Towards the end of last week members of our school leadership team along with myself attended a two day conference down the Gold Coast. The conference theme was ‘Influence’ and focused on how people in leadership positions go about influencing those they come in contact with. I found many of the presentations both thought provoking and challenging and we all came away with lots of things to ponder as we continue our school improvement journey.

It really got me thinking that as adults we all have some sort of influence over the people we meet in life and in particular, the students and children we encounter. I repeatedly say that ‘parents are their child’s first and most important teacher’ and in your parenting role the influence you have over your child can potentially set them up for success for a lifetime. Children are like little sponges and quite often as adults we tend to forget we can also indirectly influence them by our actions as well as the things we say. Children develop their attitude to many things in life from such an early age, so never underestimate the impact you have on your child’s views, attitudes, and beliefs by the many little things you do.

In the last newsletter I briefly mentioned our amazing NAPLAN results and how proud we should all be as a school community of these achievements. Since writing about this last time I have actually been made aware that here at Chatty we are in the list of the top 15 schools as far as improvement goes in our results in Upper Two Band Reading. Given the emphasis we place on the importance of Reading in our school this is just reward for the collective efforts of all who work and learn here. I have made you all aware previously that this standardised form of testing is just one set of data we get as a school to monitor improvement, but an overall result such as this is really worth celebrating!

To get the maximum benefit from all of the great learning opportunities provided by our hard working teachers and staff, it is of vital importance that where possible your child is at school and on time each and every day. We have an attendance goal of 95% and at present we are tracking a little under this at 93%. I understand that quite often attendance at school is out of the control of children with parents determining whether their child is at school or not. I also acknowledge that last week with the Ekka show holidays being different in Logan to Brisbane that this does have an impact on some families. There is a clear correlation between student attendance and school performance so setting your children up for success relies on them being here. There does seem to be a worrying trend of students increasingly taking days off for their birthday or in some instances their parents’ or grandparents’ birthday or celebrations. I mentioned this at last Monday evening’s P&C meeting and we are exploring some future incentives to bolster attendance.

Each month’s Principal’s Morning Tea where we acknowledge and celebrate those students who are striving to achieve their personal learning goals, is a very special function. We really want to give every opportunity for parents and carers to be able to take part in this celebration. Invitations are mailed out to families in the post and we ask for an RSVP to assist with ensuring they are received as well as for catering purposes. Can I ask that if your child is chosen as the ‘Student of the Month’ that you do take the time to let our office know whether you will be attending or not to assist us in ensuring your family was notified of this event? It is too good a morning to miss!

Yours in education,
David Teale
Principal
From The Deputy Principal

This week I was fortunate enough to attend the Year 5 Camp at Tallebudgera for a short stay. The students and teachers were having an amazing time and I was blown away by the cooperation and team spirit of the groups as they completed team challenges and activities. Camp is a wonderful experience for students, for some students it is the first time they have spent time away from their immediate families. Camps teach students independence, improve self-esteem, develop social competence, increase physical activity and improve problem-solving skills. I was so proud of how the students interacted with each other, our teachers and the camp staff. Their manners and willingness to help others was a credit to their parents/families and our school community. I am sure they will have many stories to share with their peers and families. Our Year 4 students are looking forward to their camp next term, when they visit Mapleton.
This week is Science Week! Today students across the school were able to visit the “Street Science Show”. Please ask your children what they learnt and saw today. I am certain that we will have a number of students who now have a new interest in science and experimenting with materials.

On Monday morning we will begin our ‘Book Week Celebrations’ with our annual Book Week Character Parade at 8:45am in the school hall. We look forward to seeing the amazing creations, costumes and door displays. Our parents and community are invited to attend this event.

Regards
Trina Wilhelmsen
Deputy Principal

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

Arielle M for great work in your narrative writing.

Caleb D for fantastic improvement in your work habits especially listening to learn.

Angelina A for working hard and settling in so well to your new class.

Tannayah V for working hard to improve your reading and writing.

Cleo T for working hard on learning your sight words and doing fantastic writing.

Ethan T for always trying really hard with your writing.

Charlize R for great work in Maths and for good work in English.

Lekyhia J for improved expression and fluency in Reading.

Caleb B for improvement in creative writing.

Derrell E for working hard to reach your writing goals and increase your writing stamina.

Bella P for trying hard to achieve your reading goals.

Library Award
Platypus for working responsibly in the Library during book art activities.

Citizenship Awards

Renae Y  Bilbies
Molly W  Kingfishers
Tia L  Wombats
Kylan M  Quolls
Paige S  Kookaburras
Ariel D  Geckoes
Ava K  Bandicoots
Elijah P  Echidnas
Kara J  Kookaburras
Brandon A  Platypus
Chloe S  Wallabies

Students of the Month August

Ella N  Peel
Dane M  Karragarra
Tabitha S  Stradbroke
Livitha S  Macleay
Bryn M  Moreton
Zoe W  Kirra
Zahra R  Noosa
Sam M  Tallebudgera
Andrew B  Burleigh
Drew H  Miami
Poppy I  Currumbin
Jake E  Coolum
Chelsea O  Rainbow
Jazmyn H  Moffat
Joseph B  Kingfishers
Poorvika S  Kookaburras
Corbin D  Bilbies
Lilly V G  Echidnas
Evie F  Quolls
Zhanna Z-C  Wallabies
Manaia T W  Wombats
Persia G  Geckoes
Rexston C  Koalas
Millie P-F  Bandicoots
Nono T  Platypus
School News

From The Library

Book Week will commence next week 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.

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Book Character Parade

Great inspiration for the Book Character Parade can be found on Google, Pinterest, $2 shops, Vinnies and for those of you creative beings please share your ideas with others.
Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

**National Science Week**
**STEM Competition**
STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and maths.

**DESIGN A 21st Century ROBOT FOR NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2016**

The universe is a place of infinite possibility for Chatty students. Robots are fast becoming commonplace in workplaces and homes. It is estimated that by 2020 robots will take over an estimated 5 million jobs. WHAT WILL YOUR ROBOT LOOK LIKE? WHAT FUNCTION WILL YOUR ROBOT PLAY? IMAGINE A ROBOT THAT CAN DO ANYTHING YOU WANT IT TO DO!

Use STEM skills of **COLLABORATION, CREATIVITY, COMMUNICATION AND CRITICAL THINKING** to design (draw, use a computer or construct) a 21st Century Robot. Make sure you name your creation and label its parts. Write about what your robot does? How does your robot make life easier?

Send your completed entries to Mrs Ngigi in the office by Friday 26 August to win some great prizes. Winners will be announced on assembly in Week 8.

**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.

**OLYMPIC JUNIOR SPORTS DAY** Tues 6th Sept
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.

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.

Camp Lost Property

We have a few items left behind from camp. Please call in at the office if you are missing anything.

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

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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
Lote News

Sensei Says.......  

Minasan Konichi wa!

Just wanted to say a big ‘Arigatou Gozaimasu’ to all the families and students who helped host the Shio Junior High Students. They had a fantastic time at our school and were very sad to leave. They were able to take part in lots of exciting activities with our students including having a go at Aboriginal dot art, a vine day with Mr. Musch, hiking through Springfield Conservation Park with the Peel students and making mini pavlovas with their buddies. We finished off with a lovely farewell lunch where the Japanese students performed a recorder and showed us calligraphy. New friends were made and I’ve heard there has been a fair few phone calls since they returned home already.

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
* 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: 1332 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.

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

**Chappy At Chats**

**Operation Christmas Child**

*Operation Christmas Child* is an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple hands on project to bring joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world.

This is a voluntary activity that families can choose to be involved with if they are interested.

You can pack a shoebox with the following items or donate separate items within the following categories.

Something to love- a teddy, a doll or a small soft toy

Something special- hair clips, stickers, car, a note from you, a sewing kit, construction kit

Something for hygiene- a washer, toothbrush, cake of soap, brush, comp

Something to wear- thongs, hat, t shirt, sunglasses

Something to play with- handball, skipping rope, marbles, cars, trucks, boats, finger puppets

Something for school- book, pens, rubbers, pencils, coloring pencils

$9 for shipping and handling

Items that must not be included – food items, toothpaste and liquids, items related to war or gambling- no toy guns, dice, or cards

All items need to fit in a shoebox so please select small items.
If you would like to pack a whole box

1. See Chappy Karen for a box
2. Choose boy or girl
3. Choose the age of the child 2-4 year, 5-9 years or 10-14 years
4. Pack the box with items from each group listed above.

There will be boxes in The Chappy Room where donations can be left. All donations will need to be received by Week 4 of Term 4.

Parent Connect

Parent Connect is a time for parents to meet together and all parents are welcome.

The next meeting will be on Thursday the 1st of September at 2 pm in the library.

I will have some parenting books available if you would like to borrow them.

(Reading Magic by Mem Fox, Secrets of Happy Children, Raising Girls, Raising Boys by Steve Biddulph
Light refreshments available

Chappy Karen

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 than 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.

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
Banking Coordinator

**Community News**

Applications are invited for the position of

**PERMANENT CLEANER- CHATSWOOD HILLS STATE SCHOOL**

6.5 hours per week- AM Friday 3.25 hrs and AM Monday 3.25 hrs both morning shifts

ADO's(Accumulated Days Off) will be worked in addition to these hours.

Application Packages including Selection Criteria and Role Description can be collected from Administration between 8.30am-3pm or emailed.

Application Packages will not be faxed or sent out by post.

All prospective employees must make application for, and be able to obtain, a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. The successful applicant will be subject to a probationary period.

**APPLICATIONS MUST ADDRESS THE SELECTION CRITERIA IN WRITING**

(‘How you will be Assessed’ section)

Applications close FRIDAY 2nd September at 3pm. (Include a Resume in your application)

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

Documentary evidence of an Australian birth certificate OR evidence of Australian residency/work visa will be required.

Applications will remain active for a period of 12 months.

For enquiries please phone – 07 3489 2222

Please forward your application to:
Business Services Manager
Chatswood Hills State School, 21-35 Raleigh Street Q 4211 or drop into the front office between 8.30am-3pm or email to ajohn620@eq.edu.au

**SPRINGWOOD SUNS CRICKET CLUB**

**CRICKET SIGN ON**
HOMESTEAD PARK, JODIE STREET, SHAILER PARK.

9.00 AM to 1.00 PM

SATURDAY: 20th & 27th AUGUST
SUNDAY: 21st & 28th AUGUST.

Come & Try Fun Day; Free Sausage Sizzle, Face Painiting, Cricket Activities, Heater Mascot and FM 101 broadcasting Live.
Saturday 20th August, 10am-12noon.

BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME.
FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE MARION
On 32094208 or 0418730205
Or Visit our Web Site at; www.springwoodsunscqld.cricket.com.au
or our Facebook Page
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