



CHATSWORTH STATE SCHOOL

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Week 3 Term 3 – 27 July 2016

PREP Enrolments 2017

Enrolments are now open for Preps starting in 2017. If your family has a student wishing to enrol in Prep this year, please contact the office as soon as possible. Also, if you know of any families in your area that may have a Prep student beginning school next year, please encourage them to enrol by the end of this Term. Prep students starting in 2017 will have been born between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

Student Attendance - Text Messaging

As mentioned in last fortnight's newsletter, our school will be adopting a text messaging system to notify parents of student absences. This way we can ensure student safety at all times.

This means that all families are encouraged to update the school if and when their contact details change. Earlier in the year we had a few instances where the office tried to contact parents whose child was sick or absent and their contact details had not been updated. I thank all families for the assistance with this.

Gympie Eisteddfod

Next week we have a number of students representing our school by performing at this year's Eisteddfod. These students include the school choir and a number of instrumental music students. Students participating have had notes sent home and we wish them well – I'm sure they will do Chatsworth proud.

National Data Collection, 2015

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of educational adjustment they are provided with. The aim of the national data collection is to collect better information about school students with a disability in Australia. The national data collection will count students who have been identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (the DDA).

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability. The information provided through the national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with disability. When implementing the national data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect information.

What information will be collected?

Every year your child's school will collect the following information for each student with a disability:

- the student's level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student's level of adjustment
- the student's broad type of disability.

The information collected by schools will be provided to all governments to inform policy and programme improvement for students with disability.

How will my child's privacy be protected?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential. Personal details such as student names or other identifying information will not be provided to local or federal education authorities.

Further information about privacy is available from www.education.gov.au/notices.

IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?

All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and report information annually on the number of students with disability in their care and the level of adjustment provided to them.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and how it may involve your child.

You can also visit www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

School Opinion Survey

A few weeks ago I sent home information for parents on how to complete this year's School Opinion Survey (SOS). We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about the many things this school does well, and perhaps, how we could improve. Our school then uses these confidential results to plan for the future, celebrate what we do well and investigate if there is anything we may improve upon. The survey generally takes around 10 minutes to complete. We have only had 3 surveys completed so far! 140 were sent out! We will require a lot more surveys completed that this in order to receive relevant data.

The survey is online. If you have lost your logon details, there are some spare information sheets in the office. Thank you to those families who have completed the survey already, your feedback is much appreciated!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/8/16 – 9/8/16 – Roadcraft Prep to Yr 6
- 5/8/16 – Jean for Genes Day
- 11/8/16 – Cooloola Berries – Preps
- 11/8/16 – Wappa Falls Observatory – 2M,2/3L & 2/3MM
- 16/8-19/8 – Columboola EEC, Miles – Yr 5
- 22/8/16 - Bookweek
- 2/9/16 – Footy Colours Day
- 8/9/16 – Mary Cairncross Reserve – Yr 1's
- 9/9/16 – Interschool Sports – Yrs 5 & 6
- 12/10/16 – Prep Orientation, 11.30-1.00pm
- 28/10/16 – Day for Daniel
- 3/11/16 – Australia Zoo – Preps
- 8/11/16 – Prep Orientation, 11.30-1.00pm

MUSIC NEWS

This is a reminder to both new and old families that ALL students in 4/6H, 5B and 6C require a folder, music book and Yamaha descant recorder for their music lessons. Students in 2/3MM and 2/3L should have a plastic folder in which to store their music sheets. If your child/ren are missing any of these resources, could you please ensure they have them by the next music lesson.

Thank you

Desley Meads
Music Teacher

P & C

Pies from pie drive will be arriving Tuesday, 9th August. Collection can be made at lunch time.

Donations needed for the Father's Day Stall. Please drop off between August 8th and 19th.

Muster volunteers still needed for Thursday, 25th and Sunday, 28th shifts. If you can help, text Jess on 0427 019 408.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop days are Monday and Thursday for both the 1st and 2nd break. Check out the new menu. Volunteers still needed. Contact Louise on 0413775940.



TOUCH FOOTBALL

This is the last week for signing up for touch football. Membership is \$55 and games are Wednesdays after school. Ages between 8 -13. To join, contact Louise on 0413775940.

UNIFORM SHOP



Uniforms are available Mondays from 8:15 to 9:00 and again from 2:45 to 3:15.

'Fruit' snacks not healthy

THE 'fruit' content of some snack bars is 'farical', Choice spokesman Tom Godfrey says.

Mr Godfrey made the call after Choice looked at the ingredients of 224 products that use images of real fruit on their packaging.

The consumer advocacy group found some of the products lacked fruit but had loads of sugar.

Key among the offenders were brands from Aldi, Kellogg's, Go Natural and Weight Watchers.

Aldi's Hillcrest Chewy Muesli Bars Strawberry & Yoghurt is made of fruit puree concentrates, flavours and additives.

The researchers also found that Kellogg's K-Time

FAUX FRUITS

Chewy

BAKED TWISTS

PHOTO: CHOICE

Twists Raspberry and Apple has raspberry juice concentrate, apple powder, fructose and brown sugar but no actual fruit.

"If you're putting your kid's lunchbox together you'd be far better off with fresh fruit and some wholegrain crackers," Mr Godfrey said.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

The Gympie Regional Gallery offers a variety of workshops and public programs in conjunction with exhibitions on view. Please note that bookings and payment are required for all workshops. Phone 54610735 for further information or to secure your place, or pop in to the Gallery and chat to the volunteers at the front desk.

HOLIDAY FUN FOR KIDS



Next Holiday Fun program will start Tuesday 20 September. Check out holidayfun.com.au mid August for details.

RUSH ART

COMPETITION

5-22 October 2016

Gympie Regional Gallery | Gympie Regional Gallery



Art for children

ART STARS - Saturday 6 August with special guest Nonie Metzler then 3 September, 10am-12noon for children aged 5-9yrs, 1-3pm for ages 10yrs and up. Creative fun in a relaxed environment. Costs \$2 each session to cover materials. No bookings needed.



Tiny Tots Artplay - Fridays 29 July, 26 August, 10-11am. For littlies aged 18mths-3yrs with their parent or carer. Bring a friend and introduce your little ones to the joys of creating. Costs \$4 or \$2 for FOG members. Bookings are essential. Sessions are facilitated by Sabine Gaber.



Art for young people



ZED ZONE - Wednesday 27 July, Thursday 11 August, Thursday 19 October from 3.30pm-4.30pm. Catch up on what's happening around the Gallery after school. Have a look around the exhibitions, chill out with live music, pizza and be creative with a fun activity. No booking necessary, simply turn up.