

4th June, 2015

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMERS

Jun 8	Queens Birthday Holiday
Jun 10	Sports Day Years 4-6
Jun 12	Interschool Sport ends
Jun 26	Last Day Term 2
July 13	Term 3 commences

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Acting Principal

Hello Parents and Carers

Safety in and around our school is a high priority for all students, families and staff. It is essential we have the full support of all families to ensure our students are waiting in and moving through the correct areas of the school.

I would like to remind everyone of a few basic safety messages.

Arrival at school before 8.15am

All students arriving at school before 8.15am are required to make their way to the undercover area at the tuckshop. Students must remain in this area until the 8.15am bell rings. They are then able to move to their classrooms ready to begin school at 8.30am.

Travelling by car to school

Students can be dropped off and picked up outside all school gates. It can be extremely dangerous for students when parents drive into the staff carparking area near the administration building. This is not a before or after school drop off or pick up off zone for parents to use.

Changes to parking signage in Gibbon Street

Logan City Council will soon be changing the street signage on one side of Gibbon Street. The new signs will identify an area of the street where a loading zone will be established. This will mean the length of street will be unavailable for parking between 8-9am and 2-3pm. Cars may stop in this area for 2 minutes maximum to drop off or pick up students.

School Watch

We need your help to look out for after-hours activity in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene.

Call the School Watch number - 131 788.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Let's work together to help create a safer school community.

Absences

Being at school every day counts. If your child is absent one day per week, this quickly adds up to two months of missed school in a year. Every day counts is an initiative aiming to improve attendance at school.

The initiative promotes four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

If your child is sick and unable to attend school please let us know.

You can call the absence line and leave a message (3489 2260) or you can email the school with the details info@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Winter has arrived @ CHSS

Winter has arrived, bringing cold and influenza (flu) season with it. Queensland Health's influenza page, www.qld.gov.au/flu, covers the symptoms, how to protect yourself and others from getting sick and treatment.

Our school is helping to prevent the flu from spreading by:

- encouraging children, staff and visitors to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough
- making tissues readily available and ensuring used tissues are disposed of immediately
- ensuring children and staff wash their hands regularly
- cleaning our facilities and resources regularly
- encouraging staff and children with flu-like symptoms to stay at home
- strongly urging staff and children who arrive with flu-like symptoms to instead stay at home and encouraging them to seek early medical advice.

If your child catches the flu, please seek medical advice, keep them home until they are feeling well again and don't forget to ring or email the school to let us know they will be away.

Kind Regards

Fiona Graham

Acting Principal

From the Acting Deputy

Thank you to everyone who support our school disco. Some of our students put a lot of effort into their costumes and it was pleasing to see how proud they were of their efforts when they entered the disco. It is nice to see everyone get into the spirit and enjoy events that are held at the school. The money raised from this event goes to the Student Council, towards the end of the year they will decide how to spend the money they have raised to leave a gift for the school on behalf of the Student Council of 2015. The behaviour of the students at both discos was

exemplary. A very big thank you to the P&C for their assistance during the disco and for providing the sausage sizzle.

Over the past weeks many of our students in the upper grades have had the opportunity to participate in events where they represented our school in a range of challenges. Since our last newsletter I am proud to announce that one of our teams that attended the Mabel Park Brain Day won the award of "Champion Team for Year 6". Chappy Karen attended the event with the students and was very proud of all of the students' efforts, in her words "all of the students represented Chatty very well, in every respect". Congratulations to all of the students who attended and participated in this event.

Recently I have had the pleasure of being asked into some of the classes across the school to teach Maths Problem Solving Skills to the students. I was impressed with all of the classes I worked with, the students put a lot of effort into the work they were asked to do and it was lovely to see how they worked in teams in their classrooms. All of the students at Chatswood Hills are working on their Problem Solving Skills in Mathematics. Your children may have even spoken to you about the process we are using to assist them with solving more challenging mathematical word problems. We are using Polya's Model (See, Plan, Do and Check) and introducing strategies to help them plan how to work out the trickier problems. So far we have introduced the strategy of "Act it Out". Using this strategy students are encouraged to use resources such as blocks, pictures and people to work out solutions to problems. What is really interesting is the various methods the students use to work out their answers and how well they can explain their thinking. Well done everyone! It was really lovely for me when I entered one class a couple of days after teaching them and a few students in the class asked, "when are you coming back to teach us again?" Please ask your children about the amazing work they are doing at the moment in mathematics.

University of NSW Testing

The UNSW Competition and Assessment for Schools is once again opened to anyone who would like to participate. These assessments are an independent assessment of student strengths, you are able to nominate your child to sit one or all of the assessments that are offered. Please be aware that there is a cost associated with these tests. Students around Australia and the Asia Pacific participate. Once the assessments have been sent in and marked the students receive a certificate acknowledging their level of achievement and an individual diagnostic report highlighting their strengths and weaknesses. Over recent years the school has performed well in these assessments and I would like to encourage our students to be involved. The dates for the UNSW tests and the closing dates for payment are as follows:

COMPETITION	SITTING DATE	CLOSING DATE FOR PAYMENT	COST
Science	Wednesday 3 June	closed	\$8
Writing	Monday 15 June	closed	\$17
Spelling	Tuesday 16 June	closed	\$11
English	Tuesday 28 July	Thursday 25 June	\$8
Mathematics	Tuesday 11 August	Thursday 25 June	\$8

If you have any questions about these tests please contact me.

Regards

Trina Wilhelmsen

Acting Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly:

Chaise G for having some GREAT answers during our Science discussion.

Zac J for always giving class activities a 'red hot go.'

Zhadae C for working well on your counting in 1s, 2s, and 5's and 10s up to 100.

Karma D for having a go at using sounds in your writing.

Taj M for showing amazing improvement in your reading strategies.

Jaimie T for being an enthusiastic independent learner with a beautiful smile!

Zoe F an improved work ethic and excellent reading.

April M for showing she can work independently.

Riley W for making a good effort to write neatly and not rush your work.

Chantell S for awesome writing during our work with character descriptions.

Rhiarna M for fantastic effort in Math.

Morell K for working hard in homework and reading.

Sophie A for an excellent effort in your persuasive writing.

Seth H for consistently working well in Maths and English.

Aaron D for creating a fantastic persuasive text that included 3 reasons which were supported with your own experiences and examples from the text.

Mia W for your newspaper article about Antarctica.

Taizy H for being a star student always trying your best and helping others.

Dylan E for an entertaining Hawkesbeak Turtle oral presentation.

Nakita S for beautiful presentation at your English report.

Tetoea K for working consistently hard in every subject.

Justin B for staying on task and working hard to complete your work.

Madelyn M for exceptional work in all areas of learning.

Oliver B for trying hard on every activity and working independently.

Sam M for always participating well in all learning areas.

Library Award

Platypus for a great focus on 'pink stories'.

Rainbow for a great listening focus on the “The Brothers Quibble” in National Simultaneous Storytimes.

Citizenship Award

Scarlett D	Koalas
Ellie F	Quolls
Lekyhia J	Wombats
Hannah K	Kingfisher
Aspen D	Wallabies
Jane S	Geckoes
Tyler R	Platypus
Hayden B	Emus
Mia H	Bandicoots
Tori M	Lorikeets
Ahlaynah-Rose A	Bilbies
Jamie S	Kookaburras
Josiah P	Currumbin
Shaylan B	Karragarra
Ally M	Rainbow
Ashleigh C	Russell
Maia C	Peel
Emma W	Tallebudgera
Jaoquin D	Noosa
Vai P	Macleay
Tegan H	Burleigh
Mantha K	Coolum
Sebastian B	Miami

Student of the Month-May

Lachlan W	Peel
Taleisha-Lee C	Karragarra
Lily M	Russell
Chloe B	Stradbroke
Ben O	Macleay
Jamie W	Moreton
Jackson B	Noosa
Keegan W	Tallebudgera
Montana A	Burleigh
Angelina G	Miami
Zoe W	Currumbin
Isaac T	Coolum
Kyair H	Rainbow
Emily P	Emus
Alex A	Kingfishers
Aolani H	Lorikeets
Mia C	Bilbies
Zachary K	Kookaburras
Molly W	Quolls
Brooke B	Wallabies

Bree A	Wombats
Eason C	Geckoes
Olivia K	Koalas
Ava P	Bandicoots
Luke A	Platypus

From the Guidance Officer

I am hoping to run another “1,2,3 It’s Magic and Emotion Coaching” Parent Course if we have enough interested parents. This is a three week course of 2 ½ hours each week. You receive a book to keep and refer to with the training. The course helps parents to develop clear expectations, engage children’s cooperation, develop some simple strategies to practice being a calm parent etc. It aims to train parents in learning to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years. The course costs \$10 and this is the price of the book to keep.

I could offer the course on 3 Mondays or Tuesdays from 9.00 to 11.30 or 3 Mondays or Tuesdays from 12.00 to 2.30. If you are interested could you leave your name, phone contact and days/times that suits you with the lovely ladies in the Office please. I will then see where there is interest. If you would like to know more about this program please give me a ring on PH: 34892222 on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Jenny Hickey- Guidance Officer

Chappy at Chats

Be Creative Day

Be Creative Day is a Free Dress Day being held on Thursday the 18th of June. Children in Free Dress are asked to donate a Gold Coin for the Chaplaincy Program at our school.

Children are invited to create something using –

- Paper or cardboard (could be 3D structure or painting or drawing)
- Wood (Paddlepop sticks, matchsticks or wood)
- Material or string
- Edible Art (Vegetable person, cupcakes or novelty cakes)

Prizes will be awarded for each grade level

Last year, I was amazed by the Loom Band Creations which far exceeded my expectations and look forward with anticipation to what the children will create this year.

Parent Connect

Parent Connect is a time for parents to connect with other parents and chat together. This week our Guidance Officer, Jenny Hickey shared useful strategies to help children who experience anxiety. Next Term we will meet in Weeks 4 and 8 on Thursday afternoon. Please let me know if you have any topics that you would like discussed.

Trash and Treasure

With the assistance of the P and C, I am collecting items for the Trash and Treasure stall which will be held at the School Fete. So why wait for spring, if you have items that you no longer use, please donate them to the school to sell at The Trash and Treasure Stall.

The items we are collecting are children's books, toys, clothes, books and Bric a brac. We are looking for clean, undamaged items that we will be able to sell. Please no junk.

Queensland Father of The Year

Fathers are people who often have a positive profound impact on their children. Do you know a father whose sacrifices go unnoticed? You can honour him today by nominating him for The Father of the Year. He could win a five night family holiday at Sea World Resort and Water Park and the Gold Coast's Favourite Theme Parks.

For information or to nominate a spectacular Father go to qldfatheroftheyear.org.au.

Nominations close on the 17th of July.

Brain Day

Brain day was a day held at Mabel Park State High school where students in Grades 5 and 6 from local primary schools attended to complete a series of investigations involving Physics with marshmallows and toothpicks, Chemistry with Oobleck, Solar Energy using solar grasshoppers and lamps and finally Fossils with playdough and wax. Fourteen students from Chatswood Hills represented our school and competed in four teams. All students

represented our school well demonstrating character, cooperation in teams and participating to the best of their ability.

My favourite activity was where the students made Oobleck, a non-Newtonian fluid which acts like a liquid when poured but like a solid when force is acting on it.





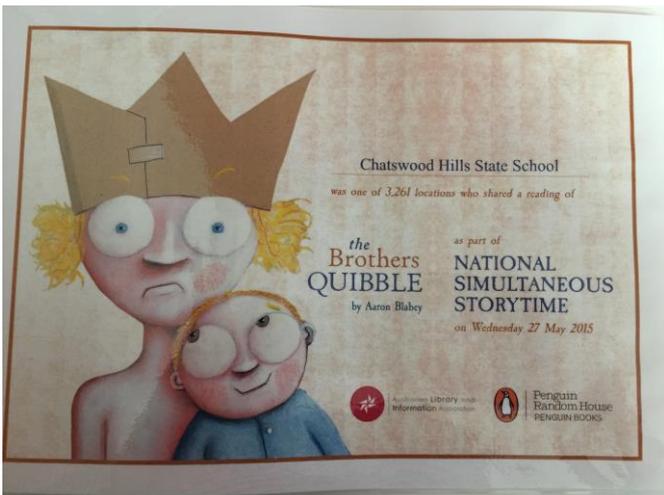
Congratulations to Melody, Matilda and Nicholas who were awarded the Champion Year 6 Team on the day.

Chappy Karen (Email - karenk@chappy.org.au)

From the Library

On Wednesday 27 May Chatswood Hills State School was one of 3261 locations who shared a reading of *The Brothers Quibble* by Aaron Blabey. Although our reading was done in library lessons on other days as well, Prep to Year Six enjoyed the book equally and many could relate to welcoming a new baby brother or sister home and how it made them feel to have to share Mum and Dad. It's not too late to watch it being read online and join the 500,000 who participated in this event.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian



URGENTLY REQUIRED

HOST FAMILIES

FOR
JAPANESE STUDENTS

from
ACOSTA Primary group (10-14 years old)

Arrival: Wednesday 12 Aug
Departure: Wednesday 19 Aug

*****2 students per family*****

Attending **Chatswood Hills State School** on weekdays
Free to spend the weekend and afternoons with the family

Host Family Requirements:

- No other Japanese person is staying with the family
- 3 meals per day
- Own bed, but can share a room
- Over 18's hold Blue Card or willing to apply through us
- Safe travel to and from school

\$465 will be paid to Host Families to cover the cost
Friendly Bilingual Support Available (24h/7d)

Please contact your school or the organising company for further information,

AUSTRALIA JAPAN STUDY PROGRAMME (AJSP)

Email: ajspmari@gmail.com

Phone: 0432 219 811 (Mari)

www.ajsp.net.au

Mako Cup

Last Monday the Chatswood Hills Year 6 boys soccer team competed in a one day soccer carnival at Marsden High School. Although the boys did not win many games on the day- they did win their finals playoff. The boys enjoyed playing their games in a full sized field.

Thank you to their coach Miss Hawker.

Cheerleading

On the 12th June the Chatswood Cheer Team will be competing at the Logan Metro Sports Centre in the Australian Oceanic Preliminary Cheer Finals. The girls had their first training on a full cheer floor at John Paul College on Tuesday in readiness for the competition. Thank you to our mums for driving the girls.

Good luck to our Chatty Chazzas!.

Senior Sports Day

Year 3-6 students will be participating in our Sports Day on Wednesday 10th June. Students are to wear their House Sport Colours. Events include 100m, ball games, tabloid events, relays and tug of war. Students compete in the age group they will be turning this year for 100m and their year level on other events.

Jane Taylor
HPE Teacher

Instrumental Music Program

All invoices for this program have now been sent home. Please make payment as soon as possible. Payment must be finalised before the end of term. Reminder statements have been sent out this week.

Student Resource Scheme Prep- Year 3

If you are paying the Student Resource Scheme in instalments the Term 2 payment is now due. If you have not paid any of your resources as yet please do so as soon as possible. Statements were sent out last week. Your child/ren will be unable to attend any excursions if the resources are not up to date.

Internet Payments

If you are paying for excursions by the internet please make sure the payment is made **no later than 2 days prior** to the due date of payment. This is to ensure that we receive the payment on time so your child does not miss out on going on the excursion.

Lost Property

We have had a asthma puffer, a child's reading glasses, a pair of sunglasses, A packet of rubber bands a child's watch and another watch handed into the office. Please collect if you have misplaced any of these.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

School Banking

On the 25th May Chatswood Hills State School was visited by Michelle Bourke and Dollarmite Addie from the Commonwealth Bank School banking program. They presented a cheque for commission our School has received during Term 1. This commission goes back into your children's learning needs.

What we as co-ordinators offer to your children is learning how to save, manage your child's money through activities on the CommBank web site. When they earn ten tokens (our version of interest) they can redeem them for great rewards. If you go on annual holidays early just leave your deposit and your child's funds with us and your child can continue to bank. Further if you have a student at Chatswood Hills and another in High School and they want to continue their banking journey just attach the deposit books together..

If you have undertaken School Banking previously and wish to continue and have lost your banking wallet and deposit book just leave a note at the office or on the Chatty Mum's Web page. If you are moving schools and your child continues then you need to tell the new School Banking co-ordinator how many tokens your child has so they can be transferred over and re-issued with a new student identification number.

And don't forget the great competition that the School Banking program hold's each year. So let get banking and have financial security

Terry Hodges
School Banking Co-ordinator.

