FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

JAPAN STUDY TOUR
All is going really well over in Japan with our travellers. It is apparently hot and muggy but the children are getting used to it. They are tired but have been absolutely fantastic. Looking at their blog they are certainly fitting a lot into their days. Earlier this week they spent the day at Fuzoku Elementary which has been a highlight of the trip for everyone. The Chatham students taught their Penpals and the rest of the school the Heel-Toe Polka and then the students from Fuzoku Elementary performed an ancient dance based on the fisherman which was apparently quite exciting and our students loved learning. It has also strengthened the relationship we have with this school and as one of our students expressed, “It was great having the opportunity to meet their penpal face-to-face”. It will certainly make the future correspondence for all of our grades all the more richer.

The following day they went to Hiroshima & Mirajyma Island. Reading the blogs the students have posted, once again the visit to the Hiroshima Peace Park was a very moving experience for all of them. Today they are heading over to Osaka for more memorable experiences. Our travellers will be returning on Sunday, tired but I am sure full of invaluable memories to share with us all.

SCHOOLING FOR PERSONALLY SIGNIFICANT LEARNING
Last Thursday I asked Glenda Kelly to write a reflection on a Professional Development session she had attended as part of a Boroondara Principal’s Network meeting last week. The Guest Speaker was Erica McWilliam who had worked within the Queensland Education Department. Glenda had commented on how much of what was said resonated with her and what we are doing here at Chatham regarding ‘Schooling for Personally Significant Learning’ and creating high challenge classrooms. Her reflection is below.

In regards to Personal Learning Erica spoke about the need to build individual capacity in students so that they can self-manage their learning. She emphasised that we want sustained engagement in learning and learning that is rigorous and that the students enjoy this rigour. In classrooms at times we hear the term “I’m bored.” This is often said when students are being challenged. As an educator having the discussion about boredom or being challenged with students is important. I have personally found once this takes place students will change the language they use to reflect they are being challenged. Erica also emphasised that learning should be low threat, high challenge and meaningful, which then brings results.

Erica also spoke about Leadership discussing High Challenge Classrooms with collegiate staff and having those cutting edge conversations in regards to teaching and learning. These are classrooms where students are ‘less busy, but more productive’ and develop their Classroom Brain to design, improve and evaluate. It is where teachers cater for broad and deep learning tasks. Clarification of tasks and explicit Learning Intentions and Success Criteria are clear and Digital Technologies are used as a tool in learning, not as a private tutorial service and in isolation.

After attending the session I reflected on what we are doing here at Chatham. We use a range of testing/diagnostic tools so that we have a clear understanding of where each student is at and what skills and knowledge they already possess to differentiate their learning; we are constantly striving to use quality resources and programs that engage students such as the Kathy Walker Investigations Program in Prep and Year 1, the CAFÉ Independent Reading Program and Writer’s Notebook Program, as well as units of Inquiry around Concepts in middle and senior schools; and we place emphasis on the explicit planning of the curriculum on Planning Days and weekly in Level Meetings. We continually access Professional Learning so that we are introducing cutting edge initiatives and implement these into our programs. We are using Learning Intentions and Success Criteria for our lessons, which allows students to clearly understand what is expected of them and what they need to do in order to be successful with a task. Chatham Primary School is certainly well on the way to providing ‘Schooling for Personally Significant Learning.’

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LIFE EDUCATION VAN
The Life Education Van had its last class visit today. And the students in Grade 4DH have had a little extra excitement when they visited the van for their session, as they were being filmed by Channel 7 for their weather segment to promote the work Life Education does in the community. The piece will air tonight on the 6 o’clock news.

FATHER’S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
The response to the Pancake Breakfast has been overwhelming with numbers exceeding 200. Thank you to Melody McInnes and Sarah Collings for the work they put into organising the morning. I am sure it will be enjoyed by dads and children alike.

SWIMMING PROGRAM
The swimming program is going well for Prep to Year 4 students. The children have been improving their stroke technique, swimming endurance and water safety skills and knowledge. The last day of the program is next Thursday, 18th September.

UPCOMING EVENTS
*Day of the Notables – the Year 5 students have been working hard over this term on their presentations on famous scientists. They will have displays and dress up as their notable person on Thursday 18th September. The rest of the school will visit their displays in the hall and parents are invited to attend from 1:00 to 1:30pm.

*Fantastic Racers – The Year 6 students have been designing, creating and testing their fantastic races for the big race day. This activity is part of a technology unit and the students have been working in pairs to produce the fastest and the best designed vehicles. These will be run off in the school hall on the 1st Friday back next term the 10th of October between 11:30 – 12:15.

LAST DAY DISMISSAL
A reminder that the last day for Term 3 is next Friday 19th of September. The students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on this day. The first day of Term 4 is Monday 6th of October. The first week back will be a Planning Week for teachers. All year levels will have one day where they will visit specialists while class teachers work in their respective teams on the term’s curriculum.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER  FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST
SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER  JAPANESE STUDY TOUR ARRIVES HOME
MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER  SCHOOL COUNCIL 7PM
THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER  SWIMMING PROGRAM ENDS
FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER  LAST DAY OF TERM 3—2.30PM FINISH
MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER  TERM 4 COMMENCES
WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER  CHESS CLUB STARTS THIS WEEK—BEGINNERS AND ADVANCED CLASSES
                        SUSTAINABLE GARDENING WORKSHOP IN THE HALL 7PM TO 9PM
TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER  PREP EXCURSION TO CHESTERFIELD FARM
THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER  YEAR 2 EXCURSION TO THE ZOO
TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER  YEAR 4 EXCURSION TO HEALESVILLE
MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER  CURRICULUM DAY—NO SCHOOL TODAY FOR STUDENTS
TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER  MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL TODAY
FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER  YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO IMMIGRATION MUSEUM
                        ART SHOW PARENTS ONLY GALA NIGHT - 7:30PM
SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER  ART SHOW—FAMILY VIEWING DAY
WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER  PREP TRANSITION MORNING—9:00AM TO 10:00AM
MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER  SCHOOL COUNCIL—7PM STAFF ROOM
WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER  PREP TRANSITION MORNING—9:00AM TO 11:00AM
WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER  PREP TRANSITION MORNING—9:00AM TO 12:30PM
THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER  PREP INFORMATION NIGHT 7:30PM
THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER  GINGERBREAD HOUSE NIGHT
MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER  SCHOOL COUNCIL—7PM STAFF ROOM
TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER  YEAR 6 ‘BIG DAY OUT’
THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER  YEAR 6 GRADUATION
FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER  LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

THANKS TO TOBY IN PREP SM FOR THIS WEEK’S MAST HEAD.

CANTEEN
FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
MORNING: Katrina, Sarah and Jody
AFTERNOON: Stephanie and Fiona

WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
Emma, Andrea and Bianca—All Day

A BIG thankyou to Susan Wilding and Amy Steventon for doing such a fabulous job organizing the Father's Day Stall.
Much time and effort goes into sourcing the gifts, wrapping and presenting the items to the children.
I'm sure there were many happy Dads last Sunday, who received a wonderful gift that was handpicked by their child!!
A lovely morning tea was provided to the volunteers on the day (thankyou volunteers :)

It was a great success !!
Thanks again
Chatham School Community
Parents Club Survey—Only 4 days to go to get your survey responses in!

We’ve had an awesome response to this survey so far...with 136 out of a possible 309 families participating so far - put another way, this number covers 196 of the children at Chatham (out of a possible 444) – which translates to a 44% response rate. Our previous survey leaders, Prep MB and 4DH, are still neck and neck, but they’ve dropped well behind our new lead class, 1LM, from whom we have an almost 100% response rate. Don’t know what Ms McLean and her Class Reps are doing to motivate their class but they need to keep doing it!

Other interesting statistics from the Survey so far...the lower levels of the school out-represent the higher levels in number of survey responses received. The 5 most popular events run by parents club are, in descending order: the School Fair (84% of respondents attended this event), the Night Market (78%), Kids Movie Night (65%), Tears and Cheers (49%) and Gingerbread House Making (48%).

This survey is a really good way for you to give Parents Club some ideas and feedback. It’s only 10 questions long and takes between 5-10 minutes to complete, either online (see link below) or on paper (see the Office for a hard copy).

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TCCW2H3

All responses are anonymous, apart from question 1 which asks you to indicate the class(es) your children are in because the class with the most survey responses will win a prize to be announced early in Term 4. If you want us to contact you so that we can talk to you about your ideas / feedback then please include your details in response to question 10. A big thanks to those who have already provided their contact details – we’ll be in touch early in term 4 to get more detailed feedback from you.

Fathers’ Day

A BIG THANKYOU TO THE FATHERS’ DAY WRAPPERS

Thankyou to all of the following people for giving up their Monday morning to help wrap all the Fathers’ Day gifts. Thanks to Bronwyn, Linda, Kate, Fiona, Susie, Katie, Margaret and Fiona.

A BIG, BIG THANKYOU TO ALL THE FATHERS’ DAY HELPERS

To all the shift workers who patiently helped serve our cherubs on the day of the Fathers’ Day Stall, thankyou, thankyou! That's Bronwyn Phillips, Viv Cronin, Jaci Maddern, Susy Montagner, Cathy Elliot, Karen Elliot, Vikki Smith, Kate Wansbrough, Caro Smith, Fiona Kerr, Lyndal Quartel and Jen Ukich.

Thankyou from Amy and Susan

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We still have a lot of money outstanding. If you could please send your money to the office as soon as possible.
**GRADE 6 GIRLS – GRADUATION DRESSES**

Best Dress Designs are bringing Graduation Dresses to Chatham Primary, especially for the Grade 6 girls.

- Sunday 14th Sept  3pm to 4.30pm
- Tuesday 16th Sept  7pm to 8.30pm

Please RSVP to Sue Harries on 0412 392 004

Please leave your name and day you are attending.

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**FATHERSDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

As we have had a huge response to the Pancake Breakfast, we have decided to try stagger the start times.

If your surname starts from A to L and parents in 1HL and 1SN, if you are able, can you arrive at 7:30am and parents with surnames M-Z could arrive at 7:45am, this will help ease the congestion and the wait.

Parents Club Committee

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**Bike Shed Make Over**

Saturday 13th September from 9am

Please come and help clean out and around the bike shed ready for its upgrade over the holidays
The **Trash n Treasure** stall at the school fair is a major fundraising opportunity!

We will soon be accepting donations (1st week of term 4) that can be dropped off at the portable by the basketball courts on Banool Rd on ...

**Fridays between 8.45 – 9.15am and 3- 3.30pm.**

Items we accept include:

- Games & Toys (please check all pieces in games are complete)
- Household items
- Bric a Brac
- Pictures and frames
- Garden items
- Blankets, napkins, tablecloths, placemats
- Music, CD’s, DVD’s
- Beauty products (unused)
- Stationary, arts and crafts
- Sports equipment
- Jewellery

Please note we are unable to accept the following: electrical items, large pieces of furniture, suitcases, broken items, unclean items, clothes. Books are being collected separately.

For all enquiries please contact Evanne Evans on 0432 443 801

Thank you in advance for your donations!
Casting Call For the Chatham Spectacular!

Do you sing along like Katy Perry? Can crump like crazy? Or are you a Rock Legend? Then WOW us with your awesome talent in the Chatham Spectacular at the 2015 Summer Fair!

Casting for the show will take place Wednesday lunchtimes in the school hall on the 22\textsuperscript{nd} & 29\textsuperscript{th} October (Term 4). So what do you need to do NOW?

1. Decide on your act – singing, dancing, solo, group? Maybe juggling, or stand-up comedy! (Acts are 3 minutes long).
2. Choose your music & have it ready on Iphone, Ipad, CD, etc.
3. Practice in the holidays!
4. Grade 5 & 6 students; would you like to help younger students with their dance moves or singing? Opportunities exist, so tick the box on the Casting Form.
5. Register your interest by filling in the Chatham Spectacular Casting form. Forms will be available at the school office the first week of Term 4.

Excited! We are!!

Acts to be approved by the Chatham Spectacular committee. Inappropriate songs/dance choices not allowed.