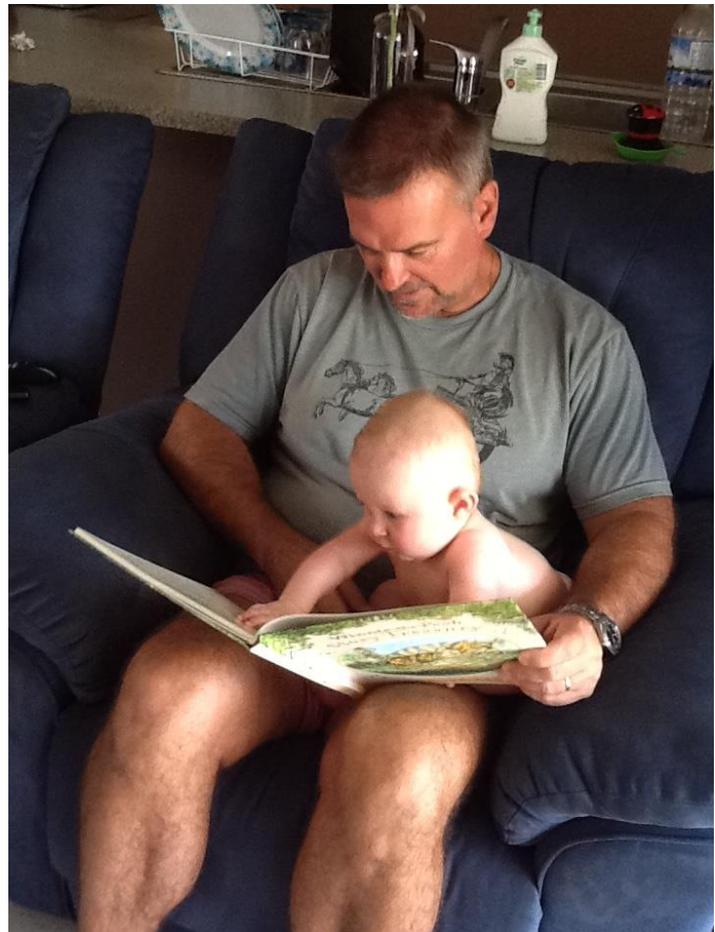
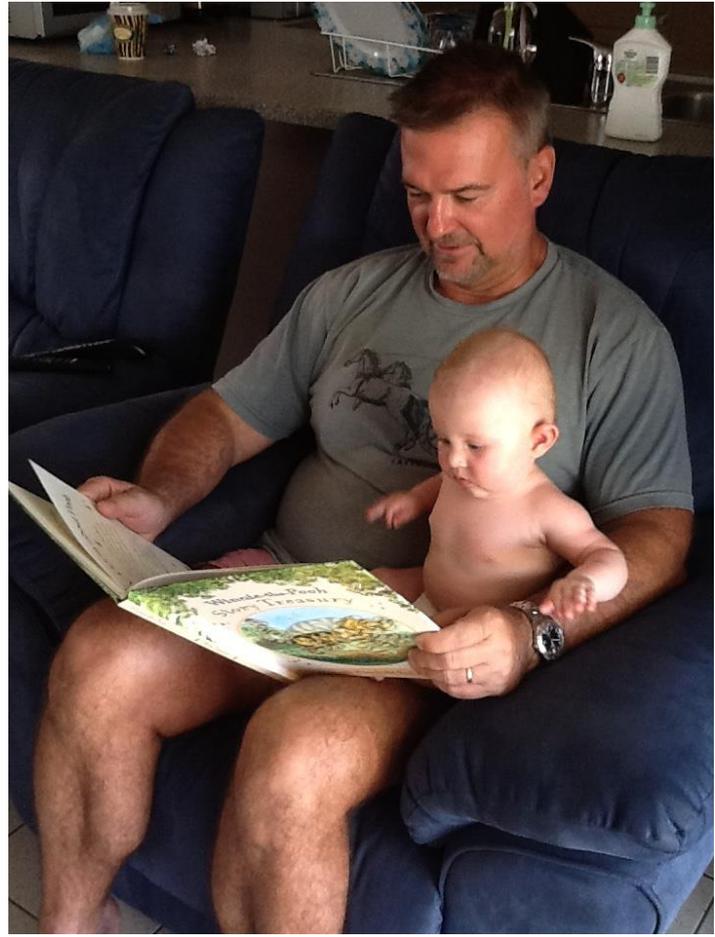


The Principal's Perspective

“The love children crave most is the love of their parents. And parents show that love by giving children time – it may be as little as fifteen minutes a day – to read aloud together, to talk to each other and bond.” So wrote celebrated children’s author, Mem Fox in her necessary book: *Reading Magic: How your child can learn to read before school. – and other read aloud miracles.* Sadly I have read a number of recent studies which have told us what we already know in this fast paced world – parents are very busy and most struggle to find or make time to read with their children. This is in direct contrast to other studies showing the rapid increase of ‘screentime’ that our children are experiencing. Television and tablet technology do have a place in learning if monitored carefully, but they don’t compare to the extra benefits and magic of sharing a book. There is overwhelming evidence that if you want smarter kids then they have to be read to and given a book-rich and reading-rich environment. Some of my fondest memories are having my twin daughters sitting on my lap as I read with them. In fact last weekend my little five month old granddaughter Harriet came over for a visit and we spent some time reading and enjoying a book together as you can see in the photos. All parents need to make this special quality time happen!



On Thursday afternoon of next week commencing at 1.45pm, our literacy coach Rachael Thompson and I, will be hosting a parent reading session. This will be a practical and informative gathering to give parents and carers some tips and advice about how you can support your child with reading at home. I have said many times that as parents you are your child's first and most important teacher so we would greatly appreciate your attendance at this session. I know that many parents are already in our school grounds waiting to collect their children prior to 2pm, so hopefully this timeslot will suit many of you. This is the first of a few sessions that will be offered throughout the year to parents. Reading Gives You Power so help your child to become more powerful by coming along for a tea or coffee and hearing how you can assist. Many thanks to all of those parents that already volunteer and give freely of their time in classrooms. I know that our class teachers very much appreciate any support you can give and your children love you being here and displaying an interest in what they are learning.

We are looking for any artistic people in our school community who may be willing to assist in creating a large mural to be painted on the back of our school hall. Most of you will remember seeing and meeting 'Chatty Moo Moo' last year, as she was the Picasso Cow that was decorated as part of a learning unit in the lower school. Because of the time and effort that went into creating her, we'd like to give her a permanent home and also beautify this area of our school. One of our parents, Belinda Reid, has already agreed to be involved in this project but she would greatly appreciate some ideas and help from others. If you believe that you can offer some assistance or perhaps know of someone who could, Belinda would appreciate you giving her a call on 0416300878. We have an awesome sense of community in our school so we are hopeful that we get a good response to this request. Many hands make light work and this will also be lots of fun!

Earlier this week we farewelled another group of Japanese students that we had hosted here at our school. The many tears at departure time highlighted the impact their brief stay had, not only on the students themselves, but also the host families and other students that had contact with them. A huge thank you to our wonderful Japanese teacher Mrs Bullen for

organising and coordinating their visit. Her work and dedication continues to paint our school in such a positive light as I know these students left with fond memories of how fantastic our school and country is, largely due to her efforts!

Yours in education,

David Teale

Principal

From The Deputy Principal

How the weeks seem to be flying by! All of the students have settled in well to their new classroom environments and they have enjoyed learning new units of work across all of the Key Learning Areas. I have enjoyed my visits in a number of classes where I have been able to watch and interact with groups of students participating in science experiments, drama activities and reading groups.

Over the next couple of weeks we have a range of events happening across the school.

This week on Friday we have a number of things all happening on the same day.

1. Our Student Council is having their first free dress day with the theme CRAZY HAIR. I look forward to seeing the really fun and wacky hair styles the students come up with. Let your imagination run free. This event is being held to raise money for Shave for a Cure.

2. The Student Council is also holding the first disco for the year, our Prep – Year 2 students can attend straight after school from 2:45 – 4:15pm and our Year 3 – 6 students can attend from 4:30 – 6pm. The cost is \$5, with poppers and chips being sold by the Student Council and a Sausage Sizzle has been organised by our P&C. While the Preps will need to be supervised by their parents, all other students can be dropped off and picked up at the appropriate times. Parents are welcome to attend.

3. Selected students from Years 5 and 6 will attend the Mabel Park High Brain Day – this is a competition among schools in our local area with a strong focus on STEM activities. We wish our 4 teams the very best of luck (not that they will need it).

4. Interschool sports also starts on Friday – our teams will play their sports in their teams for the very first time. Mr Teale and I will attend a number of these sporting events throughout the season. Interschool sport provides the students with the opportunity to learn a new sport, develop their skills and work as a team. It is wonderful to see the development of these skills throughout the season.

Also in the coming weeks we have our School Photo Day on Wednesday 9th March. Students will be required to wear their formal uniform (button up shirt) for this event. A note has been sent home explaining the process along with the payment envelope. If you haven't received this yet please see the classroom teacher or drop into the office. Silver Rose will once again take our photos, if your child is in a co-curricular group (sporting, student council, environmental ranger, library monitor) these photos will also be taken and be available for purchase on line.

On Monday 14th March our School Captains will attend a Leaders Conference in town. Ms Peppel will assist the students on this day as she has graciously undertaken the job of organising our Student Councillors and developing their leadership skills in 2016. Grandparents Day will also take place on this date, it is a lovely event that is celebrated in Prep – Year 2. If your child's grandparent is unable to attend on this day please note that you are able to attend or they can select another family member. The students and teachers love this morning. It is a great time for the students to show off their classroom and what they are working on and towards, while spending time with some of the most important people in their lives.

Regards

Trina Wilhelmsen

Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly:

Rhiannon F for making scientific predictions during investigations.

Xander K for consistently applying your best effort in all areas.

Jaoquin D for giving clear and detailed explanations of Maths processes.

Alyssa B for always putting your best effort into your work tasks.

Seth M for showing your understanding by producing high quality work.

Emma H for a fantastic effort to improve your persuasive writing.

Kain N for fantastic persuasive writing.

Piper B for excellent work in English.

Vettoria M for outstanding work with our narrative writing.

Dane M for outstanding effort in the classroom.

Sarah M for demonstrating discipline to your learning.

CJ C for always working hard to complete your work to a high standard.

William H for being a helpful hard working member of the class.

Library Award

Burleigh for enthusiastic work on world maps.

Citizenship Awards

Sophia L	Coolum
Taj P	Miami
Benjamin F	Stradbroke
Olivia J	Kirra
Astra S	Burleigh
Abraham P	Currumbin
Jerry P	Rainbow
Kaden J	Tallebudgera
Sienna P	Coolum
Jordyn S	Karragarra
Bella G	Peel
Jordan A	Moreton
Lucy V	Macleay

Student of the Month

Nikki D	Peel
Molly R	Karragarra
Lana W	Stradbroke
Jackson B	Macleay
Montana A	Moreton
Zoe K	Kirra
Isiah B	Noosa
Nina B	Tallebudgera
Jacob A	Burleigh
Keira R	Miami
Nirmal C	Currumbin
Stella U	Coolum
Jael P	Rainbow
Tayla C	Moffat
Gurleen S	Kingfishers
Ameliah V	Kookaburras
Amelia R	Bilbies
Ruby F	Echidnas
Lucy P	Quolls
Sophie B	Wallabies
Maisie S	Wombats
Maija P	Geckoes
Kaiser V S	Koalas
Oliver O	Bandicoots
Summer A	Platypus

School News

Parents of Students in Prep – Year 2
are invited to attend a....

Parent Information Session ‘How to support your child in Reading’

When: Thursday 10th March, 2016

Time: 1:45 pm

Where: Library

RSVP: By Tuesday 8th March

AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED!!

Please cut off the strip below and return to the school office
by Tuesday 8th March.

I, _____ parent of
_____ in Class
_____ wish to attend the
Parent Information session on ‘How to support my child in
Reading’ on Thursday 10th March at 1:45pm in the library.

Student Resource Scheme Prep to Year 2

The student resource scheme payment is now over 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. Invoices were sent out last week.

When making internet payments please put the child's surname on the deposit.

Instrumental Music Program Payment

Invoices have been sent home last week 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.

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.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Aalisha A for her selection in the Logan District Netball team and to Montana A for being a shadow player for the team.

Surf Lifesaving Presentation

Tuesday 22nd March in Hall

Yr3 - Yr6 9am (45mins)

Prep- Yr2 10am (30 mins)

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

Chatswood Hills Adopt -a-Cop

"Hi Everyone, My name is Constable Emily GOODGER, I am stationed at Logan Central Police Station and have been in the Police Service for three years. I would like to take the time to say thank you to all of you at Chatswood Hills State School for adopting me as your School Police Officer. I am very excited to be involved in your school community and helping out at as many opportunities as possible. Please feel free to stop and say hello if you see me around the school, I promise to do my best to help everyone in any way possible. I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know you. Stay safe."



PHOTO DAY

Chatswood Hills State School

Wednesday 9th March, 2016

To ensure you have no problems with your order please read your school photo envelope carefully.

Your child must return their envelope on PHOTO DAY.

If your child does not hand an envelope to the photographer, they may not be photographed for individual portraits.

You can place a late order with Silver Rose but usually only for group photos.

Make your payment by cash, credit card (Visa or Mastercard), cheque or money order.

If you have any questions about Photo Day call Silver Rose on 3262 5788.

www.silverrose.com.au

Lost Property

We have a set of house keys and a pair of children's reading glasses handed in. If these belong to you please call in at the office to collect.

Lote News

Sensei Says.....



Subarashii! Did you know this means 'wonderful' in Japanese.



‘Subarashii’ really is the best word I can use to describe last week’s Japanese Study Tour. Our Japanese guests really enjoyed their time here at Chatswood and have taken many subarashii memories back to Japan with them. Once again our Chatswood students were exceptionally welcoming of our guests and it was so awesome to hear all our students greeting them with a friendly ‘konnichiwa’ and ‘yokoso’.

There was lots of tears on Monday morning as the Japanese students said goodbye to their host families and buddy’s which tells me that some very special bonds were made in a very short period of time. Wouldn’t it be subarashii if students could keep in contact with their new Japanese friends and one day meet again either in Japan or Australia? I still love catching up with my host sister Fumi whenever I travel back to Japan whom I met when I was just 18 years old (many many years ago now).

Finally, I would like to congratulate Shelby and Bella on being our first LOTE Captains at Chatswood. These two girls really hit the ground running in their new roles and were giving welcome speeches in Japanese to our Study Tour Group before they had even received their LOTE Captain badges – well done girls – thanks for all you help!

Sayounara

BullenSensei

Chappy at Chats

Parent Connect

Parent connect is a time for parents to meet together and connect with other parents. The next meeting will be held in the Library on Thursday the 17th of March at 1:45 pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

Kids Club and Kids Club Junior

Kids Club meets each Thursday first break and Kids Club Junior meets also on Thursdays but during second break. Children bring their lunch with them to the Chappy Room at the beginning of the break. Children need a signed permission form to attend. These forms can be obtained from the office or from Chappy Karen

Where – Chappy Room Modular Building

What – Learning about God, Stories from the Bible, games and activities

When Kids Club – Thursdays First Break

Kids Club Junior – Thursdays Second Break

SU Holiday Camps

Each year SU (Scripture Union) runs camps in holiday breaks throughout the year for over 5000 Primary and Secondary school students who attend. These camps are implemented with the assistance from over 1500 volunteer leaders. SU Camps are high level fun with some time for Christian input. If students are interested in attending, the Chaplaincy Program may be able to help subsidize the cost of students attending.

For more information about camps see Chappy Karen for a brochure or visit the Scripture Union Website. www.suqld.org.au/camps

Chappy Karen

Date Claimers

Fri 4th March	Interschool Sport begins
Fri 4th March	School Discos
Wed 9th March	School Photos (Full Dress Uniform to be worn)
Mon 14th March	Grandparents Day (P-2)
Wed 16th March	Crosscountry
Fri 18th March	Day of Action (No to Bullying & Violence)

P & C News

Tuckshop 2016 Update

Our tuckshop Convenor is working on updating our menu and a new menu will be released for Term 2. In line with Smart Choices Qld changes to guidelines a number of items need to be deleted and no longer available. Smart Choices are designed to offer only healthy meals, snacks and drinks through school tuckshops. The guidelines help those involved work out which options are suitable to sell, using a traffic light system. The menu must be made up of a majority of Green items, with a few Amber items, and no Red ones. The school and P&C have no options but to follow these guidelines to keep the tuckshop open. Drinks will be restricted to a limited number of options. Snacks currently available will change dramatically as well, but we are still finalising healthier options. We have created a survey that we ask all families to participate in, as this will help us understand your preferences. Please be aware that while we do our best we MUST adhere to all guidelines given to us by the government.

If you are unable to open the link below you can pick up a copy from the tuckshop. Please complete the survey no later than 7th March and return it to the tuckshop.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S5Q3KWF>

P&C Annual General Meeting

Our 2016 AGM is to be held on Monday, 14th March, 6.30pm in the school administration block. All Executive Members must step down, and we call for nominations of all positions. Positions available are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising Co-Ordinator, Hall Hire Co-Ordinator & Grants Writer. Nomination forms are available from the office and must be returned to the office no later than 2.30pm Friday, 11th March. 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)

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:

School Disco

This term Discos will be held in the hall on Friday, 4th March. Junior Disco (prep-year 2) will be from 2.45pm-4.15pm. Senior Disco (year 3-6) will be from 4.30pm-6pm. Student Council will be selling chips and poppers and the P&C have been asked to provide a sausage sizzle. We would appreciate any help you could provide to help with the sizzle, anytime between 2pm-6pm. If you can spare even 30 minutes, please fill in the below form and return to tuckshop or contact Danielle on 0402 288 597. If you are unable to help please support us by grabbing some sausages for your family.

Cross Country 16th March

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 who 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 or you do not wish them to have one please inform their teacher and remind them on the day.

Election Day 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 and small gift stall. If you are able to assist with 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 18 March 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!

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 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.

The Uniform Shop will be open on Wed 9th March for those who need formal uniforms for school photos.

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. 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.

Chatswood Hills State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The school banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youth Saver Account at school each Thursday.

The program is about how regular your child makes a deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting rewards program. Every deposit earns your child a silver dollarmite token, once they have collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

On school assembly 7th March, Mrs Michelle Bourke from the Commonwealth Bank will be talking to our Senior Students about the Youth Saver Program. On School Assembly 14th March Mrs Bourke and a Dollarmite Character will be visiting our Junior School Students.

The P&C always welcomes new members/helpers and suggestions. If you would like to be involved, please fill in your details below and give to a P&C Representative, hand in at the office or email your details to us.

I am able to assist with the following days:

School
disco Junior or Senior or the
following times-

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Election BBQ. To help run or serve the BBQ at the
following times:

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Election Cake Stall. I would be happy to bake/buy
items for the cake stall.

Name..... **Phone**.....

Email: **Child/ren class**.....