

13th March, 2014

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMERS

18th-31st March Life Education Visit

31st March-2nd April Year 6/7 Camp

1st April Grandparents Day

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

The Principal's Perspective

At present our world is undergoing the most rapid period of change in its entire history. Technological advances that are state of the art one week can appear to be old and out-dated the next. Televisions, mobile phones and tablet technology are just a few simple examples that display evidence of this. How different did they look and perform even only a couple of years ago compared to now? Family structure and routines are also affected by such change. Where it was once almost a given that families survived on one income allowing time for the other parent to stay at home, it is now becoming the exception rather than the rule. The complexity of our lives and ever increasing prices means that both parents often have to work causing a change in family dynamics. In this ever changing world it is vitally important that we teach children to be resilient and equip them with the skills to cope with such change as schools and education systems are not immune to these issues either.

Obviously it can be upsetting to students when their regular class teacher is away for any reason, but being able to cope when this happens from time to time is essential. As humans we are all prone to sickness from time to time and this obviously necessitates a change in teacher. Other factors can also mean personnel alterations. At present we have a few teachers coming off their classrooms to work in other areas and lead some school based initiatives. Our staff identified ICT's as a priority for the school and this has meant that Mr Clark and Miss Barron are released one day a week to lead this agenda. Miss Hawker comes off her class to regularly update our school website and Mrs Ward requires time to oversee our Literacy Enhancement Program. Our current Great Results funding plan has allowed us to employ extra teacher aides who are working in classrooms to support our children with reading and numeracy. In fact there are quite a few new faces around our school and it is important that our students remain focused on learning regardless of who is teaching them. I regularly visit classrooms and work with children and know that the ability to adapt to change in our world is a necessary skill to be successful in the future.

On Monday night we held our Annual General Meeting of the school's P&C and I'm excited to be working with the following executive members who were elected at this

meeting. Our returning President is Mr Mark Prieditis; Vice- President is Mrs Stacey Martin; Secretary is Mrs Judy McKee; Treasurer is Mrs Lisa Filkins and Vice-Treasurer is Mrs Marg Lancaster. I have already on several occasions mentioned the vital role parents play as partners in education, and I know the dedication and commitment of these key people will continue to ensure that Chatswood's P&C supports the direction of the school. Elsewhere in this week's newsletter is a financial breakdown of the numerous ways our Parents & Citizens Association assisted the school in 2013. I'm sure you'll agree that Chatswood Hills State School is even greater because of the time and money this Association has contributed. If you can assist them in any way I know your offer of help would be greatly appreciated.

Yours in Education
David Teale
Principal

From the Deputy

Congratulations to our P and C executive voted in on Monday night. It is great to work with people who care so much about the children in our school and work hard to support the teachers and leadership team throughout the year. I am looking forward to continuing the great relationship with parents that continues to build our wonderful community spirit.

Thank you to parents for supporting our school photo day by ensuring that students were in their correct uniform including the dress shirt, correct hair and black shoes. We received encouraging feedback by the photographers who reported to us that our students were the best behaved children that they have worked with. This is a credit to parents and teachers. Thank you for supporting our school uniform.

Koala Visit

Tomorrow we will be having a special visit from Daisy Hill Koala Forrest. Our Year 4 to 7 students will hear a talk about Koalas in the outdoor classroom in the Koala Walkway.

Pastoral Care

Everyday counts, this has been a mantra in state schools for some years now. This is important but what is also important is that each student arrives on time to school ready to begin classes at 8:30am. Students who arrive late are missing out on crucial literacy and numeracy lessons and in some cases strategic, planned intervention that comes as a significant cost in human and financial resources.

School Disco

Our first disco for year was an overwhelming success with one of the greatest turn outs in recent times. Thank you to parents and students for following the rules that help everyone have a safe and enjoyable time. Thank you to staff for giving up their Friday night and a big thank you to Senior Constable Joe Kelly for checking up on us and ensuring we are all safe on the night. The next disco is scheduled for May 23.

Springwood High Excel Cup

Twelve students have been chosen to represent our school at the Springwood High School inaugural Excel Cup. This is an Academic challenge for Year 6 and Year 7 students. I look forward to seeing how our teams fair next Tuesday March 18.

Life Education Van

The Life Education Van team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting the school from Monday March 18 to Monday March 31. The cost of the program is \$4 per child (which has been subsidised this year, usually \$9). Thank you to parents for supporting this opportunity. The Life Education Van will hold a free parent information session on Tuesday March 18 at 2pm at the Life Education Van for those parents who have indicated their interest on the permission form.

Young Leaders Conference

Our six leaders and Chappy Karen came with me to the Halogen Foundation Young Leaders' Conference at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Monday. Our leaders were a part of over two thousand or so Primary students from Queensland and Northern N.S.W. We had the privilege of listening to some amazing speakers. Have a look in this week's newsletter for the school leader's account of a wonderful day.

Springwood High School Afternoon Experience

On Monday afternoon our Year 6 and 7 students went to Springwood High School for a Secondary experience afternoon. The aim of the day was to take the mystery out of secondary school whilst also providing a fun and educational experience for participating children. Feedback from the day was overwhelmingly positive.

Curriculum Corner

It has been brought to our attention that some of the media items recommended for the units of work that teachers are implementing have at times some DVD content that is rated PG. In most cases it is a documentary on Dinosaurs for example or some excerpts from a children's program. It is impractical for teachers to seek parent permission each time a DVD excerpt or program with a PG rating is used. Teachers will be left with the discretion over the appropriateness of the content for educational purposes. If you would like to find out more information on the proposed programs you can contact Mr Teale or myself through the school office.

Uniform and Behaviour

Students looked great this week on assembly and during school photos. I need to remind Year 6 and 7 students that sports shorts should only be worn on Fridays for sport.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey

Deputy Principal

My Experience at the National Young Leaders Day

Last week I went to the National Young Leaders Day with the other School Captains, Mr Josey and Chappy Karen. This experience was extremely inspirational and meaningful. The speakers on the day were Mike Martin, Karni Liddell, Andy Griffiths, Lorin Nicholson, and Wes Mannion. Each one taught me about leadership and what it takes to be a leader. When I walked out of those doors, I knew I had a whole lot of knowledge about leadership in my head. One quote that really got me thinking was: 'I wonder why somebody didn't do something. Then I realised. I am somebody.' This set off a light bulb in my head that if you want something to change, change it. Lorin Nicholson said, 'Leaders

make things happen, they don't just sit on the sidelines.' Another speaker, Karni Liddell, was a para-Olympic swimmer, yet she was told she would only live until she was in her late teens because of a muscle wasting disease called Spinal Muscular Atrophy. She taught me that no matter what brings you down, you need to get back up again and keep fighting. Leaders may not always be popular, but at least they make a difference. Overall this day was both enjoyable and inspirational. I got so much out of it and I am very grateful to the staff who took us and for Mr Teale for letting us go.

--Emily Nolan- Vice Captain

The Halogen Foundation Leadership Day

Last Monday, the six school captains were lucky enough for Mr. Josey and Chappy Karen to take us to the Halogen Foundation Leadership Day. This day was very exciting and from it I have learnt all sorts of new things about being a leader. There were over 2,000 people there and they were all primary school students. There were five speakers who spoke to us about leadership and their careers. The five speakers were; Mike Martin, Karni Liddell, Andy Griffiths, Lorin Nicholson and Wes Mannion. I very much enjoyed listening to all of the speakers but there was one that stood out to me. Karni Liddell's story was very inspiring because she conquered a muscle wasting disease that stated that she would not be able to walk, crawl, run and she would die in her teenage years. Not only did she conquer her disease, she also defied every doctor's instruction to not exercise and she turned out to be a Paralympic swimmer. Now, at the age of 35, Karni is well and truly up on her feet and helps children with muscle wasting diseases for a living.

Last Monday was amazing and I just want to thank Mr Teale, Mr Josey, Chappy Karen and the Halogen Foundation for taking out so much time to make the day so memorable.

Nikhat Basha School Captain

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey

Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on Assembly.

Trey D for great effort with weekly spellings.

Aneisha C for working conscientiously on all set tasks.

Ema-Lamei W for being a quiet hardworking student. You are a valuable class member.

Andre C for your positive attitude towards work in class.

Mackenzie B for trying extremely hard in Maths and writing.

Samantha P for your excellent effort and consistency in completing all homework tasks.

Will H for your enthusiasm during class activities.

Charlotte L for outstanding effort and results in your number facts.

Grace B for demonstrating resilience during English sessions.

Jake E for an outstanding oral presentation in English.

Iman L for always being so helpful to your class mates.

Nirmal C for reading beautifully and giving a detailed retell of the story.

Caalerah R for always trying your hardest.

Kaleb L for excellent work in Maths.

Hayze C for being a considerate and hard working member of our class.

Dion A for using time wisely and taking initiative.

Mackenzie A for working hard with sight words and using sounds in your writing.

Samantha R for learning all your tricky spelling words.

Amber K for putting a big effort into all your learning.

Scarlett S for good listening in class and expressive reading.

Daniel S for a great poem presentation including actions.

Kira D for excellent counting in patterns in Maths.

Kolby D for always giving everything a go.

Eliora W for outstanding writing in your journal and for having a positive attitude towards learning.

Library Award

Moreton for showing enthusiasm in mapping, finding names and remembering the continents and oceans.

Lorikeets for great listening to stories and following directions in the Library.

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 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

Holiday Programs

The holidays are fast approaching and there are wonderful camps organised by Scripture Union for Children in Grades 5 to 7 and also for High School Students. If you need further information see Chappy Karen for a brochure or check out the camping program at www.suqld.org.au/camps.

Every year over 1500 SU Qld volunteers run nearly a hundred camps across the state. The camps provide 5000 children and teenagers a fun filled time away from home.

Parent Connect

Parent Connect is a time for parents to meet together in the School Library and to talk about issues with each other relating to school and parenting. I remember when our children were small, we attended a Playgroup and I learnt so much about everyday things from other parents which made my parenting journey easier.

When – Thursday the 20th of March at 2 pm

Where – School Library

All welcome. Refreshments and air conditioning included.

Kids Club Junior

A Kid's Club has been running for Year 4 to 7 students for over a year now and some lower school students have been persistently asking if I was going to run a Kid's Club for the younger students. As part of the Chaplaincy service at Chatswood Hills State School, a lunchtime Kid's Club will be starting in Term 2 for children in Years 1 to 3 who are interested in learning about God and the Bible. The younger group will be called Kid's Club Junior.

If your child is interested and you consent to them attending Kid's Club Junior, please collect a permission form from the office.

Who? – Children in Years 1-3

What? – Learning about God, the Bible, playing games, fun activities

When? – Mondays First Break (Commencing in Term 2)

Where? – To be advised

From the Library

CHSS Library thrives on parent helpers for various jobs throughout the year. If you would like to volunteer to cover library and reading books please contact me. A bag of about 10 books will be sent home with your child for you to complete at your leisure.

LIBRARY BORROWING

Please encourage your children to borrow on a weekly basis. Prep – Year 3 must have a Library Bag. Preps may borrow one book and Year 1-7 may borrow two books.

LIBRARY BORROWING TIMETABLE

Monday: Noosa, Currumbin, Rainbow, Miami, Tallebudgera, Karragarra, Peel, Stradbroke.

Tuesday: Lorikeets

Wednesday: Echidnas, Kookaburras, Cassowaries, Kangaroos, Bilbies,

Possums, Burleigh, Emus, Wallabies, Kingfishers, Wombats, Quolls

Thursday: Moreton, Russell, Geckoes, Platypus, Koalas, Goannas

Thank you for encouraging your children to read.

Library bags are available for sale from the uniform shop.

Lyndell Roberts

Classroom News

Three Little Parrots

Three little parrots on a long big log,
Furry and curly trying to catch a frog,
Pecking and picking with their long pointy beaks
Laughing with other birds with their red cheeks:
A girl came by and heard them laugh,
The parrots flew down onto her path,
Then all of them started to chirp, chirp, chirp
So the little girl joined them and went burp, burp, burp
A poem written by Grace in Year 2

My New Cat

My new cat is
A scratcher
A screecher
A furry fluffy fur ball
A runner
A jogger
But most of all-
A snuggler
A poem written by Zac in Year 2

Lost Property

We have had a pair of girl's reading glasses handed in. Please call in at office if you have lost them.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

2013 Donations/Spending

Shade covered areas x 4 (outside prep and grade 1 buildings)	
Concrete to Koala walkway	
Oval concrete slab	\$62,740
Basketball Area near Library	\$ 6,435
Mathletics Subscription	\$ 5,720
Learning Support Donation	\$ 2,770
Donation to Chaplaincy Program	\$ 2,500
Uniform Shop upgrade shelving, screens etc	\$ 5,000
Tuckshop items- new fridge & vertical freezer	\$ 2,073
Donations to year levels from Disco BBQ's over the year	\$ 1,000
State Sport Donation	\$ 200
Total	\$88,440

Cookie Dough

Cookie dough orders were due yesterday 12th March. Please get them into the tuckshop ASAP.

Vacancy-School Crossing Supervisor

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at the school. Up to 6.25 hours a week, split shifts (7.55-8.40am, 2.25-2.55pm)
Remuneration \$26.90 per hour.
Applications close Thursday 20th March.
Enquiries to the school office or Peter Young. TMR, 55851871
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