

1st May, 2014

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMERS

23 rd May	School Discos
9 th June	Queens Birthday Holiday
16 th June	Year 4-7 Sports Day
18 th June	Bravehearts Show

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

The Principal's Perspective

Hello everyone and welcome back to Term 2 here at Chatswood Hills State School. I trust you all had a lovely peaceful holiday and Easter break, and spent time with the people that matter most to you. Our students have quickly settled back in to their learning and it was great to see that most students were here at school for the three days last week. I read with interest the article in the Courier Mail which highlighted the sad fact that a large number of families saw the short week as an excuse to have an extended vacation. It was reported that attendance at many schools was well down but my classroom visits last week confirmed that our community values education as there were minimal absences in the majority of classrooms. Every day counts and it is vitally important that your child is here on time and ready for learning each and every school day. If students are away for any reason we ask that you let your class teacher or the office knows via a note, email or phone call. All children who have perfect attendance or who have explained every absence will go into a draw at the end of semester for some special prizes.

I was blown away at the end of last term by the amazing attendance at our annual Grandparents' Day. I made sure that I visited each and every room to take part in the fun activities that were happening and to talk with our special visitors. I've been fortunate enough to work in a number of different schools where Grandparents' Day is hosted, but I've never experienced the strength of support for this event like was evident here. It was really enjoyable to have some of our visitors share

with myself and also some children, their memories of what school life was like for them. Some of their reflections reminded me of just how much schools have both changed, and yet in some ways, remained the same over the years. Some were amazed at the technology evident in today's classrooms and that students were not always sitting in rows or even at desks at all, for some of their school day. A couple remarked that the teachers and staff seemed friendlier than they remembered and that it was a rarity to see the principal out of the office back in their day. I hope that our school, and indeed society in general, continues to value the insights of our elder citizens as they have 'been there and done that' having much experience to share and contribute. It was a terrific day!

Students in years 3, 5 & 7 will sit the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) during week 4 of this term. I always tell anyone who will listen that there is so much more to consider to a school's overall performance than what is reported from this annual standardised testing. However despite this opinion, the fact remains that Naplan testing is used as a means of comparing schools and it is important that we set our students up for success and give them every opportunity to do their best. Our staff does a fabulous job preparing our children by delivering high quality teaching and learning experiences in their classroom lessons each and every day. This really is the best way to prepare for the Naplan tests. As parents you can do your part by ensuring your child gets plenty of sleep each night during the testing week and that they arrive at school after having a nourishing breakfast. Our school will provide participating students with an apple each morning as we did last year. We don't want you to be placing additional pressure on students as this never helps anyone to perform at their best, but we do want to make sure they are relaxed, comfortable and prepared.

Yours in Education
David Teale
Principal

From the Deputy

Welcome back to Chatswood Hills State School for Term Two. Last week we started the term with a short week that ended with our Anzac day service. Once again Chatswood Hills paid their respects and gave thanks for the men and women who have served our country. I would like to thank staff, students and parents for attending the service and supporting this important day. The flowers and wreathes presented on the day were magnificent.

I was so proud of our students and how they once again conducted themselves during the assembly. Our six school captains once again demonstrated that they are responsible and mature leaders. Without any prompting from staff all six were busy rehearsing their part early in the morning before the assembly.

Anzac day and Easter are both times of sacrifice and a good time to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in such a great country. I would like to wish everyone all the best for the term ahead.

Curriculum Corner

The Year 3, 5 and 7 Naplan tests will be held at our school on Tuesday May 13, Wednesday May 14 and Thursday May 15. Friday May 16 is set aside for a make-up day, any student that is away on the previous three days will need to complete the NAPLAN tests on that day. If you have any questions regarding these tests please see your child's teacher or contact me in the office.

UNSW Competition

It is that time of the year again for the UNSW competitions. These assessments are open to anyone who would like to participate. Please be aware that there is a cost associated with the tests. Students from around Australia and the Asia Pacific participate. Over recent years the school has performed well in these assessments and I would like to encourage our students to be involved.

Please be aware of the short timeline with Science and if you would like to participate you need to get money in by early next week.

The dates for the UNSW tests are as follows:

Competition	Sitting Date	Closing Date for Payment	Cost
Science	Wednesday June 4	Wednesday May 7	\$8
Writing	Monday June 16	Thursday May 15	\$17
Spelling	Tuesday June 17	Thursday May 15	\$11
English	Tuesday July 29	Tuesday June 24	\$8
Maths	Tuesday August 12	Tuesday June 24	\$8

Uniform

Generally the uniform at Chatswood Hills State School is good and I would like to thank parents and students for supporting the uniform policy as outlined by the school in agreement with the P and C.

The Year 6 and 7 shirts arrived this week and they look fantastic. While they help to make the Year 6 and 7 students stand out they also look a part of uniform. Thank you to the P and C for organising this.

I need to express the importance of students wearing all black shoes. Some shoes worn by students would be ok if they had black shoe laces. If your child's shoes have coloured shoelaces could you please replace these with black as soon as possible.

This week I presented Miami with a special class award because as I was making one of my random uniform checks I could not find one fault with the class. Well done Mrs Slinger and Miami.

Behaviour

All students start the term on Phase One and will receive a Phase One behaviour award if they maintain the Phase One throughout the term. This phase means that students can organise themselves and don't require the assistance of a teacher.

Pastoral Care

Chappy Karen is running a Kids Club for students in Year 1 to 3 and for students in Year 4 to 7. Participation is voluntary and students must have parent permission before they are allowed to attend.

Mother's Day stall will be held on Wednesday May 7 and Thursday May 8 this year. A note went home today explaining more about how the stall operates.

Term Two Disco

The next disco will be held on Friday May 23. The first disco had a great turnout and was very successful. The Junior Disco will start at 4:30pm and go to 6:00pm. The senior disco will start at 6:15pm and go to 7:45pm. All profits at the disco go back to the students either directly to year level budgets or through the student council.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey
Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on Assembly.

Shemaiah A for outstanding classroom effort.

Supuk T for your positive persistent attitude and effort towards all tasks.

Sunny F for making a positive and effective contribution to class discussions.

Maika P for improved spelling results in weekly tests.
Cooper G for improvement in spelling.
Bailey Y for persistence and hard work.
Emily N for demonstrating respect and care as a peer mentor.

Library Award

Russell for excellent mapping and borrowing.

From the Guidance Officer

I am collecting names of parents who may be interested in attending a three week "1,2,3 It's Magic and Emotion Coaching" Parent Course this year. Two courses ran last year. The course would run for 3 weeks from 9.00am-11.30am on a Monday or Tuesday or possibly a Thursday morning depending on which morning suits best. The course aims to help parents with learning to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years. Parents receive an excellent take-home book to keep and participation in the course for ten dollars. Please register your interest in this worthwhile course with Lea or Jenny in the office and leave your name, phone contact and day most suitable.

Jenny Hickey- Guidance Officer

Chappy at Chats

Parent Connect

Parent Connect is a time for parents to meet together in the School Library and to chat informally about issues relating to school and parenting

When – Thursday the 15th of May at 2 pm

Where – School Library

All welcome. Refreshments included.

Chaplaincy Fundraising Dinner – Logan Lighthouse Dinner

The Logan Lighthouse Dinner will be held on Friday the 23rd of May at 6:30 pm at the Logan Entertainment Centre. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online or booked through calling the Logan Entertainment Centre on 3412 5626. When booking please indicate that you would like to be seated at the Chatswood Hills table.

The Chatswood Hills Chaplaincy Program only started 18 months ago, however some schools in Logan have had a Chaplain for over twenty years. Come along and hear about what is happening through Chaplaincy across schools in Logan.

During the evening, donations will be received with a goal of increasing the number of days Chaplains are in schools. Donations can be given to a specific Logan school or to Chaplaincy across schools in Logan. Currently, I am funded by the Federal Government to work as a Chaplain for 2 days at our wonderful school.

Petro Civoniceva will be the guest speaker and an Acapella Mens Choir called "Sound Connection" will be performing on the evening.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Karen (Chaplain)

From the Library

At this time each year I endeavour to focus on Anzac Day. It is wonderful to see the respect shown by the students and the thought provoking questions they ask about this historical event. I'm sure the Anzac Legend will not be forgotten by this generation.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

Brisbane Lions AFL Carnival

On May 27th Chatswood Hills will be entering a boys and girls team into the Lions AFL Competition being played at Redlands. Students will receive 3 weeks of coaching from an AFL Development Officer to ready them for their games.

Hooking Hockey

Logan Hockey Club is having a sign on day on 3rd May at Meakin Park at 9am. For further info see Ms Taylor.

Soccer Stars

Congratulations to Kenneth W, Kiara H, Erika A, Kirra M for their selection in the Logan District Soccer Team.

AFL Clinic

Last Tuesday all Prep & Year 1's participated in an AFL clinic during PE lessons. Students practised their kicking and catching skills. Our school was also treated to a visit from Bernie Gabba Vegas the Brisbane Lions mascot.

Auskick

An Auskick program is now running after school on Mondays for Prep-Year 4. Students were given information during their AFL clinic last week. If you missed out on information see Ms Taylor.

Soccer Clinic

All PE lessons on Wednesdays are participating in a free 3 week soccer clinic run by the Brisbane Strikers. Students have learnt to dribble and play mini games of soccer.

Congratulations

Grant T has been selected in the Regional Rugby League Team-Well Done!

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

We will be holding a Pie Drive later this term. Order forms will go home late next week.

Invitations for Morning Tea on Monday 12th May have been sent home. Please rsvp by Wednesday 7th May, places are limited so get in quick! Contact Danielle on 0402 288 597 for more information. Extra invitations can be picked up from the office.

The next P&C Meeting is on Monday, 12th May at 630pm, in the office. Everyone is welcome to attend.

2014 Entertainment books are now for sale. Posters have been put up around the school, contact Bree Hebron on 0409 262 027 or bree_hebron@inet.net.au to place your orders, or go online www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/22s16666

Bookclub

Issue 3 of Scholastic Bookclub went out to classrooms this week. All orders and monies need to be back at the tuckshop by Friday 9th May. Please have child's name and class on the order form to assist in delivering their books to the correct classroom. If you have any queries please contact Esther on 0413222364.

School Banking

Well what a great start in term two for school banking. Don't forget the competition this term more, flyers will be going out this Thursday. A lot of students will now have ten or more tokens. If you want to redeem them fill in the rewards leaflet with your name, class and student I.D. If parents want to know more about school issues go to face book type in chatty mums.

Terry Hodges
School Banking Co-Ord.

Experience The Magic Of Hosting

Every year, families throughout Queensland invite students from around the world into their homes, and gain a taste of another culture. The McNeill family from QLD share their joys of hosting Belgian student Toon, as they farewell him back home to Belgium:

"In July 2012 our exchange student, Toon, joined our family. And when I say joined he literally did that. He has become my teenage son. Our experience as a family has been amazing and unforgettable.

Toon is leaving this week and I feel like my son is grown up and leaving home. There is nothing negative that I can say about our time with Toon. Toon has been through all sorts of things with our family. Through good times, like the birth of our new daughter, and not so good times (but nothing bad).

I would like to say my respects to Toon's parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well mannered, well balanced son. We have so many fantastic stories from exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are

hosting again in July. We will have a friend for life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you WEP for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn't have been possible without the WEP team. Only a quick few words to show my appreciation in meeting Toon and to WEP."

New Students Arriving In July. Find Out More Now!

If you too want to partake in this life changing opportunity and enrich your family with an enthusiastic exchange student from another culture, contact WEP now to receive program information and student profiles. Full support is provided.

Request Free Program Information

Phone: 1300 884 733

Email: sylviakelly@wep.org.au

Web: wep.org.au/info/hosting-enq

	Adult	Pensioner	Child
MOVIE WORLD	\$42	\$27	\$27
SEA WORLD	\$42	\$27	\$27
FETTER'S GOLD COAST	\$28	\$18	\$18
PARADISE QUENTY AUSTRALIAN	\$15	\$10	\$10
OUTBACK AUSTRALIA SUNDAY TO FRIDAY	\$70	\$60	\$50
OUTBACK AUSTRALIA SATURDAY	\$80	\$75	\$60