



Chatswood Hills *State School*



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From the Principal



The Principal's Perspective

Spring finally arrived earlier this week and we have endured a couple of quite warm days already. Our Spring into Reading activities have been well attended and were very successful each day this week. Monday's buddy class reading session was particularly popular, and we received lovely feedback on how much the younger students enjoyed special reading time with the older grades. We are all looking forward to our Real Men Read event tomorrow morning here in our school, and I know the children are very excited about having fathers, grandads and visitors reading with us here at Chatty. I just want to assure everyone once again that this event is purely a way to promote to our male cohort the importance of continuing to read as you grow up. The girls are also taking part in literacy activities during this time and will get to have their Dad visit them as well as a hot dog so they are not missing out. A very special thanks to our P&C vice-president Stacey Martin and to our passionate teacher- librarian, Lyndell Roberts, who have been instrumental in coordinating our guest presenters and the overall organisation of the program. Hopefully we will have many of you here in the morning to take part in the fun.

Speaking of fun, I am assured that next week's Junior Sports Day is always this and that it is really well attended by the school community. In keeping with the recently held Commonwealth Games, Ms Taylor tells me that the lower school classes have all been assigned various countries of the Commonwealth, and that the children get into the spirit and wear their special colours. I know that many of you are aware that I was a physical education specialist in a previous life, so you can imagine how much I am looking forward to this gala event on our school calendar. It has been an awesome sporting year for our school and just yesterday we had some Brisbane Broncos players attend assembly to make a special presentation to our victorious junior rugby league team. I don't think I'd be telling tales out of school to let you all know that it wasn't just the students who were excited by this. It didn't

go unnoticed that a few teachers and parents were a little distracted during the afternoon. We also experienced our greatest ever success as a school in the recent Qld Volleyball Cup held at Craigslea High School. Ms Taylor is doing a fabulous job at promoting Phys Ed and sport across our school and I'm sure this is appreciated by everyone.

If you haven't already, you will soon be receiving an invitation from your child's class teacher to attend a parent – teacher interview. I have mentioned to you all previously about the importance of feedback, and just why it is vital in order for students to improve their learning. Where possible I have once again encouraged teachers to involve the students in this three way reporting and feedback process as we want our children taking responsibility for their own learning. Quite a number of our staff found this very useful last time and several parents commented to me that it was great sitting there with their child. However, I am aware that some teachers prefer the traditional one on one chats with parents, and this is fine, as it really is a class teacher's professional choice and I am confident that students are already receiving timely and purposeful feedback on a regular basis.

On Wednesday of last week Mr Josey and I had the pleasure of welcoming many of our 2015 prospective prep students and their families to our school when we held our prep year information sessions. The turnout to both the morning and evening sessions was encouraging and I am reliably told that we have quite a few more confirmed enrolments than at the same stage last year. We are still continuing to take enrolments for prep and other year levels for next year, but I encourage you to contact the school as soon as possible to ensure there is a placement for you.

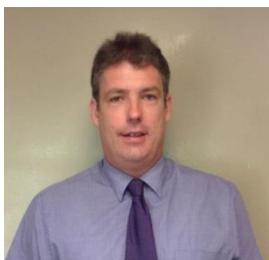
I'd like to wish all of the fathers in our school community a very HAPPY FATHER'S DAY and hope that you enjoy spending quality time with your family on Sunday.

Yours in Education

David Teale

Principal

From the Deputy



It has been a week of celebrations! Congratulations goes to our Athletes from the District sport carnival, our volleyball players and our victorious Rugby League team. We were able to celebrate their achievements as well as the Year 4 to 7s who received a Merit, Credit or Distinction on the UNSW Spelling and Writing competitions on assembly this week. Incidentally our Year 3 students will receive their awards on assembly next week. All of this on the back of great Naplan results!

Chatswood Hills' students have a lot to be proud of. I like the message given to the Rugby League boys by Michael Hancock from the Broncos. He said that the boys should be proud of their achievements but also humble and grateful for the sporting gifts that they have. He reminded the boys that everybody else in the audience also had talents and strengths in other areas and that they were just as important.

Tomorrow we get to celebrate once more as a community as we bring the spot light on the importance of reading in our lives. As Mr Teale often says reading is power. The ability to read well also brings choice and opportunity. So come and join us tomorrow as we celebrate a week of reading activities and promote the concept that real men read!

Prep and enrolment Information Day and Night

Our prep and enrolment information night was a huge success. Once again our school is highly regarded and parents looking forward to having their children attend. At this stage it is very important that if you are a current parent and have siblings ready to join prep for 2015 that you get your enrolment paperwork in as soon as possible. We need to finalise in catchment and sibling enrolments so that we can start to offer places to other families.

Pre service teachers

Over the next few weeks and into term four we will have some pre-service teachers from QUT and GU. Each of the teacher's in training are in different stages of development and I would like to welcome them to the Chatswood Hills State School community and trust that their experience will be rewarding.

UNSW Results

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved at a high level in the UNSW Writing competition.

Ryan	Year 5	Distinction
Ema-Lamei	Year 4	Distinction
Madelyn	Year 3	Distinction
Rebecca	Year 3	Distinction
Neha	Year 6	Credit
Sunny	Year 5	Credit
Sohini	Year 6	Merit

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved at a high level in the UNSW Spelling competition

Ryan	Year 5	Credit
Matilda	Year 5	Credit
Aneisha	Year 5	Credit
Cuba	Year 4	Credit
Sarah	Year 4	Credit
Alexander	Year 3	Credit
Clancy	Year 6	Merit
Madelyn	Year 3	Merit

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey

Deputy Principal

School News

Principals Awards

Louise A for progress in home reading

Braydon G for working on reading at home

Kalei G for working on ready at home

Mantha K for always following the 4Cs

April L for being a caring member of our class

Autumn M for making amazing progress with your reading

Rory L for always putting in your best effort and making great gains

Solomon P for fantastic improvement in using your number fact strategies

Kalei G for always having a go at every task given to you

Dominik G for making a big effort to stay on task

Jacob B for helping other students and giving great feedback

Kara J for becoming more confident with your reading and writing

Ella-Rose T for writing a magnificent story about your weekend

Blake P for doing an amazing job reciting your nursery rhyme using great expressions and actions

Braydon G for trying so hard and making solid progress in reading and writing

Matthew H for always giving 100% effort in class activities

Michaela T for excellent effort during class writing tasks

Zyohn W Excellent participation in Maths lessons

Jaylee M for Improvement in your writing tasks

Maddison M for consistent work particularly in Maths

Jayden S for becoming a more conscientious student

Casey M for outstanding efforts in English

Emma W for identifying and striving to achieve mathematics goals

Isabella S for constantly working hard

Jareele K for always trying your best in every area, great work

Library Award

Possums for posing on stage without Mr Bump to guide them during the Book Character Parade.

Miami for a great effort learning about Student Library Lookup and Dewey Numbers.

Fathers Day Stall

The Fathers Day Stall will be run on the 4th and 5th of September from 8.30 am.

Lost Property

Parents please check the lost property box which will be outside the office next week. There are lots of lost jumpers and other items as it is overflowing.

Lost Glasses

A pair of prescription glasses have been handed in to the office. If you think they are yours please come to the office to collect them.

Student Fees

Thank you to our Families who have promptly paid the Student Resource Fee. A gentle reminder that all outstanding fees are due to be paid in full by 19th September.

Thank you

Sport News

QLD Volleyball Cup

On the 28th of August Chatswood Hills entered 10 teams into the Primary School QLD Volleyball Cup at Craigsleigh High School.

Eight out of our 10 teams received medals for coming 2nd and 3rd in their divisions and two teams came 4th.

Teams played up to 6 games during the tournament. Springwood High School supplied 7 volleyball students to help coach our teams on the day.

64 students were involved in the tournament representing Chatswood extremely well in both team play and conduct.

Thank you to Mr Wright and Ms Brungies for assisting us on the day.

well done to all our dedicated Volleyball students.

Junior Sports Day

Our Prep to Year 3 students will be involved in our Junior Sports Day on Tuesday 9th September.

Classes have selected a Commonwealth Country to represent on the day by wearing that country's flag colours.

Activities include 80m sprint, tunnel ball, tabloid activities and tug of war. Sports Captains will assist on the day.

Jane Taylor

PE Teacher

Community News

Become A Volunteer Host Family

Are you interested in being a host Family?

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

Southen Cross Cultural Exchange

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3,5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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. Or call their office on 1300 135 331.

World Education Program (WEP):

Enrich Your Home With A WEP Exchange Student

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family. For more information or programme dates please contact them on 1300 884 733 or email at info@wep.org.au or visit their website: www.wep.org.au

Music

Music Concert Evening

The annual Concert Evening for the choirs, instrumental groups and dance group is scheduled for Wednesday, 10th September. The concert will commence at 6pm and will be held in the school hall.

The groups performing will be Junior Band, Senior Band, Beginner Strings, String Ensemble, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Recorder Band, Percussion Band and Dance Group.

All Musicians, Singers and Dancers need to be at school by 5:30PM for tuning and setup. All family and friends are encouraged to attend in support of the hard work that these students give at their weekly rehearsals.

The concert dress for the students will be formal school uniform. All students in these groups are required to attend. A note detailing these arrangements has been sent home.

Thank you and looking forward to seeing everyone at this Music Concert.

Music Staff

Chappy at Chats

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a unique program which allows individuals the opportunity to pack a shoebox with small gifts for a child who lives in an area impacted by war, famine, natural disasters, or extreme poverty. Here is a simple way that we can make a difference.

If you are interested in participating in this voluntary initiative, you can donate individual items or pack a box. Information sheets and boxes can be collected from Mrs Stewart, Miss Ekin or Chappy Karen. Individual items to be included in boxes can be handed to these same people. We will be collecting items until Week 3 of Term 4.

Items to be included -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.

Guidance Officer

A small group of interested and committed parents have just completed a 3 week “1,2,3 It’s Magic and Emotion Coaching” parent courses. Well done!!

It would be great if some more parents could experience this great course if it is offered again.

Here are some of their comments:

“I have learned some very helpful hints in dealing with different issues at home. Great support from other parents as well.”

“I look forward to a calmer more positive relationship with my daughter.”

“I have learnt some valuable points which will help to emotionally coach my children.”

Jenny Hickey- Guidance Officer

Student Work

Year 2 Poems

The Goodnight Garden

Think of the caterpillars curling up tight

Underneath the glow of the moon's soft light

Think of the snails drawing themselves in

Hiding inside as the light starts to dim

Think of the spiders weaving through the night

Spinning and threading

Till first daylight

Think of the butterflies closing their patterned wings

Listening to a grasshopper sing.

By Grace P Year 2

Snakes

Snakes are covered with scales

And curls in to circles.

Snakes slithering through the grass

While other animals go passed.

Stay out of sight, otherwise they will bite!

By Chloe W Year 2

P & C News

Uniform Shop News

* Special signature bears available at Uniform Shop. Limited edition... \$20 for large \$15 for small bears - Once sold out no more will be available - Yr 6 & 7's these are perfect to get your friends signatures before the end of the year!

* Uniform shop as of next Term will change the day it is open to Thursday mornings (no longer Tuesdays) from 8:00am until approx 8:45am. You can still email orders or place an order with cash/credit details into an envelope marked Uniform Order to the tuckshop & the order will be sent to your child's class.

* Prep uniform orders for 2015 - pre order forms & uniform size try on's will be available at your interview's in October/November.

* All other pre order forms will also go out in October for the rest of the school for collection in January 2015.

School Banking

Parents/ Care givers/ Guardians would have noticed the CommBank youth saver advertisement's on the television of late. How it brings back memories from when I first started to bank. How amazing school banking has changed. Earning dollar mite tokens and being able to redeem them for rewards and teaching us how to save and manage money. It is really good to see the students at Chatswood who bank look forward in redeeming their tokens. On a sadder note the fluffy penguin key ring reward has come to an end. Unfortunately stock has run out and I am yet to be advised if they will be available next term. I will keep you posted if there is a development.

Terry Hodges
School Banking
Co-Ord.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported CHSS with this year's Book Fair. It was great to see so many children and parents excited by the huge range of books from Scholastic Australia! Nearly \$7,000 of books were sold in the 5 days the Book Fair was open, and because of that, over \$1900 worth of new books has been raised for the Library! Thank you to Stuart L and his group of Book Fair Helpers who made sure before school, morning tea and lunch time viewing ran smoothly and a BIG Thank You to all the parent volunteers who gave their time to help, supervise and serve through the week. So, thank you: Lisa F, Marg L, Belinda R, Cathy A, Amanda B, Phil B, Heather L, Kirsty E, Fiona D, Chris K, Judi M, - it couldn't be done without you all.

Esther Daley.

Date Claimers

4th- 5th Sep Fathers Day Stall

5th Sep Real Men Read Program

9th Sep Junior Sports Day

19th Sep Last day term 3

22-24 Oct Year 5 Camp

1st-3rd Dec Year 4 Camp

ThemeParks.com.au Our School Ticket Sale



Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promocode and enter our promocode "CPC014" to gain access to these ticket offers.

*Terms & conditions apply, offer valid for a limited time.



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