

The Principal's Perspective



We greatly appreciate the attendance of those parents and carers who came to our parent information sessions last week. Feedback from parents I spoke with indicated that it was very useful to know the various expectations that classroom teachers have as far as learning and behaviour goes. If you were unable to attend please contact your child's teacher, and if you supply your email address then important aspects of what was discussed can be emailed to you. If you require a more in depth discussion about your child's learning or needs, please contact the school to organise an individual meeting with the classroom teacher. Our teachers are happy to supply their EQ email addresses to families so open and transparent communication can occur. We need parental support for students to be successful learners in our school.

In the first newsletter I said that I would share details about our 2017 Annual Improvement Plan (AIP) with you all. Our priorities for the year are:

- Embedding the implementation of the CHSS Reading Framework
- Extending and Enhancing the CHSS G&V Curriculum for Mathematics
- Enhancing Australian Curriculum knowledge through connected curriculum alignment
- Implementing our Investing For Success (IFS) strategy

Each of these priorities have numerous strategies and actions which underpin their delivery across the school. Improving student outcomes in the literacy and numeracy area is the core business of schooling. If any of you would like further details about our school improvement plan here at Chatty, I am always happy to meet and discuss over a tea or coffee.

The majority of you would be well aware that one of my favourite sayings is 'Reading Gives You Power.' It pleases me no end to have our students also adopting this saying and belief across our school. In 2017 we are going to also be heavily promoting the importance of mathematics and our numeracy coach, Mrs Hingst has devised her own saying of, 'Maths – You Can Count on It.' Stay tuned for lots of exciting opportunities coming up to be involved in the promotion of mathematical importance here at Chatty.

High Performance Teaching and Learning is the Main Thing in our school and this just isn't possible if classroom environments aren't conducive to this. I encourage you to visit our upper school classrooms that I decided to air condition at the end of last year during the heat of the day, and compare to the boiler rooms in the middle and lower school. I am amazed at the professionalism of our teachers and the resilience of our students during these hot and humid first weeks. The unrelenting heat has led to much being reported in the various forms of media about air conditioning and schools. I spoke at our P&C meeting last Monday night about exploring possible ways to eventually have our whole school air conditioned. It really would make such a difference to teaching and learning if this could be achieved. I was excited and pleased to see some new parents at our P&C meeting and hope they will continue to come along, or at least contribute ideas and opinions about how we can continue to make our wonderful school even better.

Yours in education,

David Teale

Principal

From The Deputy Principal



On Friday morning we will officially acknowledge students in our school who have been elected into a variety of leadership positions in our school for 2017. We will celebrate their achievements during a whole school parade at 10am. Elected students and their parents are invited to a morning tea celebration at the conclusion of the parade in the school hall at 10:30am. While this is a formal occasion for our elected students, we should also remember that all of our Year 6 students this year are leaders in our school, as they are our senior students. Students with positions need to ensure that they maintain high standards of behaviour throughout the year, while participating and assisting staff and students in a range of school events.

This term our Staff and the Student Council have decided to celebrate HARMONY DAY. Harmony Day is celebrated on the 21st March and the message of the day is 'everyone belongs', the day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone. Our classroom teachers will engage the students in activities on the day that promote harmony and acceptance of others, they will also discuss the importance of getting along and how to be proactive in supporting each other. In the past we have acknowledged 'Anti Bullying Day of Action', but this year we believe this can be better acknowledged through discussing harmony.

On the 21st March the students will be encouraged wear something orange for the day. It is not a free dress day, students are encouraged to wear something orange and the rest of their uniform will be worn as normal (eg they may wear orange socks,

hair band, t-shirt, shorts). The Student Council will provide a water ice-block for the students to have during the day with their class as part of their celebrations and activities.

Regards

Trina Wilhelmsen

Deputy Principal

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly:

Omar E for always contributing to class discussions.

Stephanie L for outstanding stamina, consistently applying your best effort in all tasks.

Cooper B for making a fantastic start to Year 3 with great Narrative writing.

Alisi-Maree P for your enthusiastic start to the school year.

April L for a well spoken and written class speech.

Sebastian P for insightful sharing of scientific facts about plants and animals.

Izaaq S for getting stuck into Year 4 learning with a positive attitude.

Eddy N for outstanding classroom effort.

Teegan H for an excellent start to the 2017 school year.

Zoe F for your imaginative ideas in shared and individual writing.

Shakib F for having an enthusiastic attitude to your learning.

Ryan G for consistently displaying enthusiasm to all school learning.

Ellie H for wonderful listening and always being ready to learn.

Teawanui W-G for giving all class work a 'red hot go'

Sophie Z for outstanding effort in all areas.

Isaac M for always trying hard to do your best work.

Faith L for always working to the best of your ability and settling well into your new class.

Kelsey S for having an excellent start to Prep and always doing your best, neatest work.

Charlotte R for always editing your work.

Bella P for using excellent learning strategies in all activities.

Lucas N for following all classroom rules.

Oscar W for settling well into your new school and using the sounds you know in your writing.

Library Award

Peel for a great focus on 'BlackSunday' a novel about Surf Lifesaving.

Quolls for following the 4C's and walking quietly from the Library to their classroom. Very considerate.

Citizenship Awards

Amelia R	Coolum
Maksz V	Miami
Hayden T	Burleigh
Jessie G	Currumbin
Aaliyah D	Moreton
Asia P	Tallebudgera
Evie L	Kirra
Valle E-W	Karragarra
Jamie S	Noosa
Nina B	Macleay
Lylee S	Echidnas
Audrey L	Bandicoots
Holly A	Quolls
Marlina L	Wombats
Rexton C	Wallabies
Jacqueline M	Bilbies
Hayden M	Platypus
Luke A	Kingfishers

Jack R Lorikeets

Mila D Koalas

Addison A Geckoes

School News

LOTE NEWS



Yokoso! Did you know this means 'welcome' in Japanese.

Yokoso to our group of 18 Japanese students from TamaMeguro Junior High School in Tokyo who will be arriving at our school next Wednesday afternoon. They will be spending 10 days here and will be doing English classes, hanging out with their Chatty buddies from grade 6, as well as coming along to a couple of Japanese classes to interact with our students. We hope they enjoy their time here and make lots of new friends.

Sayounara

BullenSensei

From The Library

This year we welcome new Library Monitors who volunteer to help during breaks. Tasks include helping to shelve, distributing games and assisting with computers and at the Circulation Desk. They will be easily recognized by younger students with their CHSS Library Monitor Name Badges. Thank you students.

From time to time we need books covered. If you would like to volunteer please let us know at the Library. We send home a bag of about 10 books with the contact cut out. You are able to work at your own pace and return them to the Library. Thank you for your support.

Lyndell Roberts
Teacher Librarian

AFL NEWS

Congratulations to Alex A and Danny K for their selection in the Logan DISTRICT AFL team.

AFLQLD Primary Schools Cup

Chatswood Hills is already training hard for their AFL games in the QLD Primary Cup. Boys are looking forward to their first game in March at Coorparoo. A big thank you to Geoff for assisting us at training.

Crosscountry.

Students in all year levels will begin training for the crosscountry next week. (weather permitting)
All students will need hats for PE lessons.

Interschool Sport

Teams have now been selected for our Friday Sport. Please return forms and money to the payment window.



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.

Wildlife in our School

We have a wonderful natural environment here at school. Sometimes we have wildlife that likes to visit such as Koalas, Possums and Snakes. We ask that if you see any of these visitors not to approach them in their natural habitat. If you have any concerns please advise the office.

Relief Cleaner

If you are interested in being a casual relief cleaner when needed, please call in to the office with your resume.

Student Absences

If your child is absent from school please use the Student Absent Line 34892260 or email the school info@chathillss.eq.edu.au .

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.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

The Importance Of Sleep

Most children have got back into the school routine now after the recent school holidays. Some children find this harder and may be affected by such things as anxiety including separation anxiety from a parent. More on this in a later newsletter.

We all know how sleep affects our life. Well, sleep problems in kids don't just drive parents batty, they also affect children's health and development, including academic performance, concentration, growth and even immunity.

So what is enough sleep for children?

- Toddlers need 12 to 14 hours daily
- Primary school children 10 to 12 hours
- Adolescents need about 8 ½ to 9 ½ hours sleep per night

Is your child/children getting enough sleep to function optimally at school?

Sleep experts recommend the following tips whatever the age-

- Get them into a routine- get them to go to bed around the same time every night and wake up at the same time in the morning
- Investigate whether there are any fears or anxieties that might be keeping children awake
- Turn off the T.V. [keep T.V. out of the bedroom], computer, Ipad, mobile phone, electronic games and other electronic activities in the hour before bed. The 'bluelight' associated with many has been

shown to lower the levels of melatonin in the brain affecting sleep

- Take electronic devices out of the bedroom for those 'sneakypeepers'
- Get them to do relaxing activities such as reading, listening to quiet music, drawing, having a bath with calming oils in the hour before bed to help them to wind down
- Use reward systems [star charts culminating in a lucky dip or favourite outing] to motivate school-age kids, especially if they are getting out of bed or coming into your bed at night
- Install a hall or night light/lamp if your child is scared of the dark.

If all else fails see a G.P. who can refer to a medical or sleep specialist or psychologist to investigate why your child struggles with sleep.

Adapted from: "ABC Health and Well Being- Kids Need a Good Night's Sleep" by Helen Carter.

Jenny Hickey

Guidance Officer- Mondays, Tuesdays and 2nd Thursdays

Chappy At Chats

Kids Club and Kids Club Junior

Kids Club is for Years 4 to 6 and meets in the Chappy Room at first break on Thursdays. Children bring their lunch and eat it in the Chappy Room. There are board games, crafts and other games they can play during playtime.

Kids Club Junior is for Years 1 to 3 and meets in the Chappy room on Thursdays during second break. Children bring their lunch and eat their lunch in the Chappy Room. There are board games, crafts and other activities they can play during playtime.

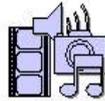
Chappy Karen

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Parents and Citizens (P&C) Committee News



Welcome to a new, exciting year at Chatswood Hills!!

Please be aware that this year there will be a huge fundraising push!!

Why? With the spike in temperatures there have been a lot of complaints from parents, teachers and most importantly our chatty students regarding a lack of Air Conditioning at our school. While we don't reach 38° every day the classrooms can get very hot, even on days where temperatures don't reach 30°. Some classrooms are in fact hotter inside than it is standing outside in the sun.

Recently Mr Teale has invested a large amount of the schools' budget in air-conditioning. Fitting a whole school with air-conditioning is a costly affair as it is not just the air conditioning units that need to be considered but power and maintenance as well. Recently a similar sized school in Brisbane spent over \$150,000 on the installation of air-conditioning. Unfortunately, the Chatswood Hills budget is unable to provide the whole school with air-conditioning. If we want air-conditioning for all of our children, we will need to help. So let's get fundraising!!!

Committee members of the CHSS P&C Association are all volunteers and are not paid for their contribution. Please be aware that the P&C does understand not every family has a large supply of cash lying around or hours of spare time to volunteer, however every bit – big or small – will make a difference. Listed below are some of the different ways we plan on raising money, so please support those fundraising events that best suit your family. More details about each event will be sent home closer to the time.

P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is to be held on Monday, 13th March, 6.30pm in the school administration block. This will be our Annual General Meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Information regarding calls for nomination of positions will be available in the next school newsletter. This meeting will also include setting up a Fete Committee to plan, organise and run our Fete in September. If you would like to get involved please fill in your details below or contact the P&C. If you are unable to make it and have something you would like discussed, please email the P&C (pandc@chathills@eq.edu.au).

Air Conditioning Building Fund

The P&C is in the process of setting up a Building Fund which can be used to install air conditioning. Donations made to this fund can be from individuals, families or businesses, and are tax deductible. Full details will be provided once this option is available.

Cross Country Fundraiser – Tuesday, 28th March

In conjunction with the school Cross Country the P&C is running a Fundraiser. Full details and sponsorship forms will be sent home at the beginning of March. Participation in the fundraiser enhances your encouragement and allows your child to enjoy getting active AND choose a fantastic prize! Icy poles will be given to all student on the day, at the teachers' discretion. Please contact your child's teacher in advance if you do not want them to have one.

Parent Teacher Interview Afternoon – Wednesday, 29th March

There will be sausage sizzle and drinks available for the duration of the interviews, along with Easter Raffle tickets. At the conclusion of the interviews the raffle will be drawn.

Easter Raffle

Closer to the end of term we will be asking for donations with an Easter theme for our raffle hampers. This raffle will be \$2 per ticket and these will be sent home with families in books of 5 approximately 2 weeks prior to the raffle draw.

Term 2 Trivia Night

This is an adults only fun-filled night of laughs! There will be a theme. Start getting your tables organised – 6-8 per table. More details will be provided soon.

Term 3 School Fete

Our Bi-Annual fete will be held on Saturday, 9th September from 3pm-7.30pm. A lot more detail will be coming during this term and collection of items will be begin in term 2. In order to raise as much as possible, we ask all Chatty families to donate particular items to assist with stalls and raffles on the day. Volunteers will also be required before, during and after the fete. A Fete Committee to plan, organise and run our Fete in September will be set up at the P&C AGM. If you would like to get involved please fill in your details below or contact Danielle on 0402 288 597.

Search on Facebook to keep up to date – www.facebook.com/chssfete/

Tuckshop Orders

Tuckshop is open everyday for orders 1st break and 2nd break, and sell over the counter at 2nd break. (Prep classes will be able to access the tuckshop from term 2). Please ensure orders are placed in the classroom boxes first thing in the morning. If you need a price list please see the tuckshop or email the P&C with your child's name and class. Each break needs a separate bag and order. We have reusable tuckshop bags for sale for \$10 each, in a range of colours. Available at the tuckshop and uniform shop.



Orders can also be placed via www.flexischools.com.au by creating an account and selecting Chatswood Hills State School.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open every **Thursday** morning inside the hall, 8.00am – 9.00am. If you can't make it to the shop, email orders (and enquiries) to pandocuniformshop@chathills.eq.edu.au with your order (including size), payment details and your child's name and class and orders will be delivered to the classroom. Please don't forget that school photos are on Wednesday 8th March and all students are required to wear the formal shirt including the tie for the girls. For any last minute emergencies the uniform shop will be open on that morning.

The girls formal blouse has had a small change – the band around the waist has been removed and replaced with a V-style bottom. This new style is available now in selected sizes and will become available in other sizes as the band-style sells out. BOTH styles are acceptable uniforms – there is no need to change to the newer style at any time.

Year 6 Shirts have been ordered and are expected to be delivered by the end of Week 1 in term 2.

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club is a great way to shop for books for your families with ages ranging from 2 to 15. Many are newly released titles mixed in with classic children's stories that we will remember from our childhoods. The best part...20% of each purchase is donated back to our very own school library to buy books and resources all Chatty children will have access to!



To purchase simply fill out the order form located on the back of the catalogue and return it to the Tuckshop by the date stamped on the front of the catalogue. Your children's books will arrive about two weeks later and will be hand delivered to their classroom in a bag with their name on it.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact Esther, our Book Club Coordinator, on 0413 222 364.

Reading gives you power!

School Banking

Did you know that ever time your child banks using school banking Chatswood Hills receives money from the Commonwealth or Bendigo? In 2016 Commonwealth Bank gave \$1500 back to the school! As for Bendigo, they give the school \$10 for every new student who starts to bank with them. Every student who banks each week with either bank helps the school. It's the process of banking not the amount that helps the school along and banking teaches students the benefit of saving and money management.

Ritchies Community Benefit

When shopping at **Ritchies** and by using a community benefit card/tag linked to Chatswood Hills State School then **Ritchies** will donate money back to us. These cards/tags can be used at ANY **Ritchies** store throughout Vic, NSW and Qld by staff, students and their families, grandparents, neighbours and so on. Our closest store is **Ritchies** IGA in Daisy Hill. If you would like to support our school and you don't already have a CB card/tag please collect one at the registers next time you shop at ANY **Ritchies** store. All you do is nominate Chatswood Hills State School, it's that easy! Use your card or tag every time you shop, even if you only purchase a couple of items it all adds up.

So far our school has received \$8,079.13 from **Ritchies** by our staff and families shopping at a **Ritchies** store and nominating our school to benefit.

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The P&C always welcomes new members/helpers and suggestions. If you would like to be involved, please fill in your details below and give to a P&C Representative, hand in at the office or email your details to the P&C at pandoc@chathills.eq.edu.au.

I would be interested in assisting with one of the following roles within our school:

- Tuckshop** Please see Rowena in the Tuckshop if you are able to help at any time, even if it's only 1 hour. (Times available Monday-Friday 8.30am-2pm; 8.30am-10.30am; 12.30pm-2pm)
- Fundraising** To help with one or more events/activities during the year
- Fete Committee** Our Fete is run by volunteers and planning is about to commence. Committee meetings will be held monthly then weekly closer to the event. Can you help a little or a lot?
- BBQ's** Throughout the year we hold numerous BBQ's at school discos, Election Day's etc. Helpers are required for minimum of 1 hour (set up, during or clean up.)
- Book Club/Book Fair** Sorting/stapling catalogues and delivering to classrooms once a month.
- Mothers/Fathers Day stalls** We hold these stalls during school hours for 1-2 days before each event. Can you help for a few hours, one day or the whole event?? Leading up to the events helpers are also needed to remove gifts from boxes for presentation.
- Night Helpers** Little jobs that can be done at home. Raffle tickets stapled into books, covering new books for the library etc.
- P&C Executive Member** Are you interested in playing a greater role in how the P&C raises and spends funds within the school. The AGM will be held on Monday 13th March, new volunteers are welcome.

Please note that you can also talk to your classroom teachers as "in class" helpers are always appreciated.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Child/rens class: _____

I would like to assist with: _____ (Tuckshop, fundraising, Etc)

School Banking

Well what an overwhelming response from the students on assembly talking about school banking, how to save and the rewards that they can receive when they redeem their ten tokens.

Having your child be part of the CommBank Youth Saver program helps them identify our currency, helps with their maths by adding up the coins and most of all how to manage their savings for the future.

Joining the CommBank Youth Saver Program is easy. You can join at your nearest CommBank but make sure you bring your child's birth certificate and other identification, apply on line CommBank Account holder or not at www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or grab an application form from the office or uniform shop.

More importantly don't forget our family competition of a Holiday to Disneyland, Tokyo

If you are part of the School Banking program and have misplaced you deposit book simply leave a message with Marie or Lou and they will give you another one.

COME DOWN
TO THE CATHEDRAL

Logan City
Rugby Union
Sign On Day



19th February 2017
10am - 2pm

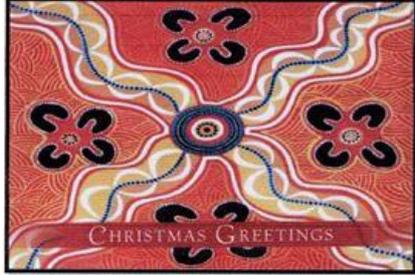
200 Queens Rd, Slacks Creek

*All players must have identification



Culture/Christmas in the Park

Ewing Park, Woodridge
Sunday 18 December 2016
11.00am-3.00pm



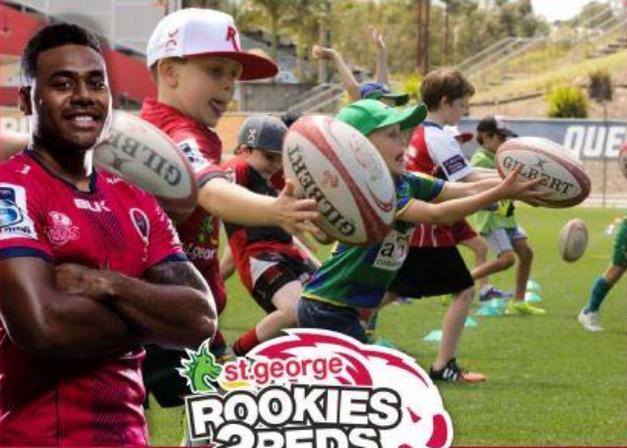
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Come and celebrate with us
This is the last event for 2016
We want to wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy
New Year and thank you for all your support during the
year.



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Logan City Rugby Union Club
\$40
Ages- 5-11 years

When- Sunday 19th February 2017 Time- 10:30 AM- 12:00 PM

Venue- Logan City Rugby Union Club, Meakin Park, 200 Queens Rd, Slacks Creek QLD

BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY FROM ROOKIE2RED TODAY
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Date Claimers

- Fri 17th Feb
- Student Leaders Induction Ceremony 10am
- 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