



STAGE THREE 2023 NEWSLETTER

Friday 3 February 2023

Welcome

This year, there are three Stage 3 classes at Chittaway Bay Public School.

CLASS	TEACHER
5/6W	Mr Chris Wright
5/6H	Miss Alex Hetherington (M-W) and Ms Elise Ahmu (Th-F)
5/6C	Ms Collis

A big welcome to another school year especially for all the new families who have joined the Chittaway Bay Public School Community. We sincerely hope that you have had a wonderful summer break with your child/ren.

Please find some organisational information for Term 1.

Our senior students are role models for all students in the school. With this in mind it is highly important that students maintain a high standard in line with school expectations. Students can show safe, respectful, responsible and engaged behaviour with your assistance by attending school every day, being punctual, being well groomed, having the required classroom equipment, returning permission notes on time and providing notes for illness or absence within 7 days.

In addition, it is important for students to show belonging and take pride in our school by wearing the correct uniform.

Throughout the year, Stage 3 students are encouraged to become independent and show responsibility for their own belongings.

Physical Education and Sport

Stage 3 will participate in weekly Physical Education and Sport lessons on Monday and Wednesday. Students are to wear their sports shoes on these days.

Fruit and Vegetable Break

Each day, students are encouraged to bring in a small quantity of fresh fruit or vegetables that is easy to eat. This break occurs at approximately 10:00 each day and provides an opportunity for students to top up their energy levels before the 10:55 recess break. Students in Stage 3 are also welcome to bring an additional healthy snack that may be eaten during learning time later in the day, should they get hungry.

Attendance and Absence Notes

Attending school is not only a legal requirement but also an essential part of your child's academic progress and wellbeing. It is highly important that students not only attend school, but they are at school for the full day. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- attending a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)

- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

Arriving at school and class on time:

- ensures that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert
- helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Students who are regularly late to school miss valuable learning time and connections with peers.

All absences (including partial absences) must be explained within 7 days of the absence. Please send in a note explaining their absence on the next day they return to school. Alternatively, you may email or call the front office, or send a notification via the school app.

Should you intend to take your child out of school for an extended period, you will need to apply for approval from the Principal. Forms are available from the office and the website.

Science/Library

All Stage 3 classes will participate in science and library lessons with Ms Ahmu.

Student Parliament

All Year 6 students will meet for fortnightly Parliamentary sessions, which allow for discussion and decision-making relevant to CBPS's operation and facilities. Students are actively involved in a fully functioning democratic model, led by our school leaders (Parliamentarians). Year 5 students will begin attending Parliament later in the year, to prepare them for the following year.

Stage 3 Camp and Excursions

In Term 3 this year, we aim for Stage 3 to have the opportunity to travel to Canberra as part of their study. Camp is tentatively scheduled for Week 10, Term 3. More information about this will be sent home later.

PG Movies

Department of Education regulations mean that primary school students are only able to watch G rated movies at school without permission. At times, Stage 3 may want to watch a PG rated movie that compliments their learning or the current unit of study. If your child's class watches a PG rated movie the teacher will have viewed the movie and deemed it suitable for the class. Please find attached a note regarding giving permission for your child to watch PG movies.

Swimming Carnival

The school Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday, Week 4. This is for competitors only. Parents are welcome to attend. Please wait for future correspondence for further details.

Mobile Phones

We encourage all students to leave personal devices at home, however, if your child will be bringing a mobile to school it must be handed in to the front office as soon as your child arrives at school and picked up at 2:55 each day.

Life Education

The Life Education Van will visit in Week 6 and Week 7, Term 1. Please wait for future correspondence for further details.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9, and is the only nationwide assessment that all Australian children undertake.

It's a measure to see whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning, and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN will take place in Week 8 and Week 9 of Term 1, 2023.

Homework

Homework booklets will be provided to students and families who are interested in working at home. If your child does not have a booklet by Friday, Week 3 and you wish for them to participate, please contact the school office.

Home reading is encouraged and heavily supported.

Communication

Chittaway Bay Public School has various platforms in which it communicates with parents and students.

Sometimes there is an overlap within the platforms. We strongly encourage all families to join Sentral for Parents as this will be teacher's main form of communication with families.

We encourage you to meet with or phone us if you have any concerns or issues that need to be discussed. Please be aware that we, as teachers, have limited time available for face-to-face meetings, so it is essential that you make an appointment through the school office if you need to spend some time to discuss a particular issue.

As Stage 3 teachers, we will look forward to working closely with you and your child/ren over the next 12 months, with many exciting activities and learning experiences planned.

If you should need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to see your child's classroom teacher.

Kind Regards,

Alex Hetherington
Assistant Principal

Elise Ahmu, Melissa Collis, Chris Wright
Stage Three Teachers

Nishka Green
Principal



Permission to View PG Rated Movies

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

1.2.2023

From time to time during the school year students have the opportunity to watch movies for various reasons, including:

- Part of reading and listening programs when books they are looking at also have movie versions as well
- Supporting classroom research
- Wet weather lunches

These movies will be viewed under the guidance of a classroom teacher.

This permission note will allow your child to watch these movies for the duration of their Stage 3 schooling at Chittaway Bay Public School. It is important to note that prior to your child’s teacher showing the class a PG rated movie, parents will be informed via seesaw and have the opportunity to withdraw their child from viewing the movie.

Please fill in permission note below to give your consent to your child viewing PG movies under the guidance of a classroom teacher and with the understanding that parents will be informed of the movie prior to the movie being viewed.

We ask that the note be returned by Friday 17 February 2023.

If you should need further information, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

Kind regards,

Stage 3 Teachers

PERMISSION TO VIEW PG RATED MOVIES

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to view PG rated movies. I understand that this permission note covers my child for the duration of their Stage 3 schooling at Chittaway Bay Public School.

Parent/Caregiver

Signature:..... Date: