

12th March, 2015

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMERS

Mar 17	Student Induction Ceremony
Mar 24	Cross Country
Mar 25	Grandparents Day
April 2	End of Term 1
April 20	Start of Term 2

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

The Principal's Perspective

I greatly appreciate all of the queries I had regarding my health after attending the recent Principals' Conference at the Brisbane Convention Centre. Unlike many of my colleagues I was fine and didn't suffer any ill effects as a result of the catering. This year's conference was really worthwhile and the speakers and workshops were great. It made me feel proud to reflect on our current school improvement agenda, and realise that the direction we are taking is perfectly aligned with all the research and findings of what makes a great school. Keys for CHSS were:

- Student learning is the central focus
- Teachers are understanding the need for feedback for themselves as well as students
- Goal setting for students has become a priority
- Pre-assessment determines how students access the curriculum
- Differentiation is a key improvement agenda item
- There is a focus on collaboration to enable innovation with Professional Learning Teams assisting this
- We have created time to learn with and from each other (CHIP)

This time last year I explained to the P&C why I spend so much of my day in classrooms working alongside teachers. I tell my leadership team that, "If

you expect it-You need to inspect it." You don't know you have a great school unless you are in it every day experiencing the quality teaching and learning occurring. The strategies we are currently employing across CHSS to improve student outcomes are a direct result of my classroom visits and observations. I know we are on the right track! The acronym CHIP stands for Chatswood Hills Interchange Program. This is a program whereby teachers are given timetabled release to go and visit another classroom and observe the teaching and learning process happening in that room. The teachers provide feedback to each other on what they saw and it is the professional discussion or 'interchange' of ideas that follows the visit that matters most. We have fabulous teachers across our school and they understand the need to work collaboratively and to learn with and from each other.

On Friday of next week we will be promoting the 2015 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. The National Day of Action provides a focus for schools and the wider school community, including parents and carers, to strengthen their everyday messages against bullying and violence. We are asking all students to get behind this campaign by wearing something **orange** next Friday. It is not a free dress day and if students are representing the school at interschool sport they must still bring along their uniform for this. It could be something as simple as an **orange** hair band or clip, shirt or bracelet. There is no fundraising involved. Teachers will be conducting a focused lesson on this topic during the day and reminding students to use our three step problem solving strategy to solve any conflict situations in our school. Your support of this initiative is appreciated and more information can be found by accessing this link: <http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/parents/index.html>

Yours in Education
David Teale
Principal

From the Acting Deputy

Our School Photo Day on Wednesday was a huge success. The students should be commended on their behaviour during class, group, individual and sibling photos. The staff at Silver Rose were very complementary of how well-mannered our students were on the day. Thank you to all of the

parents/carers for your assistance in ensuring that the students were in the correct uniform for this occasion. Next Tuesday afternoon we will have our Student Induction Ceremony at 1:50pm in the hall. This will be a whole school assembly to acknowledge and celebrate those students who have been selected to represent our school in a wide range of positions. Students who are receiving a badge at this ceremony are expected to wear their formal uniform. Next Wednesday our Year 6 students have been invited to attend Springwood High for a high school experience session. This visit is intended to allow the Year 6 students to see how a high school is organised and the types of activities that are offered. We believe this is a very beneficial activity as it can help alleviate some of the concerns our students have about transitioning into high school next year. Our students in Years 5 and 6 have also started interschool sport and social sports on a Friday afternoon. I have had some personal invitations from students to come and watch them play in their interschool sport teams, which is lovely. Over the season I look forward to seeing each of the teams play. There is a great deal of joy you can get out of seeing children compete in a sport that they love to play, parents/carers are always welcome to come along and support our teams. I am sure that the students would love to see us out there, cheering them on.

Regards

Trina Wilhelmsen

Acting Deputy Principal



Our School Leaders 2015

Marielle O (Vice Captain), Mathilda M (Captain) and Melody F (Captain) who will be among the recipients

to receive badges at the Student Induction Ceremony next Tuesday 17th March at 1.50pm.

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly:

Sebastian B for displaying determination in achieving your writing goal.

Sophie H for always trying your very best when writing.

Mia Y for great efforts with daily maths warm ups.

Rydell G for improvement in work habits.

B.J. T for striving to improve.

Nicholas G for consistently demonstrating a positive attitude toward your learning.

Riley J for working hard to achieve your goals and creating a fantastic persuasive text.

Aalisha A for always working well independently.

Andre C for working hard in your writing and using your common sense.

Koen P for an outstanding effort in story writing.

Amber K for excellent results in your health assessment.

Zoe W for always giving 100% effort in all class activities.

Jake W for outstanding effort in all subjects.

Amelia R for using your capitals and full stops.

Hayley R for your magnificent written retell about Blossom Possum.

Cassandra M for writing a fantastic imaginative retell in English.

Tayla C for always working so hard and trying your very best at all times.

Sophie B for outstanding journal writing using all your letters and sounds.

Eason C for working hard at all classroom activities.

Kylan M for outstanding attitude towards learning.

Charlotte C for an excellent retell of Lucy Goosey.

Ebony-Rose H for starting to participate in whole class discussions.

Abigail S for always ready for learning.

Britney B for an excellent effort with your reading.

Citizenship Awards

Mia G

Wombats

Ezekiel H

Quolls

Lola N

Wallabies

Kihan Z

Kingfishers

Jael P

Bilbies

Tia L	Platypus
Isabelle H	Geckoes
Ava P	Bandicoots
Connor K	Lorikeets
Abraham P	Kookaburras
Luke R	Koalas
Jake E	Emus

Library Award

Burleigh for fantastic library book borrowing.

Kingfishers for great Library listeners.

Chappy at Chats

Email karenk@chappy.org.au

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 air conditioned meeting room in the Library. A specialised behaviour teacher, Doreen Percy will attend and is happy to field questions from parents regarding behaviour. Refreshments will be provided.

Chappy Karen

Sensei Says ...

Did you know it is considered rude to blow your nose in public in Japan? Manners are super important in Japan. The Japanese word for 'excuse me' or 'sorry' is **sumimasen** (pronounced sue-me-ma-sen). This week the **Year 3 & 4** student's learnt all about 'Hinamatsuri' which is Girl's Day in Japan and is held on the 3rd of March. Families with daughters set up traditional doll displays that are handed down through the generations and pray for the health and happiness of their daughters. Students were able to make origami versions of the Emperor and Empress

dolls and create a little display for them.



This Tuesday was our first Japanese Penpal Club meeting for **Year 5 & 6** students. We had a great turnout of students and discussed what type of information we wanted to tell our penpal's. Next week, the students involved in this lunch time club will start to develop their Japanese profiles – they are very eager to send them off soon so we can match them up to a penpal in Japan!

Sayounara
Bullen Sensei

Crosscountry

All classes have a copy of times for the crosscountry on Tuesday 24th March attached to their windows. Due to many parents being present for Prep drop offs, their races are scheduled first up in the morning. 10, 11, 12/13yr races are at 9am as their races are the longest on the day and therefore would benefit from being run when it is not as hot. The younger students races are much shorter and therefore quicker- hence the time scheduled.

Our P & C have recently purchased coloured shade tents in the colours of our sports houses. These will be up on crosscountry day.

WHAT TO WEAR: Students are encouraged to wear their sports colour Tshirt and shorts (school ones or other)

Mars: Red, Venus: Green, Mercury: Blue, Pluto: Yellow.

Students run in the age they will be by the end of 2015.

Crosscountry Tuesday 24th March

Times: 8.45am	Prep
9.00am	12/13yrs, 11yrs, 10yrs
11.20am	8yrs, 9yrs
12.15pm	6yrs, 7yrs

1.45pm Relay crosscountry- students will be given time on the day to get a team of 4 runners in their age group, who are in their house, to compete 1 lap of the course as practised in PE lessons.(10yrs,11yrs,12/13yrs only)

Students run in the age group they will be turning by the end of the year. Younger students will need their age written on hand. Presentations will be given after each category.

Interschool Sport

Interschool sport started last Friday with students playing in Soccer, Netball, Rugby League Teams. Cheerleading welcomed a new coach from World Cup Cheer. Already Ben has made great progress with our team.

WHAT TO WEAR: All interschool & cheer students are to wear their school sports shirt to school with either their school shorts or school sport shorts. All students who received permission notes for sport had a letter attached with an order form to purchase our school sport shorts. These can be bought at the Uniform Shop on Thursday mornings between 8-9am. Soccer and League teams are given jerseys to wear for their games.

TIME FOR GAMES: The bell at school rings at 12.10pm for the students to move to the front of the school to board sport buses. Netball,& League share a bus and Soccer travel alone. At times the buses do not always return to school by 2.30pm. This was outlined in the permission notes.

Draws for Netball, League & Soccer will be posted on Facebook each week.

Jane Taylor
PE Teacher

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Mackenzie B, Riale B and Aalisha A for selection in the Logan Netball Team.

Congratulations to Khodi M, Zyohn W and Alarni K for selection in the Logan Touch Team.

Student Resource Scheme Prep- Year 3

A reminder that the Student Resource Scheme is now overdue. Statements have been sent out 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. Please be aware that your child will not be able to take part in any excursions until you are financially up to date. If you do not wish to take part in this scheme please see the office for a booklist ASAP.

Instrumental Music Program

Invoices have now been sent home for payment of this program. If you did not receive an invoice you can still make the payment at the payment window or via the internet. This program must be paid for before the end of the term.

Payment Window

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

Lost Property

We have a collection of items that have been handed in to the office. If you own any of them please call in at the office.

2 car keys, 2 girls purses, 1 boys wallet, girls bracelet, box of cards, a boys watch, a pair of glasses.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

School Banking

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a CommBank Youth Saver Account at any CommBank Branch. It is fun, interactive and an engaging way for children to learn about money and develop good saving habits. School Banking provides a great fundraising opportunity for our school. The commission earned goes back into your child's educational needs.

If you go to the CommBank web page look for a yellow band with "Look for Information" click on this and look for Download Activity Sheets and Materials. There are class activities or follow "The Bean Stalk", which is a resource to help Parents/ Carers teach children about saving, spending, sharing and earning money.

All students will have their Student I.D number, when you fill in or your child fills in their deposit book don't forget to put this number in. There has been a few overseas coins come into the children's deposit books. We do not accept overseas coins, you will notice they have been left in your child's deposit book and their deposit amount's changed to reflect this.

If you are running late on school banking day drop your child's deposit book at the office with their class name on it.

Don't forget our great Disneyland competition for 2 Adults and 2 Children with spending money, simply bank 25 times or more for a chance to win. On top of this competition organised by your School Banking Co-Ordinator and Principal there is another Prize/ Prizes for some lucky student/ students who have shown great saving habits throughout the year. So Chatswood Hills, lets get saving.

Your Happy School Banking Co-Ordinator
Terry Hodges

2015 Open Afternoon & School Tours



Open afternoon :-
Monday 23rd March between 3pm and 4.15pm

Principal school tour dates :-

- Monday 16th March
- Monday 30th March
- Monday 4th May
- Monday 18th May
- Monday 1st June
- Monday 15th June

These tours will be conducted at 9-10am on each Monday listed above.

Springwood State High School

Invites you to an Open Afternoon on Monday 23rd March between 3pm and 4.15pm, to showcase our Junior Secondary and Senior Schooling, Sports, The Arts and Extension Programs.

If you cannot make this time our Principal School Tours are an excellent option. Parents and students are provided with an opportunity to see first-hand our high quality learning and teaching program.



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