

29th January 2015

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMERS

Feb 27	School Disco
Mar 6	Interschool Sport begins
Mar 11	School Photos (Dress Uniform to be worn)

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

The Principal's Perspective

Hi everyone and welcome to the 2015 school year at Chatswood Hills State School. I am extremely excited to be back leading this wonderful community as we commence our learning journey once again. We have had a very organised and settled start as a result of all of the prior planning and hard work by all of the staff here. It was tremendous to see so many bright and happy faces coming through our school gates early last Tuesday morning. Thanks must also be given to all parents for being so organised and supporting CHSS in ensuring a very positive start for our children. I just want to bring to your attention a couple of important staffing matters that you may not be fully aware of. Mr Keith Graham has asked me to let you all know that he has been permanently appointed to Rochedale SS and therefore will not be returning. He also wanted me to pass on his personal thanks for all of the support he received in his time as principal here. Also Mr Josey has accepted an acting principal role at Burrowes SS for term one, and I'm sure you will join me in wishing him all the best with this opportunity. Replacing Mr Josey in the deputy principal role is Mrs Trina Wilhelmsen. Mrs Wilhelmsen is no stranger to our school community having been previously on staff as both a classroom and support teacher. She brings lots of experience to this position having been a head of curriculum and deputy principal in

other settings. I am confident you will make her feel very welcome.

Our core priorities as a school this year will continue to be literacy and numeracy, and no doubt our teachers will unpack their expectations around learning when they hold parent information sessions in a couple of weeks. I was exceptionally proud of the fact that many of our students picked up on my belief that 'Reading Gives You Power' throughout last year. In fact during this first week I've had so many students come and report to me how much more powerful they became over the holidays by spending so much time improving their reading. This vital skill underpins all other learning and we will once again be expecting that all children are engaged in reading as part of their home life. Throughout this year we will also be rolling out a whole school numeracy and mathematics program so you can expect to hear a lot more about how you can assist your child in these areas as well. I wish to reiterate in this first newsletter that I see parents as partners in education and your interest and involvement is integral in assisting your child achieving academic success. As mentioned above we will be holding a parent information session before too long, but be sure to make contact with your child's teacher in first instance to have any individual queries you may have about ways to assist, or general routines answered.

You will have heard me repeatedly mention that, "Schools are for kids!" The students are the most important people in any school community and should be central to all decision making processes. It would be terrific to have many parents helping out in classrooms and it has been my experience that the majority of teachers welcome parent volunteers with open arms. Coming along to the monthly P&C meeting is another way of becoming involved and having direct input and influence for your son or daughter. Having said all of this I acknowledge how fast paced our world is today and fully understand how busy most parents are and that committing to things like this is problematic. However, our P&C do try to keep meetings brief and they are always keen to welcome any new members with new ideas. I'm sure those of you returning this year are aware that I pride myself on being visible in the school and encourage you to stop me at any time to discuss educational matters. Collectively we make a difference for the students attending.

Yours in Education
David Teale
Principal
From the Acting Deputy

Hi Everyone,

My name is Trina Wilhelmsen and I am extremely excited to be given the opportunity to work at Chatswood Hills State School as Acting Deputy Principal. I have worked in the school previously in a part-time role and already know some of the families and students in the school. I have been employed by Education Queensland for the last 20 years in many different schools, in a variety of roles: from Classroom Teacher, Head of Curriculum and Acting Deputy Principal.

I am really looking forward to working at Chatswood Hills State School with the students, staff and the community. The school has a very warm and positive feel about it and everyone associated with the school should be proud of this, as students, staff, parents and members of the community all contribute to the school's culture.

If you have any concerns throughout the term please feel free to contact me or make an appointment to see me about your concerns.

Regards

Trina Wilhelmsen
Acting Deputy Principal

From the Library

Welcome to the new school year and activities in the Library. Preps to Year 3 need a Library bag to borrow books. Please find the Library borrowing timetable below for your child/children and encourage them to borrow each week. If you would like to volunteer covering library books please let me know. Generally a bag of about 10 books with contact is sent home and you can cover at your leisure. Also let me know if circumstances have changed and you would like your name taken off this list at any time. Thank you for volunteering!

Happy Reading!
Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

CLASS BORROWING TIMETABLE

DAY	CLASS
MONDAY	Bilbies
TUESDAY	Kingfishers, Kookaburras, Emus, Miami, Currumbin, Rainbow, Coolum, Lorikeets
WEDNESDAY	Burleigh, Moreton, Macleay, Russell, Noosa, Tallebudgera, Wombats, Quolls, Wallabies
THURSDAY	Stradbroke, Karragarra, Peel, Geckoes, Koalas, Platypus, Bandicoots

Chappy at Chats

I would like to extend a special welcome to the new students and families that have joined our school community and also to welcome back all the students. Thank you to the school community for really making our Prep students, new teachers and new students feel welcome at our wonderful school.

There is information on the school website about chaplaincy here at Chatswood Hills. If I can assist you or your child this year, please don't hesitate to leave a message at the office or to email me at karenk@chappy.org

Chappy Karen

Instrumental Music News - STRINGS

Welcome back to all Instrumental Music students and their families. There are a few changes for 2015. Any confusion with the following information please seek clarification by making contact with the office.

School Loan Instruments – if your child is starting their tuition and using a school loan instrument there is a corresponding form that needs to be returned before the instrument can be issued. The Instructor will give out the Loan Agreement form at the first lesson for completion

by the family. The form can either be returned to the Instructor at the next lesson or handed to the school office. Please do this as soon as is convenient.

2015 Annual Levy – the Instrumental program is fee paying. If you have a school loan instrument the annual levy is \$65. If you have your own instrument the annual levy is \$35. This money is used to run the program eg, purchase of instruments, repertoire, repair of instruments and ongoing maintenance. Invoices for this levy have not been finalised. When we have our lists finalised we can give those names to the school office – payment on this levy can only be made once this has happened. It is expected that by the end of Week 3 we will have completed this.

String News

Lessons during 2015 will be on a Wednesday. Lessons will start next week (Wed, 4 Feb). All students, regardless if they have an instrument already or not, will come to their lesson. Any questions will be resolved at this time. The students are allotted times through a timetable and their class teachers have this in the classroom. Lessons are held in the Music Block. **String Ensemble** — our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, 11th Feb. This is in the school hall starting at 7:40am. *String Ensemble is for continuing students - new students will have their ensemble starting in Term 2 and there is no requirement for them to be at the 7:30am rehearsal.*

Thanks to Everyone. If there is any further string information required please make contact with Penny Williams on Wednesday or through the school office. If there are any students interested in learning a violin or cello, please make contact with the office and we'll try to accommodate them.

Penny Williams (String Instructor)

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Election BBQ Helpers

The P & C will be running a BBQ on Saturday at the election. Helpers are needed between 7am-1pm. If you can help please email the P & C on the above email address.

Uniform Shop News

- * School hats are available at tuckshop every morning that the uniform shop is closed- you must have the correct money \$10 as no change is available.
 - * Any pre-orders that were not collected last week will be kept for 2 weeks only & then put back into stock. If you need longer to collect your pre-order please go to uniform shop to make arrangements.
 - * Reminder- the school formal shirt (boys) blouse & tie (girls) are required for each student to have not just the polo shirt.
- The formal shirts can be worn on alternate days your child doesn't have sport, for school photos, excursions, formal ceremonies etc
- Coming up soon will be the school photos so please get in now to purchase your child's formal shirt while stocks last.
- * Book cover are available at the uniform shop \$2 for A4 \$2.20 for Scrapbook size -
 - * If you cannot get into the uniform shop here are other options:
 - Email an order to PandCUniformshop@chathillss.eq.edu.au include your child's name & class to allow for delivery direct to them.
 - Print out a price list from school website, fill out & include cash or credit card details. Place in an envelope marked with UNIFORM ORDER & drop it into the tuckshop to be collected by the uniform co-ordinator. (Please allow a few days for delivery of uniforms)
 - If your child is old enough/responsible enough they can come in on Thursday mornings to purchase items before school starts.

Year 6 Senior Shirts

Keep a look out for order forms coming out in the next couple of weeks !

Once ordered the shirts take approx 7-10 weeks for delivery therefore a strict cut off date is essential.

School Banking

Welcome back Chatswood Hills State School, what a year do we have installed. Buy now your teachers would have told you about this year's **Space Competition**, all you have to do is Bank 25 times or more and you automatically go in the draw to win a Family trip to Disneyland in the United States for 2 Adults and 2 children and some spending money. Winner will be announced January 2016.

Flyers will be going out on Thursday the 5th February, your first school banking day, and don't forget the awesome rewards you get to redeem.

For the parents, can you ensure your child's deposit booked is filled out with their **account number, child's name**. If you are a new depositor your student Identification number will come later and will be placed in your child's deposit book. Sorry we do not accept foreign currency

Hopefully we will have a dollarmite representative attending next Monday's School assembly, and any parent who wishes to have their child do School Banking can sign up or obtain form's from Jenny in the Admin Office.

Terry Hodges
School Banking Co-ordinator.