

## The Principal's Perspective

Hi everyone and welcome back to the 2016 school year at Chatswood Hills State School! An extra special welcome to those prep families who are engaging with our school community for the first time as well as any others who are new to the Chatty experience this year. I'd like to start off by thanking everyone in our school community for the part you all played in ensuring such a successful and settled start last week. Our staff were extremely well planned and organised and clearly the majority of parents and carers had also put a lot of time and effort into ensuring their children were ready for school. It gave me much pleasure to welcome the smiling and excited faces as they entered through our school gates last week. Students were eager and enthusiastic about joining or returning to the learning journey. My visits to each and every classroom thus far have reminded me once again how fortunate I am to be the principal of such a fabulous school. The holiday break was good but it is great to be back doing what I love. Please remember to come and see me anytime for a chat about anything you'd like to discuss, or to share any ideas you have about how we can further improve our school. Your feedback is both welcomed and desired!

During my initial class visits so far in 2016 I have reminded students that the 'MainThing' in our school is High Performance Teaching and Learning in every classroom every day! We discussed the importance of 'Feedback' as being absolutely crucial to success in the teaching and learning process. Our students need feedback about their learning in order to improve, and our teachers also require feedback about their teaching to ensure they are catering for the individual needs of each child. Literacy and Numeracy will remain our key priorities in 2016 and I am passionate about embedding my mantra 'Reading Gives You Power' across our whole school. This year our school will be hosting Reading Support Sessions for parents to help you all understand how you can be assisting your child at home to master the vital skill of reading. I repeatedly say that Parents are Partners in education and you can hear more about how you can align with your classroom teacher at next Wednesday afternoon's parent information meetings. Each classroom teacher will host two 30 minute sessions as we know some parents have children in different classes. In our next newsletter

I will share in a little more detail the key goals from this year's AIP(Annual Implementation Plan).

I'm not always a fan of the Courier Mail newspaper as it has a history of often being less than flattering when reporting on educational matters. However I am very impressed with their new 'Inspire' lift out that appears each Tuesday. Their current focus 'Raise A Reader' which obviously targets a love of reading in children is right on the money. Earlier this week they printed a quote from a recent American study which read, 'Reading regularly with young children stimulates optimal patterns of brain development and strengthens parent-child relationships at a critical time in child development, which, in turn, builds language, literacy, and social-emotional skills that last a lifetime.' I can't emphasise enough the importance of parents and carers modelling positive attitudes and habits towards reading. As I've mentioned above, please keep your eye out for the first session our literacy coach Rachael will run at school to help you support the teaching of reading at home. I reminded all of our prep parents last year that you are your child's first and most important teacher after all. Forming an alliance with the expertise of our staff here at school will be a recipe for success in the area of reading and learning in general!

The wellbeing of our students is a primary concern and the importance of road safety in and around schools has been underlined in the media since school resumed. We received notice earlier this week that the flashing school zone signs to be erected in Raleigh Street are likely to be installed as early as next week. The installation of these flashing signs improves visibility of school zones and serves as a reminder to motorists to slow down. I'm sure you will agree that this is a positive move to keep our children safe.

Yours in education,

David Teale

Principal

## **From the Deputy**

Welcome back to everyone. We have had an amazing start to 2016 and I am pleased to be back at Chatswood Hills on a permanent basis. I would also like to welcome all of the new students and parents to our school. I had the pleasure of meeting many of you before school started this year and it has been lovely to see your children settle into our school community. To all of our Prep students I would like to say congratulations, you have done an amazing job over the past week both in the classroom and in the playground. Our students who returned to Chatswood after the long break all looked eager to be back, our classes across the school have settled into their new routines and the students have been engaged in revising and learning concepts.

Next Wednesday (10<sup>th</sup> February) we will have our Parent Information Session. These sessions are a great time for you to meet the classroom teachers and discuss how things will run in your child's class for 2016. During this time the teachers will let you know the content that will be taught and their expectations of the students. They will also discuss any activities or excursions that are planned for the year, specialist lessons, library borrowing, homework requirements and other topics that relate to your child's learning. It is important to remember that these information sessions are to give you a general idea of things happening in the class, if you would like to discuss your child individually you will need to make an appointment to meet with the teacher at a separate time. The sessions will be run across the school from 2:45 – 3:15pm and 3:20 – 3:50pm, both sessions in each class will be exactly the same. This allows you time to go to multiple classes, if you have more than two children attending the school please approach the other teacher/s to find out the information you require. Your child should have a letter about this in their school bag. All sessions will be held in the classroom your child is currently in.

We also have our first P&C meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm in our School Staffroom in the Administration Building, please feel free to join us if you have time.

Regards

**Trina Wilhelmsen**  
**Deputy Principal**

## **School News**

### **From The Library**

Welcome back to the new school year. Coverers are a big part of helping our library function. If you would like to become one of our volunteer coverers please contact the library and leave your name and child's name and class. Approximately 10 books are sent home with contact for you to cover.

Prep – Year 3 children require a library bag. Prep children borrow 1 book and Years 1-6 borrow 2 books. Borrowing days are as follows:

Tuesday – Years 2 & 3

Wednesday – Years 1, 4 & 5

Thursday – Prep, Year 6

Thank you for reminding your children of their library borrowing day and encouraging them to borrow.

Lyndell Roberts

Teacher Librarian

### **Sensei Says.....**



For those of you who are new to Chatswood or I just haven't met yet – hajimemashite – nice to meet

you. My name is BullenSensei and I teach Japanese at Chatswood Hills State School Monday-Thursday.

In 2016, our year 5 and 6 students will study Japanese for 90 minutes per week, our year 4's for 60 mins per week and our year 3's will have Japanese cultural studies for 30 minutes per week. The year 3 to 6 cohorts will be assessed and reported on mid-year and end-of-year through the usual reports card process.

AkemashiteOmedetou! Did you know this means 'Happy New Year' in Japanese?

Japan shares the same Zodiac system as China. The Japanese zodiac system refers to the 12 year cycle of animal years. The year in which you were born is allocated an animal and it is said that this animal indicates your character or personality.



2016 is the year of the saru (monkey). So if you were born in 1968, 1980, 1992 or 2004, then you are a monkey. People born in the year of the monkey are said to be smart, clever, original, inventive, can problem solve well and are focused on their goals. That focus is also a hindrance as sometimes they focus on only now and not on the future. Happy Year of the Monkey Everyone

We have a group of Japanese students visiting our school from the 18<sup>th</sup> February to the 29<sup>th</sup> February so if you see them around be sure to say 'konnichiwa'.

Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime for information ([kbull6@eq.edu.au](mailto:kbull6@eq.edu.au)) – whether it be about your student's learning or perhaps you would like some ideas and hints about a family trip to Japan!

Sayounara

Bullen Sensei

## Chappy at Chats

Welcome back to school and I would like to say an extra special welcome to the Prep students and the new students and parents who have joined our school.

### Parent Connect

Parent Connect is held on Thursday afternoon in weeks 4 and 8 of each term. This group is open to all parents who would like to connect with other parents. First get together is Thursday the 18th of February at 1.45pm in the Library. Light refreshments will be served.

### Kids Club & Kids Club Junior

Kids Club (Years 4-6) and Kids Club Junior (Years 1-3) is a lunchtime club for children who are interested in learning about God and the Bible. Children bring their lunch, learn about bible stories, make things and play games.

Kids Club Junior is on Thursday 2nd break including eating time.

Kids Club is on Thursday 1st break.

Where: Modular Building next to Bendigo 2.

This club has Christian input so children must have written parental permission to attend. Forms can be collected from the office.

If you would like more information please contact Chappy Karen

Email: [karenk@chappy.org.au](mailto:karenk@chappy.org.au)

Chappy Karen

### Date Claimers

Wed 10th February  
Information Afternoon

Parent

Tues 16th February Leadership Incursion	Year 6
Thurs 18th February Tour begins	Japanese Study
Fri 19th February Ceremony 1.45pm (Hall)	Badge
Fri 4th March Sport begins	Interschool
Fri 4th March	School Discos
Wed 7th March (Full Dress Uniform to be worn)	School Photos
Wed 16th March	Cross Country
Fri 19th February (No to Bullying & Violence)	Day of Action

## P & C News

Welcome to a new, exciting year at Chatswood Hills!! The P&C has lots of fun things planned over the year. All fundraising efforts in 2016 will be put towards upgrading the tuckshop and finishing the hall. Please help us get these long term projects finalised!

Welcome to our New Families Pizza Evening

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February in the hall from 5 to 7pm – an opportunity for all new parents to meet one another. Pizzas and cold drinks supplied for those who respond to [pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au). Your response will be confirmed so that you know you have been catered for. Invitations will go out this week

P&C Meeting

Our first 2016 meeting is to be held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30pm in the school administration block. Everyone is welcome to attend! If you are unable to make it and have something you would like discussed, please email the P&C ([pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au)).

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open every Thursday morning inside the hall, 8.00am – 8.45am. Cash, credit card and eftpos payments accepted. If you can't make it to the shop, email orders (and enquiries) to [pandcuniformshop@chathillss.eq.edu.au](mailto: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 once payment is confirmed.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop is open everyday for orders 1<sup>st</sup> break and 2<sup>nd</sup> break, and sell over the counter at 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Menus and pricelists will be distributed to Year 1-6 students in the first week of school. Each break needs a separate bag and order. We have reusable tuckshop bags for sale for \$10 each, in a range of colours, available at the tuckshop and uniform shop. Our new Convenor, Rowena, would appreciate some volunteers to help her out. If you can spare at least 1 hour between 8.30am-2pm please pop in to the tuckshop and introduce yourself!

School Banking

This year the school is offering 2 banks for school banking. Bendigo Bank are joining us and all families are welcome to open an account with Bendigo for their children. The Commonwealth Bank is continuing to offer school banking so you may choose to stay with them or open an account. Both banks will have school banking on Thursday each week. If you can spare an hour on Thursday to assist with running these programs please contact the P&C via email.

School Cross Country Run

The Cross Country will be held this term. All students participate in their age groups. Preps run  $\frac{3}{4}$  lap of the oval, and other age groups run at least 1 lap. 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 soon. If you have any questions please contact Danielle on 0402 288 597.

## Ritchies Community Benefit

When shopping at Ritchies IGA 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. 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 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!

## School Banking

Welcome back Chatswood Hills State School. Hope you all had a great break and looking forward to this year's Super Savers.

Disneyland Comp. was won buy a Family in New South Wales. This Year's School Banking is running a wild family holiday trip to Australia Zoo where you will get to meet Bindi and Robert Irwin. It is a full day Platinum Adventure Tour where you get to pat Wombats, cuddle Koala Bears and feed wallabies while your personal photographer captures every amazing moment.

The prize covers Domestic return air fares, hire car, 4 nights accommodation and \$1,000.00 spending money.

Notice's will go out this School Banking Thursday.

Don't forget if you undertake School Banking for the whole year a Male and Female Senior Student, Male and Female Junior student's name's will go in

the draw to have \$50.00 towards their resource fees for 2017.

Depending on how many senior students participate in school banking I have a number of black deposit book covers which I will be giving out during February.

Just remember to write your student's name, account number and student I.D on the deposit slip. For all our new students your I.D number will be given to you the following School Banking Thursday.

We cannot double dip i.e make two deposits for two tokens. If you are a carer and the student's participate in the School Banking Program and forget full leave their deposit book at the office with their class room name. Their account will be processed and returned to the office for you to collect.

If you go on holidays outside of the gazetted school holiday and wish to continue School Banking place a note in your child's deposit book and how much you wish to deposit each week. I will hold their deposit book until your return.

If your child needs a new deposit book/ cover I will change them when required. If you have any questions feel free to leave a note at the office or on the Chatty Carers facebook page.

So lets get saving

Terry Hodges

School Banking Co-ordinator.

## Scholastic Book Club

Hello and welcome to a brand new year! This week will have seen the new-look Scholastic Book Club 5-in-1 catalogue go home with each student.

For the new parents to CHSS, Scholastic Book Club is a way to purchase age and reading level appropriate books for your child.

From each book purchased, 20% of the value is donated to our Library for the purchase of new books and resources for all children to access.

Please return your completed order form (now located inside the catalogue) for Issue One to the Tuckshop by 15th February. All orders must have the correct monies if paying by cash. Scholastic facilitates secure credit card payment on their website. If paying by credit card please note your given receipt number on your order form.

Books generally arrive 2-3 weeks later and will be delivered to your child's classroom.

If you have any queries please contact me on 0413222364.

Thanking you, Esther Daley - Parent volunteer,  
Book Club Coordinator.