FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Our School

We have certainly had a very busy time as part of Education Week. It started off with the first of the three school tours on Monday. We then had our Grandparent’s/Special friend’s Day, where we had over 300 visitors in our school. It was great being able to walk around to each classroom seeing the “older” generation working with the children and having them all join us for a wonderful morning tea in the hall. It was fantastic to see so many parent helpers who volunteered to help set up the hall, make the morning tea, serve all those cups of tea and coffee and then clean up afterwards. The feedback from our visitors was one of appreciation for having this opportunity to come to Chatham and many positive comments were passed on about our great school. Over the week I have had two more Open Tours for prospective parents. As I run through my “spiel” about the various aspects of our school it really reinforces the number of great programs and opportunities that we offer the students at Chatham. Our visitors have been impressed by our Sustainability Program, our high calibre specialist programs and how engaged, calm and happy our students are. Once again there were many positive comments about what a great feel there is at our school. Many of these visitors have also commented on our student leaders. Our School Captains and Vice Captains started off these tours by reading out some of their reflections about Chatham; their memories of starting Preps nearly 7 years ago, about our fantastic specialist programs, outlining the wide range of extra-curricular activities we offer across the school year and how Year 6’s are currently feeling as they and their parents also choose new schools for them as they move into secondary school next year. They then accompanied everyone on the tour of the school and answered many questions about school life at Chatham. Many of our visitors commented on how confident, friendly and well-mannered these four Year 6 leaders were and how they came across as great ambassadors for our school.

The school is looking really good at the moment. We recently had a Year 1 Working Bee where a number of parents and students worked tirelessly to get the school looking great for Education Week. The teachers have been working hard putting up student’s work, displays and art pieces to help demonstrate the great work our students do at Chatham.

Wednesday saw all the Year 5’s set up in the hall as part of their Day of the Notables display, once again our visitors were really impressed by the knowledge of the students and the amount of work they had put into presenting their notable person. It certainly has been a busy week and over this time it has enabled the school and its community to shine.

Day of the Notables

As mentioned at the top of this week’s Newsletter, the Year 5 students did an absolutely marvellous job in their Day of the Notables presentations. These students chose a notable person, researched their achievements and life history and then created a presentation outlining all of this information. They dressed up as this notable person and had props to complement their display. Each student had generated questions for everyone to ask as the whole school and many parents visited the hall to meet these famous people. Well done to all the Year 5 students and a big thank you to the Year 5 teachers who helped to put this great activity together.

Year 2 Working Bee

The next Working Bee is scheduled for all Year 2 families and will be held on Saturday 18th June. This is the weekend before the next school holidays so we will be cleaning up the school but also undertaking some major works around the amphitheatre that will require plenty of help. Please put this date in your diary now. More information will be sent out soon.

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Challenges

One of the questions that I sometimes get asked on these tours is about the biggest challenge facing me and the school moving into the future. The one issue that we all need to be aware of is maintaining the ethos of our school community within a changing family culture. When I came to Chatham in 1995 as its new Assistant Principal I was part of a growing school population and community. The Principal at that time was Mrs Jan Morris and she was an outstanding leader as she shaped and developed the school and its community. She was very strong on developing a caring school community that supported the school and each other. Her legacy has seen the school become the central hub of the local community. When I returned to Chatham as Principal in 2005 I was pleased to see that this community feel was still strong.

Over my years as Principal though, I have seen the family profile change as we have more and more families moving into the area with both parents working and everyone’s lifestyles changing and becoming even busier. The challenge for me as Principal is to maintain this strong community feel in our school, to foster the strong partnership that exists between school and home, and ensure that parents are communicated with, feel connected to the school and have the opportunity to become involved in their child’s education at Chatham. This is a challenge for us all. Prospective parents tell us of the wonderful reputation our school has in the wider community. They state that they love coming to our Fair and seeing the whole school community working together. They love the feel of the school and they want to become a part of it. If we value this feature of our school we all need to work at keeping informed about what is happening at our school, to volunteer to help out in classrooms and with our activities in any way that you can, to assist others who are in need (we already do this really well) and promote the qualities of our great school to the wider community.

School Tours

We held our School Tours on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday morning last week as we opened up our school to prospective parents. We had large numbers through for each tour and the feedback from our visitors was very positive about what they saw and heard. 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, please encourage them to contact the school to organise a tour. Enrolments are now open to current parents who have siblings that are ready for school next year and you should also collect an enrolment form from the Office as soon as possible.

Our Wonderful Year 6’s

Recently we have had a number of staff and parents commenting on what a wonderful group of Year 6 students we have as our school leaders this year. They have taken on new tasks and responsibilities with a minimum of fuss and bother. At last week’s School Tours our School Captains assisted me by giving a little speech to the new families and with showing prospective parents around our great school. Our Friday afternoon assemblies have run really smoothly with all students fully prepared and giving excellent presentations. The House Captains helped greet new families at our Grandparents and Special Friends days last week. The leaders of Art, Library, Music, Science, ICT and Japanese are highlighting the excellent work and activities carried out by the students in these areas. The Environment Leaders have been wonderful ambassadors for our school in promoting our sustainability initiatives and have exciting projects coming up for them. Our Junior School Councillors have helped to organise a number of very successful fund raising days for social service activities. Our peer support leaders are working with Year 3 students and by all reports from the teachers involved in this program, are doing an exceptional job as mentors of these younger students. Overall they are a very conscientious, studious and mature group of students who are excellent role models for the rest of the school. Well done Year 6’s.

Transition

During our School Tours last week I have often talked about transition. For new Prep parents this includes the programs and strategies we use to transition our new Prep students and their parents into the school and its community. We have 3 student Transition Days at the end of the year and an Information Evening for parents to help ensure that the move into our Primary School setting is a smooth one. This transition actually occurs in many other ways across the school. New Prep students are assigned a Grade 5 buddy who looks after them not only in the first few weeks of settling in but also as their personal contact into the next year of a Year 1 and Year 6 relationship. This year all teachers visited each Prep classroom to introduce themselves and also to get to know our new Prep students. Students are involved in a number of cross age activities throughout the year that involves them working with older and younger students on common tasks. Students get to know what is happening across the school through Assembly information each week and their visits to other classrooms. Students are able to play in any area in the school grounds, so get to know other students from other grades. Students find out their new grades at the end of the year – this does not always happen this way at other schools. The students get to visit their new classrooms, meet next year’s teacher and their new classmates.

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Teachers have “hand-over” sessions in the first days of the new school year when they meet with last year’s teachers to discuss the strengths and areas for improvement of each student in their grade. Each year your child’s teacher works hard to ensure that your child is academically, socially and emotionally ready for the challenges of the coming year.

Feedback from past parents and students who have moved onto Secondary School is that we always prepare our exiting Year 6 students well. They all seem to settle in well to life at a Secondary School with many of them taking on leadership roles in Year 7. Over the last few years we have held a Year 6 Transition Conference where students spend the day talking about, role-playing and reflecting on this important move into the next phase of their educational journey.

At Chatham, we believe that we do a good job with our transition in that we prepare our students well for the next phase of their education. Each year we are always really pleased on how smooth the beginning of the school year is, as all students are settled, happy and ready to work hard in their new grades.

**STEPHEN ROTHWELL**
**PRINCIPAL**

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YEAR 6 PARENTS / CARERS / TEACHER’S NIGHT OUT

Date: Sat 4th June
Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Glenferrie Hotel, 324 Burwood Road
Hawthorn (near corner Glenferrie Road).
We have a space in the rear beer garden.

The night: Feel free to go earlier and have a meal (can book if you want to) or drinks and bar snacks available.

GOT SOME FOREIGN CURRENCY LEFT FROM YOUR LAST HOLIDAY?

Did you know that Chatham PS collects foreign currency which is then taken to the Commonwealth Bank to support the UNICEF through the Coins for Kids foreign coin collection program. You can donate your useless foreign coin to us and we’ll make sure they go towards supporting UNICEF’s programs.

Just drop them at the office.

Thank you

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You are invited to join us at Florence Road Pre-School Open Day

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See our NEW PLAYGROUND
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Hear about the MUSIC PROGRAM
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Just turned
3 year old
One half day session during school term

3 year old
Kindergarten
Three half days
Kindergarten - One half and one half day

4 year old
Kindergarten
Two half days
and one half day
till both Kinder and
returns across the year.

SATURDAY 28th MAY
10am-12noon

Geddes
Florence rd.18e@kindergarten.vic.gov.au
2 Florence Road, Surrey Hills
3 year old enrolment: 0404 082 663
4 year old enrolment: 0407 583 332

PROJECT WILD THING

Screening at Chatham Primary School Hall
Thursday 2 June, 7pm
Suitable for parents, grandparents, teachers, educators, carers and children aged 9+

Tickets $5 from http://trybooking.com/LMBB

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Sunday the 5th of June is World Environment Day which is organised by the United Nations.
This year’s theme for World Environment Day is ‘Go Wild for Life’. It encourages us to celebrate all those animals and plants that under threat and take action to help safeguard them for future generations.

On Friday 3rd June we will be holding a Free dress day to celebrate World Environment Day.
We would like everyone to wear blue and bring a gold coin donation. The money raised will be shared between our sponsor animals, including the Orangutans and the Orange bellied parrots and also to support the work the zoo are doing with their ‘Act for Wildlife’ programs (see [http://www.zoo.org.au/get-involved/act-for-wildlife](http://www.zoo.org.au/get-involved/act-for-wildlife)).

We are wearing Blue to represent the ocean and the sky. Wear blue because your planet needs you!
So don’t forget to wear free dress and bring a gold coin donation on Friday 3rd June.
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(*And Fees)
Chatham Prayer Group - All Welcome!

The next parents’ Prayer Group meeting will be at 9.05 -10.00am (straight after school drop -off) Thursday, June 2 in the OSHC House.

Babies and young siblings are very welcome! Stay for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards.... Please send any prayer requests to stpaulstreasure@gmail.com

SPECIAL OFFER
ASC are currently offering a 30% early booking discount which is available to all participants who book by Sunday 5 June 2016. After 5 June, siblings always receive a 20% discount and other discounts are available for groups depending on the number of participants. Further information can be found on our website https://australiansportscamps.com.au