FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Reports

Teachers are currently finalising their student’s midyear reports. These should be ready to send home by Friday next week in readiness for Parent/Teacher Interviews that will be happening in the last week of this term.

This year we are introducing a new upgrade to our usual reporting format. Basically it will look the same as in previous years with the following additions:

- Preps now have a Pre-Foundation column in the achievement graph to allow for representation of any students who are working below the expected Prep level.
- Work Habits has a new heading for “Effort” and “Behaviour” Between the headings of “Acceptable” and “Very Good” we have introduced a new heading of “Good”. This Work Habits table has now been added to all the Specialist areas which has necessitated a creation of an insert page into the report that contains all Specialist Areas.
- A few reminders about the reports
  - The specialist areas of the Visual Arts (Art) & the Performing Arts (Music) have their ratings combined to give one letter grading for “The Arts”
  - The specialist area of Health & Physical Education also has a combined mark from the Physical Education specialist and a mark for Health from the class teacher.
  - The Prep midyear reports will not be displaying a graph showing any progression of improvement but will have an A – letter grading in the following areas;
    - Health & Physical Education
    - Interpersonal Development
    - The Arts
    - English : Reading and Viewing, Writing, Speaking & Listening
    - Mathematics: Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry, Statistics & Probability

Teachers use a vast array of assessment strategies & data to gather accurate and multiple sources of information on the progress of each student. This progress is then moderated against the state wide benchmarks of the Australian Curriculum (AusVels). All ratings are “crunched” by the computer to give each student a rating from A to E for each subject area.

In reading your child’s report, it is important to remember that the A-E ratings have a specific meaning that is consistent in all Victorian schools. For example, on the report card, no matter which school your child attends, a ‘B’ rating will always mean that your child is above the state-wide standard expected at this time of year. A ‘C’ rating will always mean your child is doing really well and has achieved the state-wide standard expected at this time of the year. This means that their learning is firmly on track.

The reports also contain a student reflection section. Students in Years 1 & 2 comment on the things that they have enjoyed this half year. The students in Grades 3 to 6 comment on What They Have Learnt and on the areas that they Would Like To Improve.

Teachers are making comments on English, Mathematics and Inquiry Learning with areas for future learning noted for each individual student. All reports should be viewed in conjunction with the student work samples and with the comments made at the Parent/Teacher Interviews.

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Parent/Teacher Interviews
The interviews will be taking place during the last week of term. These interviews strengthen the partnership between school and home, ensuring that we all work together to assist your child to reach their full potential. The student reports are due to be sent home next Friday so that you have time to read through them before your arranged interviews. Each interview is scheduled to last for 15 minutes. Please ensure that you arrive on time for your interview and remember to contact the office in advance if you are unable to make the designated time.

During the interviews it is important that everyone keeps to their time so that it does not affect the timetable across the school. If you require more time, then another appointment may need to be scheduled with the teacher. Along with the Student Reports, these interviews should give you a clear picture of your child’s progress for the year and what areas they may need to work on for the second semester.

Once again this year we are using an online booking process. To book your interview time you need to log onto https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/, Please be aware that you need to use the new code for this booking and not the code that you may have received for other interview bookings. Once you are logged on, enter a preferred time and provide details such as your email address. This portal will be open as of 4:00pm tomorrow, Friday 10th June and will remain open until midnight, Friday 17th June.

Information around logging in to book your times for Parent Teacher interviews can be found later on in this newsletter. We have also sent home an email to all families.

Class Reps
These parents do a great job. They are the liaisons for each grade between the teacher, the school and your grade’s parents. They are called on to gather help and assistance, to communicate important information and arrange some social times with your grade or year level. Many class coordinators have, or have planned some fantastic functions for parents or families of their level. These events are a great way to meet and get to know other parents from you grade or the other grades. These Class Reps are not expected to do everything and rely on your good will and support to help out whenever you can. A recent example demonstrated how well this can all work when class reps were given the job of asking for food for our Grandparent’s/ Special Friend’s Morning Tea. The response from the whole school community was outstanding with many trestle tables of yummy food being set up for our visitors. We also had a large number of helpers over this time who looked after the hundreds cups of tea and coffee, as well as setting up and cleaning up everything. Our visitors really appreciated everyone’s efforts. We also have a busy group of parents for each grade who are currently working hard on the students’ costumes for the upcoming concert. We rely on parents to volunteer for the job of a class reps each year. Please help make their job easier and give them your support.

School Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund
The State Government has set up a fund to assist eligible families to cover the costs of excursions, school camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or you are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the School Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF). The allowance of $125 for primary school students will be paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you believe that you are eligible to receive this CSEF then contact the School Office to obtain a CSEF application form or download the form from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. You need to lodge this CSEF application form at the school by 24th June 2016. For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

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.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL
DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 13TH JUNE  Queens Birthday Public Holiday—no school today

TUESDAY 14TH JUNE  Footsteps dance program—whole school

THURSDAY 16TH JUNE  Year 2 Old Fashioned Games Mornings

FRIDAY 17TH JUNE  Parents’ Club meeting @ 9:15am
                    Student reports sent home
                    Monthly Munchie forms/qkr orders due in
                    Parent/Teacher interview booking close today

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE  Year 2 Working bee

MONDAY 20TH JUNE  School council @ 7:00pm
                    Parent/Teacher interviews this week

TUESDAY 21ST JUNE  Footsteps dance program—whole school

THURSDAY 23RD JUNE  Monthly Munchies Sausage Sizzle
                      Footsteps disco—2:30pm to 3:30pm

FRIDAY 24TH JUNE  Last day of Term 2—2:30pm finish

SATURDAY 2ND JULY  Federal election in school hall—cake stall and sausage sizzle

MONDAY 11TH JULY  School resumes for Term 3
                    Concert tickets go on sale—online bookings available from 6pm

THURSDAY 21ST JULY  Concert dress rehearsal (grandparents)

FRIDAY 22ND JULY  Parents’ Club meeting @ 9:15am

MONDAY 25TH JULY  Concert rehearsal @ the Besen Centre

TUESDAY 26TH JULY  School concert @ the Besen Centre

THURSDAY 28TH JULY  Australian Mathematics Competition

FRIDAY 29TH JULY  National Tree Day

TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST  Life Ed Van arrives

WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST  House athletics—Year 3 to 6 only

TUESDAY 9TH AUGUST  Bring a ball day—details coming

MONDAY 15TH AUGUST  School council @ 7pm

TUESDAY 16TH AUGUST  Prep Lego excursion
                      Year 6 ACMi excursion

THURSDAY 18TH AUGUST  Parents’ club wheel-athon day

WEDNESDAY 24TH AUGUST  Senior hooptime—Year 5 and 6

SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST  Parents’ club Bogan Bingo

WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST  Year 6 ACMi excursion
                         Japan Study Tour departs

FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER  Fathers day breakfast
                      Fathers day stall

MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER  Swimming program commences—Prep to Year 4 only

TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER  Instrumental music soiree—night 1

WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER  Year 5 Royal Melbourne Show excursion
                         Instrumental music soiree—night 2
CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 10th June
AM: Katrina, Ruth, Carly and Sarah
PM: Bec, Lorin and Tina

Wednesday 15th June
AM: Natalie
PM: Amanda

SAVE THE DATES
IMPORTANT PARENT CLUB EVENTS
Thursday 18th August
Chatham Primary’s School First Ever Wheel-A-Thon
Saturday 27th August
Bogan Bingo Night (Adults only event)
Saturday 3rd December
"Arvo on the Green" (Adults only event)
More details on all events to follow closer to the date.

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.

Classic Wooden Train table with Roll out Trundle draw
Measurements 1.31m X 0.7m
4 X sets of Suspension Bridges
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3103
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Thank you to Mr Rothwell and Mrs Doherty for supporting our fundraising bake-sale at Chatham. Thanks to everyone who baked for the stall and a BIG thank you to the Chatham community for supporting our cause.
We raised $339 for the RSPCA.
Mietta (6ZB) and Celeste Fleay

HUGE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
We are having an end of term mid year sale on Thursday 23rd June.
It will be under the Music room shelter from 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Good Prices  Good Quality
Hope to see you there!
Junior School Councillors
The Election Day Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle is an extremely effective way to generate funds for our school. We are asking Chatham families that are going to be around in the holidays to get baking and provide us with two plates of home-made goodies to sell at the stall. You can make anything from honey-joys, slices, whole cakes, muffins, cupcakes or biscuits. Allergy friendly products are also very popular.

All items must be home-made.

Due to Health Regulations, please NO CREAM, CUSTARD, CHEESE or other fillings requiring refrigeration as we will not be able to sell these.

If you are happy to help please email Sue Doherty and we will arrange for plates, plastic bags, ties and labels to be sent home to you. Please let us know if you would like individual bags for cookies, balls or smaller items.

Boroondara health regulations require the following information written on the label:

- The name/type of cake, biscuit, slice etc. eg. Choc Chip Muffins
- The main ingredients. eg. Eggs, Flour, Sugar, Nuts
- Your initials and your child’s class. eg. LQ/5KB
- The date you made it and how long it will keep for.

Please place your baked goods on the plate provided and put inside the bag (beware of sticky icing or hot cakes when doing this!)

Attach the completed label to the string and tie the bag up.

All donations need to be recorded in order to meet local Health Regulations, so it is important that all baked goods are delivered to the stall on Saturday 2nd July between 8:00am and 9:30am

We are also looking for volunteers to assist on the day, if you can help for an hour or more please log on and fill in your details: http://vols.pt/BkPseY
`TAKE 3 FOR THE SEA`
LONG WEEKEND CHALLENGE

The Environment Leaders have been invited to attend the Kids Teaching Kids conference in October and as part of this we are making a video about turtles and other marine life and the effects that rubbish have on them.

It’s not just rubbish on the beach that affects marine life but any rubbish that is thrown in the street or in the school grounds can make its way to the sea.

This weekend is a long weekend and many people will be going away on holidays to the beach or to the country. As part of our community project we would like every Chatham family to make an effort to collect at least 3 pieces of rubbish from a beach, playground, river, your local street, the park, at the shops, anywhere. If you see rubbish lying around don’t leave it, ask an adult you are with if it is ok and then pick it up and put it in the bin. Please take a photo of the rubbish and send it to Mrs Doherty on: chatham.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

You can be in the photo if you like or it can be just the rubbish you collect. Please also let Mrs D know where the photo was taken. It doesn’t matter if the rubbish is big or small – any rubbish collected is a good thing. If everybody ‘Takes 3 for the Sea’, as a school, we will collect over 1000 pieces of rubbish.

Remember as a school we can make a big difference to help keep our environment clean and sea life safe and healthy. So when you’re out and about this weekend... TAKE 3 FOR THE SEA!!!
Chatham Primary School Parent/Teacher Interviews
Online booking system

Just follow the steps below to organise the time for your Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Dear Parents,
The Parent/Teacher interviews will be held for your grade in the week commencing Monday 20th June 2016.

Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents who do not have internet access may send a note to your class teacher with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 9830 1933.

ON-LINE BOOKINGS OPEN at 9am on Friday 10th June 2016
ON-LINE BOOKINGS CLOSE at midnight on 17th June 2016

To book your school interviews ON LINE
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code that is shown in the notice sent to you via email today and press "Go" (please note that this is a new code, do not use the code from the previous interviews in 2015 or 2016).

THIS CODE IS NOT CASE SENSITIVE & CHANGES FOR EACH EVENT

1. Enter your details

2. Select the teachers you wish to see

3. Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately —
Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have entered your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close AT Midnight on 17th June 2016

Please contact the school if you need to change/re-schedule your booking after the closing time
MONTHLY MUNCHIES SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH

THURSDAY 23RD JUNE 2016

You can order and pay for lunch via QkR and you DO NOT need to send a paper form.
You can print out the form and send to school with cash or you can collect a form from the office, complete and return with cash.

YOU CAN ONLY PAY VIA QKR OR CASH – no Direct debit or Credit cards please.

Orders placed via QkR or Forms to be returned by Friday 17th June at 4:00pm at the latest.
Late orders will NOT be accepted

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TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED $
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Lego Robo Champs – Tuesday 5 July
Japanese cooking – Thursday 7 July
9.30 am – 12.30 pm
$55 / $55 if multiple booking

Bookings essential: 9890 2467
enquiries@surreyhillsnc.org.au