It was encouraging to see lots of parents and family members attending the teacher – parent information afternoon sessions last week. This year we trialled having them earlier in the afternoon rather than the later evening sessions. Teachers reported back to me that they felt we actually had a few more attending than previous years.

The way we communicate in today’s world has changed and our class teachers are happy to supply their Education Queensland email addresses to families so correspondence can also happen this way. Many classes send home their own fortnightly, or in some cases, weekly newsletter to keep you in the loop about learning at school. If you weren’t able to attend last week can I encourage you to make an appointment with your child’s teacher so you can find out all about the exciting learning happening here at Chatty, and also discover the various ways you can assist to help your child succeed. It is always wonderful to see so many parent helpers in classrooms across the school on a daily basis. I know that quite a number of parents arrive around 2pm in the afternoon to collect their children. I’m sure your child’s teacher would love it if you spent some of this waiting time in the room reading with our children or helping out in another way. Your support is greatly appreciated.

At recent assemblies I have been talking to the students about the importance of goal setting to assist them with their learning. Most class teachers are in the process of negotiating learning goals with their students based on their current level of learning. Generally each student will have a literacy and numeracy goal and in some instances a behaviour or personal goal as well. Last week I met with two students from our year 5 Macleay classroom and they proudly shared with me the progress that they had made towards their personal goals. Annika has grown in confidence this year as a result of the goal setting process and described in detail to me how she set about achieving this. She acknowledged the support of her mother as well as her class teacher in being able to develop her self-confidence. Lexie outlined to me the steps she has taken to improve her concentration during class time and to remain more focused this year. Her father was most impressed when I called him to let him know the mature approach his daughter had adopted to the goal setting process. To be successful at Chatswood Hills our students should be able to answer these questions: How am I Going? Where am I going? Where to next with my learning? Please discuss your child’s learning goals with them and most importantly also ask what strategies they are going to use in order to achieve them? Goal setting leads to success!

On Thursday and Friday of this week I will be attending the State Principals’ conference in at the Brisbane Convention Centre. Every state school principal from across Queensland will be there so I’m hoping we come away with some innovative ideas to improve our schools. The previous conferences I’ve attended have been both rewarding and demanding. They are usually two jam packed days with presenters and workshop sessions, so if I’m looking a little tired by the end of our disco on Friday night, I’m sure you will understand why.

Yours in Education
David Teale
Principal

From the Acting Deputy

This Friday we will have our first disco of the year. The students are very excited about attending and many of the students have asked me questions about the disco. A flyer went home with the youngest in the family last
Friday. This year we will have a Prep to Year 2 disco and a separate Year 3 to Year 6 disco. The first disco is for our younger students and runs from 4:30pm – 6:00pm. If you are a parent of a Prep student we do require you to stay at the disco, this is a great time to catch up with other parents and see your little ones interact with their peers. Students in Year 1 and 2 can be dropped off and picked up, but parents are always welcome to stay and we might even get you up for a dance!

The second disco is slightly later and runs from 6:15pm - 7:45pm. This allows a 15 minute change over between the two discos. All students from Years 3 – 6 will be supervised by our staff. To assist us with getting out on time, can we please ask parents to pick students up at 7:45pm?

The cost of the disco is $5 per child. We will have some snacks and glow products available to purchase if you choose to send a little extra money with your child. Our sausage sizzle is only for the Junior Disco and will be prepared by our wonderful P&C volunteers. All money raised from the disco will go towards purchasing more resources for the school.

On another note, we will have our school photos taken at school on Wednesday 11th March. This year we have booked Silver Rose Photography to take our photos. Class photos will be taken as a group and there is an option for you to purchase individual and sibling photos. Notes about ordering and the cost of these photos will be sent home shortly. All payments are to be made on the day the photos are taken using the envelopes we provide to you. Students are required to wear their formal uniforms for photo day. If you don’t have a formal shirt for your child this may be the perfect time to pop into our School Uniform Shop to purchase one.

Regards
Trina Wilhelmsen
Acting Deputy Principal

**Principal Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly:

**Sam M** for writing in paragraphs and always being ready to work and learn and help others.

**Seth H** for outstanding classroom performance.

**Dion A** for consistently working well at the start of the school year.

**Levi H** for working diligently on all set tasks.

**Tiana P** for an excellent start to English this term.

**Nathan S** for always working to the best of your ability.

**Olivia S** for outstanding concentration and hard work.

**Jorja C** for always working to the best of your abilities and making great improvements with your writing.

**Kaleb A** for outstanding spelling results.

**Olivia J** for outstanding results in reading comprehension.

**Kassidy T** for working hard and being an excellent role model.

**Jesse M** for applying yourself when working and attempting extra “challenges”.

**Elijah S** for settling well into your Prep class and always trying.

**Madi B** for always giving your best effort to every task in class.

**Payton C** for a fantastic retell of Lucey Goosey.

**Eadith M** for using excellent work habits and always using manners.

**Oliver O** for always trying your best during writing lessons.

**Elliejoy C** for consistently working hard to achieve your learning goals.

**Talia P** for trying hard to remember to put your hand up and not call out.

**Ciara-Le H** for outstanding reading in Prep.

**Nya D** for trying hard to improve your learning habits in the classroom.

**Holly S** for always doing your best.

**Emily P** for designing a creative game in technology and for always working well.

**Summer W** for participating consistently in class discussion.

**Library Award**

**Wallabies** for using their best manners in the Library.

**Citizenship Awards.**

Congratulations to the following students who were given these awards for following our 4C’s.

**Evie F** for Koalas
Kids Club is a lunchtime Club for students in Grades 4 to 6 and this group meets during the first break on Thursdays commencing on Thursday the 26th 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 are available 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. On Thursday the 19th of March at 2 pm, parents are welcome to meet other parents in the Library. Our Behaviour Support Teacher, Doreen Percy will attend and she will answer questions from parents regarding behaviour. Refreshments will be provided.

SU Holiday Camps

Tomorrow marks the halfway point of the term as the year flies by ever so quickly. The holidays are fast approaching and Scripture Union have some wonderful children’s camps available for the Easter school break. If you are interested please see me or log on to the Scripture Union to access more information.

Here are two camps that are happening during the Easter School Holidays.

Logan Cluster Camp

Dates - 07/04/15 - 11/04/15
Cost - $275
Grades - 5-10
This camp is being held at Burleigh Heads and it is especially for students from the Logan Area. There will be time to learn to surf, paddle board, swim, shop, play indoor/outdoor games and to go bowling. There will be holiday fun and learning more about the Bible.

Gents Ignition Camp

Date 13/04/15 – 17/04/15
Cost - $230
Grades – 5-7
For - Boys only!
Gents ignition is an action packed camp for boys only. There will be awesome activities like tubing behind a jet boat, BMX riding and epic nerf gun battles. There will also be spiritual input sessions, Death By Glowstick and everyone’s favourite Bring ‘Em Back Alive. Which tribe will win in 2015? Only one way to find out – come on Gents Ignition Easter 2015!

Email karenk@chappy.org.au

Chappy Karen

From the Library

Library Monitors are Year 6 volunteers who help in the Library. They are rostered on one day a week and assist us with shelving, computers, DVDs, games and iPads as well as preparing books for cataloguing. Our 2015 Library Monitors are Jaimee, Zac, Shaylen, Jolene, Taleisha-Lee, Jade, Ebony, Jazlyn, Taylor, Alex, Stuart, Paige, Lisa, Marielle, Delta, Samantha, Kirra, Kial, Supuk, Reece and Nicole. Congratulations and thank you for volunteering.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

Sensei Says …

Did you know ‘Sensei’ means ‘Teacher’? Anyone who has learned a skill and teaches it is a Sensei. The teacher’s last name is said first. Eg. Bullen Sensei, Teale Sensei, Roberts Sensei.

As many of you already know the Chinese New Year was celebrated last week, with this year being the year of the sheep. Japan also has a zodiac system in which there are 12 animals who ‘look after’ a year at a time. The say if you were born during a particular year you will have some of the personalities of that year’s animal. So do you have any sheep in your family? They could have been born in the following years: 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003 or 2015. If so, their inherited ‘personalities’ could include: artistic, gentle, tender-hearted, elegant, loving, charming or compassionate???

Lastly, thank you to all the students and their families who went and checked out the Japanese festival at the Roma Street Parklands 2 weeks ago, it was great to see lots of students there. Unfortunately, they had a much bigger turnout of people then what they had expected and this made lines for the great Japanese food very long and some of the stalls were sold out in the first 2 hours. Hopefully you were able to enjoy the Japanese drumming and maybe see the Japanese dancers. It was their first year running this festival so I’m sure next year will be bigger and better.

Sayounara
Bullen Sensei

Student Resource Scheme Prep- Year 3

A reminder that the Student Resource Scheme is now overdue. Statements will be sent out soon 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, a pair of reading glasses and a boys wallet handed in to the office. Please contact us if you are missing these.

Payment Window

The payment window will be closed on Wednesday 11th March and Wednesday 18th March.

Internet Payment

We have had an amount of $65 deposited in to our bank account on 23rd Feb with no details attached. If you made this deposit please contact the office with proof of payment.
Welcome to a new, exciting year at Chatswood Hills!!
The P&C has lots of fun things planned for over the year. Term 1 the first discos will be held along with the Cross Country, see below for details. Later in the year we are planning our school Fete, to be held on 12th September from 3pm-7.30pm. Keep the time free!!!

All Fundraising efforts in 2015 will be put towards finishing the hall with Audio Visual and Lighting components. Please help us get this long term project finalised!

Discos
This Friday, 27th February we are having a sausage sizzle during the junior disco (4.30-6pm). Sausages will be $2.50, drinks $2 each. Glow Products, poppers and packets of chis will also be for sale. We are looking for some helpers to make this successful, if can spare anytime please contact Judi on 0402 147 278 or email us (address above).

School Cross Country Run
The Cross Country will be held on 24th March. In conjunction with this fundraising forms will be sent home to sponsor each child running. Every participant that raises a minimum of $10 can choose a prize. Forms will be sent home in the first 2 weeks of March. If you have any questions please contact Danielle on 0402 288 597.

Ritchies Community Benefit
When shopping at Ritchies and by using a community benefit card/tag linked to Chatswood Hills State School then Ritchies will donate money back to us. These cards/tags can be used at ANY Ritchies store throughout Vic, NSW and Qld by staff, students and their families, grandparents, neighbours and so on. Our closest store is Ritchies IGA in Daisy Hill. If you would like to support our school and you don’t already have a CB card/tag please fill in the form below and we will send one already linked to us to your child’s class or alternatively please collect one at the registers next time you shop at ANY Ritchies store. All you do is nominate Chatswood Hills State School, it’s that easy! Use your card or tag every time you shop, even if you only purchase a couple of items it all adds up.

So far our school has received $8,079.13 from Ritchies by our staff and families shopping at a Ritchies store and nominating our school to benefit. This is an easy way for us to raise funds with no costs involved!

Tuckshop Orders
Tuckshop is open everyday for orders 1st break and 2nd break, and sell over the counter at 2nd break. (Prep classes will be able to access the tuckshop from term 2). Please ensure orders are placed in the classroom boxes first thing in the morning. If you need a price list please see the tuckshop or email the P&C with your child’s name and class. Each break needs a separate bag and order. We have reusable tuckshop bags for sale for for $10 each, in a range of colours. Available at the tuckshop and uniform shop.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be open every Thursday morning inside the hall, 8.00am – 8.45am. If you can’t make it to the shop, email orders (and enquiries) to pandcuniformshop@chathillss.eq.edu.au with your order (including size), payment details and your child’s name and class and orders will be delivered to the classroom.

P&C Meeting
Our next meeting is to be held on Monday, 9th March, 6.30pm in the school administration block. Everyone is welcome to attend! This will be our AGM when all Executive and Committee Positions become vacant.

The P&C always welcomes new members/helpers and suggestions. If you would like to be involved, please fill in
your details below and give to a P&C Representative, hand in at the office or email your details to us.

**School Banking**

Well hasn’t Chatswood Hills State School started off with a bang participating in the School Banking Program for 2015. Welcome to our new school bankers beginning their financial journey and learning how to manage their money. Just a reminder that at times I may forget to add tokens or give additional tokens, do not panic as the system is automated so you won't miss out on your rewards. Parents would have noticed that the rewards redemption cards and a flyer telling how to participate in a chance to win a family trip to Disneyland have gone home.

Once your child has saved ten tokens fill in the Reward that they would like with their name, class room and student Identification Number.

Rewards this year are two per term.

As a new student to school banking you will be given a student I.D. or a new I.D coming from another school. It takes me a week or more depending if the student banks each week.

Over the next few week’s I will be sending out reminders to students who did school banking last year and as yet have not continued this year.

If you have any queries leave a note at the office.

So lets make this an outstanding year.

Terry Hodges
School Banking Co-Ordinator