

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

**CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER**

Fri 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**

It is certainly a busy last few weeks of school, we are systematically trying to finalise this year while planning and putting in place everything for 2014 to ensure our new school year starts smoothly.

Over the past couple of weeks we have taken the opportunity to analyse our school NAPLAN data, examine the trends over time and set some improvement targets for next year. The graph below shows how our school is situated in respect to students achieving the National Minimum Standard. While NAPALAN reports on many different aspects of performance, the NMS is a logical starting point. In 2008 when I came to Chatswood Hills SS, the percentage of students achieving the NMS was below the rest of the nation in 4 of the 9 key domains (shown in red). As a school we have put a lot of work into redesigning our programs and focussing on our core business of teaching and learning and our results of the past three years vindicate our school's reform. Since 2010, the percentage of students reaching the NMS in Reading, Writing and Number has not fallen below the national average and in the past three years many of our cohorts are exceeding the national average

(shown in green). These results show that the programs and lesson delivery we have here at CHSS are having a positive effect on student achievement and are helping our school improve outcomes for all students. Our area to work on for next year is to increase the number of students who achieve in the top two bands and extend our high achievers. By setting targets and looking for areas to highlight in 2014 we aim to continue the rate of improvement and assist our students to attain their best; every lesson, every day.

**CHSS - % of Students above National Minimum Standard**

The number = actual percentage, the colour = comparison to the nation

	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13
3 Reading	85.7	93.2	90.7	92.2	91.9	94.7
3 Writing	90.1	93.2	84.1	97.8	95.4	94.2
3 Number	82.9	91.5	86.0	98.9	93.1	96.0
5 Reading	85.5	87.3	84.1	84.6	87.5	95.2
5 Writing	82.9	91.7	92.7	86.5	87.3	91.7
5 Number	88.4	90.1	97.6	92.3	92.5	93.9
7 Reading	95.5	88.7	91.7	95.7	92.0	93.3
7 Writing	80.3	96.9	94.5	94.4	85.1	93.5
7 Number	95.5	90.6	95.8	92.9	96.5	95.7

NAPLAN is only one way to measure schools. There are many different variables that contribute to a 'good' school and make a positive learning environment.

Another measure of our success is our increasing enrolments and the fact that we are one of the few schools in our area who are increasing in size. Many of our enrolments are from out of our area with families choosing to pass many schools to attend Chatswood Hills. This is a great endorsement for our school but has led to us enforcing our catchment area. Next year we are restricted to only three Prep classes and have been forced to decline enrolments from outside of our catchment. 2015 will see Year 7 move to a high school setting freeing up some extra classroom space, allowing us to ease the restriction on our catchment area and enrol four Prep classes for 2015. Chatswood Hills is a wonderful school and each and every member of our school community helps contribute towards this. I thank you for your support.

Yesterday some of our older students proudly represented our school at the Regional Children's Book Council of Australia Readers' Cup final. Each child in the team was required to read some books leading up to the event, then during the final had to answer questions about the books. Our team finished second overall out of 17 teams, in a very close competition that was only decided on the last question. After leading for most of the competition, our team was beaten by one point. Congratulations to our team: Kathrynne, Ericka, Charlie, Molly and Kahil; you were great ambassadors for our school.

Thank you  
Keith GRAHAM  
Principal

### From the Deputy

Over the year I have had the privilege of working with a number of Year 4 students in a maths class once a week. During this time we have focussed on improving results by tightening up a few areas that assessments have shown need extra work. Two areas that we have found are crucial to our improvements are our number fact recall (timetables) and the setting out of our book work. Student results have improved as the ability to recall number facts accurately has improved. Neat book work and organised working out has reduced the number of careless errors. These are two areas that all students can work on.

Congratulations to our Readers' Cup Challenge team who came second yesterday in the finals. A great result! Well done to the students and Mrs Roberts and a big thank you to the parents who assisted in transporting the students to and from the venue.

Mr Lee has done another great job finishing off the two garden beds around the Koala Walkway signs. The trees and plants in the area are growing well and the recent rain and warm weather has certainly helped. Yesterday a

mother Koala and her baby were sighted near the Prep outdoor play area.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey  
Deputy Principal

### Principal Awards

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

**Rhiannon F** for writing a fantastic procedure all on your own.

**Liam A** for outstanding work in this term's Science unit.

**Aalisha A** for working conscientiously in class.

**Dane M** for showing consistently good work habits.

**Seth M** for designing and constructing an excellent habitat for your chosen farm animal.

**Lachlan A** for being a delightful class member who is putting a great effort into your reading and writing.

**Rory L** for working very hard and making great progress in addition and subtraction.

**Sarah M** for being a hard working, well behaved student always.

**Jayden B** for being a courteous hardworking class member.

**Vallee E** for working hard on your SOSE poster and description.

**Danny K** for creative efforts in Art and Technology.

**Hayley B** for doing a great job with your reading.

**Stella U** for giving very interesting answers during science lessons.

**Samantha R** for excellent work with your writing, using sounds and working out how to write words.

**Hannah K** for being a good listener who always tries your best.

**Kiara F** for a great improvement in your independent writing.

### Library Award

**Kingfishers** for excellent listening to stories and silent reading in the Library..

## From the Library

Congratulations to our Readers Cup FIVE! team who finished second in the 17 team competition held at Our Lady of Mt Carmel School on Wednesday 13 November. The children read five books and answered questions. Thank you to parents Carol, Kirsty and Mark for driving. Well done Charlie, Ericka, Kahil, Kathryne and Molly!



Lyndell Roberts  
Teacher Librarian

## Chappy at Chats

Chatswood Hills State School has had a Chaplain for a year now and some schools have had long term Chaplaincy Programs which have been running for more than twenty years and some of these have been solely funded by fundraising and community donations.

Chaplaincy programs and the model whereby the Federal Government contributes funding to resource Chaplaincy across Australia are currently being reviewed.

Scripture Union Queensland is running a campaign to gauge community support called 'Back Our Chappies'. If you are supportive of the Federal Government continuing to financially support Chaplaincy Programs I ask that you consider signing a Statement of Support. If interested, you can sign a Statement of Support at the School Office or alternatively you can go to [www.backourchappies.com.au](http://www.backourchappies.com.au).

Chappy Karen

## Booklists Year 4-7 2014

Booklists for year 4-7 were sent home today. If you wish to order through EDSCO please return the order form with payment to the office or you can choose to order online. All orders must be handed in by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. If you choose to buy your own stationary please make sure you buy brands specified.

## Lost Property

We still have quite a bit of lost property at the office. Please feel free to look in the box for any items you might need for a gold coin donation. We also have reading glasses and a watch handed in.

## P & C News

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

## Uniform Shop News

Pre-orders closed November 12th - any orders coming in after this date will be collected HOWEVER please note orders in by the correct closing date will be filled first.

PICK UP DATES FOR ORDERS or to purchase uniforms are:

**WEDNESDAY 22/1/14 - 10AM to 12:30PM**  
**THURSDAY 23/1/14 - 3PM to 6PM**  
**FRIDAY 24/1/14 - 10AM to 1PM**

These are the ONLY times the uniform shop will be open before school starts. If you will be away on holidays it is ok to send someone else to collect/pay for your order OR you can purchase uniforms now.

**\*November 26th this is last day uniform shop will be open for 2013.**

**Uniform Shop will not be open in December.**

[PandCUniformshop@chathills.eq.edu.au](mailto:PandCUniformshop@chathills.eq.edu.au) - is the email address you can use to ask any uniform question or place an order.

**\*\* SPECIALS\*\* (NEW) OLD STYLE POLO**

**SHIRTS \$5 !!!**

Sizes 14 up to 24 get in quick once they're gone - that's it.

\*\* 2 only in stock - (NEW) CURRENT YR 7 SHIRT

WITH NAMES SIZE 12 - **ONLY \$10** - purchase at the tuckshop if you would like to buy these any day.

Please have correct money.

## 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.