

12<sup>th</sup> February 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**

I'm sure that many of you are aware that the day 8 enrolment return is vital for all schools as the number of students enrolled in the school on this day determines both the staffing and funding allocations that a school receives for the year. Clearly Chatswood Hills remains a school of choice in our local area as we have very strong numbers despite losing our year seven cohort to high school. Thankfully we have only had to make minimal changes to classes this week which means much of our prior planning for the 2015 school year was very accurate. Predicting enrolment numbers for the following year can often be problematic, so I'd like to extend a vote of thanks to our parent community for doing such a terrific job in communicating your intentions and allowing us to get it right. Communication between the school and home is vital and I'm hoping that most families will be represented at our parent information afternoon sessions being held here at Chatty next Wednesday. A timetable for these appears elsewhere in this newsletter. Of course if you aren't able to make these times our teachers welcome you organising an individual appointment to discuss any concerns or queries.

Last week I highlighted that the students are the most important people in the school and that any decision making has improved student outcomes and well-being

as the central focus. This really hit home for me last week when I was visited in my office by Miss Ella Jones who is one of our year 4 students from the Burleigh classroom. She asked me in passing in the playground if it would be alright for her to come and talk with me at some stage about some ideas she had to improve our school. The very next day she came to me during her lunchtime bringing with her a blueprint for the ideas and changes she'd like to implement. There were too many in total to name here but a science laboratory, environmentally friendly frog pond and more strategically placed water coolers were a few on her agenda. What was even more impressive was the fact that she had already surveyed other students about her ideas to rank their popularity, and had several fundraising events in the pipeline to cover the cost of implementing these projects. All of this from a nine year old who wants to make a difference for the students attending CHSS. I encouraged Ella to start lobbying to be the Burleigh class representative on the student council so others could hear her ideas and share in her enthusiasm. I also intend to discourage her from applying for the principal's position in our school as she would make tough opposition!!! (This is why being a teacher is the second most important job in the world and why it can be so rewarding).

During the first couple of weeks of school we have had visits from the volunteers in policing road safety officers. They are often visible around schools trying to educate road users about safe motoring practices. I highlighted at the end of last year that council had made some changes to our drop off and pick up areas. I have also been visiting these zones both before and after school when possible. Some parents have given me feedback about these and I have encouraged them to pass the comments and thoughts onto council as it really isn't something the school has control over. Our Division 3 councillor Steve Swenson, tells me that he is happy to field your concerns by contacting him on 34125503. It basically is a matter of education and trying to get used to the changes. I have also been asked to remind parents that the disabled parking spaces in the car park adjacent to the hall are reserved for these people in our community. Please be considerate of others when using this car park. My primary objective is to make our school a safe place for the students attending and I appreciate parental support with this. To this end I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind you all that if students are here before the 8.15am bell, even if parents are with them, it is expected

that they wait in the tuckshop under cover area. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Yours in Education  
David Teale  
Principal

### From the Acting Deputy

Wow, week three is nearly finished. How time flies. Thank you to all of the wonderful parents, students and staff for welcoming me back to Chatswood Hills State School.

This week we had our first Junior Parade (Prep – Year 2) and it was wonderful to see students receiving awards for things they have already been doing in their classroom. Our three Captains did a wonderful job of running the parade and easily adapted to changes we made along the way. Next week we will have our first Senior Parade (Year 3 – 6) and as always parents are welcome to attend.

It has been noticed that some parents are accessing the staff car park near the office before and after school.

This car park is allocated to staff and visitors to the school and parents are not to use this area as a pick up and drop off point. There are safety concerns around students in this area as we have the before and after school care buses dropping students off and delivery vehicles coming and going throughout the day.

Also if your child rides their bike to school can you please help us by reminding your child that they need to walk their bike in and out of the school grounds.

Regards  
Trina Wilhelmsen  
Acting Deputy Principal

### Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly:

**Sebastian W** for working very hard all week and for excellent handwriting.

**Casey B** for having an excellent attitude to learning.

**Connor C** for having the most beautiful manners.

**Stephanie L** for always putting in a great effort towards your work.

**Iman L** for sharing your magnificent drawings with your class.

**Ella M** for great listening and participating in reading activities.

**Oliver T** for taking great pride in all your work.

**Alex A** for settling in so well into Year 2.

**Ruby F** for an excellent start in Prep

**Kilana T** for excellent spelling and beautiful handwriting.

**Jayden B** for always listening and for being ready quickly for every lesson.

**Lucas G** for always completing set tasks to a very high standard.

**Abby B** for settling in to your new school beautifully and working so hard.

**Emily W** for working hard in class and setting a great example for others.

### Library Award

**Wombats** for being well mannered in Library lessons.

### Parent Information Afternoon

Each class will run a 30min session at the following times so that you can attend more than one class if necessary.

Prep – 2	2.40pm- 3.10pm
Year 3 & 4	3.15pm- 3.45pm
Years 5 & 6	3.50pm- 4.20pm

### From the Library

Borrowing started well over the last couple of weeks. A reminder that Prep students may borrow 1 book each week and Year 1-6 may borrow 2. Books become overdue after 2 weeks and a small slip of paper will be given to the children with their name and the title of the overdue books. Lost books must be paid for and children may borrow again when all books have been returned. Letters will be sent to parents when books are very overdue. Thank you for encouraging your children to be responsible for their borrowing, returns and care of library books.

Lyndell Roberts  
Teacher Librarian

### Chappy at Chats

## Kids Club and Kids Club Junior

Kids Club Junior is a lunchtime club for students who are in Year 1 to 3 and the group will meet each Monday during the second break commencing Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. The group eat their lunch together, then play games and learn about stories of the Bible. All children are welcome to attend but Parental Permission needs to be given for a child to be involved. Forms indicating parental permission will be available from me next week or from the office.

Kids Club is a lunchtime Club for students in Years 4 to 6 and this group meets during the first break on Thursdays commencing on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. Students bring their lunch, play games and learn about God and the Bible. Parental permission needs to be given for a child to be involved and forms will be available next week from me or from the office.

If you would like further information about these clubs, please don't hesitate to contact me or make a time to meet with me.

## Parent Connect

Parent Connect is a time for parents to connect with other parents and chat together. Next Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February at 2 pm, parents are welcome to meet other parents in the Library. Refreshments will be provided

## MAD for Life

Yesterday, the students in Year 5 and 6 watched a media presentation called MAD for Life. The essence of the program was to encourage students to make choices which allow them to make the most of life. We can go through life allowing happen-chance to determine our future, or we can live a more deliberate life, making conscious decisions about what actions to take and preparing ourselves to take our place in shaping the type of community we want to part of. This allows us to take control of our own destiny. I hope all of our students will be MAD for Life and reach their potential.

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.au](mailto:karenk@chappy.org.au)

- Please note that the email address listed last newsletter was incorrect.

Chappy Karen

## From the Guidance Officer

This is my first item for the newsletter for 2015. School has commenced for two weeks now and the classes look very settled generally on my visits to see children and teachers around the school. Sometimes some children can feel anxious about the school day especially if they are new children to the school in prep or other grades and /or if there are any changes in school or family situations, if they are unwell, have not had enough sleep and other reasons. Sometimes some children settle quickly in the beginning weeks and experience a 'honeymoon period' and then display difficulties coming to school later on. If interested I will leave some copies of an article on "Worries and Anxieties: Helping Children to Cope" in the Office to collect. Sometimes if a child is so anxious that they can't cope on a regular basis more specialist help may be needed. Most times children will settle with time, patience, encouragement and a regular school routine.

Jenny Hickey- Guidance Officer [Mondays & Tuesdays] PH: 34892222



## **Sensei Says**

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Konnichi wa! Did you know this means 'hello' as well as 'good afternoon' in Japanese?  
My name is **Bullen Sensei** and I teach Japanese at Chatswood Hills State School **Monday-Thursday**. My classroom is located next to the library, near our fabulous

new Japanese garden – which is now up and running so please come for a wander and perhaps a sit in the tranquil garden.

In 2015, our year 5 and 6 students will study Japanese for 90 minutes per week, our year 4's for 60 mins per week and our year 3's will have Japanese cultural studies for 30 minutes per week. The year 4 to 6 cohorts will be assessed and reported on mid-year and end-of-year through the usual reports card process. Look out for a newsletter from me for your student's year level which will be coming home very soon explaining in more detail their learning pathway for 2015.

If you and your family do enjoy Japanese food and culture then there is **Kisaragi-Sai** – Brisbane's February Festival of Japan being held in **Roma Street Parklands** this **Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> February** from **12pm to 6pm**.

There will be music and dance, bonsai experts, handmade goods, martial arts displays and cultural workshops with pop-up food stalls from some of Brisbane's top Japanese restaurants. I will be attending with my kids so if you are there come and say 'konnichi wa'.

Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime for information ([kbull6@eq.edu.au](mailto:kbull6@eq.edu.au)) – whether it be about your student's learning or perhaps you would like some ideas and hints about a family trip to Japan!

Sayounara from Bullen Sensei



### Interschool Sport

All students from Year 5 & 6 have selected their sports for Friday afternoons. Sport choices were League, Netball, Boys Soccer and Cheerleading. Costs for Soccer, Netball and League is \$83 for 12 weeks and Cheerleading \$85. Sport starts on March 6<sup>th</sup>

and ends on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Permission notes should be out shortly.

### Sport House Captain Elections

Year 5 & 6 students were given nomination forms on Wednesday for Sport Captain speeches which will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 1.45pm.

### PE Lessons

Students from Prep to Year 6 have been participating in Fitness lessons during PE in preparation for our whole school crosscountry on 24<sup>th</sup> March. Activities include fitness circuits and mini bootcamps.

### Logan District Sport Trials

District trials are fast approaching for a number of sports. AFL, touch, league and netball trials will be held over the next few weeks.

### Student Resource Scheme Prep- Year 3

A reminder that the Student Resource Scheme is due now. Statements will be sent out next week for those who have not paid. Full payment of \$130 or Term 1 payment of \$45 per child can be made by internet or at the payment window Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 8am-10am. If you do not wish to take part in this scheme please see the office for a booklist ASAP.

### Lost Property

We have had a car key and a pair of reading glasses handed in to the office. Please contact us if you are missing these.

### P & C News

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

### 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.

\* 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@chathills.eq.edu.au](mailto:PandCUniformshop@chathills.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**

Order forms have now been sent home. Once ordered the shirts take approx 7-10 weeks for delivery therefore a strict cut off date is essential. Forms are due back to the tuckshop by Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Shirts start at size 10 and can go up to 24.

### **Bookclub**

'Welcome back to the start of 2015. The first issue of the new-look Scholastic Bookclub went out to all classes last week. Each new edition now has its own year level and Extra selections! All orders and monies need to be returned to the tuckshop by Monday 16th February. No cash in the house, no problem! Credit card payments can be paid directly on the Scholastic website. All details are on the back page of all catalogues. Any questions or queries please contact Esther Daley on 0413222364.

### **School Banking**

If you miss the bank bag in your class on Thursday mornings please drop the bank book off at the office.

### **Community News**

### **The Queensland Academies**

The Queensland Academies - Health Sciences Campus (Southport) will be holding a Community Open Day on Saturday 28th February from 10am until 1pm. There will be fun and interactive activities, a parent seminar, student led campus tours and 2016 enrolment information from the Campus Principal. All are welcome to attend. You can RSVP online at <http://www.qa.eq.edu.au/rsvp>

### **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.