Week 4 Term 1 – 17 February 2016

PARENT OPEN DAY
On Monday the 29th 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.

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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.

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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

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.  

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.

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**STEP 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**

Visit the link below to go to our website or join our Facebook group  

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**Gympie District Girl Guides**

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

Guide is close to hand on, making friends, learning skills and being part of the wider community. We have sessions for all ages, including 10+ year olds. We are also open to the future for girls who have the dream of helping others. We will train you and help with all aspects of becoming a leader, including gaining a blue card. Gympie Girl Guides meet every week through the term.  

**Gympie District Girl Guides meet at 49 Sanctuary Street, Gympie at the following times:***

- **Monday**: 4:30pm – 5:30pm (April to October)  
- **Tuesday**: 4:30pm – 5:30pm (April to October)  
- **Wednesday**: 4:30pm – 6:00pm (March and October)  
- **Thursday**: 4:30pm – 5:30pm (November)  

We also have a new unit starting at Tin Can Bay in 2016! Contact Heather 0433 674 897 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, lots! If you are interested in joining, please get in touch and we’ll help you get started.
Gympie Devils Junior Rugby League
Sign On 2016
Jack Stokes Oval, Smith Road,
Monkland - Saturday 13th February
9:00am – 2:00pm - Tues 16th & 23rd Feb, and Tues 1st & 8th 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