

18th June, 2015

CHATTY'S DATE CLAIMERS

| | |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| Jun 23 | Under 8's Day |
| Jun 24 | Daniel Morcombe Foundation visit |
| June 25 | Pizza Day |
| Jun 26 | Last Day Term 2 |
| July 13 | Term 3 commences |

STUDENT ABSENT LINE 3489 2260

From the Acting Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Next week, Semester One student progress reports will be distributed to parents. It is important that parents take the time to read through the report card, identifying the areas of achievement and areas for their child's future improvement. I also encourage parents to pay particular attention to the effort grades for each subject and support their children to continually try their hardest at school. Parent / teacher conferences will be held next term. I encourage all parents to engage in this process to ensure that they are well informed and well positioned to support their child's learning throughout the remainder of the school year.

I would like to once again thank all parents for their support of the school uniform policy. Now that we are in the midst of the cooler months, it is important to remind the school community that students must wear the Chatswood Hills State School jumper / jacket or a plain navy blue jumper. Coloured jumpers and / or jumpers with hoods are not permitted at any time.

School Opinion Survey

Every year Education Queensland conduct a School Opinion Survey. In 2015 this survey will be conduct in-line. All families are provided with a confidential survey form with a one-use code for completing the

survey on line. The instructions on completing the survey are included in the letter coming home to all families next week. The letter contains the web address as well as links for more information. The survey will be available until 31 July.

Academic Parade

On Monday June 22nd at 1.45pm we will be holding our Semester One Awards parade. Parents are invited to attend and join us to celebrate the excellent academic, cultural and sporting achievements of our very talented students.

Thank you and Goodbye

I would like to thank the students, staff and community for your very warm welcome and the many interesting conversations I have had during this term. Mr David Teale will return to the Principal position at Chatswood Hills in Term Three and I will return to my school at the Gold Coast. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with your school community and wish you all a very successful remainder of the year.

Kind Regards

Fiona Graham

Acting Principal

From the Acting Deputy

The end of the term is fast approaching, the students have been involved in so many fantastic things throughout the term. Report Cards will be going home on the last Thursday of term. I hope that both the parents and students are pleased with the results and comments written on the reports. We have organised double copies of report cards for the families who require them. The children will bring the report home to the parent they are going home with on Thursday afternoon. If you require the other copy, please pop into the office and pick it up or alternatively call us and if you do not live nearby we can organise for it to be posted or emailed to you.

Today we celebrated Chaplaincy Week, it was a fantastic day. The children certainly look different out of their school uniforms and together they raised \$630 to support our school Chaplaincy Program. The "Be Creative Day" was a huge success and the art

work was displayed in the hall for all classes to see, there are certainly many talented artists among us. Next week we will have a special parade on Wednesday at 11am. The P&C have organised for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation to come and speak to our students. The children are allowed to wear a red t-shirt or jumper on this day to show their support for this worthy foundation. Please note that this is not a free dress day. Parents are welcome to attend this event. Later this year the Student Council will organise a support day for “Day for Daniel”, more information about this event will be given closer the date.

During our first week back we will be celebrating NAIDOC week. The teachers have organised a range of cultural activities for students, this event will happen during the first two hour session on Friday 17th July.

I hope you all enjoy the break from making school lunches and washing uniforms over the holidays. I know I certainly will. I look forward to hearing about the students’ holidays when we return to school on Monday 13th July.

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:

Bailey V for always completing set tasks and for using full steps in your writing.

James B for using excellent work habits that have helped you achieve your writing goals.

Sohl D for working hard in class time.

Alex S for working towards your writing goal using punctuation correctly.

Tanemi S for using your sight words and the pictures to do excellent reading in reading groups.

Poorvika S for making a great start at CHSS.

Lenny C for focussing on your work and always giving it your best.

Lincoln C for always participating in all class activities.

Shaeden A for working hard to write neatly and managing your time well in class.

Jaspar D for a creative alternative character description.

Malachi S for presenting beautiful work.

Library Award

Quolls for asking interesting questions about the information book “Emu”.

Citizenship Awards

| | |
|------------|------------|
| Charlize R | Geckoes |
| Toby P | Bilbies |
| Leena A | Lorikeets |
| Noah T | Bandicoots |

Students of the Month June

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| Maia C | Peel |
| Seth H | Karragarra |
| Michaela T | Russell |
| Paige M | Stradbroke |
| Lexie M | Macleay |
| Ella N | Moreton |
| Danny K | Noosa |
| Tiana P | Tallebudgera |
| Madelyn M | Burleigh |
| Montana K | Miami |
| Josiah P | Currumbin |
| Jack R | Coolum |
| Ally M | Rainbow |
| Emma H | Emus |
| Kihan Z | Kingfishers |
| Emily W | Lorikeets |
| Tayla C | Bilbies |
| Jamie S | Kookaburras |
| Casey B | Quolls |
| Gabrielle K | Wallabies |
| Tegan J | Wombats |
| Caitlin D | Geckoes |
| Caleb K | Koalas |
| Masen B | Bandicoots |
| Tia L | Platypus |

From the Guidance Officer

Sometimes times can be very tough and difficult for families. For your information a new Government service exists called Family and Child Connect. You may have seen the Stronger Families advertisement on TV. Family and Child Connect gives families a hand to get back on track by connecting them to the services they need. Anyone can call Family and Child Connect for advice and

information. If your family or someone you know needs help, call 13FAMILY or 13 32 64, visit your nearest F.A.C.C office or call 3441 3030- Logan

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”

Wow! Wow! Wow!

Thank you to all the children and teachers who display their creative artworks. The creations were amazing!

Thank you to Julie Booth and Suzanne Fisher for helping with the set up.

The judges had the challenging task of selecting the winners and these will be announced on Monday. I hope the children enjoyed touring the display and seeing the artworks of others. Perhaps they gained some ideas for holiday projects.

\$630 was raised for the Chaplaincy Program and these funds will be used later in the year for a whole school event.

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



From the Library

Readers Cup

On Tuesday 16th June, I had the pleasure of taking five students to Algester State School for the annual Brisbane South Readers Cup 5/6 competition in which twenty-seven schools competed. Each team member had to read six books and answer questions. Congratulations to Aneisha, Jazlyn, Lily, Matilda and Mia who placed third behind Dutton Park and Redeemer. We also won two books for the library for participating in Readers Cup for 10 years or more and one for placing in the top ten. Thank you to Simone Ceder for transporting the team. They were presented with bronze medals by guest author David Cox. A great result!



Author Karen Tyrell will be launching her new book *Harry Helps Grandpa Remember* with a pantomime on Saturday 20 June at 10am in the Logan North Library. Take the time to visit and borrow books for great holiday reading.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

Under 8's Day

Our Under Eights activity day will take place on Tuesday, June 23. This year's theme is 'Children's Voices: look, Listen, Hear and Respond'. All students from P-2 will participate in one of two sessions of activities set up in and around the hall. The morning session will run from 9:00am until 10:25am and will involve students from Geckoes, Koalas, Platypus, Bandicoots, Lorikeets, Bilbies and Wallabies.

The second session will run from 11:15am until 12:40pm. Kingfishers, Emus, Kookaburras, Quolls and Wombats will be participating in this session. Parents are invited to come along and join their child/children in enjoying these special activities.

Senior Sports Day

Congratulations to all students who participated in our Annual Interhouse Sports Day last Wednesday. Lots of activities were completed by students in year 3-6- all with great team spirit.

Our final championship event- the 200m, will be completed as soon as the weather clears.

Athletics Age Champion Trophies and our Sports Shield will be presented on parade on Monday.

Thank you to all who were involved and to the P&C for putting up our sports tents.

Cheerleading

Congratulations to our Chatty Chazza Cheer Team for their wonderful 2nd placing at the Brisbane Preliminary Finals of the Oceanic Cup Competition at Logan Metro Sport Centre on Friday.

Thank you to Ben our coach, to our parent supporters and most of all to our girls for a great performance.

Interschool Sport

Semester 1 interschool sport ended last Friday. Our 2nd semester nominations will be happening this week.

Sport choices are- Social Sport (no cost), AFL boys/girls and Mixed Touch. Cheerleading will not be offered. Travel sports will again cost -\$80-\$85. If numbers are not sufficient, that sport will be withdrawn.

Interschool sport is offered to Year 5 and 6 students.

QLD Volleyball Cup

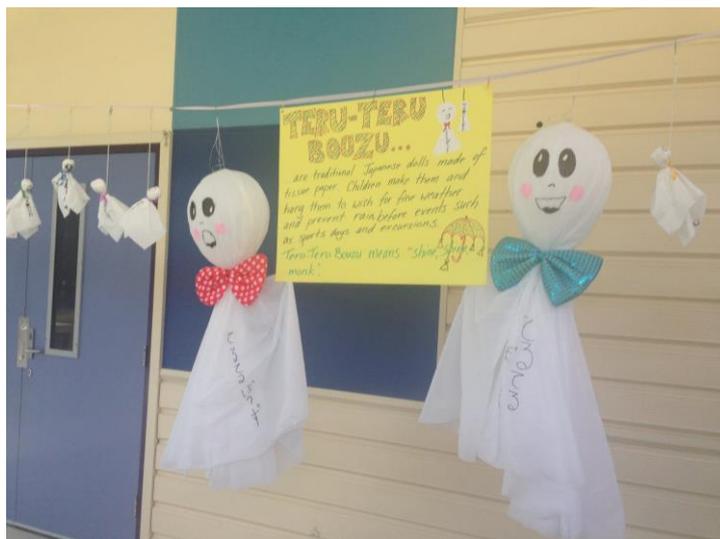
Students in Year 5 & 6 will be invited to sign up for the QLD Volleyball Primary Schools Cup held at Craigsleigh High School in August. There is a cost involved and this is determined by the number of competitors. Training will commence after the holidays.

Jane Taylor
HPE Teacher

Sensei Says ...

Did you know that 'moshi moshi' means 'hello' – but is only used when answering the phone. At other times you can stick with 'konnichi wa' for hello.

Thank you so much to all our wonderful Chatswood families who have offered to host Japanese students in August. I've forwarded on all your forms to Mari from the AJSP who will contact you and arrange for an interview time – I know some of you have already heard from her. We are still accepting forms so if you'd like to host and haven't got a form yet you can collect one from the office or myself.



Last week, the year 3 and 4 students learnt all about 'Teru Teru Bouzu' which are traditional Japanese dolls made of tissue paper. Children make them and hang them up to wish for fine weather and prevent rain before special events such as sports day and excursions. The year 4's had a go at making their own Teru Teru Bouzu last Tuesday and hung them up outside the Japanese room to wish for good weather

for our own Sports Day – and what do you know the weather was beautiful for our Sports Day! They really work! With all the rain we've had this week you might like to ask your students to make one on Friday afternoon and hang it up near a window so that the weather might come good on the weekend so they are not stuck inside with you! Gambare! (Good luck).

Sayounara
Bullen Sensei



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

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. child/ren will be unable to attend any excursions if the resources are not up to date. Please note that final payment is due by week 3 next term.

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, 2 watches and 2 sets of keys have been handed into the office. Please collect if you have misplaced any of these.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

School Banking

So Chatswood Hills State School only about 100 more school days to go until the Christmas Holidays, so if you want to enter the Disneyland Family Competition with spending money time may be running out. Some students have not been collecting their deposit books after school banking day. Some have been there for a few weeks so I have let the teachers know but as parents can you also remind your children.

Some parents have asked me for their child's account balance, sorry I do not have this access so you will need to go to the bank or phone them.

From time to time students present foreign currency in their deposit books, they are returned and their deposit account adjusted accordingly. Some students have the incorrect amount and this is also adjusted. If you have foreign currency and have no intention of

cashing it in then why not donate it to the CommBank where it then goes to help charities.

If you have lost your child's deposit book let me know on the Chatty Mums web site/ leave a note at the office and we will be gladly to issue a new one.

I have confirmed that as a parent if you open up a Youth Saver Account for your child that is not of School age and have a sibling at Chatswood Hills State School we can process their account through our school. If you do this simply attach it to your other child's deposit book.

A few students have reached their Bronze Milestone and other their Silver for continuous School Banking, these will be handed out in the coming weeks at School Assembly if time permits.

Last day of School Banking for Term 2 is the 25th June and will re-commence Thursday 16th July 2015. So mark these dates on your calendar/ fridge or post it note on the car dashboard.

Reminder notices and notices for students who have 9 tokens can now pre-order their rewards, some flyers are going to students this week. A new competition for our savvy school bankers that starts in term 3.

Terry Hodges
School Banking Co-ordinator