Week 2 Term 1 – 3 February 2016

WELCOME BACK
Welcome to a new school year everybody. 2016 will once again be an exciting year at Chatsworth with lots of activities and learning planned for all students. In particular I would like to welcome the new Preps of 2016. The Preps have started the year beautifully and we look forward to watching them learn and grow throughout the year. We also have many new families starting with us in the older grades. We hope that you settle into our school well and enjoy your time here with us at Chatsworth.

CLASS NUMBERS
This Friday is a special day for state schools across Queensland. It is ‘Day 8’, the eight day of the school year, where enrolments numbers are collected by the Education Department to determine how many class teachers the school is allocated. At this stage we have 8 classes; however, we only need two more enrolments to gain an additional teacher! This would mean smaller class sizes and more individual attention for students. We are very much hoping to reach nine classes and help our school grow, so if families know of anyone new to the area or looking to enrol in our school we need to hear from them by this Friday at the latest (5th of February). If we gain an additional class I will notify parents next week if their student is to change classes. Although this is a small unexpected change for students, it will benefit their learning greatly in the long run to be in a smaller more intimate classroom setting.

BEFORE SCHOOL
A reminder to all parents that classes begin at 8.50am. Students need to be organised and ready for the day by 8.50am to avoid disrupting the class routines. Students are to be dropped at school no earlier than 8.00am. There is a teacher on duty from this time and no supervision is provided before 8.00am. Students gather in the undercover area at the front of the school until the teacher on morning duty escorts students to the oval for play from approximately 8.15am until 8.40am, at which time students make their way to class to settle in for the day. Prep students are welcome to wait with their parents in the mornings until class begins, however the classrooms may not open until 8.50am, as the teachers use the morning time to prepare their lessons and activities for the day. Later in the year we will begin to encourage all the Preps to play on the oval with the older students.

UNIFORM
Families are reminded that our uniform consists of the Chatsworth polo shirt and navy blue or ‘BP’ green shorts or the Chatsworth Dress. A full version of our uniform policy is available on our website, which includes information about hairstyles and winter uniforms. You can find it in the ‘Forms and Documents’ section of the Chatsworth State School website.
CHATSWORTH CHAMPIONS

This Term, all students will be working towards a target of 50 Rippin’ Rewards to attend the end of Term Champion Day. Students will also use these Rippin’ Rewards each week in their class to access their class menu of rewards. Being a Safe, Respectful and being a Learner at our school will earn students Rippin’ Rewards. A focus for the next fortnight will be about being Respectful when moving around our school and not disturbing classes whilst they are learning. So far our students have been working hard at being a Champion and I am expecting that this excellent behaviour keeps up for the rest of the Term.

KEEN PARENT WANTED!

Our school has a Local Consultative Committee (LCC) that meets once a Term where we discuss changes and factors impacting on the operation and management of our school. The LCC has two parent representatives who represent the parent body on this committee and make decisions based on the best interests of families and their children. We already have one parent representative; however, we need one more eager to parent to join our committee! If you are at all interested, or even have a few questions about what we do, please contact me in the office on 5481 3777 and I will be happy to hear from you. There are only four meetings a year which usually run for about an hour. This would be a good chance for a parent to contribute to our school.

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop starts next Thursday the 11th of February and will operate each Thursday after that. Please refer to the tuckshop section of the newsletter for more details.

ABSENCES

A reminder to notify the school if your child is going to be, or has been away. If those absences are unexplained then we have certain legal requirements around them that culminate in parents receiving phone calls, letters etc. In the case of any absence please ring the school on 54813777 or email lwadd4@eq.edu.au

Josh Scott
PRINCIPAL

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Hello everyone,

My name is Amanda and I am the new tuckshop convenor. The Tuckshop will be open on Thursday the 11th of February for both morning tea and lunch. I have enclosed the menu for 2016. Chatsworth tuckshop is open every Thursday and is run by volunteers. We are in need of volunteers, so if you can spare one Thursday a month, or any time at all, please contact me on 0409637760, or come and see me at the tuckshop. Please note that our menu has wholemeal and gluten free options available, you will need to specify these on your order.

Amanda Hansen
Tuckshop convenor

GYMPIE DISTRICT SPORT

If your child is turning 10 or older this year they are eligible to play for Gympie District in a variety of sports. Should they wish to try out for Rugby League (girls, boys U12 or boys U11), Australian Rules, Softball, Touch, Basketball, Soccer, Netball, Hockey, Tennis or Cricket please complete the paperwork available at the office if your child has not already received it (for most sports they should have considerable experience playing this sport before trying out). Please note that Australian Rules and Softball nominations need to be returned to the office by next week, February THURSDAY 4.

ASSISTANCE TO PLAY SPORT

I would like to encourage students to be involved in sport outside of school hours. There are many benefits to playing sport including better health, increased self-confidence and making new friends. If you would like to get your child involved but need financial assistance there is a grant available. This is the “Getting Started” grant which is part of the “Get in the Game” program through the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing. A maximum of $150 is available per child. Please follow the link below for more information.


Andrew Martin
PE TEACHER
**Get involved in the School Banking program**

Chatsworth State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit. To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

**Getting involved in School Banking is easy!**

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online. If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is **Wednesday** so each **Wednesday** you need to hand in your deposit book to office.

This week the program information packs were given out to each class.

**Thank you**

Sam Korn

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

*Scholastic Book Club*

First issue for 2016... and Yippee! All the clubs are now combined in ONE flier. Post your orders in the green Book Club mail box in the school office no later than Friday 13th February.

**Borrowing for 2016 has started...** All children who still have library resources out from 2015 will not be able to borrow for home use unless items are returned or paid for. Students with these items will have a reminder sent home for parents in the next two weeks.

**History Classes Term 1 Unit 1**

**Overviews**

PB~ What is my history & how do I know?

What are important events in my family life?

P/1M~ How has family life changed or remained the same over time? What are important events in my community life?

1/2R~2M~ What aspects of the past can you see today? What do they tell us? What remains of the past are important

To the local community & why?

2/3M~ Who lived here first and how do we know? How has our community changed? Features lost vs. features retained?

**Lesley O’Hern**

TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

*“Come to a relaxing and creative session at the Gympie Regional Gallery at 39 Nash Street called “ART STARS” on Saturday 6 February. Check out the exhibitions on view and do a creative activity. 10am – 12noon for children aged between 5-9yrs. SPECIAL SESSION for ages 10yrs and up from 1-3pm. Costs $2 to cover materials. No bookings necessary simply turn up. Phone 5481 0733 for any further information”*
COME AND PLAY NETBALL
SIGN ON: GOLDFIELDS & CENTRAL SHOPPING CENTRES
SATURDAY 6TH FEB & 13TH FEB
9AM - 1PM

NETBALL COURTS - MONDAY 8TH FEB & 15TH FEB
4PM - 7PM - NET SET GO PROGRAM FROM 5 YEARS OLD - JUNIOR & SENIOR COMP.
PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ONGOING INFO.

RIMMINGTON MARTIAL ARTS
Bullying in Australian schools is a serious problem, with over 20% of males and 15% of females aged 8 to 18 years reporting being bullied at least once a week. Bullying is the number 1 social issue for our children today.

Learn Anti-Bullying Strategies & How to Deal with Peer Pressure

2016 Course Sign-on
Kids Karate
From 3 years
All Classes Commencing Feb
Independent studies show that Karate improves mental focus, increases attention span, and also makes children more aware and alert.
Award winning children’s programs

Book your child into a FREE introductory course
“Anti-bullying & Self-Defence”
Ph: 54836-444 to book
First month Free (numbers limited)

CHATSWORTH STATE SCHOOL
Ask us about help with getting your children to school everyday!!!