

The Principal's Perspective



Hi everyone and welcome back to Chatswood Hills State School for 2017. A very warm greeting to new students and their families who are joining our great school for the first time. What an amazing and positive start we have already made! I have visited all classrooms and can honestly say I can't ever remember a smoother and more settled start in all my years as a principal. Thanks to everyone in our school community for your efforts in ensuring that students were prepared and ready to learn from the very first day last week. It really is wonderful to be back working with you all to ensure high performance teaching and learning remains the main thing here at Chatty! Unless you are new this year you will all know the emphasis I place on feedback in order for us all to improve. With this in mind please feel free to come and see me anytime with comments and suggestions about anything you believe can be done to make our fabulous school even better.

Kylie Lang who is an associate editor at The Courier Mail, wrote a very insightful article on Friday 20 January just prior to the children returning to school. Her column was titled 'Parents Not Making Grade' and highlighted the importance of parents valuing education and being actively involved in school life. She wrote, "...but instead of quibbling over class sizes, criticising the curriculum and taking teachers to task, let's look closer to home to give kids the best shot at educational achievement. As simplistic as it might sound in this age of rigorous national testing and international ranking, the family environment

remains the single most important determinant of how a child fares in the classroom." 'Parents as partners in education' has been my motto for as long as I can remember and no doubt our new prep parents would've heard me say this last year when I met them for the first time. As a parent you are your child's first and most important teacher and it is vital that you work alongside the school and your child's class teacher for them to be successful with their learning. The highest achieving children are the ones whose parents take an active interest in their education.

Next Wednesday afternoon all class teachers will be hosting parent information sessions and this is a fantastic opportunity to develop a positive relationship with the school as well as to meet other parents in your child's class. Teachers will run two sessions: 2.45pm – 3.15pm and 3.20pm – 3.50pm. This enables parents who have more than one child at our school to attend and hear how they can support learning. Our teachers will unpack their day to day routines and explain their expectations as far as learning goes, as well as highlight any special activities they have planned for the year. It will also provide a chance for you to ask questions and have anything clarified that you may be concerned or unsure about. I know many of our teachers have already sent home information letters containing some of what will be discussed, but by attending one of these face to face sessions you will be showing your son or daughter that you value their education and are interested in helping them succeed at school. I hope to see lots of you here on Wednesday 8 February.

Our first Parents and Citizens (P&C) meeting will be held at 6.30pm here at school in the staffroom on Monday 13 February. This is yet another way to be actively involved in school life and the education of your child. The support of our wonderful P&C here at Chatty is greatly appreciated. Meetings usually only go for an hour or so and it is a friendly forum to share ideas, views, provide feedback and contribute to ensuring Chatswood Hills continues to provide educational excellence. At this first meeting I will share our school's improvement agenda for the year and will also place the key points in our next newsletter. It would be awesome to see some new faces at this meeting.

Yours in education,

David Teale

Principal

From The Deputy Principal



Welcome back! What a great start we have had in our school. It was lovely to see the students smiling and excited to be back at school after the break. Many of them told me they wanted to be back at school, but like my own children I am sure some of this enthusiasm was because they were excited to see their friends and enjoy the routine that school brings to their day. The students have settled in beautifully and our Prep students are doing an amazing job learning new routines while playing and making new friends.

Can I please take this time to remind you of a few small things that make our school run smoothly on a daily basis?

The staff carpark on Raleigh Street (with the large gates) is for staff and deliveries only. Please do not enter this driveway, this is for the safety of all of our students. Parents are welcome to park, pick up and drop off their students on the surrounding streets and the council carparks (near the hall and the school oval). Please be patient and considerate of other families and drivers during peak drop off and pick up times.

All students who arrive at school prior to 8:15am are required to sit at the tuckshop area. This includes students who have parents waiting with them. At 8:15am when the bell rings, students and parents are welcome to sit near the classrooms until the teacher opens the classroom. Students are not to be on the playground equipment before school under any circumstances.

We also have a number of iPad classes this year and students are really enjoying having this device to enhance their learning. To ensure the safety and usage of these devices we ask students not to place their school bags in the bag racks before the bell, they need to take their bags to the tuckshop area if they are at school prior to 8:15am. We also ask that student do not remove their iPad from their school bag, in the school grounds before school, this is listed in the requirements of our Student BYODiPad and Digitech Charter, which reads ‘students will not be permitted to use iPads in the school grounds before school, during lunchbreaks, or after school.’ All students have been reminded about this rule. Can you please ensure that if you are with your child in the morning or after school that this rule is followed, as this would greatly assist us?

Regards

Trina Wilhelmsen

Deputy Principal

School News



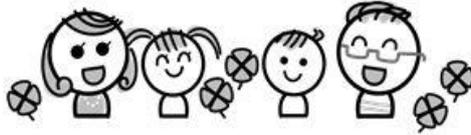
‘Late last year Education Queensland ran a campaign focusing on the need to respect all teachers and staff that work in schools. Chatswood Hills State School is a place of learning where all students and staff need to feel safe and respected. If you have any concerns relating to your child’s education, health, or wellbeing, please approach staff in a friendly and respectful manner. Any acts of abuse, aggression or hostility are not okay in our school community. We are all role models for the students who attend here. Your cooperation is appreciated and expected.’



Welcome to a new year of borrowing. Please encourage your children to borrow from the Library. Prep – Year 3 will start borrowing next week. They need to bring a Library Bag to do so. Prep borrow one book and Years 1-6 may borrow 2 books at a time. Borrowing timetable appears below. Children may borrow before and after school and 2nd break. We endeavour to send home overdue notices a few times throughout the term. Reimbursement for lost books is paid at the office. Sometimes parents choose to donate a book of equal cost as replacement for lost books. Happy reading!

Tuesday	Year 2 & 3
Wednesday	Year 1, 4,5 & Stradbroke
Thursday	Prep, Year 6

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian



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: ajspmari@gmail.com
Phone: 0432 219 811 (Mari)



Students in Prep – Year 6
are invited to attend the....



Chatty 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.

Interschool Sport - 3rd March- 9th June

All students in Yrs 4-6 have now selected their sports for Friday afternoons.

Interschool -league, soccer, & netball. Forms will be given out when teams have been finalised.

Social activities- craft, science, musical theatre.

Sport at school is also on offer. Craft and science students will join the social sport students for the afternoon session.

Jane Taylor
HPE Teacher

Parking Around the School

Please be mindful that when you are parking around the school **DO NOT** park across residents driveways.

Lost Property

The following items have been handed into the office. If you own any of them please call in at the office to collect;

A girl's purse, a child's watch, a set of keys, a toy cat and a mauve pencil case.

Chappy At Chats

The year has well and truly begun and it has been heartening to see students so settled back at school and welcoming new students including the Prep students to our school. I have met quite a number of new students and parents who are enjoying being part of our wonderful school community.

My name is Karen Kuring or Chappy Karen as known throughout the school. I am in the school on Mondays and Thursdays and I am available to provide support to children, parents or carers.

Please email me at karenk@chappy.org.au if you would like to make a time to meet me or if I can be of assistance to you or your child.

Here is some information about what a chaplain does...

Chaplains or 'Chappies' provide emotional, social and spiritual support to school communities. They are in the prevention and support business. Helping students find a better way to deal with a range of issues from family breakdown and loneliness to bullying and anxiety. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for children in crisis and those who just need a friend. They also provide support for staff and parents in the school community.

P & C News

Tuckshop News

A new tuckshop menu will be sent home this week. It will commence Mon 6th Feb.

School Banking

Welcome to Chatswood Hills State School 2017 school banking. What a year we have in store for you.

From Term1 to Term3 simply bank 15 times or more and automatically go in the draw to win a Family holiday to Tokyo Disneyland.

How awesome is that, includes a lot of other cool stuff as well.

Rewards redemption cards are now on line you need to go to www.commbank.com.au/school banking and follow the links. If you haven't opened a youth saver account you can apply on line if you're CommBank account holder or not, follow the above web address, follow the link - Open Youth Saver Account

Follow the link to simply print out the reward redemption pamphlet, when your child has saved 10 tokens, place their name,, class room name into their deposit book, allow up to a week for your reward to be delivered.

Term 1- Cyber Hand Ball or Colour Change Markers

Term 2- 3D Chalk Set or Tablet Case

Term 3- Smiley Emoji Key Ring or Volt Hand Ball

Term 4- Pencil and Tech Case or Epic Ear Phones

If you apply online, you will be give an account number, place your child's name, account number, the amount you wish to deposit into a zip lock bag, place it in the CommBank grey PVC Bank bag located in your child's class room. Your School Banking coordinator will collect the CommBank bags, they will issue your child with a deposit book and cover with their details in the deposit book. A student Identification number will be generated and issued within a few weeks and placed in your child's deposit book.

Alternately you can obtain an application from the Admin Office or the Uniform shop.

When you fill out your child's deposit book, or if your child fills out their deposit book, you/ they need to fill in their name, fill in their student identification number in the rectangle/ box. The amount they wish to deposit. (No overseas coins), the days date and their account number. Each time your child makes a deposit at the school they will receive a silver dollarmite token. When they have collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward for that term.

School Banking days are Thursday's of each week.

If you have any queries just ask Lou or Marie your school banking coordinators.

The Blue Room is staffed from 6:30am to 9:30am, and 1:30pm to 6pm.

Reminder – if your child/ren will be absent from After School Care please let us know via text message on 0488 444 161. It is not the school's responsibility to advise us of absences.

We have a lot of lost property at the blue room – please check regularly. Un-named items will be disposed of at the end of each month.

Vacation Care – we are already busy planning for Easter Vacation Care and we would love to hear your ideas for theme days, activities, incursions and excursions!

Community – we have a community noticeboard and we're happy to display brochures for a business or community activity. Come and have a chat to our friendly staff.



Parking at school safely

The daily school drop off and pick up can be stressful, but it should always be safe.

Normal road and parking rules apply around all schools, especially around their entrances, bus stops, and pick up and set down areas.

School zones are inherently busy areas with large numbers of young children who do not always understand the dangers of roads and vehicles.

You can help by observing parking restrictions around schools at all times. Parking restrictions around schools are planned with your children's safety in mind.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition vehicle

Council uses automated number plate recognition technology for parking enforcement. The technology is in use in many other areas of the nation and is used for enforcing both parking and moving vehicle offences. This new technology is fitted on a vehicle and will enable Council to monitor parking around schools in an efficient manner. If a vehicle is found to be parked contrary to the Queensland Road Rules, an infringement notice will be issued to the vehicle owner by post.

Drop and Go Zones (passenger loading zone)

Most schools have a passenger loading zone outside the school which are designed for drop and go. These zones are in place so a vehicle can stop for a short period of time to drop off or to collect children, moving on immediately to allow other drivers to use the zone. Drivers should stay in the vehicle where possible.

Parents should arrange with their children to meet them in a safe place near the drop and go zone so the child can then enter the vehicle and allow the vehicle to move off as soon as possible. When used correctly, the drop and go zones are very safe and effective, helping to reduce traffic congestion around schools.

Handy Tips for Safe Parking

1. Manage time accordingly to get your child to the school gate safely and without the need to rush;
2. Park a few streets away and walk your children to school. This is also good for teaching your children road safety skills;
3. Organise a safe place to meet your child in case you are late for collection.

Common Road Rules that apply

No Stopping:

A driver must not stop, park or halt their vehicle in an area where a No Stopping sign applies.

These signs are placed in areas where safety is paramount such as near pedestrian crossings, on road corners or to ensure safe visibility for vehicles entering or exiting a property.

On-the-spot fines of \$121.00 apply.



Children/Pedestrian/Foot crossings:

A driver must not stop on a crossing or on a road within 20m before or 10m after the crossing. Keeping a safe distance from a crossing ensures the safety of children using the crossing.

On-the-spot fines of \$243.00 apply.

Loading zones:

A driver must not stop or park for longer than indicated in a loading zone. Loading zones are in place to ensure a high turnover of vehicles can utilise the loading zone to drop off or collect children. The driver should stay in the vehicle where possible.

On-the-spot fines of \$121.00 apply.



Community News

Helping Hands

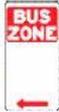
Parking at schools

Fact Sheet

Bus Stop/Bus zone:

Unless you are driving a bus, (seating more than 12 adults including the driver) you must not stop a vehicle in a bus stop or bus zone. A driver must not stop within 20m before and 10m after a bus stop, to ensure buses have enough room to enter and exit the bus stop.

On-the-spot fines of \$245.00 apply.



Parking on a dividing strip:

Dividing strips separate vehicles travelling on the road carriageway. Vehicles parking on the dividing strip create a higher risk to smaller children who are harder to see when crossing the road.

On-the-spot fines of \$81.00 apply.

Disability parking sign:

Only vehicles correctly displaying a current disability parking permit can legally park in a disability parking bay. Disability parking permits are granted to persons when their ability to walk is severely restricted by a medical condition or disability. When a vehicle is parked in a disability parking bay, the disability permit holder must either enter or exit the vehicle. A disability parking bay may be designated by either a painted road marking displaying an International symbol of access or a parking sign or both.

On-the-spot fines of \$245.00 apply.



Double parking:

A driver must not stop a vehicle between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road, this includes vehicles parked in marked angle parking bays. This rule helps to prevent children from crossing between vehicles where there is a high risk of a collision occurring.

On-the-spot fines of \$185.00 apply.



Yellow edge lines:

A driver must not stop a vehicle at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow edge line. Usually these lines are placed in areas where safety is paramount such as near pedestrian crossings, on road corners or to ensure safe visibility for vehicles entering or exiting a property.

On-the-spot fines of \$121.00 apply.



Parking a vehicle on a footpath/nature strip:

It is an offence to park a vehicle on a footpath, dividing strip or nature strip. Parking on the footpath creates an unacceptable hazard for pedestrians, particularly those who are visually and/or physically impaired. Vehicles driving across footpaths and nature strips create a higher risk of collision with pedestrians, especially smaller children who are harder to see.

On-the-spot fines of \$81.00 apply.

Parking on a painted island:

A driver should not stop on a painted island. Painted islands are usually marked with painted stripes or chevrons and depict no stopping areas.

On-the-spot fines of \$81.00 apply.

Timed parking zones:

A driver must not stop or park for longer than indicated in a timed parking zone. Timed parking zones are in place to ensure a high turnover of vehicles can utilise the parking area.

On-the-spot fines of \$121.00 apply.

Driveways

A driver must not obstruct a driveway or stop a vehicle on or across a driveway unless the driver is dropping off or picking up passengers and the driver does not leave the vehicle and drives on within 2 minutes after stopping.

On-the-spot fines of \$81.00 apply.

Failing to park in parking bays:

If there are marked parking bays on a road or in an area the driver must park the vehicle completely within the parking bay (whether or not a park in bays only sign is displayed).

On-the-spot fines of \$81.00 apply.

Remember - safe parking may save a life

For more information:

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Email: council@logan.qld.gov.au

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LOGAN CITY COUNCIL



Logan City Netball Association

SIGN UP TO PLAY NETBALL THIS SEASON AT LCNA!!

SIGN ON DAYS - 28TH JANUARY AND 4TH FEBRUARY FROM 9AM-11AM

EWING PARK, NETBALL DRIVE, WOODRIDGE

FIND US ON FACEBOOK | EMAIL: logancitynetball@gmail.com | Ph: 3208 0698
www.logancity.qld.netball.com.au



Date Claimers

Wed 8th Feb Parent Info Session
(2.45pm-3.15pm & 3.20pm-3.50pm)

Wed 22nd Feb - 6th March Japanese Study Tour

Fri 24th Feb Year 2 History Incursion

Tues 6th March-Fri 10th March Prep Vision
Assessment

Wed 8th March School Photos
(Dress Uniform to be worn)

Thurs 9th March Year 3 Incursion

Mon 20th -Wed 22nd March Year 6 Camp
(Moogerah Camp)

Thurs 23rd March Grandparents Day
(Prep -Year 2)

Tues 28th March Cross Country

Wed 29th March Parent/Teacher
Interviews 3pm-7pm

Fri 31st March End of Term 1