

15th 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

We have a vast array of amazingly talented students here in our school. I pride myself in ensuring that I am constantly in classrooms and this enables me to get a real sense of the quality teaching and learning that occurs every day. It also assists me to get to know our children and to try to build some strong and positive relationships with them. Recently I worked with some of our more able mathematicians and problem solvers in an online learning program called Project 600. Olivia Wells, our extremely talented Head of Curriculum, usually has the pleasure of their company every Friday morning, but she was otherwise occupied on a couple of occasions and I was able to fill in. The children's enthusiasm and dedication to try new things and improve their current level of knowledge and learning was admirable. It makes a teacher's very demanding job that little bit easier when you have students who are eager to learn. I was amazed at the varying thought processes they used and the logic applied to arrive at the correct answer. These students showed me that 'there really is more than one way to skin a cat!'

Last Friday afternoon I went to watch our junior and senior rugby league teams play in their interschool sport competition. Both of our sides had resounding wins and there were quite clearly some highly skilled and talented young footballers on display. Congratulations to Grant Tuisamoa who has been chosen in the regional league team to contest the state titles at Goondiwindi later this term. It was quickly evident why this was the case as he scored a brilliant individual try not long after I arrived at

the ground. Chatty's sporting talent isn't just restricted to the league field as we have a number of district representatives in a variety of sporting pursuits including cricket, softball, golf and soccer. Our school vice-captain Kenneth Wilkinson is another highly promising footballer of the round ball kind, and he is in the regional soccer squad to play in the state titles in Roma. Having a bit of an AFL background I offered to help coach our boys and girls Australian Football teams this week. Once again the children impressed, not just with their ball control but with their willingness to listen and learn new skills.

This week our years 3, 5 & 7 children have had the opportunity to demonstrate what they know and can do via their participation in the NAPLAN tests. I am confident that the students in these cohorts will do themselves, their families, and their teachers proud, as our school motto implies that they will have done their best. You can never be too disappointed with the end result if you have given it your best effort. I will be particularly interested in the Writing results as a school as I've come across a number of enthusiastic and talented writers here at Chatswood Hills. Clearly communicating your thoughts and ideas on paper is a skill that will usually serve you well in life. It also makes for interesting reading when some of the thoughts and ideas are little left of centre, or in some cases, just way out there. I mention this because this year's NAPLAN writing task required kids to write persuasively, and convince the reader that a particular rule or law should be changed. Last week one of our students in Mrs Slinger's Miami class, Zac Borchardt, came to my office to share just such a piece of writing. His argument as to why our school should abolish the wearing of our school uniform was just so unique and engaging that I just had to get his permission to share it with everyone in our community. It is printed elsewhere in our newsletter. I'm sure you'll agree after reading it and also my response, that we do have some amazingly talented students, as well as lateral thinkers, attending our terrific school.

Yours in Education
David Teale
Principal

From the Deputy

This week has seen our Year 3,5 and 7 students undertake the Naplan assessments. The tests have run smoothly and I would like to thank the students for doing their best, the parents for supporting them and the teachers in all areas of the school that have worked hard each year to bring out the best in our students. Naplan is a point in time test that is only one of the strategies used by schools to track student progress and assist in determining where supportive measures need to be placed. Thank you to Chatswood Hills Woolworths for providing apples at cost price to our students over the three days. Our kids have consumed 660 apples!

This week I have invited 16 students to represent Chatswood Hills State School at the Year 6 and 7 Brain Day Challenge to be held at Mabel Park High School on May 22. Soon I will be sending out invitations to our Year 5 students to represent our school at Springwood High school's Storm Cup.

Next Tuesday our Year 6 and 7 students will have a chance to attend the Rochdale High school open day. Students who have returned their permission note will be taken by bus provided by the high school and dropped off back at school.

Curriculum Corner

Next week our teachers will be participating in a moderation session with our cluster schools. Teachers will be taking along work samples for English and History in order to ensure that the end results that are given to our students are comparable to the results given in other schools. It is also a great time for teachers to share ideas across the cluster.

UNSW Competition

It is that time of the year again for the UNSW competitions. These assessments are open to anyone in years 3-7 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.

The dates for the UNSW tests are as follows:

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

Uniform

As we enter into the cooler months can I please ask that students wear the correct school jumpers? It is important to maintain our high standard of uniform throughout the winter.

Behaviour

This week I have been able to give gotchas for a variety of reasons. Of note was one student who demonstrated consideration during a game admitting to making a mistake and allowed the other person to win. A Year 3 student from Possums showed care and cooperation by using wonderful manners when I was talking to another parent. Keep up the great work Chatty kids.

Pastoral Care

Thank you to the volunteers who ran the Mother's Day stall. Every time I went down to see how things were going they appeared to be doing a roaring trade. I hope that all of our mothers had a special day.

Term Two Disco

SENIOR DISCO FINISHES AT 7:45pm!!!

Our second disco for the year is on, Friday May 23. **Please note that there is no theme for this disco.** The Student Council and Years Prep to 3 run the Junior Disco for Prep to Year 3 students, it starts at 4:30 and ends at 6pm. **Prep parents are required to stay for the duration of the disco.** The Senior disco is run by Year 4 to 7 and the Student Council for Year 4 to 7 students and starts at **6:15pm and finishes at 7:45pm. Could parents please be prompt with picking up their children at the end of each disco.**

The entry is \$5 with drinks, chips and glow products available for sale. There will also be a sausage sizzle put on by the P and C during the Junior Disco. The money raised by the discos will go towards the Student Council and each year level to be spent on our students!

An area will be cordoned off outside the hall for eating. Students will either be inside dancing or in the designated area eating. **I would appreciate students and parents supporting this in the interests of everyone's safety.**

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on Assembly.

Rebecca M for catching up on work without being asked- using initiative.

Mianah C for an excellent and consistent effort in your science journal.

Angus M for using mental strategies to calculate a percentage.

Lewis C for trying your best at writing a character description.

Maksz V for working hard to learn letters and sounds and always trying your best.

Jae-Leigh T for making great improvements in your spelling and writing.

Molly W for drawing a wonderful map in Geography.

Jake M for making a fantastic start to Term 2.

Lachlan A for writing an interesting recount about our excursion to Ipswich Train Museum

Payton C for exceptional writing of a character description.

Braidyn M for making great choices and showing respect in class.

Alex A for always being keen to learn and your creative writing.

Liliana E for being an enthusiastic student who tries her best in all subjects.

Dre K for giving all key learning areas a “red hot go”

Benjamin G for great improvement in reading.

Brooke B for always having a positive attitude and giving her best effort in everything she does.

Jessica R for trying very hard in maths lessons.

Chloe B for consistently working diligently towards improving your weekly spelling results.

Kassidy T for exceptional effort with your spellings.

Gianluca O for your enthusiasm to contribute to classroom discussions and help with organising the Koalathon.

Monique W for outstanding classroom effort.

Harrison S for being an enthusiastic participant in all learning activities.

Georgia B for continually demonstrating effort to improve in all areas.

Lilly T for being a quiet and conscientious student.

Ella N for being a conscientious and quiet student at all times.

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

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 34125626. When booking please indicate that you would like to be seated at the Chatswood Hills table.

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 Men’s Choir called “Sound Connection” will be performing on the evening.

Don’t hesitate to contact me if you require any further information. **Tickets need to be booked by close of business tomorrow Friday the 16th of May.**

Karen (Chaplain)

Message From Admin

When notifying the school office of changes of pick up details for your child/ren in the afternoons please ring in by 2pm. The office can sometimes be a very busy place in the afternoons so we can’t always guarantee your message will get through the later you leave to ring. Thanking you for your co-operation.

String News

I am taking a few weeks leave starting next week (Monday, 19th May) and I am returning Week 9 (16th June). I am unsure if I am going to be replaced so in preparation for next Monday (19th May) there will be no String Ensemble rehearsal before school. All students should still bring their instrument and equipment ready for a possible lesson at their usual time. For the following Mondays there should be a message sent to rooms that there is a string replacement teacher coming in for rehearsals and lessons.

Also if there is any reason that a string student does not have their instrument at school on Mondays they should still attend their regular lesson time. They can see what the other students are doing, they can borrow a school instrument or I can give them theory games to try. They shouldn’t be in the class room. It’s good to keep the routine going and also because I am only there once a week it is good to maintain communication. Thanks to all.

Penny Williams (String Instructor)

Athletics

Students turning 10 years to 13 years are currently involved in athletics events held at lunch times. Timetables are on classroom windows for students to read. We have currently completed shotput and long jump.

Sports day for years 4-7 is on June 16th. Events on the day include 100m sprint, tabloid events, ball games and tug of war.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Kenneth W who was selected in the Regional Soccer Team, Grant T who was selected in the Regional League Team and to Molly and Paige P who were selected in the District Softball team.

Students Should Not Wear a School Uniform

By Zac B - Miami

Students should not have to wear a school uniform as their lives are at stake.

There is poison in the material which gives kids cancer. They could die a horrible death.

The uniforms are too expensive so parents can't afford food. The kids will die of starvation.

The aqua colour of the uniforms make the koalas faint and drop from the trees. Subsequently it will hit them on the head and cause serious brain damage. Some may even die in hospital.

Do you want our kids to die of cancer, starvation and death by koalas? Get rid of our uniforms now if you don't want any more kids to die. BY ZAC

Feedback from Mr Teale: A comical piece of writing. The most out there argument I've ever encountered about not wearing uniforms. Very convincing-but the uniforms stay. I may reconsider the next time I'm hit on the head by a dead koala!
Mr T

Ipswich Train Museum

Echidnas, Kookaburras and four Emu boys went to the Train Museum on the 1st May. Lorikeets, Kangaroos and four Emu girls went on Friday 2nd May.

We learnt that in the olden days they had to use coal to start the train engine. In the olden days a boy went on a steam train from Brisbane to Townsville. It took him two nights and a day.

We went on the simulator. It was fun and we had an awesome day.

By Reyes

On the first of May Echidnas, Kookaburras and four Emu Year 2 boys went to the Train Museum.

I liked the Tilt Train, Simulator, the Model Railway, the Diesel Simulator, the Nippers Railway and the Theatre.

I liked the Simulator because you got to pretend to drive a train. I liked the Lego train too, because you got to push the buttons.

It was an awesome day.

By Daniel

On the excursion we went on a blacksmith tour. The Echidnas, Kookaburras and Emu boys went on the excursion. After that we had some food. We went on the first of May.

I liked the pavilion with all the dolls made out of plastic and porcelain.

I learned that on the blacksmith tour, they put metal in the fire and then they bang it into shape.

I learned that the coal makes the steam black, but if you put your head out of the steam train window it will hurt your eyes.

At the Train Museum, I felt tired when we were walking, but it was a fabulous day.

By Ashlee

On the first of May, all of the Echidnas, Kookaburras and four of the Emu boys went to Ipswich Train Museum. I went in a train, it was fun and you could see what was in the past. The seats in the train were red and outside to see the engine where the smoke comes out, was cool.

I saw Lego trains. When you press the button, it automatically goes on, because Lego can't go by itself. I saw a train station too.

I liked it and it was an awesome day.

By Lachlan.

On the first of May, Kookaburras, Echidnas and Emu Year 2 boys, came with us to the Workshop Train Museum. We waited on the bus for at least an hour.

First up at the Museum we had morning tea.

Next up, we went on the Blacksmith Tour. We wore safety glasses, so that when the blacksmith made sparks they would not get in our eyes. The blacksmith made two pieces of metal become one piece of metal and you can bend it very easily.

Steam Trains need coal to run their engines, otherwise it can't go! We played in the Nipper's Train playground, which was great fun.

We all had enjoyed our day and it was fun.

By Sebastian

On the first of May Kookaburras, Echidnas and four boys from Emus went to the Train Museum. My mum, Ryan's mum, Mrs Neil, Mrs Ward and Daniel's mum got us into groups.

At the Train Museum we saw the blacksmith do his work, he was using metal and putting it in the fire and it made the metal very, very hot. We had to wear safety glasses so we didn't get blind in an eye. We watched the 1000 degree super-hot sparks fly up into the air and it didn't even catch the man making them fly up! I got scared

because I thought that they were going to catch the man.

I went to the olden day toys and some of the cars were giant, some were very short, they looked completely different to today's ones. My favourite car was the big red car.

I saw some trains. I learnt that trains use to be powered by coal. If you looked outside the coal would get into your eyes, it was very cool. I got to go into one of the trains and the recorded message said the seatbelts had been flicked off the train that I went in.

I was having so much fun that I wanted to stay forever! I had a wonderful day.

By Nina

Kookaburras, Echidnas, Emu Year 2 boys went to the Train Museum on the 1st of May. We went on a blacksmith tour. We went in the cinema. We saw an olden day fire engine. We went in the train and we played in the playground. It was the superset day ever.

By Ryan

All the year 2's went to the Train Museum at Ipswich on the first and second of May.

Daniel's mum, Reyes, Daniel, Flynn and I went to the blacksmith tour. They melt metal and shape it, they can make it flat.

The steam works was really cool! I liked the steam train there, it was interesting. The old fire truck was really cool!! Steam trains need coal for the train to work, their whistle is really loud. They have a big engine.

Then we all went back to school. I thought it was a fabulous day.

By Riley



Year Two's Trip to the Ipswich Rail Museum

Fun was had by all, on Friday the 2nd May when we went on our full day trip to the Ipswich Rail Museum. What a great day! The children were very well behaved and interested in the range of sights and activities. They enjoyed the bus trip there and back and loved viewing the surroundings along the way.

This week all the children who attended made and decorated their own wooden train. The 3D puzzle pieces were included in the excursion cost. Since then, we have had train races on different surfaces as part of our study of toys and how they move by pushing, pulling and spinning.

Children now understand what a Blacksmiths' job entails after seeing firsthand how they heat and shape metal. They were all very excited to view the sparks flying from the welding demonstration. We toured the huge work shop that is still used today and children now have a good understanding of the history of trains.

They all loved pretending to be train drivers and travellers and participated actively in the great variety of displays, many of them hands on. We were very proud of the way the children behaved and represented Chatswood Hills State School. Thanks to all of our volunteers who attended and helped supervise small groups of children on the day.

Real life experiences like this stimulate learning and increase knowledge and an understanding of the world we live in.

Written by Cheryl Gamer (Year 2 teacher of the Kangaroos)



A Big Thank You

Last week a mobile phone was handed in to the office. The phone belonged to one of our staff who was very happy to get it back. Thank you very much to the person who handed it in.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

School Banking

Our School Banking program helps students develop good saving habits. It gives them the confidence and independence to make sound financial decisions in later life. With hands on learning experience we can help children grow into financial savvy adults.

Term 2 CommBank is running the Sunken Treasure Competition with great prizes to be won. So let's all get banking.

Terry Hodges
School Bank Co-ord.

2nd Round Orders For Year 6/7 Shirts

I will extend the orders for 1 more week. Spare forms are available at the tuckshop. Currently I only need a few more to get the minimum to re order the year 6 shirts so please bring in your order by next Thursday - 22/5/14.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

* Hats are available to purchase at the tuckshop everyday (except Tues)
\$10 each sizes XS, S, M L correct money please.

CAN'T GET TO THE UNIFORM SHOP ON TUESDAY MORNINGS??

* You can email orders to
the PandCuniformshop@chathillss.eq.edu.au
the order will be sent to your child's classroom.

or

* Put in an order at the tuckshop - money or c/card details on the order in an envelope & it will be sent to your child's class.

KEEP YOUR CHILD WARM THIS WINTER .

* School Jumpers, Jackets, Track pants are in stock now.

* Stockings, Gloves, Scarfs are also available to purchase now.

* Re-usable tuckshop bags are for sale at uniform shop 6 colours to choose from - no more brown bags or money falling out of the bag.....

*May Specials: Long sleeve polos & polo shirts (previous design) prices from \$5
come in and grab a bargain.*