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From the
Principal
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Hi everyone and welcome back to Term 3 here at Chatswood Hills State School where our motto is 'Always Our Best.' Right from day one this semester our students were settled back into their classroom routines and focused on the tasks at hand. At both of our recent assemblies I've reminded the students about our school motto and asked them to reflect on what this really means for them as far as their approach to learning and behaviour goes. It pleases me no end to visit classrooms and talk to our children about their individual goals and the strategies they intend to use in order to achieve them. I'd ask you all as parents and carers to discuss with your child the aspects of their learning that they are working hard to improve, and to support them any way you can. Undoubtedly families have reflected on the first semester report card and are now well aware of how curriculum areas are progressing. Children respond best when they know that the school and home are working collaboratively to assist them with their learning. Regular communication between the home and school is central to student improvement, especially if want them always producing their best!

I mentioned in a previous newsletter that this term would see the introduction of the Principal's Morning Tea, as yet another avenue to reward those children who are striving to improve in the literacy and numeracy areas, as well consistently demonstrating the four C's. A reminder that the student of the month will receive a certificate with their photo on it and 30 minutes out of class to have morning tea with their parents, carers or invited family members. I see this as a really special achievement and by inviting the family along to celebrate; it provides us with yet another opportunity to promote with our community the wonderful work that is happening here at CHSS. Our first Principal's Morning Tea will be held early in August. I wonder if you will be among the first families invited along to celebrate with your child their superb commitment to learning.

The winning recipients of our inaugural school attendance draw held at our academic assembly at the end of last term, were just over the moon to win their iPads. Both Leo and Richie have spoken to me about how they are using these really cool devices to support their school work, as well as having some fun just playing with them. In fact it sounds as though both of their whole families are benefitting from this technology. To get the maximum benefits out of the opportunities our dedicated teachers and staff provide, you need to ensure that your children are at school and on time each and every day. We will be conducting a similar draw at the end of this semester as well, so please notify the school if your child is away sick so they remain eligible for this. There is an extremely high correlation between school attendance and student outcomes. I am yet to meet a parent or carer who doesn't want their child to be successful so ensure you give them a chance by committing to having them at Chatty every day.

I'm sure you'll join me in wishing both our junior rugby league, and senior Australian Rules football teams the very best as they contest the finals of their respective competitions. This Friday our rugby league team will take on Norfolk Village State School at Hammel Park Beenleigh, to decide the Brisbane Southside divisional winners. On Thursday of next week our boys AFL team will travel to 'The Gabba' to compete against Stella Maris School from the Sunshine Coast in the State Final of the Brisbane Lions Schools Cup. The school is currently organising transport for spectators to attend this

event. Regardless of the outcome of both of these games, our school should be incredibly proud of the fabulous achievements of both of these teams. Our school coaches and managers, Mr Musch, Mr Wright, and Ms Taylor deserve plenty of credit for the success of these students and I'm sure everyone involved appreciates the time and effort they have put in to prepare their respective sides. Undoubtedly all of the students will relish the opportunity to take part in such a prestigious occasion. GO CHATSWOOD HILLS!!!!

Yours in Education

David Teale

Principal

From the Deputy



Last Term ended with a wonderful celebration. On the Thursday we had our Loom Band and Chaplaincy day which ended with Star Factor. It was great to see all of the talent that we have at Chatty. It is also great to experience the ongoing generosity of our community. With the gold coin donations and the sale of Loom bands we made \$850 for our Chaplaincy program.

Our Academic Parade on the Friday continued our celebration as we showcased the achievements of our academic teams and students who achieved an outstanding achievement on their academic report card.

Our school will be sending four teams of five students from Year 6 to compete in the Rochedale challenge next Tuesday. We wish our teams all the best.

On Tuesday July 29 I will be spending some time over at Springwood Central State School while the Principal there is on leave. I will be returning to Chatty on August 20. While I am away Mrs Wells will be taking on my role as Deputy Principal.

Our final school disco is scheduled for Friday August 15 and on August 27 we will be holding our Prep and Enrolment Information Sessions for 2015. The first Prep and Enrolment Information session will begin at 9:00am and the second commences at 6:00pm . If you are a current parent with a prep for next year please get your enrolment paper work in as soon as possible.

Behaviour and Mobile Phones

Just a reminder of the school's mobile phone policy. If a student has to have a mobile phone at school it must be handed into the office before school and collected after school. Thank you for supporting this policy. This applies to everybody including students travelling to and from sport on a Fridays.

Uniform

A friendly reminder to students that during winter the expectation is that students wear the correct school jumper. Thank you to students and parents who support our school uniform.

UNSW Competition

Our results have returned for UNSW Science assessments. We had 13 students sit the UNSW Science test. The more notable results are as follows:

Clancy	Year 6	High Distinction
Matilda	Year 5	Distinction
Alexander	Year 3	Distinction
Nikhath	Year 7	Credit
Jade	Year 5	Credit
Robert	Year 5	Credit
Melody	Year 5	Credit
Jazlyn	Year 5	Credit
Jahan	Year 5	Credit
Harrison	Year 5	Credit
Aiden	Year 5	Merit
Jaoquin	Year 3	Merit

Congratulations to these students for their achievements, certificates will be presented at the next assembly for that year level.

Please note the dates for the last two UNSW tests. The UNSW English test has been moved to **Wednesday July 30** and the UNSW Maths is on Tuesday August 12.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey

Deputy Principal

School News

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on Assembly.

Jamie W. for displaying a positive attitude and improved effort in Maths.

Ben C. for displaying the 4 C's at all times.

Annabel A. for great classroom attitude year 7.

Hailey P. an excellent effort and attitude towards all classroom activities.

Taleisha-Lee C. for a huge improvement in oral reading.

Oscar S. for displaying co-operation and consideration whilst in the playground.

Kaitlyn K. for being quiet, conscientious and a considerate class member.

Libby P. for displaying the 4 C's

Carly S. for making valued contributions to classroom discussions and respecting the rights of others.

Connor L. for persistence in your learning.

Library Award

Rainbow for listening quietly to Bookweek stories and fantastic library manners.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to the following successes from our Senior Sports Day:-

Ball Game winners

1st - Mercury - 96 pts

2nd - Pluto - 75 pts

3rd - Venus - 72 pts

4th - Mars - 54 pts

Overall Sports Day Winners

1st - Pluto 1018 pts

2nd - Venus 983 pts

3rd - Mercury 939 pts

4th - Mars 905 pts

Age Champions

10 Yrs - Jade A. Taizy H.

11 Yrs - Alarni K. Jadyn B.

12/13 Yrs - Amy O. Grant T.

School Athletics Records Broken

Congratulations to Alarni K. for breaking the 11 girls shotput and 100m records.

From the Library

Term 3 is a time when our students become book judges and choose their favourite Early Childhood and Picture Book from the CBCA Shortlisted Books. Book Week will be celebrated during Week 6 at CHSS. See timetable below.

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME	NOTE
Monday	18 August	Book Character Parade	Hall	8.45am	Children dress as a book character. Parents are welcome.
		Nadia Sunde (P-3)	Library	Set class times.	Special thank you to CHSS P&C for funding this event.
		Simon Higgins (4-7)	Hall	Set class times.	As above.
Tuesday to Monday	19 August to 25 August	Bookfair	Library	8.15am - 3.00pm	Thank you to Esther Daly and volunteers.

Thank you for your support in these events.

Lyndell Roberts

Teacher Librarian

Chappy at Chats

Loom Band Day

I was astounded at the creations and also length of looms made by the students. The creations included bags, phone cases, teddy bears, turtles, flowers, many forms of arm bands, rings and earrings. The longest loom spanned more than four lengths of the covered area.

Over \$800 profit was raised through donations and also loom band sales. The Student Council will be involved in deciding how this money is spent later this year.

Operation Christmas Child Over a number of years, the Chatswood Hills S.S. community has been involved with Operation Christmas Child and in last year fifty-five complete boxes were donated from our school. The program allows individuals the opportunity to pack a shoebox for a child who lives in an area impacted by war, famine, natural disasters, or extreme poverty.

If you are interested in participating in this voluntary initiative, you can donate individual items or pack a box. From next week you will be able to collect a shoebox and an information sheet from either Mrs Stewart (Emus) or Mrs Ekin (Russell). Next, you choose a gender (Boy or Girl) and an age group (2-4 Years, 5-9 Years or 10-14 Years). Then you select items relevant to the gender and age which fit in with the following guidelines.

Throughout the term, individual donations can be left at the office in the basket provided.

Pack your shoebox with -Something to love (Teddy bear, doll, soft toy).-Something for school (pencils, books, colouring books).-Something to wear (T Shirt, hat, sandals).-Something special (Bangles, Necklace, stickers).- Something to play with (Ball, skipping rope, marbles)- Something for personal hygiene (Toothbrush, soap, washer)

Do Not Include- * Items that leak or melt * Food or lollies * Any used or damaged items * Any breakable items with glass or mirrors * Any item that can scare or harm a child *Any gambling related items.

Most children in Australia have so much and this is a practical way to impact another person in a positive way. The shoebox may be the first physical gift the child receiving the box has ever received.

Parent Connect - Parent Connect is an informal get together of parents meeting together to chat and connect. The next get together will be held on Thursday the 14th of August at 2 pm.

Chappy Karen

Guidance Officer

I have a few names of parents who are interested in attending a "1,2,3 It's Magic & Emotion Coaching" course for Mon/Tues morning 9-11.30am and a couple of parents for a Thursday 9-11.30am. However I do not have a minimum number of parents for any one day. If you are interested please put your name down at the office so that this worthwhile course can be presented at Chatswood Hills.

Jenny Hickey- Guidance Officer

P & C News

Uniform Shop News

The cold weather is upon us - we have stock of school jackets, jumpers, long sleeve polo shirts, long pants for boys & girls, scarfs, gloves and stockings. Sizes 4 - 18+ Please ensure your child has the correct winter uniform see the school website if you are unsure.

Long sleeve polo shirts for winter are on sale tarting from \$10. Only sizes 10 and up to 20 are still available. Hats are available everyday at the tuckshop when the uniform shop is closed - \$10 each size - please have correct money - no change available.

If you can't get to the uniform shop on Tuesday mornings - an email order can be placed or a written one with money or credit/card details in an envelope marked uniform order - left at tuckshop. Put your child's name & class on the order to ensure it's safe delivery to the classroom.

Coming soon special signature/ graduation bears - great for year 6's & 7's who will be leaving at the end of the year!

PandCUniformshop@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Book Week

Book Week is coming! Book week Parade will be on Monday, 18th August so start getting your costumes ready now.

Loose change challenge is coming this term! Jars should be distributed by the end of next week, so stay tuned for details.

Email: pandc@chathillss.ed.edu.au

School Banking

Winners of term 2 "Treasurer Island Competition"

1st prize student from Windosr State School - Seaworld

2nd prize runners up - Vienna Woods State School - Toys R Us vouchers

-Wellington Point State School

-Mary Mackillop Primary School

-Whites Hill State College

3rd prize School Co-ordinator and Tanduringie State School - \$1000

Rewards available for term 3 are: swim bag, money box, hand ball, penguin/shark keyring, whale shark pencil case.

From 2013 rewards - wallet, head phones, knuckles, pat/pru/spen money boxes.

It was a good start for term 3 students who have continued to bank and really good to see some return who have not banked for sometime.

If you are late for school banking just leave your child's deposit book with their class name at the office where it will be collected and returned to your child's class.

Terry Hodges

School Banking Co-Ord

Bookclub

Issue 5 of Scholastic Bookclub was given to classes late last week and earlier this week. All order forms and monies are due to the tuckshop by Wednesday 30th of July. Please make sure you have marked your book selection on the order page clearly and that your child's details are completed to allow for correct processing.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be running in conjunction with Book Week in August. Book Fair gives our children (and parents) the opportunity to peruse and purchase newly released books and best sellers.

Book Fair runs from Tuesday 19th August to Monday 25th August, and parent volunteers are needed to help our children write out their wish-lists and supervise good book-behaviour. All volunteers will be paid in coffee, cake and conversation. Volunteers are needed for full and part days of the event, even an hour of your time will help!

Contact Esther Daley (0413 222 364) for any queries and to volunteer.

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Date Claimers

29th July	2014 Rochedale Challenge - Rochedale SHS
28th July	Currumbin Community Farm Excursion - Geckoes, Koalas and Playpus
28th July	The Aboriginal & Islander Cultural Studies Centre History excursion - Possums, Bilbies, Cassowaries and Emus
31st July	Brisbane Lions Cup State Grand Final at The Gabba vs Stella Maris School from the Sunshine Coast
11th Aug	Logan Show Holiday
15th Aug	Disco
6th/7th Aug	Logan District Athletics Trials - John Paul College
18th Aug	P and C meeting - 6:30pm Admin Block
27th Aug	Prep and Enrolment Information Sessions
19th Sep	Last day term 3