



# CHATSWORTH STATE SCHOOL

## Week 4 Term 1 – 17 February 2016

### PARENT OPEN DAY

On Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of February, our classes will be throwing open their doors to parents and carers from 3.00 – 3.45pm. This will be a chance for parents to connect with their child's teacher and learn about the routines and activities that happen in each classroom. Teachers will also discuss processes such as homework, home reading and key items to remember. This is also a chance for parents to ask any beginning of the year questions they may have.

Children whose parents are attending the sessions will remain in their classroom and sit with their parents to show them how the class works.

After these sessions, from 3.45-4.30pm, we will serve afternoon tea and cold drinks on the veranda of the library for parents to mingle with staff and other parents. Further information about this day will be sent home with students next week.

Parents who are unable to make it on this day are reminded that at Chatsworth, we have an open approach to parent-teacher communication. At any time, parents can make a time with their child's teacher to discuss their progress or any other queries. The student diaries can be a very effective way to keep the lines of communication open.

### ATTENDANCE

Parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school each and every day. As Principal, I can see a very clear link between the achievement of students and how frequently they attend school. Below is a table which shows the percentage attendance rates of students in all year levels. So far this year we have started really well! Our schools target is to have students achieving 95% attendance or higher. We have achieved this in nearly all year levels. I can only hope that we can keep this up for the rest of the year.

2016 Attendance (Year-to-date)								
TARGET	PREP	1	2	3	4	5	6	SCHOOL
95%	97.2%	92.0%	96.6%	98.2%	96.8%	97.9%	98.0%	96.5%

### YEAR 6 LEADERS – BADGE CEREMONY

I would like to extend a huge thank you to those parents who attended our postponed badge ceremony on Monday. It was great to see so many of you here to recognise our Year 6 students in their final year of primary school. Mrs Camillo commented that this is one of the largest groups of parents that have ever attended this ceremony!

## NEW CLASSES

Our new class structure began today, making a total of nine classes at our school. This is the same number of classes our school had at the end of 2014 when the Year 7 year level moved to high school. This is a very quick recovery in comparison to other primary schools across Queensland. I would like to extend a huge thank you to those parents who have recognised what a positive outcome this is for our school and the future of Chatsworth.

## 2016 P & C EXECUTIVE AND SUPPORT

Last night the P&C AGM was held and the first general meeting for 2016. It was great to see quite a few new families present! Thank you so much to those people who have accepted positions in 2016.

President	Keesha Cook
Vice-President	Amanda Hansen
Treasurer	Fiona Burnett
Secretary	Louise Irwin
Muster Coordinator (Crow Bar)	Jessica Maier
Muster Coordinator (Clean up)	Darryn Greenhalgh
Tuckshop Convenor	Amanda Hansen
Health & Safety Parent Rep	Melinda Greenhalgh
Uniform Coordinators	Dee Johnston Trudi Cortes
Social and Fundraising	Dee Johnston Bree St John
QCPCA Representative	Keesha Cook
LCC Parent Representatives	Bree St John Stacey Hanslow

## 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](mailto:lwadd4@eq.edu.au)



## MUSIC NEWS

Music lessons at Chatsworth SS have started for all classes. With the changing of class groupings, I want to inform you that the year levels who now require a Yamaha descant recorder are students in years 4-6. If you are the parent of a year 3 student who has already purchased a recorder, please don't think you have wasted your money. I will return the recorder to your child and they will be able to use it next year when they enter year 4. All students in years 2-6 should have provided a foolscap size, plastic folder for music.

The Chatsworth State School Choir has also begun rehearsals for 2016. It was lovely to see so many children from years 2-6 attend the first couple of rehearsals, but then equally disappointing to have so many drop out already, especially children who were in the choir last year. Because of the size of our school, Chatsworth has to compete in the open section of the eisteddfod this year. This means, they will be competing against schools such as Gympie South, Gympie Central and One Mile who have choirs that consist of mainly year 5 and 6 students. It is very difficult to achieve a similar high standard of singing when Chatsworth Choir consists mainly of year 6 and year 2 students. If your child was in last year's choir and has benefitted from that experience, please encourage them to participate again this year.

**Desley Meads - Music Teacher**

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

Wow, what a wonderful opening we had last week. It was great to have so much support from the school, parents and teachers. Unfortunately we have a few changes on the menu. We are unable to source hello pandas so they are unavailable. Also, the regular cookie dough (chocolate choc chip) is also unavailable, so we are making home-made choc chip cookies! I am still in need of volunteers, please let me know if you can help. One Thursday a month.

## TUCKSHOP ROSTER

18th Feb : Louise, Diane and Gillian

25th Feb: Louise, Tyson and Debbie

3rd Mar : Louise, Keesha, Trudi and Fiona

Thanks

**Amanda – Tuckshop Convenor**



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**PREP B:** Cindy – For settling in so well and for the quiet and sensible way you

complete all activities. Well done Cindy!

Lachlan M – For the friendly way you help others and include everyone. You're a great friend Lachlan!

**Prep/1M:** Izabelle S – for being a caring student and for having a great work ethic.

Lincoln D –For putting in 100% effort in all areas.

Aston S –For being a quiet worker and great work with SSP.

Sofia D – For being a respectful polite class member.

Joseph R – For being a respectful and for giving 100% effort.

**1/2R:** Sofia M – Super efforts with your work.

Sam F – Terrific manners and great effort with work.

Claire H – Excellent example set in class and in the yard to others.

Corby B – Excellent example set in class and in the yard to others.

**2M:** Caleb W – For working hard to be the best Chatsworth Champion you can be.

Zoltan G – For always being safe, respectful and the best learner you can be.

Marcus J – For displaying a caring attitude towards your peers.

**2/3MM:** Mackenzie-Ann N – Welcome to Chatsworth State School. Great job at settling in and working well.

Joshua P – Well done with improving your writing neatness.

**3/4H:** Ji M – For working hard all week. Champion learner!

Caitlyn S – For always being focussed and for working your hardest in class.

**5B:** Cody H – For displaying a fantastic learning attitude across all subjects and for always doing your best work. A great start to the year!

Charlie P – For making an impressive start at your new school, listening well in class and for doing some great work. Well done!

Hareth C – For making an outstanding start at your new school and for working impressively in class.

Awesome work!

Floyd R – For listening, concentrating, and being considerate in class. Well done on a great start to the year!

**6C:** Zara W – For always trying your hardest at everything you do.

Ju-Cinta J – For always being attentive in class.

STEPS CARE FOR CAREERS PROGRAM

**Next Gympie Carers Group**

**Tuesday 23rd Feb 2016**  
11am – 1pm

**Suncare Community Services**  
58 Channon Street  
Gympie

**Morning tea provided**

New Carers always welcome.

Click on the links below to go to our website or join our facebook group

[www.facebook.com/groups/stepsforcareers](http://www.facebook.com/groups/stepsforcareers) [www.careerscarers.com.au](http://www.careerscarers.com.au)

Our Social & Community Groups are here to support you.

**Gympie District Girl Guides**  
Including Tin Can Bay and surrounds

*"Empowering girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible, community members"*

Guides is about having fun, making friends, learning skills and being part of the wider community. We have vacancies for all age groups, including 18-30 year-olds. We are also on the lookout for women who like the idea of helping girls achieve all the above. We will train you and help with all aspects of becoming a leader, including getting a blue card. Call ASAP to get started early this term.

Gympie District Guides meet at 39 Shanks Street, Gympie at the following times:-

Monday	4-5:30pm	5-7 year olds	Jenny	0435 395 777	gympiegummit@btinternet.com
Tuesday	5:30-6pm	13-17 years	Leonora	0413 850 360	leonora.cox@gmail.com
Wednesday	4:30-6:30	7-9 year olds	Heather	0413 674 457	hewson@bigpond.com
Thursday	4-6pm	10-12 years	Kate	0480 204 784	atgympieguides@gmail.com

We also have a new unit starting at Tin Can Bay in 2016! Contact Heather 0413 674 457 or Tin Can Bay State School.

2016 is going to be an exciting year with lots of outdoor activities, community involvement, leadership development, arts and crafts, camping, music, cooking, and lots, lots more. In fact, any ideas the girls have, the leaders try to implement. There are badges to earn too if that's what you want to do.

Come and try during week 1 and 3 of Term 1  
and you will find there's a lot more to Guides than you realise!



## Competition 2016

**SIGN ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEB**  
**@ Albert Park**  
**Wednesday Afternoons**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Feb – 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
No games on School Holidays

- \* \$55 per player
- Mixed Teams (6 Girls/6 Boys)
- Modified program for under 8s

**Level 1**  
 Referees  
 For all games

- Under 12s Year 3, 4 & 5
- Under 14s Year 5 & 7

- \* Development officer to coach and develop skills
- \* Talent identification for Representative Teams
- \* All teams require a teacher or adult to supervise

For more details check out  
**Gympie Touch Association on Facebook**

Each week on the draw - 2 teams will participate in a gymjoc and matching development sessions run by our highly skilled Sunshine Coast Touch Football Development officer Ryan Waugh - in place of their competitive game.



### Gympie Devils Junior Rugby League Sign On 2016

Jack Stokes Oval, Smith Road,  
 Monkland - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
 9:00am – 2:00pm - Tues 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, and Tues 1<sup>st</sup>  
 & 8<sup>th</sup> March – 3:30pm – 5:30pm. New players need  
 Birth Certificate for proof of age

#### Age Groups

Munchkins 4 Years

Junior Joeys 5 – 6 Years

Under 8s 7 – 8 Years

Under 10s 9 – 10 Years

Under 12s 11- 12 Years

Under 13 – 14 – 15 – 16

#### Information

Nathan – 0413 978 788 - President

Deb – 0416 077 610 - Treasurer

Sam – 0432 427 574 – Registrar

## suitcase market

27 February

4pm - 7pm

Live Music • Art & Craft • Scrumptious Food

Gympie Regional Gallery  
 39 Nash Street, Gympie | 5481 0733

### KandA Constructions

(BREC 121744)

• Sheds • Carports • Garages

0439 036 200

amanda@kandaconstructions.com