FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

SUMMER UNIFORM

I don’t know if anyone has noticed as they have passed the Surrey Clothing shop front that the new Chatham dress is on display in the window. Last year School Council endorsed the introduction of a new summer dress in response to parent feedback around the current dress design. This new dress has been produced with a superior material and a more “flattering” dress design for all sizes. The fabric also has a small yellow fleck in the material making this dress unique to Chatham Primary School.

This dress should be available for purchase from Surrey Clothing shortly. As with any introduction of a new uniform item, there will be a 3 year transition in place with the idea that parents will purchase the new dress when their daughter/s grow out of their current dress uniform.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Next week the Education Committee will be reviewing our Uniform Policy and SunSmart Policy, both of which can be found on the school website. Parent involvement on school committees is highly valued at Chatham. If you are interested in either of the two policies up for review please come along, as your input is appreciated. If you are unable to make the meeting, I am also happy if you forward me your feedback via email.

Time: Wednesday 11th May at 3:45
Where: School library
Focus: Review of Uniform Policy and SunSmart Policy

GRANDPARENT’S & SPECIAL FRIEND’S MORNING

Over this week there have been numerous trips down to the post box, as students post letters to Grandparents and Special Friends inviting them to our Open Morning on Tuesday 17th May as part of our Education Week Open Days. Grandparents and Special friends are invited to visit the school and spend some time with their granddaughter/son in their classrooms or in their specialist programs. This will be followed by morning tea in the hall at 10:30am. We are making this time for Grandparents or Special Friends as a way of opening up the school to members of the family who do not usually have the opportunity to get involved in the school.

I know the students always look forward to this Open Morning and it is lovely to see the RSVPS from grandparents on classroom walls or boards.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 across Australia are due to sit their national tests in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) next week. In Victoria students from all Government, Catholic and Independent schools will participate in the program. The National Assessment Program will be administered at the school level for our Year 3 & 5 students on the following days:

Tuesday 10th May – Language Conventions* and Writing
Wednesday 11th May – Reading
Thursday 12th May – Numeracy

*Language Conventions comprises spelling, grammar and punctuation.

The results from NAPLAN tests provide an important measure of how Australian schools and students are performing in the areas of reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is taken for a short time over 3 days early in Term 2. It is a snapshot of a child’s performance on the given day and time. These results do not reflect on the individual journey of learning that each child takes over the year. The results from NAPLAN will be used in conjunction with a myriad of other ongoing assessment strategies that each teacher collates for each individual student across the year, for individual student reporting to parents, school reporting and aggregate reporting by States and Territories against national standards. Please contact your class teacher if you have concerns around this testing program.

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YEAR 4 CAMP
Our Year 4 campers head off to Arrabri Lodge at Warburton next Wednesday for three days of fun and excitement as they meet the challenges of the giant swing, rope course, flying fox, rock climbing wall, archery, initiatives course, orienteering and damper making. They will also enjoy a night hike, toasting marshmallows over an open fire, a night of bush dancing, as well as a variety of free time activities available on site. The staff joining the Year 4 students will be Ms Rodger, Ms Henderson, Mr Mays, Mrs McAloney, Mr Doyle and Miss Kirwan. The happy campers should return back to school, happy but tired on Friday 13th May at about 3:15pm. Camp reports will be emailed to Year 4 parents each day.

NEW ENROLMENTS
During Education Week we also take the opportunity to conduct School Tours for prospective 2017 Prep parents and other families interested in our school. If you know of any new families who live nearby, or if you have relatives, friends or neighbours who would like information about the school, then encourage them to contact the school to arrange a personal tour or to attend our Open Day Tours.

The school Open Day Tours are:

- Monday 16th May – 9:30am
- Wednesday 18th May – 9:30am
- Saturday 21st May – 9:30am

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4SR Nature Boy Incursion Reflections

Bugs by Sarah Wansbrough

On the 28th of April we went to the library to learn about bugs, plants and wildlife. We learnt about what plants are good to attract bugs, and the ones to attract butterflies, and the ones to attract other bugs. We also learnt about the environment. Then we also used our imaginations to dig up the floor and ruin the wall. We also pretended to plant some plants.

Nature Reflection by Bella Hincksman

We went to a special nature incursion. We learnt about all the different native bugs. There was a bee that could cling onto a pollen pod and vibrate until the pollen comes out. There was a moth called a bursaria fairy moth, which could only breed on one species of plant. It was very interesting how the small animals moved. I enjoyed this incursion very much and learnt a lot too.
Canteen Roster

Friday 6th May
AM: Sue, Fiona and Linda
PM: Sue, Fiona and Lisa

Wednesday 11th May
AM: Jill
PM: Zoe

Thanks
Steph Reid – Canteen Manager

Save the Date

Year 5 parents please save Saturday 4th of June from 7pm for a midyear function. Details will follow later this week by email via class reps.

Year 1 Dinner
Cantina Centrale
Thurs 12th May
7:30pm
Please join us for a wine and delicious food. All parents and carers very welcome.
RSVP to Ruth on 0400 805 752 by Tues 10th May

Jam and Preserves
Jars Needed

The Jam and Preserves team is under-way preparing for the 2017 Chatham School Fair!

Please save your small and medium clean jam jars (275g-500g capacity) particularly Bonne Maman and Meredith Goats Cheese/Salsa jars.

We would also love some donations of unopened bags of white sugar.

Interested in joining the jam-making team? Contact Katie Barnett (0408 009 072) or Nicole Lampe (0409 782 879).

Jar and sugar donations can be left with Sue Doherty at the office.

Mini Workshops
- Meditation
- Tai Chi @ 9.30am
- Creative dance for children @ 10am
- Nia dance @ 10am
- Drawing @ 10.30am
- Ageless Grace @ 11am
- Transition to retirement @ 11.30am

SAT 7 MAY
9am – 12noon
Open Morning

Children’s face painting & craft activity
Food & drinks, raffle & information displays
Tai Chi sword display @ 9.30am and more...

Jam and Preserves

Have you always wanted to learn how to make jam and chutney? Fancy a lovely Saturday afternoon doing just that?

On Saturday May 28 we will be hosting a jam class in the school canteen. This is a great opportunity to learn new tips and tricks whilst helping our school, as we stock up for the jams and preserves stall for next year’s school fair.

We will be making raspberry jam, cumquat marmalade and a chutney and you will leave with a jar of your favourite and copy of our recipes.

Come along and learn from expert jam and preserve makers, Chatham grandmother, Marilyn McIlvenna and Chatham great-grandmother, Joy Crompton!

Please RSVP as limited places are available for this free class. Hope to see you there for a fun afternoon!

Date: Saturday May 28
Time: 11 am to 3 pm
RSVP: Katie Barnett 0408 009 072 or Nicole Lampe 0409 782 879
Hi there! I’m Levi and on May 20th I am doing the Treadmill Challenge to raise money for Very Special Kids Hospice. I’d really appreciate it if you could sponsor me please.

To donate, go to https://vsktreadmill2016.everydayhero.com/au/levi-and-jane

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SATURDAY 28th MAY
10am-12noon

COME & PLAY AT OUR
OPEN DAY

Saturday 21st May, 10am - 12pm
• Hamper Giveaway • FREE Sausage Sizzle & Coffee Cart
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Celebrate the Culture & Independence of East Timor/ Timor Leste

Join us at Hawthorn Arts Centre
Sunday, 29th May at 2.30 – 6pm
Hawthorn Town Hall (Chandler Room)
360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

Entertainment including the wonderful Tebe dancers from the Timorese Association of Victoria, great music, videos, exhibitions of tailoring, other handicrafts, artwork, photos, coffee tasting and more.

Speakers include the Timor-Leste Ambassador
Don’t miss the opportunity to learn to dance the tebe, buy/swap unique handicrafts, etc. and help support educational projects in Timor Leste.

Come along and have a great time
Entry by donation
For more information email info@friendsofsame.org

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