

The Principal's Perspective



The 2016 school year is flashing by and it is almost unthinkable that we now have just over four weeks remaining of school for this year. However I guess when I visit any one of our prep classrooms and reflect on the distance travelled as far as the student learning and progress goes, it is remarkable just how far they have come. Students in this area of the school are successfully reading and writing and can solve multi-step mathematical problems. I realise that all teachers make a difference over the course of a year and students right across the school show academic growth, but for me it is usually in prep where you really notice this teaching impact. These little people will be year one before we know it and at the other end of the school we have our year six cohort who are nervously excited about transitioning from primary to secondary education. Preparations are well underway for their upcoming graduation evening and I am certain that just like me, they are wondering where this year went?

Thanks to everyone for the overwhelming response we have had for our expressions of interest for our trial iPad classes next year. Hopefully all in our school community are aware that 2017 is the transition year to our BYOiPad launch the following year, and that there is no guarantee following this expression of interest, that your child will be placed in an iPad class next year. We

are presently working on this whole process of classes for 2017 and these will be known as usual during the last week of school. I realise that Santa may be bringing an iPad to many of our students this Christmas in preparation for our 'Teach Me The Way iLearn' initiative, and I just want to assure all families that even if your child is not successful in gaining entry to an iPad class next year, the investment in this device will be absolutely worth it down the track. In the majority of our year levels for 2017, early indications are that there will be perhaps two drafts of iPad classes but the final number will be known closer to year's end. Our Chatswood Hills Digi Tech Team is investigating various ways to support all families in this exciting transition to the future of education in our school. We will continue to release details and updates as our journey progresses.

The hot weather has already arrived and our students and staff are really feeling the heat in our classrooms. I am sure that you will recall that I mentioned last summer that I believe there is a growing need in our Queensland climate to look at getting Chatty classrooms air conditioned. Over the Christmas holiday period my plan is to use some school funds that I have allocated to air condition two of our teaching blocks. The two blocks that I have chosen to target currently house our senior students and I believe that it is only fair that these children are first to receive the benefits to learning that air conditioning can bring. I anticipate continuing to work closely with our P&C and school community to make this a priority facility improvement as we move forward. I know I have P&C support for this as our students deserve to be learning in a comfortable environment and I'm sure you will all hear more about how you can assist in making this happen next year and beyond. A project as big and as expensive as this takes considerable time to fund and roll out. The old junior playground at the back of our school hall that had to be removed earlier this year, will be replaced over the Christmas holiday break with new and challenging climbing equipment for our students. Clearly there are lots of exciting things happening within our school to look forward to next year!

Yours in education,

David Teale

Principal

From The Deputy Principal



Thank you to those parents that have let us know about enrolments for 2017.

If you have a child at home that is due to start school next year and you haven't had a Prep interview, please contact Jenny or Lea in the office to arrange an interview time as soon as possible.

In addition to this, if you are aware that you will be moving over the school holidays and your child will no longer be attending Chatswood Hills in 2017, can you also contact the office and speak to Jenny or Lea.

Could I also please remind parents and students that our first bell goes at 8:15 am. Students and parents who arrive at school earlier need to remain at the tuckshop area until the first bell. Students shouldn't be arriving at school before 8:00 am, unless they are attending activities that have been prearranged.

Regards

Trina Wilhelmsen

Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly:

Chaise G for working hard to achieve your writing goal.

Gurleen S for working hard in class to achieve your writing.

Indiana P for improvement in your writing this term.

Charlotte C for great work on writing stories using your sounds.

Oliver O for being an extremely conscientious, helpful and consistent class member.

Mia H for putting 100% effort into improving your reading and writing.

Paradise L-T for very good spelling, reading and improved writing.

Ruby F for excellent Maths work.

Elijah S for great progress in reading.

Lewis C for consistently applying your best effort each day.

Sophie L for walking hard on all activities to a high standard.

Ruby F for an amazing effort across all of your class work.

Ashlyn P-W for an improved effort to answer questions in class.

Poppy I for demonstrating respectful behaviour at all times, being a great role model to your peers.

Carter C for working well in class.

Nathan F for participating in lessons and sharing your ideas.

Caleb M for using great rhyming words in your sentences.

Teegan H for an impressive improvement in your use of language features.

Bryley S for improved focus during all learning activities.

Dre K-H for working hard at all times in every subject area.

Lily M for being a conscientious student who enjoys the challenges of learning.

Library Award

Wallabies for a joyful rhythmic to "Square Eyes" singing story.

Peel for outstanding response to historical fiction class text.

Stradbroke for being a pleasure to teach in the Library for the year,

Citizenship Awards

Holly S	Wombats
Jethro P	Kingfishers
Summah-Lea K	Wallabies
Madi B	Bilbies
Kaiser V S	Koalas
Payton C	Geckoes
Lola N	Kookaburras
Eason C	Echidnas
Stephanie B	Quolls
Morell K	Miami
Kaylee C-V	Coolum
Toby B	Tallebudgera
Taylor R	Kirra
Shaeden A	Currumbin
Andrew B	Burleigh
Vikram K	Noosa
Chelsea O'D	Rainbow
Chloe M	Macleay
Payton C	Moffat
Ella J	Moreton
Clinton R	Peel

Students of the Month- October

Mia W	Peel
Annika M	Karragarra
Mianah C	Stradbroke
Ashton B	Macleay
Nylanah W	Moreton
Olivia J	Kirra

Chloe W	Noosa
Luke W	Tallebudgera
Corey B	Burleigh
Jae-Leigh T	Miami
Campbell S	Currumbin
Ellie-Joy C	Coolum
Evie L	Rainbow
Sienna P	Moffat
Molly W	Kingfishers
Kara J	Kookaburras
James B	Bilbies
Abigail S	Echidnas
Lilly H	Quolls
Zayad B	Wallabies
Noah T	Wombats
Jedd S	Geckoes
Darby B	Koalas
Avaliegh P	Bandicoots
Sarai T	Platypus

School News

Newsletter Changes

As the end of the year is fast approaching this will be our 2nd last issue. The last issue will be sent out on **Thursday 1st December** not Thursday 24th November.

From the Library

In Library lessons this week, children learnt the significance of Remembrance Day. Also known as Armistice Day, a minute's silence is held at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. CHSS will observe this tradition on Friday before first break. This event remembers those who died as a result of war, from WW1 onwards. It also marks the day a peace treaty was signed at the end of this war.

Last week, Years 4-6 watched a 5 minute inspirational segment of *The Feed* a show on SBS

which told the story of a 12 year old Hobart boy who sews bears for sick kids. He looks at sadness and tries to turn it upside down. As he says '*Being kind, not mean will change the world a lot*'. Adults and children alike can learn from this child's actions. Please look for any 'lost' CHSS Library books and return them as soon as possible!

Happy reading!

Lyndell Roberts

Teacher Librarian

2017 Booklists Years 3-6

The 2017 booklists for Years 3-6 were sent home on Monday 7th Nov. Please read the instructions carefully. If you choose to purchase the booklist yourself please make sure you buy the brands specified.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours for Preps 2017

The Uniform Shop will be open for purchasing uniforms on each of the Orientation mornings.

Pick up for 2017 will be on the following days:

Thursday	18th Jan 2017	9.30am-11.00am
Saturday	21st Jan 2017	9.00am- 11.00am

Lost Property

We have had a girl's purse and a boy's watch handed in. Please call in at the office if you have lost these.

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

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 we have to contact you urgently regarding your child. A reminder that the report cards get emailed out at the end of the year so please make sure your email address is up to date.

iChat@CHSS



Apple Store

For those families who are wishing to purchase an iPad through the Apple Store @ Carindale, the Chatswood Hills portal has been activated. Mention that you are from CHSS to receive education pricing. The apple store also provides 12 month interest free finance to approved purchasers.

App Lists for 2017



The app lists for 2017 are being collated and will be sent home with supporting information if your child is in an iPad class. There will be a core list for junior, middle and senior school and then additional apps required by individual teachers. The majority of these apps will be free.

Presentation and Handout from Information Afternoon

Don't forget that this information is available on the CHSS website. Simply click on Support and Resources, Forms and Documents, Parent resources, and iPad Program.

BYO-iPad 2017

Thanks to all those families who returned their Expression of Interest forms. Access to iPads will ensure our students will be very well placed as we strengthen the STEM focus in our school and continue integrating the new ACARA subject, Digital Technologies.

CHSS is an exciting place to be for teaching and learning. The NSW Government 2013 Literature Review 'Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) in Schools' found that in schools with BYOD/1:1 programs:

- Evidence of improvements in standardised test results, particularly in Literacy and Writing.
- Students in these programs had become more self-directed learners, were more engaged and motivated, while teachers were shifting to more student centred practices.

"75 per cent of the fastest growing occupations require STEM skills. Our focus on STEM will help to ensure that every Queensland student can succeed in our changing world."

Kate Jones MP
Minister for Education



LOTE NEWS



Sensei Says

Minasan Konnichiwa!

What a great year we've had with 2 visits from Japanese students at our school, the Kumamoto Cherry Blossom Fundraiser as well as a bit of end of term 3 Karaoke. Students have been able to actively use their Japanese language skills and

being able to communicate with the Japanese students was very rewarding for them.

Next year we have another group of Japanese students coming to visit us in the middle of Term One. If you are interested in hosting a student in your home please see the advert below.



HOST FAMILIES

We are seeking Host Families
FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS
from
TAMA UNI MEGURO JHS, TOKYO
(14-15 years old)

From Wed 22nd Feb – Sun 5th Mar 2017
11 nights stay, 1 student per family

The students will attend **Chatswood Hills SS** on weekdays
Free to spend afternoons and weekends with host family

Host Family Requirements:

- No other Japanese person staying with the family
- 3 meals per day
- Own bed, but can share a room with host family member(s)
- Over 18's holding the Blue Card or willing to apply through us
- Safe travel to and from school

Remuneration \$450
24/7 Friendly Bilingual Support Available

Please contact your school or the organising company for further information,
AUSTRALIA JAPAN STUDY PROGRAMME (AJSP)
Email: ajspmeri@gmail.com
Phone: 0432 219 811 (Mari)

Sayounara

Bullen Sensei

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Dealing With Disappointment

In the last newsletter I gave a few ideas to encourage building confidence in children. This newsletter item discusses dealing with disappointment in children. Everybody experiences disappointment at some stage and fails to achieve their goals sometimes. Parents and carers can help by:

Acknowledging feelings, and respond sympathetically and with encouragement e.g. “You sound disappointed, but at least you had a go”.

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Helping children focus on what they can change to make things better, rather than thinking that the situation is unchangeable or that there is something wrong with them e.g. “What can you try that might make that work better next time?”

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Challenge words like ‘I can’t’ or ‘I’m a failure’ and letting them know that ‘giving up’ may not help them reach their goal.

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Realize that disappointment in children can show itself as anger or sadness or another emotion. Find and name the feeling under the anger or sadness, if it’s disappointment e.g. “You sound disappointed that you came last in the race but at least you tried your best”.

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Discuss times that you felt disappointed in not achieving a goal but went on to persist.

Jenny Hickey

Guidance Officer- Mondays, Tuesdays and 2nd Thursdays

Chappy At Chats

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who contributed items or packed a box for the Operation Christmas Child Boxes. This year our school community packed 37 boxes that were completely jam packed with things that were special, useful, homemade and fun. Thank you for the letters, pictures and photos that you enclosed. A special mention and thank you goes to the Kingfisher's class who packed some boxes as a class. I am certain that 37 children in another country will be excited and pleasantly surprised to receive gifts from Australian children, families and staff. I hope that you enjoyed being part of this initiative.

Thank you to Aaliyah who helped to finalise the packing of the boxes. Thank you also

to the Vine Christian Church Springwood which contributed \$90 to the transportation of the boxes where the money was not included.

Chappy Karen

P & C News

P&C Fundraising

Christmas Carols

The Chatswood Hills Christmas Carols begin 6pm Thursday 24th November. Food and drink will be available from 5pm. Please be aware that there are a few bindi weeds on the grassy area so don't forget to bring a blanket or rug to sit on.

Pizza order forms are available on Flexi Schools, Face book, Chatswood Hills Website, school office and they were sent home last week.



The Christmas Carols will be held in the Amphitheatre opposite the school office.

Please join us in celebrating the festive season by enjoying some Christmas music sung by our wonderful Chatswood Hills students. Come early and have a pizza picnic dinner before the carols. Set up a blanket or chairs, on the grassy area by the office. If you decide to bring chairs please be considerate of those around you and choose a location at the edge or rear.

Soft drinks, slushes, chips, ice-blocks and other confectionary items sold at the tuck-shop will be available for purchase. **NO HOT FOOD** will be available for purchase on the evening however, Pizza Caper pizzas at Chatswood Central will be available for **PREORDER ONLY**. Pizzas will be delivered to the school tuck shop area for distribution by P&C volunteers. Three delivery times of 5:00pm, 5:25pm or 5:50pm are available. Preorders can be made online through FlexiSchools or by filling out the payment form over and returning it to the tuck-shop with full payment by **Friday 18th November**. For every pizza ordered Pizza Capers will donate back a percentage to our great school.



A Carols Program will be available to download with the words of the carols for each class/year level prior to the evening. This will be available to download from the school Facebook page once the program has been finalised.

PARKING: Access to the carols will **ONLY** be via the main front pedestrian gate on Raleigh Street.

PLEASE NOTE: *In previous years parents have been disappointed when they are unable to see or hear their children's performances. In consideration of all the families and friends within our school community we ask people to remain seated during performances and limit discussions to times when children are entering or exiting the stage. If you do wish to take a photo during a performance there will be a designated photography area. However we do ask that you avoid taking photos of students other than your own and refrain from posting images on social media. A festive backdrop will be made available for parents to take photos of students with their friends where prior consent is given by all parties involved.*

The P&C would like to thank Terry Clark, Mrs Lui and Pizza Capers Chatswood Central for their time and donations in order to help make this evening a successful fundraising event.



2017 CHSS Fete

The Chatswood Hills Fete will be held on the 9th September 2017. It may seem to be a very long time away but preparations for the Chatswood Hills 2017 Fete are well underway. As the year draws to an end, companies begin to consider who they wish to support financially in the new year. The P&C is hopeful local companies would consider our school community. If you know of a local business who would be interested in receiving information about sponsoring the School Fete in 2017 please contact the P&C via email pandc@chathillss.eq.edu.au or Danielle on 0402 288 597. The P&C is grateful for all types of sponsorship, gifts in kind or financial support.

School Banking

Well the weeks are gradually going faster and faster. Not only are your teachers gearing up for 2017 so are your new School Banking coordinators Mrs Andrews and Mrs Maguire.

Just a bit of information for parents who are new to School Banking and to Chatswood Hills.

Schools Plus is a new program that the CommBank is partnered with Teachers Awards which help showcase Australia's Great Teachers.

You can now register online if your are interested in your child participating in the School Banking Program, just go to-

www.commbank.com.au/personal/eform/school-banking-program-registration-of-interest.html

Start Smart is an award winning free financial education program offered to over 550,000 school students and young adults. Start Smart is currently piloting and educational story book and virtual reality experience called the Teleporter Adventure as a new way for children to engage with the program. As yet their is no confirmation date for it's national debut.

Terry Hodges
School Banking
Coordinator.

Helping Hands

Chatswood Hills State School Helping Hands Community Survey - OSHC - \$100.00 gift voucher to be won.

To assist us in providing an OSHC program that meets both your and your child's individual requirements, and to understand what is important to your family we would appreciate if you could please take a couple of minutes to complete this survey.

Please include your name and contact details to be eligible to go into the draw to win a \$100 gift voucher. (One survey per family).

Follow this link to complete the survey online;

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HH_Chatswood_Hills

*Or email andream@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au to get a copy emailed to you. The survey closes on **18 November 2016***

Date Claimers

Thurs 24th Nov Carols	Christmas
Fri 25th Nov Theatre Excursion Year 3	Twelfth Night
Mon 28th Nov -Fri 2nd Dec Program Prep & Year 1	Swimming
Wed 30th Nov-Fri-2nd Dec Camp - Mapleton	Year 4
Tues 6th Dec Dreamworld Excursion	Year 6
Wed 7th Dec Graduation	Year 6
Thurs 8th Dec Awards Ceremony	Academic
Fri 9th Dec 2016	Last Day for

2017

Mon 23rd Jan begins	Term 1 2017
Thurs 26th Jan Public Holiday	Australia Day