

The Principal's Perspective

We greatly appreciate the attendance of those parents and carers who came to our parent information sessions last week. Feedback from parents I spoke with indicated that it was very useful to know the various expectations that classroom teachers have as far as learning and behaviour goes. If you were unable to attend please contact your child's teacher, and if you supply your email address then important aspects of what was discussed can be emailed to you. If you require a more in depth discussion about your child's learning or needs, please contact the school to organise an individual meeting with the classroom teacher. Our teachers are happy to supply their EQ email addresses to families so open and transparent communication can occur. We need parental support for students to be successful learners in our school.

In the first newsletter I said that I would share details about our 2016 Annual Improvement Plan (AIP) with you all. Our priorities for the year are:

Further enhancing our whole school reading program

- Implementing an agreed school curriculum for maths
- Individualising learning and challenging high performing students
- Undertaking our IPad trial in several classrooms
- Implementing our I4S strategy (formerly called Great Results Guarantee)

Each of these priorities have numerous strategies and actions which underpin their delivery across the school. Improving student outcomes in the literacy and numeracy area is the core business of schooling. If any of you would like further details about our school improvement plan here at Chatty, I am always happy to meet and discuss over a tea or coffee.

At the commencement of every school year I often field numerous questions about homework and what is expected at CHSS and this topic is often discussed in the various media forms. Many studies have conclusively proven that set homework in the primary school setting does very

little to improve student learning. I always tell parents that they shouldn't be stressing over homework and time spent with your child should be pleasurable and rewarding. This is why the only set homework that is universally expected in our school is reading. Where possible children are expected to be reading each and every night. Teachers may also send home sight or spelling words that are differentiated (targeted at your child's learning needs) or also differentiated maths tasks to help improve their number facts or numeracy understanding and mastery. Fun and challenging higher order thinking activities are also acceptable as children can demonstrate their knowledge and understanding at their own level. Any homework should be clearly explained, marked, and feedback given to the child about their tasks or activities. Class teachers will not be sending home the 'traditional one size fits all homework sheet' that many of us probably experienced in our days at school. To summarise: homework at CHSS is reading, and other tasks should be differentiated to suit individual learning needs, clearly explained, marked in a timely manner, and accompanied by feedback about the learning.

We will be hosting a special whole school assembly on Monday 29 February to welcome our new Adopt-a-Cop and officially adopt her here at Chatswood Hills. Constable Emily Goodger who is based at Logan Central Police Station is very excited to be joining our school community in this capacity. Since my arrival I have been liaising with the Qld Police Force to have someone formally appointed to our school to fill this important position. Constable Emily is very keen to participate in our school functions and celebrations when she can, as well as make herself available to support students and families in matters related to her Adopt-a-Cop responsibilities. I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome whenever you see her around in our school community.

Yours in education,

David Teale

Principal

From The Deputy Principal

This week we celebrate the roles and responsibilities that students in our school have volunteered to accept. While our School Captains and Vice Captains were nominated and elected into their positions last year, over the last couple of weeks many of our other students have undergone processes to nominate and then be elected into other important positions. On Friday we will celebrate and officially welcome students into the following positions: Environmental Rangers, Student Councillors, House Captains and Vice Captains, LOTE Captains, Music Captains, Library Monitors and School and Vice Captains. These students in various groupings work together to organise a range of activities in the school and assist with projects. Our parade starts at 1:45pm and as always we welcome our parents and community to this special event. If your child has been elected into one of the above positions we hope to see you at our afternoon tea and celebrate this event with you.

In Week Six, the Student Council will host their first event of the year. On Friday 4th May we will hold our first Disco. Students in Years Prep to Year Two will participate from 2:45 – 4:15pm and students in Years 3 to 6 will have their disco from 4:30 – 6:00pm. The cost of this event is \$5. For an additional cost the Student Council will also sell poppers and small bags of chips, while our P&C will also be selling sausages on bread (sausage sizzle). Our newly elected Student Council will also be organising a free dress day on this date. We will send more information home once they have their first official meeting and they have decided on a theme for the day.

Regards

Trina Wilhelmsen
Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly:

Kihan Z-C for bringing enthusiasm and commitment to the classroom.

Alex A for writing a creative and cohesive narrative text.

Jaxon S for excellent sharing of Maths strategies.

Nicolas S for being a helpful and considerate classmate to our new class friend.

Corey B for providing great work and staying on task.

Zahra R for beautifully presented book work in all subjects.

Bella G for settling in to class routine and expectations well.

Riley J for helping others and always doing your best work.

Cassie M for working hard on every activity and showing great pride in your work.

Nathan S for being a role model in the classroom and creating a carefully thought out writing goal.

Holly A for listening well completing work neatly and settling into Prep beautifully.

Molly W for making a great start to Year 2 and always working to the best of your ability.

Jaimie T for using excellent learning behaviour to achieve your learning goals.

Silvia A for working hard to improve your resilience at school.

Dean C for settling in beautifully in your new class.

Caleb K for always putting a big effort into your work.

Eason C for excellent reading and for trying hard with all your work.

Zac B for excellent behaviour and class work participation.

Sunia-Tuione U for always trying hard at all times.

Flynn S for always starting your day with a BIG smile on your face.

Lewis S for making a great start to Prep.

Library Award

Tallebudgera for showing mature attitude to quiet mapping in the Library.

Quolls for great Library listening manners.

Citizenship Awards

Poppy I	Currumbin
Shelby K	Stradbroke
Heider A	Moreton
Thomas B	Kirra
Kahungunu K	Burleigh
Una L-T	Noosa
Jared B	Peel
Solomon S	Tallebudgera
Hayden T	Coolum
Teegan H	Macleay
Juana F	Platypus
Derrell E	Wallabies
Shannon K	Kingfishers
Lilly H	Quolls
Bobby S	Bilbies
Scott M	Wombats
Maxwell T	Echidnas
Jaylah H	Kookaburras
Persia G	Geckoes
Indiana P	Koalas
Olive O	Bandicoots

School News

From The Library

Preps have started borrowing and we have some enthusiastic borrowers. All Prep to Year 3 students need a library bag to borrow books.

We also have very enthusiastic Library Monitors who will receive their badges on Friday. They assist before school, at morning tea and lunch time

with shelving, computers, games, Lego, scanning books and stamping books ready for cataloguing. Thank you for volunteering to Alexa, Matilda, Destiny, Savannah, Hayley, Isabella, Ben, Cuba, Dontae, Ana, Riki, Nikki, Andre, Tetoa, Austin, Kaleb Ezekiel, Monique, Aimee and Tiana.

Happy reading!

Lyndell Roberts

Teacher Librarian

Student Resource Scheme Prep to Year 2

The student resource scheme payment is now due. If you have not yet made a payment please do so as soon as possible. Payments can be made in full of \$130.00 or part payment of \$45 (1st term). Please be aware that the resource payment needs to be up to date for your child to attend any excursions/incursions.

Instrumental Music Program Payment

Invoices have been sent home today for payment of this program. If you have already made this payment please ignore invoice. Payment for this program must be made before end of this term.

Interschool Sport

On Friday the 5th February years 5 & 6 students selected sports they would like to be involved in playing on Friday afternoons. Choices were Rugby League, Soccer, Netball which are played away from school and social sport which is played on school grounds.

Interschool sport will cost \$95 for 12 weeks of bus travel. Permission notes will be given to students when team lists are finalised.

Sport begins on Fri 14th March.

Jane Taylor

PE Teacher

School Crosscountry

Tuesday 16th March

Times: 8-45 Prep

9.00 12/13 yrs

9.40 11/10yrs

11.20 8/9 yrs

12.15 6/7 yrs

Students run in the age group they will be turning after their birthday in 2016.

As the older students races are longer they are run earlier in the day. The younger age groups races are shorter therefore they are run at a later time. All students participate in PE lessons throughout the day from 8.30am-1.10pm and cope well with physical activity during these times.

Students are asked to wear their Sport House Colour on this day.

Mars	Red
Pluto	Yellow
Venus	Green
Mercury	Blue

Presentations will be given out after each age division.

Brisbane Heat Cricket

On Friday 5th February Years 4-6 classes were involved in promotional activities with the Brisbane Heat Cricket. Classes rotated between bowling and batting activities in giant inflatable "nets" and were even timed with their throws by a speed gun.

Information notes were given to students concerning the Logan North Milo T20 Blast Competitions.

For more information contact Jon Stimpson 0409879975 or jons@qldcricket.com.au



Footsteps Dance

On Tuesday this week all PE classes were involved in a free dance clinic provided by Footsteps. Students learnt a hip hop dance taught by instructor Jess. All students had a great time and we look forward to more dance lessons later in the year.

Netball Clinic

Yrs 2 & 3 classes have been taking part in a free Netball Clinic given by Netball QLD.

Imogen from the ANZ Net Set Go Program, has been teaching skills to students over the past 2 weeks. With only 2 lessons to go, students are looking forward to selecting their positions and playing in their first game. By participating in the program the school also received some complimentary equipment.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Connor L for his selection in the AFL Logan District AFL Team.

Sport House Captains

On 12th February students who nominated to become a Sports House Captain gave their speeches to members of their Sport Houses.

The successful student will be presented with their badge on Friday at assembly.

These students assist with being course officials at our crosscountry, assistants at the Senior Sport Day and help run activities at our Junior Sports Day.

Congratulations to all our successful leaders.

Jane Taylor

PE Teacher

Road Safety Rules

- Parents not to park across resident's driveways
- Parents please do not open doors on the road side to drop off and collect students. Instead use the door closest to the curb
- Flashing school zone lights have been installed and are operational.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Parenting is the most important 'job' in the world. There are many joys- big and little and challenges of course. I know I am finding having a teenager a very interesting experience! Fortunately there are resources and courses around that can assist parents to

continue learning. Below are some you may be interested in-

TRIPLE P [Positive Parenting Course]

Now Online Triple P Courses- 8 modules of tips, videos, worksheets and activities. If your child is between 2 and 12 years this could be perfect for you. Start your course- www.triplep-parenting.net

Triple P runs at the Springwood Child Health Clinic in Cinderella Drive from time to time. This is especially for parents with children under 8 years. Please ring on 32994106 if interested.

Triple P also runs locally from time to time at Logan Uniting Church.

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

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 courses for interested parents

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 interested parents. Unfortunately there were not enough parents on a particular day each week last year to run this effectively. It 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. This course can be offered again this year on either consecutive Mondays or Tuesdays- 9.00 to 11.30 or 12.00 to 2.30 as possibilities. Please register your interest in this course at the School Office with preferred day and time.

School Guidance Officer

Jenny Hickey [Mondays, Tuesdays & 2nd Thursdays] 34892222

Lote News

Sensei Says.....



Yokoso! Did you know this means 'welcome' in Japanese. However, when you enter a place of business they use 'irasshaimase' for welcome instead.

Yokoso to our group of 15 Japanese students from TamaMeguro Junior High School in Tokyo who have just arrived at our school this afternoon. They will be spending 10 days here and will be doing English classes, hanging out with their Chatty buddies from grade 5 and 6, as well as coming along to a couple of Japanese classes to interact with our students. We hope they enjoy their time here and make lots of new friends.

Sayounara

Bullen Sensei

Chappy At Chats

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Kids Club for Children in Grades 4 to 6 - Thursday Lunchtimes First Break

Kids Club is a Lunchtime Club for children in Years 4 to 6 who are interested in learning about God and the Bible. Children bring their lunch to ChappyKaren's room where they listen to a story or lesson from the Bible and enjoy games together.

All children who are interested in attending are welcome and parental permission is essential. Please obtain a form from the office to indicate your consent for your child's involvement.

Kids Club Junior for children in Grades 1 to 3 - Thursday Lunchtime Second Break

Kids Club Junior is a Lunchtime Club for children in Grades 1 to 3 who are interested in learning about God and the Bible. Children bring their lunch to ChappyKaren's room where they listen to a story from the Bible and participate in games and activities related to the story.

Parental permission is required for children to participate in this Lunchtime Club and forms can be obtained from the office. If you require further information don't hesitate to contact me by emailing me at - karenk@chappy.org.au

SU Easter Camps

During each School Holiday break, Scripture Union conduct awesome camping experiences for children in Primary School and High School. These camps will be awesome fun and also an opportunity to learn about God. Here are some fabulous camps to consider....

Gents Ignition Camp Years 5 – 6 BOYS ONLY Mount Tarampa

When - 4th April – 8th April

Cost - \$225 GST Free. Includes Transport

An action packed camp with awesome activities like tubing, BMX riding and epic nerf gun battles. There's also spiritual input sessions, "Death by Glow stick", and everyone's favourite, "Bring Em Back alive!" Whose tribe will win in 2016?

Easter Loop Camp Year 5-6 Boys and Girls Sunshine Coast

When – 29th March to 2nd April

Cost - \$275

Loop Easter is getting 'Plugged In!' Join us for a week on the Sunshine Coast for friendship, food and all the fun you can handle. Activities include Aqua Fun Park, Mega Nerf Wars, Dance Party, Movie Night, heaps of game, God stuff and friends.

For more information about SU Camps and to register go to sucamps.org.au

If you are interested in your child attending a camp but you are not able to pay fully, the Chaplaincy Program may be able to assist you with part sponsorship.

MAD for Life

As part of the Year 6 Leadership Program this week, the Chaplaincy Program here at Chatswood Hills sponsored the video presentation of Mad for Life. Here is a summary of the Program which would be well worth discussing with your child if they are in Year 6 and viewed the program.

When we're young it seems that our whole life stretches in front of us and we have unlimited

opportunities and endless time to do everything we want to do. What we often don't realise is that if we don't make a conscious effort to plan for our lives, opportunities and time can slip by and we are left with little but disappointment. Going along with the crowd may seem like the fun and easy thing to do, but if we really want to make something of our lives, we may need to take another approach.

Making A Dream for life The great achievers in life are all great dreamers. Most people who have accomplished great things have imagined the day when they would see their dreams come true. They set themselves big goals then work out what smaller goals are needed to see their dreams realised.

Making A Direction for life It's true that if we don't care where we want to go, any road will do. But if we do have an end goal, we have to work out the pathways that will get us there. This may mean study, learning a new skill, changing habits, or even changing the people we mix with. It certainly means focusing on the end place we want to be, and moving steadily towards reaching that place. It may seem that our life is in a mess and that we can't move forward, but remember, our present circumstances don't determine where we can go; they merely determine where we start.

Making A Difference in the lives of others

Looking beyond ourselves to our family, friends and community allows us to make a difference in the lives of others. We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone. Being a role model, helping friends to make good choices, and being involved in community projects not only makes a difference to others, it helps to develop and define who we are.

We can drift through life allowing happen-chance to determine our future, or we can live a more deliberate life, making conscious decisions about what actions to take, and preparing ourselves to take our place in shaping the type of community we want to be part of. This will help us to take control of our own destiny. It will also prepare us for the exciting process of Making A Difference for Life.

There is information on the school website about chaplaincy here at Chatswood Hills. If I can assist

you or your child this year, please don't hesitate to leave a message at the office or to email me at karenk@chappy.org

Chappy Karen

Date Claimers

Fri 19th February Ceremony 1.45pm (Hall)	Badge
Fri 4th March Sport begins	Interschool
Fri 4th March	School Discos
Wed 9th March (Full Dress Uniform to be worn)	School Photos
Wed 16th March	Crosscountry
Fri 18th March (No to Bullying & Violence)	Day of Action

P & C News

Every school needs a helping hand for those things that just aren't covered in the school's budget but better the education of our students. This year the P&C is fundraising to better our school hall, the tuckshop, and beginning considerations required for air conditioning the school. You can help a number of ways with either your donations or time and assistance. Up and coming events include:

BBQ at the School Disco

Friday the 4th March is the school Disco run by the student council and the P&C is invited to run a sausage sizzle. We need parent's help to cook and serve the BBQ starting with set up from 2pm. If you can help for even just 30 mins please contact Danielle on 0402 288 597. If you are unable to help please support us by grabbing some sausages for your family.

Crosscountry

The P&C will be running a fun run fundraiser in conjunction with the school cross country. Notices will be sent home at the beginning of March. Every Child who raises at least \$10 will receive a prize. The P&C will also be supplying an ice block for every child that participates on the day as it can still be very hot for the children at this time of year. If your child has any allergies please inform their teacher and remind them on the day.

Election BBQ

Saturday the 19th of March is an Election day and the school hall is used for voting. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to support our school. The P&C will be providing a BBQ for the whole day as people vote. We would also like to run a cake stall. If you are able to assist on the BBQ for an hour or two please contact Danielle on 0402 288 597, we need a lot more volunteers than normal to be able to run the BBQ for the whole day. If you are able to provide an item for a cake stall we will be collecting donations Friday morning in the school Hall. Please contact Danielle on 0402 288 597 for cake boxes. Home baked goods always sell the best but all donations (other than items containing fresh cream due to refrigeration issues) are accepted!

School Banking

Well what a great start for School Banking! Welcome aboard our new school bankers and to our older students who had not banked last year and have returned in 2016.

You will see that some Senior students have a black deposit book, unfortunately I only had a set number and the amount of Senior students participating in the youth saver program this year was more than expected. Flyers, Competition Notices, Rewards redemption cards have gone home to all those students who have banked in the last couple of weeks.

If you have not received your rewards redemption card leave a note on your next school banking day and I'll put one in.

I now have all the new students Identification numbers. They would have been handed out last week but silly me left them at home.

Just to re-cap tokens that your child earns are automated by the ComBank next month. I shall be sending out notices of how many tokens your child has saved. From time to time I may either forget or add an extra token due to how busy we can get. That is why we have an automated system.

To fill in your child's deposit book or if you get your child to do it themselves you need their name, account number and student i.d. Account numbers start with 26, 46, 47, or 48

Please do not put coins from other countries in as they will be returned and the students account adjusted

Above all School Banking is fun, interactive and a great way to learn how to save.

Terry Hodges
ComBank School Banking Co-ordinator