

21st November, 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

Fri 22nd, 29th Nov

Year 4 Swimming

Mon 2nd-11th Dec Lower School
Swimming

Fri 6th Dec Yr 4-7 Swimming Carnival

Tues 10th Dec Dreamworld Year 7
Movieworld (More/Strad)

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

The end of the school year is fast approaching and the school has a very 'busy' feel to it as students and teachers finish off the year's programs. Many students are already talking about their holiday break and the year 7s are sharing their nervous excitement as they prepare to move into high school and a new phase of their educational journey. I would like to remind all students that school rules and expectations are in place right up until the final day of school. The last few weeks of school are not a time to behave or act differently, this ensures that all staff and students can continue to learn and work unhindered.

Classes for next year are being finalised and should be released on the last Thursday of term. We plan that on this day all students will 'shuffle up' to their new class and meet their new class mates and teacher. Many factors contribute to creating class lists and I would like to thank parents and teachers who have discussed individual educational considerations with me. (As always changes may occur after day 8 next year when our year's staffing and student numbers are finalised.)

Please remember that the parent considerations for classes will be taken into account when we do our 2014 class lists, however they are preferences not promises. It is impossible to accommodate every individual parent request particularly when they are for specific teachers or for children to be in a class with specific friends. Final class placements are a school decision made after considering a range of factors.

The School Captain election process for 2014 is underway with over 30 students volunteering to be leaders next year. These candidates will give their first speech next week as part of the selection process. Successful candidates will be invited to give a full speech to years 4 to 7 on assembly during week 9. After the assembly, staff and students will undertake a voting process to identify our finalists from this group who will then be interviewed by a panel of school staff. Our 2014 School Captains will be announced on our Academic Awards parade held on the last Thursday of school and all school leaders will be formally inducted at a ceremony early next year.

Resource Scheme

Our 2014 Resources Scheme is offered to P- 3 parents to assist in purchasing their child's personal school resources. This scheme offers parents the chance to take advantage of the school bulk purchasing power and allows the school to purchase student equipment at generally cheaper rates. It also enables the teachers to buy exactly what they need and ensure all students have the same equipment. The price of this scheme does not include any profit for the school. All monies are passed on to the class teachers to be spent on resources for the particular children in their classes. Parents who choose not to take part in the scheme can ask at the office for a list of resource requirements to purchase for themselves. Information regarding the resource scheme will go home with each individual child with their report cards. Years 4 - 7 students have received a book list outlining the personal equipment they will need for 2014. A Resource Scheme will not operate for these year levels.

Dates to Note

Wednesday 11 December – Year 7 Graduation evening.

Thursday 12 December - Academic Award Parade 8:45am and 2014 School Captains announced. Class lists and “Shuffle Up” session to meet 2014 class teacher in new room. Class parties and report cards issued.

Thursday 12 December – Xmas carols night.

Friday 13 December - Children will be assisting with the final preparation of rooms for next year followed by pen/pencil and paper work under the supervision of teachers. (It may not necessarily be their own teacher as some of the teachers will have been reassigned other duties in preparation for 2014. Those children in attendance will be grouped appropriately, under full supervision.) Tuckshop will only be open first break as the P&C will be undertaking the annual tuckshop stocktake during the afternoon session.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM
Principal

From the Deputy

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week our Prep students for 2014 will be visiting our school. Each morning 25 students will be split into groups of 5 and each group will spend some time in one of our prep classes. The purpose of the morning is to welcome new families and provide an opportunity for students to get a small taste of the wonderful opportunities Prep at Chatswood Hills has to offer.

A quick camera snapping parent sent me some photos this week of our resident mother and baby Koala who made an appearance at the Prep outdoor play area. The same Koalas posed for photos just outside the library yesterday afternoon. I can't think of too many schools or work places where you can experience such an up close and personal experience with a Koala. Other sightings this week have included a bearded dragon and a mother and baby Kookaburra. Yesterday we saw a mother and baby Tawny Frog Mouth owl.



Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

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

Kyle W for fantastic progress in developing reading skills, consistent determination towards completing reading assignments and positive attitude towards reading.

Lisa M for consistently being on your best behaviour and being an excellent role model.

Tiya M for consistently working hard and achieving pleasing results.

Jessica R for showing improvement in Spelling.

Kate S for putting your best effort into all class activities.

Kaci C for being a great worker throughout the year and having very good weekly spelling results.

Owen T for becoming a hard working and courteous student in your new class.

Aaliyah Z for making better choices in the classroom to improve your academic achievements.

Ashley H for outstanding attitude towards learning.

Jaspar G for excellent behaviour and effort in the classroom.

Kristof K for insightful and valuable contributions to class discussions.

Library Award

Tallebudgera for a mature approach to Library lessons during the year.

Chappy at Chats

The holidays are fast approaching and here are a few activities being offered for primary aged children.

- Christmas Comes Alive in Logan is 3 days of fun, workshops and entertainment for kids.
Local community group Children of Destiny will teach children a variety of drums, singing, dance, and drama which will build to a fun - filled family night on December 19th at 7 pm.
Throughout the day camps there will be jumping castles, a slip and slide and Christmas activities.
Ages: 5 – 12 years
Venue: Impact Church
3357 Pacific Highway
Springwood, 4127
Cost: \$60 per person (3 days)
Contact www.childrenofdestiny.com.au
- Scripture Union Summer Camps
SU offers a range of camps for Primary (Year 5 – 7) and Secondary aged children. See Chappy Karen for a brochure or go to www.sucamps.org.au
Here are a few –
Schoolzout on 16/12/13 – 20/12/13 for Year 7 Students
Father / Son Camp on 3/01/14 – 7/01/14 for Years 5 – 9 boys and their Fathers
Camp 628 on 4/1/14 to 8/1/14 for Years 6 – 8
Camp Wild on 16/12/13 – 20/12/13 for Year 7 - 10

String News

Thanks to those families who have returned the EOI slip re. students starting their string tuition in 2014. Instruments have been reserved for their usage and the Yr 3 group looks very healthy. If there are any other families who received a notice for their child to start lessons in 2014 but haven't returned the form, these forms are due back at the office. I have a list of students who are on the waiting list and quite a number of these students have expressed interest in starting next year. I will be handing out forms to these families in the coming weeks so that we have all instruments in use. Please return all forms to the office. Reminder also that the 2013 Yr 3 students are still borrowing a school loan instrument. These instruments will be due back in the last week of this term - after the performance at the Christmas Concert. Any families needing information or guidance to purchase an instrument for continued tuition in 2014 can make contact with me (I'm at school on Thursdays) or please leave a note at the office and I will call back.

Christmas Concert

Information has been forwarded about our final concert of the year. We are performing at the Christmas Concert. This is on Thursday, 12 Dec starting at 5pm in the school hall. Beginner Strings and String Ensemble are performing. We are excited to be bringing you our final performance for the year. The dress will be free dress and please add in all the Christmas Cheer you can. Reindeer ears, Christmas t-shirts and flashing Christmas earrings etc are all encouraged to be worn! All school loan instruments are to be returned after this performance. String Ensemble will have rehearsal as usual on this day (before school). Thanks to all.
Penny Williams (String Instructor)

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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 (next Tuesday) is last day uniform shop will be open for 2013 - Uniform Shop will not be open in December.**

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

**** 1 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.

Book Cover Orders

Orders returned by 6th December will be given out before the end of the year. All orders returned after that date will be available for pick up from the Uniform Shop in January. See above for dates.

Help the P&C Give Back To The Community....

This year the P&C are organising jointly with Kingston East Community Centre a wonderful initiative to give to those less fortunate. We are asking that at the School Christmas Carol night each family to please bring along a gift to give a child who may not have a very Merry Christmas or start to the new school year. Kingston East Community Centre have asked that if possible the gift be an educational one eg: new lunch box, drink bottle, pencil cases, books, colouring pencils etc or new toys are still very welcome. Bring the gift on the Carols night wrapped & labelled if its for a boy or girl & an age it would be for. A representative from KECC will be at the carols to take our donations on the night & distribute to those in need. If you would still like to donate but can't attend the Carols - please do. Your donation can be left at the office. We thank-you in advance for helping us with this initiative - after all Christmas should be a time we care for & help others.