

21st February, 2013

**CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMER**

19 <sup>th</sup>	March	School Photos
20 <sup>th</sup>	March	Bravehearts Show (Prep – Year 3)

**STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260**

**From the Principal**

I would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers who took part in our information evening (and our Letterland information session for years Pep and 1) last night. It was wonderful to see so many people in each classroom, meeting the teachers and finding out about the classroom routines and expectations. I firmly believe that close communication and relationships between school and home maximises the opportunity for positive outcomes for all students. I encourage you to stay in contact with your teachers throughout the year and maintain these links.

Formal oral reporting for individual students will take place at the end of this term to keep you informed of your child's progress. Please watch out for more specific information closer to the time. (Report cards will go home at the end of term 2).

It has been a very challenging week for our school community this week with the sad news of the passing of Helen Streatfeild. Helen was a long serving and popular member of our staff who would always go the extra mile for her

students and colleagues. She fought a long battle against serious illness and will be dearly missed. I would like to thank the parents, community members and surrounding schools who have offered their condolences and support in this time of grief. Your well wishes and actions have greatly helped maintain the spirits of our staff through this difficult time.

Helen's memorial will be held tomorrow afternoon and many of our staff will be attending. To help with the release of staff we will be putting in place an alternate supervision program for the last session of the day. Our school will be open and children will be fully supervised; however, we will implement alternative structures to the regular classes and instruction in some areas of the school. Some classes may not be with their usual teacher or in their regular classroom. Please also note that the tuckshop will be closed for second break tomorrow and all orders will be prepared for first break. We thank you for your understanding. We have received many flowers and cards at the office for Helen and these will be passed on to the Steatfeild family. The family is happy to receive flowers or for people to make a donation in Helen's name to the Queensland Cancer Council in lieu of flowers.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with Helen's family and we, as a staff, are looking forward to celebrating Helen's life at her memorial tomorrow.

Thank you

Keith GRAHAM  
Principal

## From the Deputy

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a very special person that I have worked with since 2009. Helen Streatfeild, an amazing person and a gifted teacher. She brought happiness and enthusiasm where ever she went. Her passing this week has been a reminder to me not to take life for granted. Helen was a blessing to many people and the impact that she has had on people's lives will continue long after the memorial service tomorrow. My heart and prayers go to her wonderful family.

## Parent Information Night

It was great to see parents attending the Parent Information sessions last night despite the inclement weather. Education is an important relationship between students, parents and teachers.

## Kid's Club

This year Chappy Karen will be running Kid's Club at lunchtimes on Thursdays for any Year 4 to 7 students interested in participating in RE activities. Students during this time will engage in fun activities including games, bible stories and art activities.

**Students must have a permission form** to be able to participate in the Kid's Club. Permission forms can be obtained from Chappy Karen or through the office. Once the 4-7 club is up and running we may look at running a Year 1 to 3 group.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey  
Deputy Principal

## Chappies at Chats

Today, the Kids Club which is a club for children who are interested in learning about God and the Bible, is meeting for the very first time, For a child to attend the Kids Club, their parents need to complete and sign a form giving permission for them to participate. Children who do not return a form will not be allowed to attend the club. Children should come and see me if they require a form.

Who – Children in Years 4 to 7

What – Learning about God, games and activities

When – Thursday first lunch breaks from 10:40 to 11:10 am

Where – Space at the end of the Koala's room.

## Chat with Chappy

**You are invited to drop into the Library for a cuppa and a chat next Thursday morning from 8:30 am to 9:30 am.**

Chappy Karen

## Principal Awards Prep- Year 3

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

**Grace P** for excellent writing about characters emotions.

**Connor K** for settling well into Prep and doing your best.

**Thomas B** for using excellent work habits and always trying your best.

**Sam M** for showing great listening skills and working hard at all times.

**Sophie L** for always trying your best and participating at group time.

**Alanah D** for always displaying wonderful listening skills.

**Lilly T** for neat handwriting and beautifully presented work.

**Jack G** for trying your best in all work and being an enthusiastic member of the class.

**Abbey-Jane F** for sitting quietly on the carpet during group time.

**Mianah C** for making an excellent start to the year and settling in to your new school so well.

**Jackson B** for always doing the right thing.

**Amber K** for being a helpful and enthusiastic class member.

**Kolby D** for having a great attitude towards learning and having a go at all tasks.

**Connor L** for always working hard and using beautiful manners.

**Ella N** for making a great effort to develop a more confident attitude.

**Jake E** for learning lots of new words and for excellent participation in lessons.

**Claire B** for consistently contributing to classroom discussions.

## Library Award

**Possums** for attentive listening in Library lessons.

### **From the Library**

From time to time we need help covering new books. If you would like to volunteer to cover books please contact the Library. We send about 10 books home with pre-cut contact. Thank you for considering this.  
Lyndell Roberts  
Teacher Librarian

### **Project Club**

A special thanks to Lyn Jackman for donating some wonderful additions to the bird aviary, including coconut nests and toys. Thanks also to all other parents for donations of plants and seeds. All support is greatly appreciated.

Miss Alison Brunjes

### **Student Photo ID**

As part of our school management system upgrade, we will be uploading student's photo ID onto Oneschool. This will assist administration staff with the identification of students for general management and in case of emergencies.

Advancelife Photographers who will this year be conducting our school photos will also take each student's portrait photo at no extra cost to the parent, on school photo day, for this sole purpose.

If you do not want to have your child's ID photo uploaded into Oneschool, please advise the office staff by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

A letter has been sent home today via your child's class.

### **P & C News**

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

**HOT X BUN Fundraiser** \$3.50 per 6 pack made fresh by Gold Coast Bakeries for us. Order forms home today on the back of the P&C newsletter (or collect one form the office) Correct money & form due back to tuckshop by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Delivery will be direct to your child's class the following week.

**IGA Community Benefits** sign up and select Chatswood Hills as you nominated Community group and help fundraise for our school while you do your shopping. IGA on Daisy Hill Road.

**RSA Licence Holders** We are asking for current holders of an RSA license to volunteer their name and services for our fete on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013. ½ - 1 hour time slots will be allocated to RSA holders to supervise our beer tent – this spreads the load and means one person is not stuck there all afternoon. All volunteers please email your details to:  
[pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au)

**AGM** Our AGM will be held next month. **Nomination forms went home last week, more available from the office.** If you would like to nominate or would like to nominate someone you think would be a great candidate for our P&C please return the slip to the office by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm. Nomination are in WRITING ONLY so support your P&C and join our great team of willing volunteers. Even just attending our meetings is a great way of supporting your school

**Mothers Craft** We are asking any talented mothers, aunties, grandmothers (or even dad's) to get your crafty fingers out and start making item for our annual mother's day stall. We will also be having a craft stall at our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fete in September. So items for both men and women would be appreciated. Anything from cards, knitting, sewing, woodwork, jewellery and more would be appreciated. Any donations can be taken to the Office – THANK YOU your help is appreciated.

### **School Banking**

You will have noticed that all students have been distributed with 2013 School Banking Program. If you wish for your child to do School Banking simply apply online at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking), apply at any commonwealth bank or apply via paper based application at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) or applications at the office.

School Banking is every Wednesday you will see our Logo at the front of the school gate and the carpark near the school hall. School Banking Awards this term are all Money Boxes, Wallets, Hand balls, Knuckle Game. Some of these items are displayed on the notice board near the school payment window.

Thank you

Terry Hodges  
School Bank Co-ord.