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From the  
Principal

7th August, 2014

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## [The Principal's Perspective](#)

On Thursday and Friday of last week our school undertook a teaching, learning and discipline audit. All state schools are required to develop a four year improvement plan as part of what is known as a process called a Quadrennial School Review. The information gathered and feedback received from this two day audit usually forms the basis of a school's next plan. All in the Chatswood Hills State School Community should be extremely proud of the fact that we have demonstrated positive growth across five of the eight teaching and learning areas. We were rated as a High Performing School across all of the domains that were measured. This is just fabulous progress and something worth celebrating. I will unpack all of the commendations, affirmations and recommendations with our staff and also our P&C once the final report is received. Teaching and Learning is the main thing each and every day in our school so needless to say we are justifiably excited to receive this fabulous feedback.

A recent article in the Courier Mail entitled 'Parents expect Prep to 'do it all' caught my attention. The reporter was mentioning that some people have the expectation that children are going to come to school and that they're going to be taught all of the things they needed including basic speech, manners and even toilet training. Our Education Minister rightly pointed out at a Budget Estimates hearing that such things were not the responsibility of schools. It got me thinking however about just how important parental involvement is in early childhood programs, and how working closely with families really assists in setting our children up for success. Another aspect of the article highlighted how vital it is that as parents we talk directly to, and communicate with our kids. The article said, "A big issue is parents with their heads in their phones and not making eye contact, that's a really huge issue now...not being there in the moment to just casually talk about something...because they are looking at their phone they miss so many opportunities." Oral language basics early on are essential to school success further down the track. In the future Chatty will

be using our school website to share some tips with parents to help you with some more ideas you can be using at home to assist with student learning.

I couldn't have been prouder as a principal of our school and the Chatswood Hills spirit shown at last week's State Final of the Lions AFL Cup at the 'Gabba.' We took in over 100 students to support the boys and the cheering could be heard right around the ground. The team were winners before they even stepped onto the ground and despite not finishing in front on the scoreboard, Ms Taylor and I couldn't have been prouder of their overall team performance. It is a memory that these students will have for the rest of their lifetime and the school spirit displayed on the day will also remain with me forever. Our junior rugby league team continue to be successful and are now just one win away from the Brisbane Final to be played at Suncorp Stadium. We wish them all the best in their semi-final tomorrow afternoon.

Can I please take this opportunity to remind all parents that the school turn around zone adjacent to tuckshop is not a safe place to drop off and pick up students? I do understand that a couple of parents displaying a disability sticker have been granted permission to do this, but it is not for the general public. I have mentioned this to some individuals this week and will have no hesitation in asking our school parking inspectors to make another school visit if this advice is not adhered to. Student safety is a major aspect of my role as the principal and I take this responsibility extremely seriously. Your cooperation and support in this matter is appreciated.

Yours in Education

David Teale

Principal

## From the Deputy

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This week I have had the pleasure of '*leaning in*' to my career as Acting Deputy Principal. Thus far the role has been exciting, challenging and an enormous learning curve. It is an opportunity I face with a great deal of optimism as any new prospect that anyone is given, should not be faced with fear or anxiety, but vigour and (if you know me) a great deal of enthusiasm! And so I will look forward to supporting Chatswood Hills State School in a different role over the next 2 weeks!

Olivia Wells

Acting Deputy Principal

## **STRIVE**

In order to continue our focus on reading, many classes are implementing a program called STRIVE.

STRIVE is the explicit teaching of vocabulary within the classroom, it focuses on high frequency words that can have a sophisticated meaning. Please ask your student's teacher what their STRIVE word is for the week, as support with this program will enhance its effect!

## **Semester 1 Report Cards**

There are many report cards that have not been collected from Semester 1, if you still need to collect your child's report card it can be picked up from the office. Thank you.

# School News

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## Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on Assembly.

**Paige M.** for always following the 4 C's

**Rydell G.** for consistently making valuable contributions to classroom discussions and an excellent homework record.

**Jasmine T** for your willingness to have a go no matter what the task

**Thalisha P** for excellent classroom attitude year 7

**Madison G** for having determination and putting in the effort to help succeed

**Mia W** for a positive attitude and consistent effort in all areas

**Gypsy B** for outstanding participation and insightful responses to the 'Rowen of Rin' novel study

**Tarnya P** for continued improvement and extra effort in all of your work

**Jayden B** for a huge improvement in all areas of the curriculum

## Library Award

Stradbroke for Outstanding book week art.

## Fathers Day Stall

The Fathers Day Stall will be run on the 4th and 5th of September from 8.30 am. A flyer with more details will be handed out soon.

## Prep Excursion of Currumbin Community Farm

Last Monday, our Prep classes visited the Currumbin Community Farm. Following a long bus ride, the children enjoyed a day of fun and learning. They herded sheep, organised an enclosure for the goats, fed all the animals and made and ate damper. The children upheld our school values of Care, Cooperation, Consideration and Common Sense and we are proud of the way in which they represented our School. Here is what some of our students wrote about the day:

First I went on the bus. Next I talked to the farmer. Finally we made damper. My favourite was to do herding.

Eadie M.

First we went on the bus. Next we listened to the farmers. Then we had morning tea. Then we made damper and we fed the animals. I fed the horse. Last we ate the damper.

Cooper B.

On Monday we went to the farm. First I went on the bus. Then we learnt the rules. Then we lined up the sheep. I like the bit where we were on the bus.

Arielle M.

## Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to our year 6 student Kauri Ashton who successfully captained the Metropolitan East Under 11 Rugby League team to win the Vic Jensen Carnival Cup. This is the first time since 1995 that the team has brought home the cup. Well done team.

## Community News

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### **Become A Volunteer Host Family**

Are you interested in being a host Family?

There are two exchange student companies currently looking for host families:

#### Student Exchange Australia and New Zealand:

Who run programmes for students from Europe (Germany, Italy, Denmark, Finland and France), South America (Argentina) and Japan. They are looking for families to host starting in January and lasting for 2 or 10 months. For more information please visit their website [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au). Or call their office on 1300 135 331.

#### World Education Program (WEP):

They run programs for students from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America. For more information or programme dates please contact them on 1300 884 733 or email at [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au) or visit their website: [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)

### **Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?**



Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children's behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P- Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child's illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study. Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email [diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au](mailto:diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au), or visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes> for more information.

## From the Library

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### **Book Week News**

CHSS Annual Book Character Parade is on Monday 18 August in the hall at 8.45am. It is customary for children and staff to dress as a book character or befitting the theme *Connect to Reading*. With a little creativity costumes can be created with little or no cost. Dresses can be jazzed up with crowns, wands and wings for fairies, princesses and queens whilst jeans can be jazzed up with an eye patch and scarf bandana for pirates or necktie and hat for cowboys. Characters from Harry Potter can be created with a drape of fabric around the shoulders for a cape. Browsing through the \$2 shops may give inspiration. Thank you for supporting this much loved tradition at CHSS. Parents and friends are welcome.

Thank you to the P&C for donating prizes to creative costumes as voted by class members and for funding authors Simon Higgins and Nadia Sunde. Books by these authors will be available on the day for signing. More information will be available closer to the day. Bookfair commences on Tuesday 19 August. Thank you to Esther and volunteers. Come in and browse.

Lyndell Roberts

Teacher Librarian

## Chappy at Chats

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This week I have had the privilege of attending The SU Chappy Conference along with 700 other chappies from across Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory. What a wonderful time to network with other Chappies and learn about a range of programs that are being implemented in schools.

### Operation Christmas Child

By next week, boxes and information Sheets will be available to be collected from Miss Ekin or Mrs Stewart's classrooms for those people interested in being involved.

### Parent Connect

Next Thursday the 14th of August at 2 pm, you are invited to meet with other parents to share afternoon tea in the Library. The purpose of Parent Connect is really a time for parents to connect and chat with other parents.

I will have Operation Christmas Boxes and information available if you are interested in being involved in this project. Two boxes that have been packed will be on display for parents interested in seeing how to pack an Operation Christmas Child box. Also, I will be available to answer questions about this worthwhile program.

Chappy Karen

## Guidance Officer

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A "1,2,3 It's Magic and Emotion Coaching" Course is commencing!

This great course will commence on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August at 9:00 am to 11:30 am on these three dates (19<sup>th</sup> Aug, 36<sup>th</sup> Aug and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept) in the library. You will receive a Fantastic parent workbook to take home and keep for \$10. Please give me a ring at the school on Ph: 3489 2222 if you are interested in attending this 3 week course on managing children's behaviour

Jenny Hickey- Guidance Officer

## P & C News

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### 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 starting 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](mailto:PandCUniformshop@chathillss.eq.edu.au)

## Bookclub

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### 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](mailto:pandc@chathillss.ed.edu.au)

## School Banking

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Parents/ Carers would have received notices for your children who have missed school banking for some time to encourage them to continue school banking. Notices also went out for those students who have **over** 9 rewards tokens so they can redeem them from the rewards programme. Additional rewards leaflets were given to students who have banked over the last two weeks. Remember each **Thursday** is school banking day.

Terry Hodges  
School Banking Co-ord

## Book Fair

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Book Week is quickly approaching which means the Scholastic Book Fair is on its way to CHSS!

Book Fair runs [from Tuesday 19th August to Monday 25th August](#), and promotes how great reading and book selection is for our children. The Book Fair is run entirely by parent volunteers who are needed to help our children write out their wish-lists and supervise good book-behaviour. Volunteers are needed for full and part days of the week long event, even an hour of your time will be a big help. Cake, coffee, tea, and conversation are provided for all volunteers. Please support the great reading culture here at Chatswood Hills SS.

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## Date Claimers

- 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
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Aug Bookfair
- 27th Aug Prep and Enrolment Information Night
- 4th- 5th Sep Fathers Day Stall
- 19th Sep Last day term 3



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