The Principal's Perspective

‘Reading Gives You Power’ has been a long term mantra of mine and it pleases me no end to see this being adopted throughout our school. Currently all students should be working with their class teacher to develop their own personalised reading goal. It is important that the goal they set is in their own ‘child friendly speak’ as they need to understand the goal and even more importantly, the strategies they need to be using in order to achieve it. During our Book Week which happens in week 7 this term, we will be hosting a ‘Reading Gives You Power’ morning on the Friday and students will need to know their own reading super power! Where possible I have also asked our class teachers to ensure that parents and carers are aware of their child’s individual goal as you are your child’s first and most important teacher. After all, reading success and a lifetime love of reading begins first in the home with parents modelling the desired behaviour and attitude. We have shared many times before little tips about reading that you can easily be putting into place at home. If you would like even more suggestions, don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or come in to see our Reading and Literacy coach, Rachael Thompson. Our Reading Eggs Challenge commenced this week and more details about how you can help your class win can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Below is a quote from a recent article I was reading from the ‘International Summit on the Teaching Profession 2016.’

“The demands on learners, and thus on education systems, are evolving quickly. In the past, education was primarily about teaching people something; now, it’s about making sure that students develop a reliable compass and the navigation skills to find their own way through an increasingly uncertain, volatile and ambiguous world. A generation ago, teachers could expect that what they taught would equip their students with the skills needed for the rest of their lives. Today, teachers need to prepare students for more rapid economic and social change than ever before, for jobs that have not yet been created, to use technologies that have not yet been invented, and to solve social problems that haven’t arisen before.”

There is no doubt that our world is changing faster than at any other period in history and although exciting, this does present problems for teaching and learning. Why is it that our classrooms by and large look much the same as they did when I was at primary school? Do some historical facts still need to be taught when Google can answer questions at the click of a button? In actual fact, are we asking children the right questions if they can be answered by Google? At Chatty we are responding to this change by placing a significant focus on digital technologies or ‘DigiTech’ for short. We currently have a laptop lab, two computer labs, Interactive Whiteboards, three trial IPad classes, IPads for classroom borrowing, Apple TV and Coding Clubs operating in our school. I foresee an eventual need for all students to have daily access to some form of mobile device to support and enhance their learning. Technology engages students and is an integral part of all of our lives. We will be continuing to share information as we make decisions as a school community on how to best move forward to address the needs of our teachers and students in the ‘DigiTech’ world.
In Breaking News: We received a visit yesterday from our ARD congratulating us on our school NAPLAN results. Chatswood Hills is one of the highest performing state primary schools in the South East Region!

- Our Mean Scale Score is higher than the State in 9 out of the 10 tested areas
- Our Mean Scale Score is higher than the Nation in 8 of the 10 tested areas
- 100% of our Year 3 students reached NMS reading benchmarks
- We achieved 17 out of 20 of our school’s aspirational targets which is amazing given you are all aware of the very high standards we set!

You should all be proud that you send your child to this school where our teachers and staff are so dedicated to the work they do and where Teaching and Learning is the Main Thing!

A truly Awesome Result!

Yours in education,
David Teale
Principal

From The Deputy Principal

Students in Years 2 to 6 have been sitting ICAS assessments over the last few weeks. These assessments are completed by students who nominate themselves to enter. They are done before school in their own time. Students have completed the Science and English assessments so far and will complete the Mathematics assessment shortly. The students who have completed these assessments have done so, under test conditions. For some of our Year 2 students it is the very first time they have completed an assessment under exam conditions, where teachers aren’t allowed to read the text or some of the text to them. Students have done an amazing job and each and every one of them have tried their very best. Congratulations!

We received the results of the Science Assessment and I am very proud to announce the outstanding results of some of our students. The following students received a special mention on parade for their achievement:

- Merit Awards: Ewan R and Cassie M
- Credit Awards: Lenny C, Nirmal C, Bailee R, Sam M and Thomas B
- Distinction Award: Alex A
- High Distinction Award: Vikram K and Emily P

We look forward to receiving the English and Mathematics certificates and celebrating the achievements of our students. All test booklets will be sent home once the certificates have been handed out, for parents and students to reflect on their individual achievements.

Can I also please remind parents that the driveway entry to our school on Raleigh Street is not a pick up and drop off area? Parents are not permitted to enter the school driveway or car park. This area is designated for staff and deliveries only. There are a couple of before and after school care providers who have also been given permission by the school to access this driveway. Please do not enter the driveway, even if you are dropping students off earlier in the day. This is for the safety of everyone.

Regards
Trina Wilhelmsen
Deputy Principal

Principal Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly:

**Alex S** for working hard in class to improve in all areas.

**Lilly H** for listening to learn and knowing what to do to improve your learning goals.

**Taleia T** for always trying your best in writing activities.

**Taraia K-W** for working mathematically.

**Zayed B** for making an effort to sound out words when reading and writing.

**Tony C** for working hard in maths and always listening to instructions.

**Gabby K** for working hard in the classroom and being a great role model,

**Harry M** for making a great effort in your writing.

**Ella M** for your exceptional procedure writing.

**Kahu T** for always having a positive and productive approach to learning.

**Drew H** for consistently being hard working and displaying determination to do the best you can.

**Jack R** for an outstanding presentation for Friday Morning Talk.

**Tyrell J** for a great effort with your behaviour choices in and out of the classroom.

**Kiara K** for outstanding classroom attitude.

**Kahungunu K-W** for working diligently in all subjects every day.

**Sophie A** for giving 100% in all lessons and asking for help when you need it.

**Coen B** for awesome creative writing.

**Dontae S** for very good effort in Mathematics.

**Lucas G** for always trying your best in everything you do.

**Izaaq S** for trying your best to achieve personal goals.

**Jett F** for challenging yourself and showing persistence in Mathematics.

**Library Award**

**Geckoes** for conscientious Library book borrowing.

**Miami** for a super effort completing Book Week art activities.

**Citizenship Awards**

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**School News**

**From The Library**

Book Week is fast approaching and we commence Week 7 with our annual Book Character Parade. The theme for this year is Australia: Story Country. Children may come dressed as a character relating to this theme or their favourite book character. This is not a free dress day. Parents are very welcome to attend. Please continue to support the efforts of your children in meeting the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Reading finishes on Friday August 26. Thank you for supporting these events.
Pink Stumps Day was held on 4th August to raise money for the McGrath Foundation. All students were asked to dress in as many pink items as possible. The pinkest boy/girl in each class received a pink prize.

The teachers also dressed up and hosted a staff pink morning tea.

Students in PE classes played PINK CRICKET all day. A big thank you to all who dressed up and donated money to a worthy cause. We raised $736.15 Well done!

Thank you

Jane Taylor
Results were as follows:

Alex A - 4th 200m, 1st long jump, 2nd high jump, 2nd discus

Danny K - 4th 800m, 3rd high jump, 4th shotput, 4th discus

Giselle - 2nd 100m

Motootua K. - 1st discus, 1st shotput

A big congratulations to Motootua for making a new school record for shotput - 11m 44. He beat the current record by 2.66m.

A huge congratulations to these athletes and good luck in September at the Regional Trials.

AUSKICK

PE classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of week 4 participated in an Auskick clinic with Louie. All students were given a brochure about an upcoming Auskick after school program.

Date - 9th August
Time - 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Cost - $75
Length - 6 weeks
Venue - Chatswood Hills Oval
Contact - Damien 339 42198
or damien.richards@afl.com.au

OLYMPIC JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

Prep to Year 2 Sports Day - Tuesday
week 9

Check with your child's teacher to see which country your child's class will be representing.

Classes are wearing their chosen countries flag colours.

JUNIOR OLYMPIC SPORTS DAY 2016 PREP-YEAR 2
13th September

Geckos - SCOTLAND
Koalas - JAPAN
Bardicoots - SWEDEN
Platypus - NIGERIA
Wombats - AUSTRALIA
Quolls - BRAZIL
Wallabies - NEW ZEALAND
Echidnas - BELARUS
Bibbies - CHINA
Kookaburras - PHILIPPINES
Kingfishers - USA
Student Absences

To notify the school of absences please call the CHSS Absentee Line on 3489 2260 (24 hours) or email info@chathillss.eq.edu.au

Student Resource Scheme Prep- Year 2

If you are paying your resources in instalments the third and final payment is now due. Students will not be allowed to attend excursions until the resources are paid in full. Thank you to all the parents who have kept your resources up to date.

Contact Details

If you have recently changed any of your contact details please notify the office by email, phone or call in. It is extremely important that our records are up to date in case when have to contact you urgently regarding your child.

Lost Property

Our lost property is once again overflowing. If your child has lost any items of clothing please check the box outside the office. To keep this lost property to a minimum please make sure all your child's clothing is clearly marked with their name.

Students in Prep – Year 2 are invited to attend the….

Chatty’s Readers Club

When: Monday - Friday
Time: 8:00 – 8:25 am
Where: Chappy Karen’s Room

(beside the wooden bridge leading to the oval)

Feel free to bring along your favourite book or your school home readers. We also have a large selection of books you may like to read.

Students who come along will receive an attendance passport. After each session attended, passports will be stamped. Students with regular attendance will receive a reward from the tuckshop.

18th August 2016

Contact – Lisa Hingst Numeracy Coach for more information

As part of our school’s commitment to providing opportunities for our students to experience real world applications of the curriculum taught in the classroom, we have organised a visit from Queensland’s Premier Science Educators, Street Science.

Street Science are a team of passionate science educators who use exciting and interactive stage demonstrations to bring science to life. In celebration of National Science Week’s 2016 technology theme this August, they are touring an exclusive stage show titled "FIREBALLS, LIQUID NITROGEN & A 4 FOOT ROBOT". The show promises to live up to its
title with a range of exhilarating science demonstrations exploring fantastic fire, super cool chemistry and, yes, a real robot! Our students are very much looking forward to this high energy celebration of all things science!

Lote News

Sensei Says......
FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Families can go through periods of time that are particularly challenging. These times can coincide with school holiday breaks where families are out of the usual school routine.

Below are some listed Community Agencies that may be useful in times of family stress.

* Parent Helpline
  1300 301 300
  8am-10pm  7 days per week
  Confidential and anonymous counselling service for all parents

* Kids Helpline
  1800 55 1800 Freecall
  24 hours per day
  Free national counselling service

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* Y.F.S.- Youth and Family Services Inc.
  2-4 Rowan St Slacks Creek
  3826 1500
  Parent referral free counselling

* WAVVS- Working Against Violence Support Services
  3808 5566
  Woodridge

* Domestic Violence Hotline-
  Womensline- 1800 811 811; Mensline- 1800 600 636

* Women’s Legal Aid- 33920644

* Relationships Australia
  Counselling- relationships, separation, personal mediation  fees apply

* Centacare
  58 Morgan St
  Fortitude Valley
  3252 4371
  Relationship counselling child & family therapy, parenting courses

* Logan Child & Youth Mental Health
  91 Wembley Rd
  Woodridge
  3089 4100 (intake)
  Parent referral (3-4 months)

* Family & Child Connect [F. A. C. C] PH: 13 32 64 provides information & advice to families who need help & point them to the right services.

If there are community support agencies you need and don’t know the contact for please give me a ring on my days at Chatswood Hills State School.
This course may be of interest to some parents. It is a group program designed for adults.

"Facing the Fear" is a nine week group therapy program designed for the treatment of a range of anxiety disorders. Sessions are held weekly, and are approximately two hours in length. Therapy sessions are run by provisionally registered psychologists who are completing post graduate training at the Griffith campus. Therapists are supervised by Dr. Lorraine Casey, who is a clinical psychologist at the university. The program covers topics such as understanding anxiety, developing strategies for dealing with anxiety, and implementing these strategies across situations. The sessions are held at the Griffith campus, and free parking is available at the clinic. There is also public transport available to the campus. We are flexible with the timing of sessions, and try to schedule them to fit in with availability of group members. So far we have been finding that weekly evenings or weekends have worked best for most people. There is a per person fee associated with the therapy sessions, which is used to support the running of the program. However, fee reductions are also available for students, concession, pensioners, and individual circumstances.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the program, the next step is to have a brief 10-15 minute chat with team member over the phone. If you would like to go ahead with this, please call the office at your convenience on 3735 3348 or email hass@ Griffith.edu.au. You will also find more information on our website www.hass@ Griffith.edu.au.

Jenny Hickey
School Guidance Officer- Mondays, Tuesdays & 2nd Thursdays- 34892222

P & C News

Loose Change Challenge
During Term 3, the P&C is running a loose change challenge. Students place “loose change” in the jars sent home and return to their class each Tuesday. “Loose Change” can be any Australian notes or coins that you have to spare. The top 2 fundraising classes will win a great class party. This challenge runs for the entire (current) school term, so start collecting. Please ensure you return your jar on the last Tuesday of term (so we are able to use them again).

Book Fair
Book week is held during August, starting with the book parade on Monday the 22nd August. The P&C will be running the Scholastic Book Fair from 8.15am to 3pm Tuesday 23rd August till Monday 29th August. Each class will be given the opportunity to attend during class time however, parents are more then welcome to attend and help student purchase that special book that will excite them to read. As Mr Teale says “Reading gives you Power!”

Esther is looking for people to assist at the book fair. You don’t need to spend the whole week assisting but we would be grateful for a couple of hours. If you’re able to help or require more information, please contact Esther on 0413 222 364.

Disco
Friday the 25th August is the school Disco run by the student council and the P& C is invited to run a sausage sizzle. We need parents 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.

Father’s Day Stall
Students will be able to purchase gifts from the Father’s day stall on Thursday 1st September or Friday 2nd September during class time. Any parents wishing to attend the stall are also welcome, the stall will be open from 8.30 am each day. No purchases are available before this time. More details will be available closer to the event.

Marie is looking for people to assist at the stall on 1st and 2nd September. If you able to help or require more information, please contact Marie on 0432 541 896.

Trivia Night
On Saturday the 10th September we will be holding our first trivia night at the school hall. This will be an adults only event. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. More details will be available closer to the event.

Entertainment Books
Do you struggle to take the family out for dinner or entertainment? By purchasing a 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Book or Digital Membership you receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers. For every Membership we sell, 20% of the purchase price goes directly to us. The Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and surrounds book is still only $65. For a look at all the offers there is a display book at the office or visit www.entbook.com.au/22s1666 to purchase your copy online.
If you’re headed away for holidays, books are available all over Australia to help you save while on holidays. Just visit the web site with the Chatswood Hills logo to find out more or call Danielle on 0402 288 597.

10 Visits to SNAP Fitness Meadowbrook for just $10

SNAP Fitness at Meadowbrook have donated a number of passes allowing the purchaser to visit the gym 10 times for only $10* and the WHOLE $10 profit goes straight to the P & C to help improve the educational environment of our school. Passes are available all term or until sold out. Please return forms and money to tuck shop in a marked envelope.

School Banking

Half way through the year and we have had quite a few Savvy School Savers awarded their Bronze Certificates for 10 consecutive weeks banking and Silver Certificates for 20 weeks school banking. Unfortunately I have returned to the work force and am unable to attend the School Assemblies as it has been up to the Principal and Deputy to hand out student awards.

Rewards for Term 3 are Back Track Eraser Pen and Jump Skip Rope. From 2014/15 Out Back Pat Bag Tag, Wildlife writer set, Intergalactic Rocket, E.T DVD, Galaxy Glider, Outer space savers money box, Under the Sea money box.

End of Term 3 will see the closure of the Australia Zoo family Competition, You will see the posters and flyers given out for Term 3 Competition and finally "What school banking means to me".

For reward items not on the current reward card just place a note in your child’s deposit book detailing what reward they choose, their class name and student identification number.

Terry Hodges
School Banking coordinator.
Celebrating Community at Chatty

Celebrate Canteen Week is an opportunity to say a big thank you to Rowena and the volunteers that are essential to making the canteen run smoothly and efficiently.

**MENU (Available 9 – 12 August)**

- **Tacos**
  Beef mince, lettuce, tomato salsa, cheese and sour cream
  $4.50

- **Quesadillas**
  Beef strips, tomato and corn salsa, and cheese
  $4.50

- **Cheese Quesadillas**
  Add tomato salsa for an extra 50c
  $2.80
  $3.00

- **Nachos**
  Tomato salsa, cheese and sour cream
  $3.50

**Date Claimers**

- **Mon 8th August**
  Logan Ekka Show Holiday
- **Mon 15th – Wed 17th August**
  Year 5 Camp-Tallebudgera
- **Mon 22nd Aug**
  Book Character Parade
- **Mon 22nd Aug – Tues 30th Aug**
  Book Fair
- **Wed 24th Aug**
  Author Visit
- **Fri 26th Aug**
  School Disco
- **Tues 30th Aug**
  Prep Open
- **Wed 31st Aug**
  Teddy Bear
- **Thurs 1st Sept – Fri 2nd Sept**
  Fathers Day Stall
- **Fri 2nd Sept**
  Principal's Morning Tea
- **Tues 6th Sept**
  Prep to Year 2 Sports Day
- **Wed 7th Sept**
  Music Concert 6pm
- **Mon 12th Sept – Fri 16th Sept**
  Year 2 & 3 Swimming Program
- **Wed 14th Sept**
  Parent/Teacher interview afternoon and evening
- **Fri 16th Sept**
  End of Term 3

**Community News**

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**NAB AFL Auskick**

NAB AFL Auskick is running at your school now

Where: Chatswood Hills 55
When: First session is on Tuesday 9th August 2016
Time: 2:45pm – 3:45pm
Length of program 6 weeks*
Cost: $25

Come and see The明亮 Kids* (fully trained) and any others by Sunday 31st July, to receive a complimentary t-shirt. *2 adults & 4 children for a minimum enrollment of 8 children. Contact the Chatswood Hills office to book in. Parents & children must be at the start of each session otherwise the book fee will be lost to all participants. matches are subject to all rules.

For more information visit aflauskick.com.au or call 3394 2398