previous style polo for just \$5 ! Sizes available are from 16 up to 24. These polo shirts are still a part of the approved uniform standards.

### 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