

28th November, 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

Fri ,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)
Wed 11th Dec Year 7 Graduation

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

The 2014 School Captain election process has entered the final stages. Next Monday twelve quality candidates will give their speech on school assembly. At the conclusion of this parade years 4-7 students and staff will vote for their preferred candidates. Once the votes are tallied, the top six students (approx), as reflected in this voting process, will go on to the final selection interview phase. From these interviews the successful applicants and positions will be decided and announced on our final Awards Parade held on Thursday 12 December.

Classes for next year have just about been finalised and will be released on the last Thursday of school. It is always a difficult process to get the class balances right and many hours were spent in discussions with teachers to ensure this process takes into account the wide variety of student needs. I would like to thank parents for giving me points to consider in writing and can assure you that these notes were a very vital part of the process. While it is never possible to give everyone a pure choice of teacher or friends in class (and sometimes one request contradicted another), all relevant information was considered and acted on. The vast

majority of parent requests that were educationally based were able to be accommodated and catered for.

Uniforms for 2014 - If you are buying new shoes and clothing for school next year, please refer to our school uniform guide to ensure that your purchases fall within our P&C approved policy. By doing this you help support our school image and also help teach children to respect and follow rules. Students who are not in correct uniform may be dealt with through our behaviour policy including moving off Phase One for their behaviour level. Please help students learn to develop responsibility and respect for rules by ensuring that they are in correct uniform each day. I thank you for your support.

Dates to Note

Wednesday 11 December – Year 7 Graduation evening.

Thursday 12 December - Academic Award Parade 8:45am and 2014 School Captains announced. 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

The Prep Orientation mornings have been successful this week. It has been great to see new families share their excitement of starting their child's education journey with us at Chatswood Hills State School. The new prep children were enthusiastic each day and I would like to thank the Prep teachers and classes for welcoming the new students.

Last Friday a team of students and staff had to be wildlife rescuers and return one of the three baby kookaburras that we have on site back to its nest. The bird has fallen out of its nest on several occasions and did so again on Monday. This time the other siblings would not allow Mr Lee to put the bird back into the nest. After receiving advice we took the baby kookaburra to the local vet surgery to then be sent onto the RSPCA. The other two babies are travelling well.



Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

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

Olivia J for being a hard working and caring member of our classroom.

Bailee R for doing a great job on your Spelling activities.

Abbey M for great work on your Technology task.

Ezekiel K for great improvement in journal and other writing.

Chloe C for having a red hot go at all of your work.

Lily M for always giving 100% to your studies.

Elle N for always working hard and displaying great behaviour in class and in the playground.

Sebastian P for excellent work in English.

Tori M for the effort, pride and care that goes into your work every day.

Montana A for always working to the best of your ability.

Xander K for making good choices in the classroom.

April L for working hard on your reading and being a co-operative class member.

Eddy N for always working quietly and responsibly.

Laura H for always listening well during class.

Zachary K for good reading and improved story writing.

Ahlaynah-Rose for good reading and for trying your best with all your work.

Lily B for always doing beautiful work in your sharing book.

Library Award

Quolls for using their super listening skills in the Library this year.

From the Library

At the end of each year we dispose of old books. At the moment we have some suitable for children just starting chapter books and for more competent readers. Donations of 50cents per book or 3 for \$1 will secure some holiday reading. This is also the time for returning any overdue library books. Your support in these matters is appreciated.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian.

From the Guidance Officer

A small group of interested, enthusiastic mothers completed a three week (2 1/2hrs each week) 1,2,3 It's Magic and Emotion Coaching Course with me this week. They enjoyed the opportunity to meet, discuss their children and gain new learnings. They were rewarded with a Certificate of Participation presented by Mr Josey. and a "1,2,3 It's Magic" fridge magnet. Well done to these mothers who could make the course. The "1,2,3 It's Magic and Emotion Coaching" Parent Course aims to train parents in learning to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years.

Some comments from the mothers were:

- 1) I found it very helpful especially the count 1 2 3. Really enjoyed hearing from other parents and the course was great.
- 2) It was a great way to change both myself and my family to control our behaviours.

Jenny Hickey
Guidance Officer

Chappy at Chats

A few years ago our daughters decided to run a café at home over a few weeks in the holidays and they made up a menu. They labelled a piggy bank with Africa. The items on offer included salads, toasted sandwiches, smoothies, fruit salad, tea, coffee and 2 minute noodles. The girls then took our orders and made the food for us. We paid for our lunches and the proceeds were deposited into the money box for Africa. Over a few weeks the coins built up and we gave the money to my brother who works in Africa. He also contributed some money and the funds went to a small school in Africa. The money was used to pay for uniforms for the students. The idea and the actions of our girls were quite simple and yet they made a difference!

Our small actions can make a difference in the lives of others. The P and C have an initiative where you can donate items at the School Christmas Carol evening that will be given to the Kingston East Neighbourhood Centre to distribute to children in need this Christmas. See the P & C Newsletter for more information.

Chappy Karen

The Tea Party

Last Wednesday Ms Cargill and our class went outside and Ms Cargill was very sweet and brought some olden day things in. We had tea and we got to go and wash things with an olden day washer. We also got to do skipping and we got to juice oranges and drink it and we got to play with wood trucks and also play with olden day toys. Some people got to play with some olden day spinning things.

By Aaliyah

Last Wednesday I enjoyed the Tea Party. The thing I enjoyed was drinking the juice and sipping from a saucer and teacup made me feel like I was Really in the olden day time. The games looked like for older people and some for little kids. Normally this isn't a type of tea party I would have because normally we wouldn't have orange juice. But it was still fun and polite.

By Ema

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Thalisha P & Whiringa A for being selected in the Shailer Park Under 12 Rep Netball team.

P & C News

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School Banking

I would like to thank Mr Keith Graham, parents, school students and teachers for promoting and being part of the School Banking Program 2013. I hope everyone will participate in 2014 with the anticipation of a new School Banking Rewards Program. The final term 4 competition closes 30th November, if you have won a prize the CommBank Youth Saver School Banking Team will let you know as I will be away from the 27th November 2013.

A lot of students who have banked 10, 20, 30 and 40 consecutive School Banking Days have been given their Certificates. For those students who had banked 40 consecutive School Banking Days have received a Token gift of all the Rewards that were offered during 2013. Britney. H, Samantha P, Emily. P, Destiny. KH, Jackson, B and Dre. KH

I would like to thank the supportive letters from a lot of parents in which School Banking has taught their children not only how to save but the basic concept of money management.

All Tokens from students that have banked on the 27th will be collected and the amount of tokens conveyed to School Banking Help Desk for 2014

School Banking will resume on Thursday the 6th February 2014

Merry Christmas

Terry and Robin Hodges
School Banking Co-Ord.