

5th December, 2013

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER

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
Thurs 12th Dec Carols Night

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Principal

The school year is rapidly coming to an end with only days remaining until the Xmas break. This will be the last newsletter of the year. How quickly time goes as it seems only a short while ago we were welcoming everyone to a new school year. To celebrate the end of year, students will be enjoying a range of end of year activities in their class. Please look out for individual notices coming from your child's teacher with regards to these activities and class parties.

Sadly the end of the year will see us bid farewell to some staff members who will be moving on. Sarah Charlton (Hicks) has been transferred to Windaroo State School after serving five years here at Chatswood Hills. Sarah's connection to our school goes back to 1998 when she began working in our afterschool program. After completing her teaching studies Sarah commenced relief work at CHSS in 2005 before gaining a fulltime position in 2009. Sarah has predominantly taught in our lower school, running a very organised and supportive classroom. We wish her well at her new school. Lyndell Grayson has also received a transfer and will be commencing at Kimberley Park SS from next year. Lyndell has been on leave this year and has been a passionate supporter of CHSS over her six years

here. I know she will become a valuable asset to her new school. We will also be being saying goodbye to three other staff members; our instrumental music teacher, Aaron Gliddens, Trina Whilhelmson - who has released Andrew Clark each Monday for the last three years so that Andrew can take computer lessons for all classes, and Jade Ockendon who has taken PE while Miss Jane Taylor is on leave. Thank you to you all. Your contributions to our school have been greatly appreciated. I would like to wish all of these staff members the best for their new futures on behalf of the CHSS community.

On a final staffing note, Miss Lynne Cargill will be taking long service leave for the first part of next year. Her replacement will be announced next year along with all of our additional new staff members.

Classes for next year have been finalised for this year, however our final staffing make up is not determined until day 8 of next year so changes may still happen. To help us be as accurate as possible with next year's numbers and minimise any changes at the start of next year, please let the office know if your child is leaving and will no longer be with us next year. On current projections we may grow by another class again next year.

The P&C will hold their final meeting Monday night and once again I would like to thank all involved with the P&C for their contributions to our school and the valuable support they give us. This year the P&C have purchased interactive white boards for classrooms, provided free access to Mathletics for every student in our school, installed new seating and concrete areas and provided permanent shade structures outside of four classrooms. Next year we will continue to work together to provide the best learning environment for our students and continue

our interactive white board roll out, continue to replace old shade structures with new permanent facilities and look to install a brand new playground. Thank you all for your efforts; it is a pleasure to work with such an active and dedicated P&C team.

I would like to remind everyone that the school is private property and is not to be used outside of school hours, including holidays, without express permission. Security and police personnel will patrol the school grounds and unauthorised trespassers may be prosecuted. Unfortunately the holiday period is a time of increased damage and vandalism, please help us to protect school property by calling School Watch on 13 1788 or the police if you see anyone acting suspiciously or inappropriately on the school grounds.

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. 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.

Tuesday 28 January, 2014 – school commences for a new year.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for your support and work this year. This school/home partnership is a very important factor which allows Chatswood Hills to provide the best education possible for all students. I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday, and look forward to working with you all in 2014. Have a good relaxing break and remember school will start for all students on Tuesday 28 January. Please ensure students are ready to start work at 8:30 from this first morning.

Thank you and Merry Christmas

Keith Graham
Principal

From the Deputy

I am certainly finding it difficult coming to terms with the fact that this is the final newsletter for 2013. Where has this year gone? It certainly has been another big year but it has also been a very eventful and rewarding year.

I would like to encourage students to maintain their good behaviour and common sense throughout the final week. It is important to continue to follow the school rules and live up to the school's behaviour expectations so that we can all get through to the holidays happy, healthy and in one piece.

The final week is full of special events, on Wednesday night we have the Year 7 graduation. I am looking forward to seeing another great year of Year 7s move onto High School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school leaders for all of their hard work this year, in particular the school captains who have run assembly each week and ensured that the Australian Flag is raised and lowered each day.

On Thursday we start the day with our Academic Parade, where we congratulate some of our brightest and hardworking students. The school leaders for 2014 will be announced. Students will also find out their class and teacher for next year and report cards will go home. I have enjoyed watching the candidates for the leadership positions go through their paces. I have been very proud of the high quality speeches and also the way the candidates who have missed out have conducted themselves. I would like to remind any student who misses out on the School Captain or Vice School Captain positions that next year we will be looking for many other leaders to fill vital roles. I would further like to wish the remaining candidates the very best.

Next year we will be holding our school discos in Term One, Two and Three. I will finalise the dates next year. We have booked a Koala talk for students to be held in our new Koala Walkway area, the Life Education Van is booked for a visit and Bravehearts will return once again.

Finally I look forward to seeing many of you at the P and C Christmas Carols on Thursday night. This event once again promises to be a fantastic school community celebration and a great way to bring in the festive season as we say goodbye to another academic year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish students and their families a safe and restful holiday and Christmas season. I love working at Chatswood Hills State School.

Have a great holiday.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Chappy at Chats

The holidays are fast approaching and here is an activity being offered for primary aged children in Logan.

- [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

If your child is interested in attending these activities, please see me or email me at

karenk@chappy.org.au

Chappy Karen

From the Library

As the school year ends I would like to thank you for your support whether it has been looking for and finding lost library books or having the patience to wait until we have found a returned book that has been prematurely shelved. To our wonderful band of coverers and to our Book Club and Bookfair coordinator Esther, we would not have as many books on our shelves if it wasn't for your tireless efforts. Finally thank you for always making our Book Week so special by supporting the Book Character Parade and Bookfair. Holiday time is a great time to join your local Council Library. Children can borrow many books and they have wonderful free activities. Have a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

Save the world...
With **MORETON**

This Wednesday, Moreton will be performing in the Hall at 11:30am.
See you there!

Sports Awards

Next Monday, 9th December, we will be holding our annual sports awards. Students who have performed well over the year during inter school sport will be presented with either a trophy or medallion for their efforts. Parents and friends are welcome and definitely encouraged to come along and support those receiving awards.

The parade will be held at 1.45pm for those interesting in attending.

Student Achievements

Sharni and Alarni K both represented the QLD team and competed at national primary school track and field on the 23rd & 24th of November 2013.

Sharni placed 6th in 12yrs girls Discus, while Alarni placed 4th in 10yr girls Shotput and 8th in 10yrs girls Discus.

Well done girls

Lost Property

Last chance to check lost property before holidays.

A girl's wallet has been handed in also.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Book Club News and Thanks

Thank you to all of the parents, teachers, and students for ordering books through Scholastic Book Club. This year there have been 9 issues released to the school and the order response has been fantastic. For each issue ordered, Scholastic Reward Points are accumulated and redeemed for new and exciting books for the children, in the Library. We are pleased to announce that for 2013 you have all contributed to our Library earning over \$1600 of new books!

Special thanks goes to all of the volunteers who have stapled and dated (in their own time) all of the 9 issues, and distributed to all of the classrooms – Ted & Cathy Adam, Esther Daley, Chris Kavanagh, Dawn McInnes, Paige & Indiannah Petersen, Rachelle Petersen, and Belinda Reid.

Keep an eye out for the new catalogues arriving in February 2014.

Thanking you,

Esther Daley & Paige Petersen.