



Chatswood Hills *State School*



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The Principal's Perspective

During the last week or so we have been conducting our prep enrolment interviews and meeting the new little people and families that will be joining our Chatswood Hills school community in 2015. Initial indications are that these parents have done a terrific job in preparing their children for their schooling journey with the majority of next year's preps keen and enthusiastic about commencing school. We are still currently taking enrolments in the prep area, so if you know of others who haven't decided to enrol in our wonderful school as yet, please pass this information on. It is this stage in term 4 where we begin to construct classes for the following year. In order to have numbers as accurate as possible this is another reminder to also let our office know if your child is leaving and won't be attending CHSS next year.

Now is also your opportunity to let us know, in writing, of any educational considerations you would like us to be aware of when determining your child's placement for 2015. Where possible we will be doing all that we can to ensure that classes are balanced both in number and also educational dynamics. With this in mind you can appreciate that it just isn't possible to request a specific teacher, expect the same teacher who may have taught their sibling in the past, or want all your child's friends in the one class. Sometimes being best friends in the playground doesn't always equate to industrious work habits in the classroom, and often friendship groupings change during the course of the year. Certainly any educational needs that you highlight will be given due consideration, but ultimately the creation of classes for next year is made in consultation with this year's teaching staff. At this stage our teachers do not know what year level they will be on next year and EQ's transfer and staffing process remains active until the last day of the school year, so needless to say that all of this is a work in progress.

I have had just amazing feedback on how awesome all of our year fives were at camp last week. Attending teachers and camp staff just couldn't speak highly enough of the maturity

and responsibility shown by our children. This really shouldn't be surprising as I am becoming used to receiving ongoing accolades from others about the fabulous behaviour and attitude of students who attend our school. Receiving this feedback really excited me as shortly we will be commencing the process of selecting our student leaders for next year. It sounds as if we have a number of talented and aspiring leaders amongst this cohort from which to choose. This year's school captains will tell you that I place great emphasis on student leadership, working closely with them trying to enhance their skills. Elsewhere in our newsletter you will be able to read some student reflections about many of the happenings at Camp Currimundi, as well as view some pictures depicting the fabulously fun time they had are there as well.

Yours in Education

David Teale

Principal

From the Deputy



I have had the privilege of interviewing some very confident and well-mannered young children this week who will be joining the Chatswood Hills State School learning community in 2015 as they start their education journey with our school in Prep. During the interview I ask the question why each family has chosen our school. In almost all cases the reply is because they hear that Chatswood Hills is a great school. We have a very good reputation that has been built over time by the dedication of our staff and the support of our parents. The two main areas highlighted by parents are the high standard of behaviour and the school uniform.

Sport and Academic Parade

This term is a report card term. Students who achieve a very high level of academic achievement will receive a special award presented at our academic parade on the second last day of the school year.

We will also be holding a special parade to honour our sporting achievements on Friday November 28 at 1:45pm in the school hall. Parents are welcome to both assemblies.

Year 6 and 7 Graduation

Invitations and details went out this week for our end of year 6 and 7 school graduation. Permission note and payment are due by Thursday November 20. Graduation this year is on Tuesday December 9 at Fitzzy's Function Centre Bryants Road.

Year 6 Captains for 2015

The process for selecting next year's School Captains will start next week. The decision to go for School Captain should not be taken lightly. It is a very important job. The process at Chatswood Hills is designed to select the right people for the job. While I would encourage students to participate they should do so only if they have an exemplary behaviour record and are resilient and can accept that they may not be selected. The School Captains will be announced on the Academic Parade on Thursday December 11.

Chaplaincy

I would like to thank Chappy Karen and the school community for the great work in donating over 60 Christmas boxes to Samaritans Purse this week. This is an amazing program that makes a real difference around the world.

The chaplaincy program will be sponsoring two events this term. Motivational Media will be presenting a show in our school hall on Wednesday November 5. This has an inspirational leadership theme design to motivate our Year 6 and 7 students to be leaders and on November 27 a BMX team will be coming out to perform for our whole school.

Behaviour and Uniform

The school is going to introduce a new class award that will be given out on assembly. The Citizenship award, is a behaviour award based on the 4 Cs. Principal Awards will continue and have a focus of academic achievement.

Have a great weekend.
Stephen Josey

Deputy Principal

School News

Principals Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly.

Noah F for using excellent reading strategies.

Aarron D for giving thoughtful answers to questions in class.

Dean C for working hard to learn your spelling words and practising your reading.

Olivia J for excellent reading, writing, spelling and enthusiasm towards learning.

Alyssa B for always putting in your best effort with behaviour and work.

Kahu T for working independently on comprehension questions and answering them with great detail.

Rhiannon F for making great progress in your reading and writing.

Jayden V for putting in a great effort towards your writing.

Bailey F for excellent use of "author and me" comprehension strategies.

Jaxon S for always giving 100% to all classroom activities.

Leigh V for doing a great job with your maths worksheet.

Nathan L for excellent work in Maths and English.

Dilen D for excellent accurate work in Maths.

Sophie A for always working hard and following the 4C's.

Kihan Z for outstanding behaviour and effort in all areas of school.

Library Award

Possums for following all instructions when using the Ipads.

From the Guidance Officer

PARENTS/CARERS- Do you want to feel more in control, be less stressed and have less conflict in your day.

Do one or two problems make life harder than it should be ? Tantrums ? Mealtimes, Kids arguing?

Find out SIMPLE WAYS TO MORE POSITIVE PARENTING. Kids feel happier about themselves, make friends easier, do better at school.

The focus of positive parenting is to support the emotional and behavioural needs of the child to PROMOTE APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR and IMPROVED LEARNING OUTCOMES, in conjunction with supporting parents/carers in developing a wider repertoire of EFFECTIVE BEHAVIOUR MANGEMENT STRATEGIES.

Come along to any of these FREE SESSIONS to hear about some simple ideas to make parenting a more positive experience.

26 Nov (Wed) Springwood McDonalds 12.30pm start.

Presented by specially trained staff from the Management of Young Children Program (MYCP) which is an Education Queensland Program. For further information contact your school's Guidance Officer.

Jenny Hickey

Chappy at Chats

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you so much for your generosity in being involved in Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to the children, parents and staff who chose to be involved in this initiative. As a school community, we donated 64 boxes this year and so there will be 64 children who will be blessed because of the generosity of people in our community.

Many students have asked where the boxes will be going to this year. The first container of boxes have left Brisbane destined for children in New Guinea and the next two containers will be going to Vietnam. Other containers of boxes may be sent to these countries, Thailand or Cambodia.

Parent Connect

Parents are welcome to meet together at the Library on Monday the 24th of November at 2 pm for light refreshments and an opportunity to connect with other parents. All welcome.

JC Epidemic BMX Spectacular

On Thursday the 27th of November, JC Epidemic BMX world class freestyle riders will be performing BMX tricks and aerial craziness using a Half Pipe structure at Chatswood Hills S.S. These riders will be performing two shows for our school community funded mainly by money raised in the Loom Band Day held earlier in the year. A message about making positive life choices will be included in the show.

Light of the World Family Festival

Light of the World is a free entry family evening being held at Mabel Park High school oval on Friday the 31st of October from 5 to 9 pm. There will be entertainment, food for sale, unlimited passes for rides will cost \$2 and there will also be giveaways.

Chappy Karen

Lost Property

We are asking for a gold coin donation for any item you wish to purchase from the lost property box. The box is situated outside the office. Please feel free to browse.

Junior Swimming Payment

We have received a payment for \$68.00 through the internet banking from the Bank of Qld on 28th Oct with no name on it. If you think this is your payment please contact the office with proof of payment.as soon as possible.

Reminder: Swimming payment is due next Thurs 6th Nov.

Year 5 Camp

The most memorable moment at camp was the body boarding. I loved the way the instructor made it fun to learn all the things to do. My personal favourite was the dead cockroach. I found it very amusing and tried it myself, but of course I fell off my board. I loved how it was a beautiful sunny day. Also the water was nice and cool. It was fun to ride up and get pushed to the shore again. Camp is the best!

Harrison – Burleigh

At camp I rode the giant swing. Everyone in my group did it and it is one of the best things I have ever done in my life. Your whole team pulls you up to the very highest point 18 metres high. In front of you is a blue ball on a string and the second you pull it you start swinging as far as you can go back and forth. When you are at the top while swinging you feel weightless and that experience is something I will never forget and I would do again in a heartbeat.

Paige – Burleigh

Oh, no, why does camp have to be over? I wish it could go on forever! I miss all the fantastic activities with the loyal helpers. I also miss the yummy food. It was the best food I have ever eaten in my entire life! Our cabins were amazing and gigantic. I wouldn't have been at this awesome camp if it had not been for the friendly, female teachers and the cool, male teachers who organised this hilarious, fun camp for us. So a BIG thank you to our awesome teachers!

Tamian – Rainbow

Year 5 camp was AWESOME!! Everyone loved it, but the one specific memorable moment for me was THE GIANT SWING! Despite the shock of pulling the string and falling so suddenly, it was AMAZING! From the moment you pulled on that string, the thrill was on! Back and forth, back and forth, you could feel yourself glide, cutting through the wind. The view was breathtaking. You could look out onto the majestic, calm blue ocean. It was truly a magnificent experience!

Michaela - Rainbow

Year 5 Camp at Currimundi Active Recreation Centre, in my eyes, was a massive, massive success. The "Red M and M's" as they are affectionately known, were incredible. They always had fantastic and interesting activities for the students that they were dealing with. So, a HUGE shout out to the crew at Currimundi Active Recreation Centre!

Ashleigh – Rainbow

When we went body boarding I really liked catching the waves and racing Jordan to Mrs Slinger and Ms McCann on the shore. I got stuck in the waves and could taste all of the salt in my mouth and my nose which was disgusting, but I was ok! The giant swing was my most favourite activity because you're like 100 meters high and when you pull that blue ball you feel like you've just jumped out of a plane and can't feel your fingers.

Jareece – Miami

Even though camp was incredible from start to finish, my most memorable moment would have to be the giant swing. I loved the excitement going to the top. The view at the top was spectacular. The view of the ocean and the boating dock was an amazing sight on the Sunshine Coast. As I was pulling the rope, I felt a huge rush of excitement and then when I dropped, it was magnificent! I had one of the best experiences of my life on the giant swing and I will definitely remember camp forever.

Marielle – Miami

Year 5 Camp was so AWESOME!! The cabins were so big. It was cool because you could be in a cabin with your friends. There were so many activities to do. My favourite was body boarding. The food was AMAZING!! It was the best food I've ever tasted. The people that showed us around were called the red M and Ms. Thank you to the teachers for taking us on a lovely trip. I can't wait for the next one.

Jayden - Miami

Last Wednesday I went on school camp at Currimundi. I stayed in cabin Bracken 3 with 9 other girls. The activities were all really fun but my favourite was the body boarding because we were in the water all morning. It was a 10 minute walk down to the beach but it was worth it. We ate our morning tea at the beach after we rinsed off. I had an AWESOME time and will definitely go on another school camp!

Melody- Stradbroke



P & C News

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

**** NOW OPEN ON THURSDAYS ****
(not open on Tuesdays anymore only Thursday's)

8am to 8:45am

- * If you cannot get to the uniform shop on Thursdays then you can email an order or enquiry to PandCUniformshop@chathillss.eq.edu.au or put your order with money/credit card details in an envelope with your child's name & class for delivery to their class.
- * Uniform Pre-order forms need to be returned - NO Payment is required until pick up days in January 2015. Pop the completed forms into the Red box in the office, or at the uniform shop or even drop it off at the tuckshop. 1 form per family please.
- * Have 1 x size 12 yr 6senior shirt for sale - \$20 (new)
- * Currently out of stock of size 57cm (M) hats. Due back in stock within a month.
- * Limited edition Signature Chatty Bears available now !
Sizes Large - \$20 Small \$15
adopt them at the Uniform Shop on Thursdays.
- * Pick up dates for collecting pre ordered uniforms - These are the only dates/times the uniform shop will be open prior to school starting back in January 2015.
Thursday 22nd January 2015 - 10am till 2pm
Friday 23rd January 2015 - 3pm till 6pm
Saturday 24th January 2015 - 10am till 2pm
- *The last Thursday the uniform shop will be open for this year is Thursday 4th December 2014.
- * If your child has grown out of or is leaving the school we kindly accept donations of the old uniforms - bring them down to the uniform shop on a Thursday morning. Please make sure they are clean, still in good condition (no holes, stains, faded, ripped) so they can be put in the pre owned boxes.

Year 6 Senior Shirts for 2015

Order forms for the year 6 commemorative shirts will go out in the early weeks of school starting back in 2015. These shirts do take approx 7-10 weeks from ordering date until they arrive back at the school - this is usually around April/May. So keep an eye out for the forms next year :) approx cost is \$32-\$37.

Date Claimers

1 st -3 rd Dec	Year 4 Camp
1 st -10th Dec	Prep-3 Swimming
8 th Dec	Swimming Carnival (4-7)
9 th Dec	Graduation (Years 6/7)
10 th Dec	Dreamworld Excursion
12th Dec	Last Day of School 2014

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