

13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2014

### **CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMERS**

1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Year 4 Camp
1 <sup>st</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Prep-3 Swimming
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Carols from 5pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Swimming Carnival (4-7)
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Graduation (Years 6/7)
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dreamworld Excursion

### **Student Absent Line 3489 2260**

### **The Principal's Perspective**

I realise that we are nearing the end of the school year but everyday counts as far as student attendance and learning goes. Currently as a school we are tracking at 92.7 % attendance for the year to date. In semester one we were closer to our 95% goal with attendance being 93.6%. Children need to be here at school and on time each and every day to reap the maximum benefits of the quality teaching and learning programs that CHSS provides. Our preps and year 2 cohorts are leading the way with each of these year levels having greater than 93% of students in regular attendance. We will once again be rewarding those students with 95 % attendance or greater by placing their names in the draw to win a cool prize at our academic assembly during the last week of the year. Please remember to notify the office or your child's teacher as to the reason for any absence from school. Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

It was tremendous to see so many parents at this week's P-3 assembly. This was clearly because of the year 1 singing sensations in the Quolls and Wombats classrooms, and they didn't disappoint. Thanks to both Mrs Peppel and Miss Barron for coordinating this performance. It was an absolute joy to see these children thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to perform for our school community. Also at Monday afternoon's parade our school was presented with a certificate of appreciation for raising \$5802 in our recent spellathon. Mrs Danielle Atkins who coordinated the event also presented a trophy to the

Quolls class for raising the most funds and an individual prize to Zak Brush from Geckoes, as he was the highest individual student fundraiser. The monies raised will directly benefit all of our children. Fantastic effort everyone!

During this week's class visits and recent assemblies, I have been reminding our children to continue to follow our three step problem solving process in our school. Schools can only help children overcome classroom or playground issues if they are reported to school staff in the first instance. Whilst I always encourage students to talk to their parents and tell them everything about school life, parents can't solve these kinds of issues directly, and we do want our children taking responsibility for their own learning and actions. Students have a right to work and learn in a fun, safe and supportive school environment, but also a responsibility to report anything that hinders this right. Please assist us by reminding that in our school students need to:

1. Say "Stop it I don't like it."
2. Report the problem to a teacher or staff member
3. If the problem is not solved, come to the office to see myself or Mr Josey

Following these three steps guarantees that the matter will be resolved quickly.

Over the last couple of weeks I've had the pleasure of attending both Rochedale and Springwood High's awards evenings to present academic prizes. It was very pleasing to see so many previous Chatswood Hills State School students on the honours lists at both venues and continuing to be successful in secondary education. In fact the recipient of the school dux award at Springwood High was a former student of our school. Quite obviously the educational grounding students in our school during their formative primary years are receiving, sets them up for future academic success.

Yours in Education  
David Teale  
Principal

### **From the Deputy**

The process for organising staffing and classes for next year starts at the beginning of Term 4 and

continues to after Day 8 2015. To allow us to make decisions based on accurate information it is important to inform the school office if you have decided that your family will not be returning next year. Likewise if you know of anyone who wishes to come to Chatswood Hills State School next year then they need to contact the school as soon as possible and make an appointment.

If you have a request for class placement next year then please put them in writing to Mr Teale stating your educational reasons. Whilst we will do our best to accommodate requests there are no guarantees.

### **G20**

Please note that tomorrow is not a holiday for Logan City and as a result the school will be operating as normal.

### **PREP Orientation morning**

Our Prep Orientation morning will run from November 24 to November 27 from 9am until 10am. Parents need to arrive at the hall by 8:45am. Students will attend a prep class from 9am until 10am and then will be reunited to go home with their parents. The P and C will be organising tea and coffee and a tour of the school.

### **Behaviour and uniform**

Our new school behaviour award, the 4 C Citizenship award was handed out for the first time on the Year P to 3 assembly this week. 17 students received the Citizenship award and another 17 the Principal's award for learning. Year 4 to 7 will have their chance next week.

### **Year 6 Captains for 2015**

The process for selecting next year's School Captains has begun. We had twelve nominations who gave their speeches in front of their peers yesterday. Eight will be invited to give their speech on Year 4 to 7 assembly on Monday. After the parade Year 4 to 7 and staff will have their chance to vote. The School Captains will be announced on the Academic Parade on Thursday December 11.

### **Chaplaincy**

Year 6 and 7 students were given a great opportunity to watch an audio-visual presentation by Motivation Media that was sponsored by Chaplaincy last Wednesday. This presentation focussed on inspiring young people to be leaders and overcome life's challenges.

On November 27 a BMX team will be coming out to perform for our whole school also paid for by the school Chaplaincy program.

### **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**

Permission note and payment are due by Thursday November 20 for the Year 6 and 7 graduation. Graduation this year is on Tuesday December 9 at Fitzy's Function Centre Bryants Road. Students do not need to go to any great expense regarding their clothes. Smart casual is all that is required. Students should look presentable.

Have a great weekend.

Stephen Josey  
Deputy Principal

### **Principal Awards**

**Keiran C** for working consistently hard in all areas.  
**Danika S** for persistence and a positive work ethic in all class tasks.  
**Vegas C** for always completing all your homework and reading tasks.  
**Zach G** for classroom effort.  
**Kauri S** for great leadership qualities during camp.  
**Shelby K** for working hard in all areas of the curriculum.  
**Connor C** for always demonstrating the 4C's for applying yourself in class.

**Nikhat B** for demonstrating the 4C's and for applying yourself in class.

**Emma J** for enthusiastic participation in persuasive speaking tasks.

**Dane M** for challenging yourself with your home reading.

**Clinton R** for excellent work in Maths.

**Zaiden W** for excellent effort and steady improvement in your writing skills.

**Campbell S** for good improvement in your spelling, reading and writing.

**Caleb A** for improved focus and effort in writing.

**Kehan A** for moving up so far with your reading levels.

**Haley B** for making great progress in reading and using all your strategies.

**Zachary K** for always trying your best during reading groups.

**Keagan W** for an excellent effort in creating a poem to present to the class.

**Poppy P** for making a big effort to do your best work.

**Casey B** for growing confidence in the classroom, especially with reading and writing.

**Thomas B** for excellent progress in all areas.

**Hayley B** for using language features and devices including alliteration, onomatopoeia and adjectives.

**Martin C** for excellent Maths.

**Tyson P** for showing a great improvement in your reading, writing and maths.

**Ryan K** for excellent improvement in your reading comprehension and retell.

**Alisi-Maree P** for showing outstanding progress in solving numbers.

### **Library Award**

**Rainbow** for following directions well and working productively.

### **PAYMENT WINDOW**

The payment window will close next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November for 2014 at 10am. Internet Banking will close Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. No payments will be accepted after these dates.

Prep- year 3 Swimming, Japanese Lunch, Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival payments have closed.

Year 6/ 7 Graduation closes Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.

### **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.

### **Chappy at Chats**

### **MAD for Life**

Last week, the Year 6/7 students had the privilege of watching a media presentation called "Mad for Life." The presentation challenged the students and the adults to live a life where they dare to dream, make a difference in their life and also make a positive difference in the lives of others.

When we're young it seems that our whole life stretches in front of us and we have unlimited opportunities and endless time to do everything we want to do. What we often don't realise is that if we don't make a conscious effort to plan for our lives, opportunities and time can slip by and we are left with little but disappointment.

I hope that the messages of the presentation will inspire and challenge all the viewers to dare to dream, make plans for their life and make a difference in the lives of others.

### **Parent Connect**

Parents are welcome to meet together at the Library on Monday the 24th of November at 1:45 pm for light refreshments and an opportunity to connect with other parents. All welcome.

### **JC Epidemic BMX Spectacular**

Only two weeks to go and the JC Epidemic BMX Spectacular will be on show at our school. On Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November, two BMX world class freestyle riders will be performing BMX tricks and aerial craziness using a Half Pipe structure. Two riders will be performing two shows for our school community funded mainly by money raised on the Loom Band Day held earlier in the year. A message about making positive life choices will be included in the show.

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.

We have had a watch handed in to the office. It was left on the sports bus last Friday. If you own this watch please contact the office.

### **P & C News**

Email: [pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au)

### **Christmas Carols**

This year's Christmas Carols will be held on Thursday, 4th December. BBQ, snow cones and other drinks/snacks will be available from 5pm with performances starting at 6pm. Raffle tickets will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. Each family will be allocated 5 numbered tickets, for sale at \$2 each. These tickets must be paid for, or returned unsold by the due date. If you do not wish to receive any tickets please let the p&c know asap,

[pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au) including your child's name and class details

### **Bookclub**

Issue 8 of Scholastic's Bookclub is the last issue for the year and should be in classrooms by the end of this week. As this issue is a Christmas Issue all orders will be packaged in black plastic to avoid present snooping. All order forms must be received to the tuckshop no later than Friday 28th November. Any order forms received after this date will be returned to your child as we cannot guarantee late orders will arrive before the end of school term. If you have any queries please contact Esther Daley on 0413 222 364.

### **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**NOW OPEN ONLY ON THURSDAYS**

**8am to 8:45am**

**\* Can't get to the uniform shop ?**

**Option 1** - email an order or enquiry to [PandCUniformshop@chathillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:PandCUniformshop@chathillss.eq.edu.au)

**Option 2** - write your order on a piece of paper put it with the correct money/or credit card details in an envelope with your child's name & class for delivery to their class.

\* Out of stock of Size 12 Polo's until next year (January)

\* 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.

Over the Christmas holidays please go through your child's uniforms to ensure they are correct & school approved items only.

Check they are in good condition -

no holes/rips, correct colour shorts (boys) culottes (girls) Dark Navy- not damaged /faded

Check their winter items are correct also - if not a school jumper / jacket they must only be plain dark navy no writing / pictures on them.

White socks & black shoes are also apart of the uniform policy. The school hat is the ONLY hat approved for the students to wear at Chatswood Hills State School.

Each child at CHSS should have minimum of 1 formal shirt (boys) formal Blouse with a tie (girls) & 1 sports polo shirt. The formal uniform is expected to be worn for excursions, special parades eg: Anzac Day, for school photos, academic competitions outside of school, Music concert or on any other day during the week they may wish to wear it. Please remember this when purchasing their uniforms. If we can all do this it will have your child/ren ready to go in 2015.

What can you do with your child's old uniforms ?

\* If your child has grown out of their uniforms or is leaving the school the uniform shop will kindly accept them as a donation - simply drop them to the uniform shop on a Thursday morning.

They must be clean/washed, 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)