No doubt students are looking forward to the Spring holiday period commencing tomorrow as it has been an extremely busy term in our school. When I reflect on what has happened in our school over the last month, Friday afternoon can’t come quick enough as we all have earned our holidays. Year 5’s had a great time at camp and returned with lots of fantastic tales of adventure. I mentioned in our last newsletter that we hosted another hugely successful Book Week and raised a near record amount through our Book Fair. The author visit motivated many students to become their own authors and illustrators and we thank the P&C for sponsoring this. I couldn’t have been happier with how our Reading Gives You Power finale went on the Friday, and thanks have already been extended to all of those involved. We celebrated Science Week and had a terrific incursion that got students hooked and wondering on the marvels of all things related to Science. The presenter was terrific and the students amazed! Our Preps hosted a group of trainee doctors at their Teddy Bear’s Picnic to promote an awareness of good health practices and last week held their yearly Letter Land Party to celebrate literacy progress.

Also last week we held our Annual Junior Sports Day following which we received awesome feedback. Our Music Evening was last Wednesday and was very well attended and provided our children with the opportunity to perform for an audience. Our ‘ChooseMaths’ partnership entitles us to visits from an expert maths teacher and he was in chosen classrooms modelling lessons and strategies for students and teachers last Tuesday and Wednesday. We then had an astonishing roll up to our iPad showcase on Thursday afternoon, with plenty of interest across our school about our ‘Teach Me The Way iLearn’ initiative. Congratulations to Neven G who won our lucky door prize of an iPad Air 2! More information about our BYOIpad program will be coming out next term. Our year two and three swimming program has been happening all week and we trialled an online booking system for our Three Way reporting which happened yesterday afternoon and evening. Thanks to those families who made the most of this opportunity to get some feedback on how student learning is progressing. Lastly, we will host a visit from Springwood High’s show band on our last day of term tomorrow. Schools today are incredibly busy places!

You will see elsewhere in this newsletter that the local council as well as police will be increasing their patrols in and around our school to ensure road safety rules are being obeyed. You may have noticed them a couple of times already this week. Student safety is of the utmost importance so I encourage you all to be mindful of this when you are dropping off and picking up your children here at Chatswood Hills. The Drop and Go zones adjoining our school are exactly as they are named. They are not places to park and wait for your children but rather to drop or pick up and go. This is something the police and council patrols are looking at and have indicated that they will now be fining motorists who are not compliant. Just wanted you all to be aware that this is about to happen if it hasn’t already. Finally I’ll take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday period. Just a reminder that school resumes on Tuesday 4 October as Monday is the Queen’s Birthday public holiday. Remember that if your child complains over the two week period of being bored, give them a book to read! Happy holidays everyone!

Yours in education,

David Teale
Principal
From The Acting Deputy Principal

Whilst Trina has been away on leave this week, I have had the pleasure of being the acting deputy principal. My usual title at Chatswood is the Pedagogical Coach.

Yesterday many of you would have been involved in our Three Way Reporting evening. This is a great time to celebrate, reflect on and evaluate any learning goals that your children have been working towards. Where are they heading to for next term? What is their next step in their learning? What are your child’s new goals and how are they going to achieve this?

Thanks for a great term, it certainly has been packed with great opportunities for learning and enjoyment. Mr Teale has mentioned a myriad of events in his “The Principal’s Perspective” and when I reflect on these and on what our school and community have achieved we should all be very proud of our collective efforts.

Everyone is ready for a well-earned break, make sure you take the time to rest, relax and recharge your batteries ready for another wonderful term, our last for 2016.

I would like to finish off by thanking everyone for their support whilst I have been filling in for Trina. I am sure she is having a wonderful trip away with her family and she will be back next term.

Leslie Ward

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly:

Hayley C for having beautiful manners and always doing the right thing.

Hayley R for writing a creative and interesting Imaginative narrative.

Olivia K for outstanding ship counting skills.

Ella T for working hard at all classroom activities.

Holly S for always trying your best with all of your school work.

Takoda G for working hard in LEP and the classroom to improve your reading skills.

Sefa P for a great improvement with your reading.

Kahu P for excellent work in Maths.

Taj M for excellence in Maths and story illustrations.

Ruby A for great journal writing.

Maram H for working so hard to learn all your letters.

Ash B for trying so hard in class to finish all writing tasks.

Ariki R for striving to improve.

Nya D for an improved and pleasing effort in using appropriate behaviour and considering others.

Mianah C for trying hard and participating well in Maths lessons.

Nirmal C for always trying to better your own personal best everyday.

Cody C for working diligently in class the last week.

Dylan B for outstanding effort in Maths!

Mia L for showing persistence and using feedback when working on English Assessment.

Ellie-Joy C for being a consistant hard working student.

Nathan L for consistently working hard in all areas.

Library Award

Moffat- for choosing Library books that match their reading ability.

Citizenship Awards

Elson C Platypus
Remy W Kingfishers
Lincoln C Wallabies
Maxim K Geckoes
Chloe B Wombats
Andreas R Quolls
Isabelle H Echidnas
Lingoln A Kookaburras
Avaleigh P Bandicoots
Blake C Kookaburras
Ezekiel H Bilbies
Mathilda K Karragarra
Jordyn K Miami
Alex A Currumbin
Reyes B Tallebudgera
Danny K Macleay
Isaac T Noosa
Jake E Coolum
C J C Moreton
Student of the Month

Bella G Peel
Drew C Karragarra
Cuba G Stradbroke
Jett F Macleay
Coen B Moreton
Benjamin G Kirra
Bailee R Noosa
Jorja C Tallebudgera
Rudi S Burleigh
Xander K Miami
Kayley S Currumbin
Corbin P Coolum
Eddie C Rainbow
Tawa-Dean S Kingfishers
Jake W Kookaburras
Ellie F Bilbies
Tristan V Echidnas
Summer S Quolls
Jack R Wallabies
Chaise G Wombats
Liam C Geckoes
Riley K Koalas
Harry M Bandicoots
Branden A Platypus

Congratulations to all the boys.

PE WEEK 18th October - 21st October

Three Chatswood Hills students recently competed at the Met East Athletics Championships. Congratulations to Alex A for his 4th placing in long jump. Danny K has qualified to be a member of the Met East Athletics team to compete at the QLD titles, as has Motootua K. Danny will compete in discus and Tetrathlon and Motootua in both discus and shotput. Motootua also broke the Regional record for 10 year old boys with his discus throw of 44.36m.

During week 2 of last term Chatswood students will be celebrating PE by participating in various activities during classes and at lunch times. A full program will be out shortly.

Jane Taylor
PE Teacher

Junior Olympic Sports Day

Last Tuesday our preps-Yr2 participated in our Olympic themed Sports Day. It was great to see so many countries represented and students wearing their flag colours. A big thank you to our senior student helpers and to all our parent supporters. Children participated in running races, tabloid events, tunnel ball and a tug of war.
A Special Visitor to our School
It is lovely to see our native animals enjoying our school environment.

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

Payment Window Changes

It has been recommended by our Finance Dept that we reduce our payment Window days to two instead of three. As of next term the window will only be open on Tuesday and Wednesday 8am-10am. Internet banking is available anytime for making payments.

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. Any lost property not collected by tomorrow will be sent to Vinnies.

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.

Chatty Readers Club

A big thank you to all the parents who have sent books in to the Chatty Readers Club.
DATE SAVVER

iPad Parent Information Afternoon
Week 3 Term 4
Wednesday 19 October

IPAD SHOWCASE

Thank you to all those parents, students and siblings who attended the iPad showcase. What a wonderful afternoon. Congratulations to the students who so confidently and ably demonstrated their skills and knowledge around the iPads and cybersecurity. Such exciting things are happening in our school and it was a great opportunity to share this with the school community.

WINNER

Congratulations to Neven from Macleay, the lucky winner of a brand new iPad Air 2.

SPHERO

The robots our students were using at the iPad Showcase are called Spheros.

These robots can move using an iPad as a controller or they can be coded using the Lightning Lab app.
In Coolum, we have been exploring the use of ICT as part of the Australian Curriculum. We have investigated ways to stay safe online.
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: 13 32 64** provides information & advice to families who need help & point them to the right services.

This course may be of interest to some parents. It is a group program designed for adults.

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.

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.

If your child has brought a box home and you are not able to participate this year, please return the box to the office.

Please return all boxes and send in all donations by Thursday the 26th of October.

Chappy Karen

P & C News

Loose Change Challenge

The Loose Change Challenge raised $3,800. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.
The winning classes were: Tallebudgera and Kookaburra

Trivia Night

The trivia night was a huge success. Thank you to all the sponsors who supported us on the night.

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.

Date Claimers

Mon 12th Sept - Fri 16th Sept Year 2 & 3
Swimming Program

Fri 16th Sept End of Term 3

Mon 3rd Oct Queens
Birthday Public Holiday

Tues 4th Oct Term 4
commences

Mon 17th Oct Pupil Free
Day

Wed 19th Oct IPad Classes
Parent Information Night
CHILD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Logan City Council will soon implement automated number plate recognition (ANPR) technology to administer parking laws and help improve safety around schools.

Council is committed to ensuring the safe parking of vehicles on roads near schools for the protection of children and other road users. As part of Council's role, there is a community expectation that Council officers attend schools to monitor the safe drop off and pick up school zones and in the surrounding streets. Drivers who park illegally near schools may cause traffic chaos and risk the safety of our children and other road users.

In October 2016 Council will be implementing ANPR technology around schools and on other roads. This new technology will enable Council officers to patrol roads outside a school using a vehicle fitted with cameras that identify vehicles parked contrary to the Queensland Road Rules. Council will then issue infringements to the vehicle owner by post.

The ANPR vehicle will be easily identified by high visibility road safety messaging. The presence of this vehicle is aimed at encouraging drivers to do the right thing to make the school environment safer. The technology is in use by other councils and government agencies across Australia to monitor both parking and moving vehicle offences.

Drivers are encouraged to fully familiarise themselves with the Queensland Road Rules so a safer school environment can be maintained for our children.

Importantly, drivers who follow the road rules have nothing to fear from this initiative.

The attached fact sheet provides information on parking around schools.
Mabel Park Sport Program

Mabel Park State School is offering Primary School Sport before school in term 4, they will run it and supervise the students. The start time for each day is at 7:30am with a finish time at 8:15am. They will provide all equipment that is required and it opens to Year 5 and 6. It is the parent’s responsibility to drop students at the school and collect them at 8:15 am. Below is the timetable for the sports that are available. Please contact Mabel Park State School if you are interested or have any queries or concerns.