

Chatham Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

ENERGISED LEARNING

There has been a real buzz through the staff and students over this last week for learning. On Friday teachers from Chatham joined teachers from Canterbury and Auburn to participate in a shared Curriculum Day around developing critical and creative thinking through STEM. Teachers were genuinely energised after listening to key speakers and participating in hands-on challenges to get back to school and keep the momentum going.

Our first key note speakers were renowned Professor Jan van Driel and Dr Christine Redman from the University of Melbourne who made a presentation around 'What is this thing called STEM?' Jan referred to an article in The Age on 4th June that asked what the teaching profession will look like in the future. I am happy to say that teachers will not become obsolete, but the way students learn and what skills they will need are changing. Even now, employers are investing in team work, problem-solving and oral communication. Jan and Christine discussed the importance of developing critical thinking, digital competencies and entrepreneurship as skills needed for the future. They also discussed the idea of flipping the focus of coming up with solutions to learning how to identify a problem. They asked us to think about not just teaching the learning areas of S-T-E-M (Science, Engineering, Technology and Mathematics) in isolation, but as interdisciplinary areas and that it should be exciting, authentic and fun.

Today, I felt the same energy and excitement being displayed by our Year 5 students for their learning as they showcased their Day of the Notables projects. The effort that had been put in was immediately obvious as well as the pride the students exuded. Learning truly is a life long journey.

STUDENT REPORTING

In last week's newsletter I spoke to the introduction of a new curriculum and changes in our reporting to parents. Part of our changing reporting practice includes the introduction of Three-Way Conferences for students across the school from Yr 2-6. Last year parent-student-teacher conferences were very successfully introduced to our Yr 5 families and positively received.

We believe Three-Way Conferences are an opportunity for parents, teachers and students to come together to discuss a student's learning achievements, needs and goals, as well as any other factors, which may impact learning. It is our belief that through active involvement, students take greater ownership and responsibility for their learning. Further to this, Three-Way Conferences acknowledge that learning is the shared responsibility of students, parents and teachers.

Depending on each year level students will choose samples of work, with guidance from their teacher, that reflect their achievement and growth and are a cause to celebrate.

All conferences are 15 minutes in duration. If you wish to discuss matters without your child present, you can ask your child to prepare for a 10 minute Three-Way Conference, and spend the last 5 minutes with the teacher (or the teacher may request this).

Next week a letter will be sent home from teachers detailing the expectations and role of each of the participants in the Three-Way Conferences. Please ensure you read this carefully and are aware of what is expected to ensure the process is successful.

Teachers will schedule time following the conference for students to reflect on the success of the meeting. We ask that parents provide feedback on the conference format done via a survey sent home at the conclusion of all conferences.

An email will be sent home today with instructions on how to book your interview time online. Bookings open **tomorrow from 5pm** and close next Thursday 22nd June at 3:30. Student reports are sent home next Friday 23rd, in readiness for Parent-Teacher Interviews (Prep and Year 1) and Three-Way Conferences (Yr 2-6) in the last week of school, commencing Monday 26th June.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

THURSDAY 15TH JUNE	YEAR 5 DAY OF THE NOTABLES—9:00AM TO 1:30PM
FRIDAY 16TH JUNE	YEAR 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT @ CAMBERWELL PS PARENTS' CLUB MEETING AT 9:15AM IN THE LIBRARY
THURSDAY 22ND JUNE	YEAR 2 OLD FASHIONED GAMES DAY 9:15AM TO 11:00AM
FRIDAY 23RD JUNE	YEAR 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT @ CANTERBURY STUDENT REPORTS COMING HOME
MONDAY 26 JUNE	PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS THIS WEEK SCHOOL COUNCIL @ 7:00PM
FRIDAY 30TH JUNE	LAST DAY OF TERM 2—SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2:30PM
MONDAY 17TH JULY	TERM 3 COMMENCES
WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY	STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR REHEARSAL
TUESDAY 25TH JULY	YEAR 2 ROBOTICS INCURSION
SATURDAY 29TH JULY	PARENTS' CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT
TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST	YEAR 6 CERES EXCURSION
FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST	SCHOOL DISCO
MONDAY 7TH AUGUST	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7:00PM
TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST	PREP LEGO DOCKLANDS EXCURSION
WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST	STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR REHEARSAL
THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST	YEAR 3 BILLY CART INCURSION
MONDAY 21ST AUGUST	BOOK WEEK
TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST	YEAR 2 ROBOTICS INCURSION YEAR 6 ACMI EXCURSION
WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST	BOOK WEEK PARADE 9:10AM TO 9:40AM
TUESDAY 29TH AUGUST	YEAR 6 GRAFFITI INCURSION 11:30AM TO 12:15PM
THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST	FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST
FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER	FATHERS DAY STALL
FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER	YEAR 6 MAV MATHS GAMES DAY
SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER	KIDS MOVIE NIGHT—SCHOOL HALL
MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER	INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM COMMENCES SCHOOL COUNCIL @ 7:00PM
SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER	STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR
THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER	LAST DAY OF SWIMMING
FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER	LAST DAY OF TERM—SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2:30PM
MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

Saturday July 29th

SAVE the DATE, book the babysitter and plan to join in the fun at Chatham Primary's Annual Trivia Night...more details to come soon!!!

LOOKING FOR ACTIVITIES OVER THE HOLIDAYS?
CHECK OUT THE FLYERS ON THE NOTICE BOARD UNDER THE MUSIC ROOM VERANDAH.

YEAR 1 MUM'S MOVIE NIGHT

What better way to celebrate the end of term than to catch up with other Year 1 mums for a glass of wine and to watch the movie, Rough Nights at Palace Balwyn.

When: Thursday 22 June

Time: Meeting around 7.30pm for a drink prior to movie

RSVP: By Friday 16 June to Jo Harris - michael-jo@bigpond.com/Louise Burnett - louiseburnett@live.com

FAMILY SELECTION

Because film aficionados have families too.

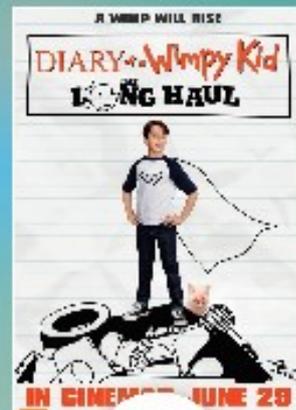
All
Tickets
Only **\$13.00**
Each



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PALACE CINEMAS 

Special Tuesday and Movie Club prices apply.
Visit palacecinemas.com.au for details and to book your tickets

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 for Prep and Year 1 and Three Way Conferences for Year 2 to 6 will be held for your grade in the week commencing Monday 26th June 2017.

Interviews are strictly 15 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 5pm on Friday 16th June 2017

ON-LINE BOOKINGS CLOSE at 3:30pm on Thursday 22nd June 2017

To book your school interviews ON LINE

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code **jfdv7** and press "Go" (please note that this is a new code, do not use codes from previous interviews).

THIS CODE IS NOT CASE SENSITIVE & CHANGES FOR EACH EVENT



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



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 3:30pm on Thursday 22nd June.**

Please contact the school if you need to change/re-schedule your booking after the closing time