From the Principal

The Principal’s Perspective

Recently I sat in on several meetings that our literacy and reading coach, Rachael Thompson, held with our class teachers. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss the progress that all children in our school had made in regards to their reading, to discover what was working well, and also to find solutions if students were experiencing difficulty. It was not surprising to learn that the majority of students who were progressing slower than their peers were those whose attendance was questionable. There is a very strong correlation between regular attendance at school and academic success. Many of you would’ve noticed the posters we have had up around our school highlighting this fact. Some teachers in these meetings also pointed out that students who regularly arrive late to school are missing very important aspects of learning causing them to fall behind others. Many classes start their day with guided reading or literacy based activities and it is imperative that you get your child here on time and ready for learning prior to 8.30 am. Every single day counts as far as your child’s education is concerned. In the last newsletter I highlighted just how important it is to promote a love of reading and learning with your child. Thanks so much to those parents and families who consistently do this, you are enabling the best possible chance they have of schooling success.

Life at Chatswood Hills State School continues to be extremely busy and this fact was underlined by various events that occurred across our school just last week. Individual school NAPLAN test results were released last Monday and students in Years 3 and 5 who sat the exams would’ve brought home their reports. Even though I continually outline that this standardised testing is merely one set of school data we collect and use, we continue to celebrate the performance of our school. Our Prep classes all took part in a farm visit on the north side of Brisbane and I received rave reviews about the experience from many children when they returned. Year two students ventured down the highway to visit the Beenleigh Historical Village and had the opportunity to experience life as it was ‘in the olden days.’ You can read about the highlights of these excursions and view some pictures a little later on in this newsletter. Last Friday I also went along to support our U11 rugby league team as they won through to the Brisbane Metropolitan Finals to be played at Suncorp Stadium next week by defeating Kruger SS 26-10. Our Japanese student visitors arrived this week and are enjoying spending time at Chatty and taking in aspects of life in Australia. I’m sure many of them will come to our school disco tomorrow evening.

In keeping with all these various school happenings, I just thought I’d also take this opportunity to remind you all that Book Week is rapidly approaching and activities include our famous Book Character Parade; visits from children’s authors Brian Faulkner and Andrew King; Girls Are Great & Real Men Read morning, and class teachers are also working on their door displays. Mrs Roberts, our fabulous teacher librarian, assures me that she has all of this under control. This is all in the lead up to our school fete on Saturday 12 September. The P&C greatly appreciate all of the donations and support that they have been receiving in preparation for this. With so much always going on in our school, what an awesome place this is to be a student!

Yours in education,
David Teale
Principal
Friday night is School Disco night! This will be the last disco for 2015 and the Student Council would like to see as many students as possible attend. As always the P – 2 disco will start at 4:30pm and concludes at 6:00pm and the Year 3 – 6 disco will start at 6:15pm and conclude at 7:45pm. Prep parents are asked to stay at the disco and all other students can be dropped off and picked up at the appropriate time. Students will not be allowed to leave unless an adult has arrived to pick them up. Students for the senior disco are not to arrive earlier than 6:15pm unless they are attending the junior disco with their parents and siblings. The P&C will have a sausage sizzle so you won’t have to worry about organising dinner. The Student Council will be selling poppers, chips and glow products. The cost of entry is $5. We look forward to another amazing night of fun, laughter and dancing.

Students across Years 3 – 6 have now completed the ICAS exams for 2015. When the results and certificates are sent to the school we will acknowledge the students who participated and announce their results during senior parades. I would like to commend the students who willingly participated in these assessments. Many of the students found them challenging but it was wonderful to see that they persevered to complete all of the assessment tasks.

This week we have our Japanese students arriving and to celebrate their visit we will have a whole school parade next Monday (17th August at 1:45pm). Many of our students will be performing during this parade, so if you would like to attend our community and parents are always welcome.

Due to the weather and recent illness some of our students and teachers have had some time off school. Can I please ask that if your child is ill or away from school for any reason that you call the school absentee line to explain their absence? Please remember that every day counts.

**Every day counts**
Every day counts …… because children achieve better when they go to school all day, every day.
Every day counts…… because going to school means getting a better chance at life.
Every day counts ….. because going to school helps children make friends and be happier.

Every day counts ….. because the law says, children must go to school.

Regards
Trina Wilhelmsen
Acting Deputy Principal

**Principal Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly.
Zyohn W for outstanding classroom attitudes Yr 6
Destiny K for working hard on your multiplication facts.
Aaliyah M for huge improvements in your recall of number facts.
Rydell G for excellent effort towards homework and improved classroom behaviours.
Dilan D for your great understanding of our “Powers of Rin’ story.
Georgia M for always making sure your work is presented neatly.
Lisa M for putting in more effort to ensure tasks are completed in set time.
Richard W for being a considerate and attentive listener.
Jayden P for always giving 100% with your work.
Rahmi G for attentive and considerate listening.
Jaoquin D for excellent results in your Fractions assessment.
Astra S for great work in Maths today.
Kaden J for working hard on activities to learning.

**Library Award**

Stradbroke for a great display of the 4C’s-particularly ‘consideration’ of others using the library.

**Citizenship Award**

Nathan A Karragarra
Gypsy B Moreton
Samuel A Rainbow
Jackson P Stradbroke
Molly R Russell
WHAT IS MY ROLE?

My role is to develop our mathematics framework and policies based on the Australian Curriculum. I lead and coordinate coaching of our teachers to support them to deliver a quality math program to increase the numeracy skills of our students.

My role is quite diverse and includes -

- working alongside teachers to model and coach evidence based best practice for the teaching of math
- professional development at staff meetings with a focus on problem solving
- analysing data from testing to determine future goals and direction
- facilitating a professional learning team with our Prep Teachers where we discuss problems of practice and find ways to solve them
- providing support for NAPLAN and other school-based assessment

I am also working hard with Helen Walsh (Library Aide) to develop a Math Resource Room where all our hands on resources will be stored and managed for easy access.

As the Gifted and Talented Facilitator, I am responsible for guiding teachers to refer students to me for testing to identify those that are gifted and/or talented. I have tested quite a few of our students using a standardised test called the Sages. I recently formed a committee with other teachers who are interested in gifted and talented programs. Together we will work on possible pathways and extension programs for any identified students. We are lucky at Chatswood Hills in that all our teachers cater for the diverse range of students in their classrooms by differentiating tasks.

If you have any questions about the gifted and talented process or ‘math’ questions, please come and see me. I enjoy my roles in the school and I love sharing what I have learned.

Lisa
**Around the Classes**

**Trevena Glen Farm Excursion – Prep**

At the farm we saw horses and we got to pat and walk them. We fed the guinea pigs some carrots and celery. We had lots of fun.

From the Koalas class

**Beenleigh Historical Village Excursion- Year 2**

On Thursday we went to the Beenleigh Historical Village and Museum. I really loved the school. It was funny when an old man came in late and he was told off. I liked sitting down and using a slate and some chalk. I also got smacked with a ruler but it was not hard at all and that was my favourite part of my school excursion.

By Elliejoy (Kingfishers)

On Thursday we went to the Beenleigh Historical Village. I enjoyed the church because Harmony and Kai were getting married. I enjoyed the old school because when the boys were doing something naughty they got whacked on the bottom and the girls on the knuckles with a ruler. They would come home with cuts on their fingers. In the church there was a man holding a book in his hands.

By Shaeden (Kingfishers)

On Thursday we went to Beenleigh Historical Village. We learnt how to cut wood in the olden days. My favourite part was when we got to look at what the woodcutters sleep in. Also we got to cut wood and the teacher did it too. We also got to look at the axes and the saws.

By Alex (Kingfishers)

On Thursday we went to the Beenleigh Historical Village. My favourite part was the old school because I liked how the teacher was so tough. Also I loved the fountain pen and the ink. I think it was cool that all the desks were in rows of four each side of the classroom. I loved the Historical Village because it is so interesting.

By Keira (Kingfishers)
On Wednesday the 5th of August we went to the Beenleigh Historical Village. My favourite part was cutting the wood with the big saw. I learnt that it used to take a week to chop down one tree!

Xander

On Wednesday the 5th of August we went to the Beenleigh Historical Village. My favourite part was the school. I learnt about school in the olden days. It was very scary to go to school in the olden days and if you did something wrong, you would get the duster thrown at you.

Tayla

On Wednesday the 5th of August we went to the Beenleigh Historical Village. My favourite part was when we had to cut the wood. I learnt that the people who had the wood cutting job had to work from sun up to sun down. There was also a school. You had to use chalk and a blackboard. And there was a cane!

Keian

On Wednesday the 5th of August we went to the Beenleigh Historical Village. My favourite part was the stocks because everyone put their heads and hands in there and you threw rotten vegetables at them. I learnt that the olden days were really hard at school and there were heaps of rules as well. I also learnt that the hardest job was cutting wood because you had to work so much. You had to work till sun down because it’s a really hard job. I also learnt that the rules were really hard. You really couldn’t do anything in the olden days. It looked really hard.

Zane
Family and Child Connect

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.

From the Guidance Officer

COURSES FOR PARENTS TO HELP WITH PARENTING

- Triple P [Positive Parenting Course]
  Triple P is due to run at the Springwood Child Health Clinic in Cinderella Drive next Tuesday 4th August from 9.30 to 11.30 for 4 weeks if you have children 8 years and under. Please ring on 32994106 if interested.

  This course runs locally from time to time at Logan Uniting Church. Please ring Libby Stanley on PH: 33875705 if you are interested.

  The following is a link to more information about Triple P- http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au-uken/news/from-queensland-to-the-worldand-now-back-home/

- Also Accoras has Triple P courses on PH: 32741886
  Triple P will soon be FREE for all Queensland parents of children from birth to 16.

- Stepping Stones Triple P for Parents with Children with Disabilities
  See the link above for further information about Triple P Stepping Stones

- Local Neighbourhood Centres often run parenting courses
  e.g. Logan East Neighbourhood Centre and Kingston East Neighbourhood Centre

- “1,2,3 It’s Magic and Emotion Coaching Course” can be run at the school if there are enough numbers of interested parents. This is a three session course of 2 ½ hours each week over three weeks. This course helps parents to develop clear expectations, engage children’s cooperation and develop some simple strategies to practice being a calm parent. The course costs $15 and this is the price of a book to keep. Please register your interest in this course at the School Office.

School Guidance Officer

Jenny Hickey [Mondays and Tuesdays]

Chappy at Chats

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Over quite a number of years, our school has been involved in the collection of items or packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a venture of Samaritan’s Purse. These boxes which have been donated were sent overseas to children impacted by war, poverty, famine and disease.

Last year, our school community packed 64 boxes which were donated to children less privileged than many. This is a voluntary initiative of our school. So children or families have the opportunity to donate individual items or pack a whole box using a small to medium shoebox. I will have boxes available if you are interested in packing a whole box.
These are the steps involved if packing a whole box-
1. Decide if you are packing a box for a girl or a boy.
2. Decide on the age of the age (2-4 years, 5-8
   Years, 9-12 Years or 13-16 Years)
3. Choose an item that has a wow factor such as
   a soft toy, a small soccer ball
4. Include other items – Something to wear,
   something for school, something to play with,
   something for personal hygiene and
   something to love

We live in a materialist society where we can easily
want more and more. The act of giving to others less
fortunate can help to develop gratitude as we look at
how much we really do have. If you would like to
send items in, please give these to your child’s class
teacher. We will be collecting items throughout
September and most of October.

**Lote News**

**Sensei Says …**

On Wednesday afternoon, our group of 12
Japanese students and 1 teacher arrived and met
their host families. On Thursday morning, we
welcomed the Japanese students to our school and
they we paired up with ‘buddies’ from our year 6
classes. Their buddies are looking after them
during break times and also took them on a tour of
the school. The Japanese students will be doing
some English classes while here and also take part
in their ‘buddies’ classes, as well as coming along
to Japanese classes to interact with our students.
We hope they enjoy their time here and make lots
of new friends.

Sayounara
Bullen Sensei

**From the Library**

**BOOK WEEK**

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Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

**QLD Volleyball Cup**

On the 27th August 47 Chatswood Hills students will
be competing at Craigsleigh High School in the QLD
Volleyball Primary Cup. We have 8 teams competing
and look forward to a fun and successful day.
**Futsal Clinic**

Next week classes will be involved in a Futsal Clinic run by the Australian Futsal Association. Students will be introduced to the skills of indoor soccer.

**Oztag Clinic**

PE classes will be participating in an Oztag clinic next week with Logan Oztag. There will be a competition, beginning in Logan in September. Get Tagged, You’ll love it!!!!

**Interschool Sport**

Interschool sport, AFL & Mixed Touch started last Friday. Our first week of games saw both wins and losses, but also a great start to our season. All AFL games are played at Gould Adams Park and Touch at Harrisfields Primary. Our AFL teams will participate in some extra coaching sessions over the next 3 Wednesdays by QLD AFL coaching staff.

**Return to Suncorp**

Chatswood Hills State School will return to Suncorp Stadium next Wednesday to contend the U11 Brisbane Rugby League Grand Final against Northside Champions St Peters from Caboolture. The Brisbane Primary School Rugby League Competition has been operating since 1975. Over this 40 year period only three schools from Logan have managed to become Metropolitan champions. The first success was back in 2001 with Woodridge North U10, this was followed by Kingston U11 in 2013, then the most recent winners in 2014 Kingston U12 and Chatswood U11. Our Chatswood squad defeated Kruger State School 26-10 in the Semi-Final last week in a physically tough encounter that followed a more relaxed victory over Citipoint College 42-0 in the Quarter-Finals. The U11 Grand Final will kick off at 1:00 next Wednesday. Thanks to the Bronco’s Club funding two buses, players and year 6 supporters will be travelling free of charge to and from the venue.

S Musch
Rugby League Coach

**OPEN DAY FOR PREP 2016**

(And all other Primary Year levels)

**Wednesday 2nd September 2015**

9.00am-10am in our Hall or
6.00pm-7.00pm in our Library

Enquiries- Phone 3489 2222 or call in for an enrolment pack.

Enrolment interviews commencing October 2015.

Book your time on the day or after 2/9/2015.

**Student Absent Line 3489 2260**

When you ring the student absence line to report your child away you do not need to send a note to the teacher. We do prefer that you report absences by this line or by email to info@chathillss.eq.edu.au

**Student Resource Scheme Prep- Year 3**

The Student Resource Scheme final payment is now overdue. Statements will be sent out to those with outstanding resources. If your child is going on an excursion the resource scheme must be paid in full before they can attend.
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

Our lost property is piling up again. All items in there are unnamed. Some of these items will be given to charity shortly. If you wish to purchase any of the items we are asking for a gold coin donation. The box will be outside the office.
We have had a pair a children’s reading glasses handed in a gift card and a camera left on the bus from the Trevena Glen Farm excursion.

P & C News

Email: pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au

School Banking

Well time is moving fast, only 19 Fridays left till Christmas. This time allows our Savvy savers in reaching their saving's goal. May it be a book, Toy, going away on a holiday, or something for Mum and Dad, Brother or Sister. Learning about how to manage our money will help when we get older and have a further interest in Money Management/Wealth creation.

On a lighter note we have noticed some deposit book's with no funds/ incorrect funds/ foreign currency. You will note that the necessary changes have been made to the students’ deposits.

School fete will soon be upon us, at that time, we will be having a stall for any parent who wishes for their child to participate into the CommBank Youth Saver Account Program. By participating in the CommBank Youth Saver Program you help your School earn a Commission that goes back into your child's educational needs.

Don't forget our Family Disneyland Competition with spending money - participate in school banking 25 times or more to win.
iPad, Music and Books for your school-Term 3

So let's get banking.

T.Hodges
School Banking Coordinator

The Loganlea Way can’t be described it must be experienced.

Enrolments for Year 7, 2016 has now commenced.

School Principal Tours are also being conducted as follows:

1. 9:00 am- 10:00 am on Tuesday 18th and 25th August
2. 1:35pm – 2:30pm on Thursday 20th and 27th August

Bookings for enrolment interviews or Principal Tours can be made by calling 3451 8777.

CRICKET SIGN ON

HOMESTEAD PARK, JODIE STREET, SHAILER PARK.

9.00 AM to 1.00 PM

SATURDAY:  22nd & 29th AUGUST
SUNDAY;       23rd & 30th AUGUST.

REGISTRATION FEES;--
Govt. Sports Subsidy Vouchers Welcome………..
In2Cricket   (5-8yrs Friday Nights) $85.00
Juniors      (9-17yrs Saturday Morn.) $85.00
Seniors      (Saturday A/noons)  $140.00
BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME.
FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE MARION On 32094208 or 0418730205
Or Visit our Web Site at:
www.springwoodsunscricketclub.com.au
or our Facebook Page.
SPRINGWOOD SUNS CRICKET CLUB