FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
WELCOME EVERYONE

On behalf of Stephen who is away on the Year 6 Camp and myself, we would like to welcome all our returning families back for 2016, as well as those families who have recently joined our community, to what promises to be another exciting year. Our Prep officially started at the beginning of the week and what a seamless transition they had to 'big' school. Speaking at the Prep parents’ Tears and Cheers, which this year was again hosted by Belinda and Peter Dalton, - thank you - I borrowed inspiration from a commercial that I had seen over the holidays for student school shoes! But some of the ideas resonated with me in regards to how Chatham supports its students and their families during some momentus occasions, as well as some of my own which I have expressed below.

The teachers at Chatham will be there to support your children on their first day of school and every day they are here at Chatham; they will celebrate with them their first 100 days of school which is a milestone in the Prep calendar year; they will guide them through their first school assembly and when they receive their first school award; they will prepare them for the school concert later this year and they will support them in saying goodbye to their class teacher at the end of the year as they meet and are welcomed by their new grade teacher.

The teachers at Chatham will support your children on their first school camp in Year 4 which for some is their first time away from home; here they will encourage them to try new things as they develop their independence; the teachers will prepare your children as they enter the senior school to take on the role of a buddy mentor, looking after their little charges, as well as preparing them for future responsibilities in Year 6 as they take on a leadership role and lead our school assemblies. Our teachers will then prepare your children for the transition to secondary school before they leave our gates for the very last time.

Equally the teachers will support you, as parents, as you drop your Prep child off on the very first day of school; they will guide and explain to you, your child’s first school report; over the years they will listen and support you with any concerns you may have with your child’s learning or friendships; and they will support you and your family as you see your child graduate from Chatham and begin the next phase of their education.

In turn we hope that our families will support us in the important role we have to play in helping your children reach their potential and to develop the into happy, creative, critical thinkers and problem solvers.

HOAX PHONE CALLS TO VICTORIAN SCHOOLS
It has certainly been reported widely in the media the recent number of hoax phone calls being made to Victorian Schools over the last few days.

While our school has not received such as call, I wanted to inform the community that like all schools we have Emergency Management plans in place for situations like these which we practise each year. As per our usual procedure, the school will schedule Emergency Management drills, at a later date.

The schools that have received a threatening call have enacted their emergency management plans and have worked well.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Stephen or myself.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
How great did it look to return to school last week to see a very healthy green oval? Students have certainly been taking advantage of the lush grass for playing soccer and doing cartwheels! Thank you also to a number of Year 6 parents who attended our first Working Bee last Thursday night, making a contribution to the school environment in readiness for the first day of school.

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The start of the school year for teachers started last Wednesday with the focus of Professional Development over the first day and a half looking at a new direction for education - New Pedagogies for Deeper Learning. The day began with teachers viewing a feature-length documentary *Most Likely to Succeed* which examines the history of education and the growing shortcomings of our school model in today’s innovative world. The film has been named “among the best edu-documentaries ever produced and called a “smart and engaging look at education in the 21st century.” It certainly had staff thinking, questioning and buzzing about the possibilities for what the teaching and learning could look like in their classrooms and for their students this year. The documentary then generated questions for discussions such as:

*When are our students most engaged? How do we know? When are we, as teachers, engaged?*

*How can we encourage students to make choices about their learning, be more creative and take more risks and persevere?*

Below are a few reflections from staff after the two days of professional development.

I was completely inspired after our two curriculum days on New Pedagogies for Deeper Learning. I’m really looking forward to deeply engaging my students by connecting what we’re learning in the classroom with the real world and their own lives. My goal is for my students to feel inspired and highly motivated throughout the year. We will aim to incorporate digital technologies into the classroom to accelerate the process of deep learning. The Year 5s are hoping to connect to students and families through a class blog alongside digital portfolios, where families receive immediate feedback on their children's work. What a year 2016 will be.  

Hannah Matheson SHM

I enjoyed the opportunity to reflect on the ways in which we give students choice in their learning. It was particularly interesting to reflect on how investigations is guided by student interest and choice and how this links well with the NPDL approach.  

Michelle Owens PMO

In 2016 I am looking forward to working in partnership with my class and teaching team to develop projects, lessons and experiences that get students excited and engaged in school. The professional development I’ve enjoyed over the past 12 months has inspired and motivated me to try new ideas, connect with other schools and given me insight into ways that technology can lead to deeper connections and learning between everyone in the school community and beyond. I anticipate sharing our discoveries and ideas through our class blog and digital portfolios and I hope that families will feel more connected than ever to what is happening in the classroom.  

Amanda Lenon SAL

**ALLERGIES & ANAPHYLAXIS**

We have a number of students across the school that have allergies that can cause anaphylaxis.  **Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening.** These students can have severe or life threatening reactions to a variety of triggers. Photos and information of every student who fall under this category have been placed in each classroom and specialist area. All students have an action plan and Epi-pens are placed in a secure and central location. Teachers monitor all students at eating times and we constantly review the items on sale at the canteen and other products in use around the school, as well as discouraging any swapping of food by students at eating times. All of these students are also very good at knowing what they should not eat or touch but we can all help them by limiting the types of food (especially any nut products) that you allow your own child to bring to school. Thank you for your understanding and assistance with this matter in helping to ensure the continued well-being and safety of all our students.

**ILLNESS**

A reminder that if your child is unwell we ask that in their best interests, as well as the interests of others within our school community, that they do not attend school. Some illnesses as we all well know can spread quickly through one’s own family, as well as any class or year level grouping. There is also always some percentage in our community who are more susceptible to picking up bugs and fighting infection than others. So, please consider seriously keeping children at home before sending them back to school too early if they have been unwell or if they complain of feeling unwell on the morning before school.

**SCHOOL CANTEEN**

Steph Reid our Canteen Manager is hoping to re-open the School Canteen once all rosters have been filled. Ideally this would be a starting date of 12th February. If you are able to give some time to help out on canteen please sign up on the board located outside the canteen. Even better - organise a friend or two and roster yourselves on together and make a morning or afternoon of it. It is also a great way for new mums or dads to the school to meet other parents.

**FIRST ASSEMBLY FOR 2015**

With Stephen and the Year 6 students returning from a week long camp late tomorrow and the Preps finishing school at 1:30, the first school assembly for Years 1-6 will be on **Friday 12th February**. Prep students will join us for the following assembly on Friday 19th February.

We hope to see as many of our parents as possible attending our assemblies. Assemblies allow the school community to recognise and celebrate students’ achievements in any given week, as well as promote what else is happening around the school and in classrooms. Our assemblies are also hosted by our Yr 6 leaders and are an integral part of the Leadership Development and Speaking Programs we have at Chatham. Everyone is welcome to join us on a Friday afternoon and this term assembly will start as close as possible to 2:40pm. We hope to see you there.
UPCOMING EVENTS
It has already been a busy start for our Year 6s who are currently on camp down at the Gippsland Lakes and return tomorrow. On next week’s calendar on Wednesday 10th February, all Year 4 – 6 students will participate in the School’s Swimming Carnival from 12:30pm to 3:00pm at the Doncaster Aquarena Recreation Centre. While we will be running a variety of 50m swimming races for students who are capable of swimming the length of the pool and collecting times for students to qualify for District Swimming Carnival, there is also the opportunity for all students to participate in a variety of novelty races on the day.

Instrumental lessons are due to start next Monday 8th February for a 16 lesson semester. Enrolment forms can be collected at the office if your child is interested in learning an instrument.

As we have just started another new year I would like to make mention and remind all families of a few of our protocols and rules that we have in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all.

SUPERVISION AND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL RULES
A reminder that teachers are on duty from 8:45 in the yard. Students preferably should not be at school before this time. For the safety of all, once the bag bell has rung at 8:50, students have been asked not to play with sports equipment of any kind anywhere in the school grounds. In the past there have been a number of minor incidents involving balls connecting with members of the community both up on the asphalt areas and on the oval. The same applies at the end of the day where we ask that students or younger siblings do not start playing with balls or riding bikes and scooters until after the school yard has cleared of heavy congestion. A bell will now be rung at 3:45 to signal to students who are involved in training or are staying at school for an afternoon play that the period has now lifted. We thank you for your support in keeping the school grounds safe for everyone.

DOGS AT SCHOOL
Many parents like to walk up to school with their dogs. Please remember that all dogs must be on a leash and under your control and supervision at all times. Parents need to be aware that some children are frightened of dogs while others have limited exposure and do not know how to approach dogs safely. Tying them up in the yard as you visit the classroom is not really acceptable as students may approach your dog without you being there to monitor their reaction. Leaving them tied up at any of the school gates unattended is also not acceptable. I am sure that the last thing you would want is your dog to bite or snap at a student. If you bring your dog to school also please ensure that they do not leave any deposits behind in the school yard. Please pick up after your pet and monitor them and keep them under your supervisions at all times whilst in the yard.

FRONT DOOR ENTRANCE
A reminder to everyone about the use of the front door entrance to the school. We would prefer that students and parents do not use the front door to enter the school in the morning or to use it to leave the school at the end of the day. We have instructed students that they may use this entrance during the day if they need to come to the school office or sick bay with an urgent matter, otherwise they must walk around the school at either end of the building. If parents also do not use this entrance, then it will help cut down on the congestion around the school office during these busy times of the day.

TRAFFIC
Please remember to obey all parking restrictions and road rules when dropping off or picking up your children. If entering Bannool Road, enter from the Weybridge Street end and travel right through to Whitehorse Road. This will help keep the traffic moving. Do not try to do a U-turn to come back against the traffic.

BRONWYN ORR - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
Instrumental Music Lessons commence this week
Swimming notices due back

WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY
House swimming carnival—Aquarena Doncaster
Year 4 to 6 only—12 noon to 3:30pm

FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
Canteen opens—New menu on website

MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
Year level information sessions this week—Dates/times tba

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
District Swimming

MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
School Council 7pm

MONDAY 29TH FEBRUARY
Parent/Teacher Interviews this week

WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH
School photos

SUNDAY 6TH MARCH
Prep/Year 5 Buddy Picnic

MONDAY 14TH MARCH
Public holiday—no school today

TUESDAY 15TH MARCH
Year 5 camp to Maldon

FRIDAY 18TH MARCH
Campers return at 3pm

THURSDAY 24TH MARCH
Last day of term 1—2.30pm finish

MONDAY 11TH APRIL
School resumes for term 2

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE
Last day of Term 2—2:30pm finish

MONDAY 13TH JULY
School resumes for Term 3

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is $125 for primary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

THROWING OUT YOUR OLD TOASTER?
Year 1 would love any old electrical appliances for ‘tinkering’. Please leave at office or deliver to Madeleine Burgess in 1MB.
Walking School Bus

Did you know……

“Today in Victoria, nearly one-third of all children spend less than 5 minutes walking per day. Inactive children are more likely to be overweight – and the proportion of Australian children who are overweight is now reaching 25%. Walking to and from school gives children an opportunity to engage in regular physical activity; yet 70% of children are driven to school even though 80% live within 3km of their school”. (www.vichealth.com.au)

We are currently looking for a volunteer/s to coordinate the Walking School Bus (WSB) program at CPS and to get the bus routes up and running again for 2016.

Here is a bit about the bus………

What is a Walking School Bus?
A WSB is a school bus powered not by an engine, but by legs. Children walk in a group to school, with an adult ‘driver’ in the front and an adult ‘conductor’ at the rear. The bus travels along a set route to school, picking up or dropping off children along the way at designated ‘bus stops’. The service is free. Every child is welcome to join the bus, even if the parents aren’t able to be drivers / conductors. The bus does however rely on parent volunteers to run, so parents are encouraged to get involved where possible.

What are the benefits of the Walking School Bus?
WSB’s can assist children to arrive at school safely, conveniently and on time while encouraging children to get regular physical activity and exercise. It also allows children to gain a sense of independence, build friendships, and have fun getting to school. A WSB program doesn’t just benefit children, parents and schools. It has benefits to the wider community and environment as well.

What is the size of the bus and how often does it run?
The size of the bus depends on the number of accompanying adults: 8-12 children with two adults is common. The bus can go as seldom or as often as volunteers want to drive it and parents and children want to use it. Volunteers agree on a schedule / timetable.

What about safety?
Safety on the bus is of high importance. The route therefore is thoroughly checked for traffic hazards, and children and adults wear bright, distinctive arm bands to be easily seen. The volunteer drivers and conductors are registered under the Boroondara Council’s Volunteer policy, are subject to police checks and are required to undergo training in road safety and duty of care.

Who can I contact to find out more about becoming involved in the WSB program at CPS?
If you have any further questions or are interested in helping coordinate the WSB program, please contact Andrea Briffa on 0411770669 or andreadbriffa@bigpond.com.
Chatham Primary | 4th February 2016

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had an enjoyable Festive Season and New Year. We are excited to hear all of your stories from the summer break. This year is going to be a big and fun year at OSHC. We look forward to sharing with you all.

We welcome back all those families from last year and a huge welcome to all our new families joining us this year. If you are curious about what we do at Chatham OSHC, come in and say hello. We can take you around and show you some of the things that happen here. He is a snippet into a day at Chatham OSHC.

In the morning we serve breakfast. Options include; cereal, toast, porridge and pancakes. We have an art and craft area as well as construction area. Group games are all a big hit.

In the afternoon we have afternoon tea. This include fruit, sandwiches, rise crackers, Sakata’s jelly, popcorn, Doritos, cheese and biscuits. We then break up into different activities. Group games and playing on the play equipment students can do outside. Inside options include: cooking, painting, art and craft activities and construction. Older students choose to bring some homework along to complete.

Just a few housekeeping items for familiar and perspective families:

- Please check all your information on your enrolment form. Medical information, emergency contact details, your contact details and your doctors information.

- Anyone that signs your child/ren in or out needs to be on their enrolment form. If they aren’t, you need to provide a written letter each session to say they can collect or drop off your child/ren at OSHC.

**HOW TO GET STARTED**

Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

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- If you are not picking up or dropping off your children but someone on their enrolment form is, we need verbal confirmation.

- All medical information and medications needs to be up to date. All action plans are valid for a year and need to be signed off from the doctor.

Our opening hours are:

- Before school care: 7:15am-8:45am
- After school care: 3:30pm-6:00pm

After 6:00pm there are additional charges.

Our contact numbers:
- Mobile: 0402 521 853
- Phone number: 9888 6848

Our Buddy bear award winner is Owen Scott-Murphy!! Congratulations Owen, well deserved!

Take care everyone!

From your OSHC team Hannah, Sarah, Eli, Dimple, Ashlee and Katie

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Save on Care

Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.

Holiday Clubs

Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks

Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

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Dance Fitness at Chatham Primary School in 2016

Wednesday Lunchtime Jazz/Funk Class: Grade 2 & Grade 3
Enrolments are open now! You can enrol online via our website:
www.dancefitnessvictoria.com.au

Make sure you register your interest with us, if there is demand we may be able to add another lunchtime class!

We also conduct exciting and fun ballet, jazz and hip hop classes at Chatham Primary School on Saturday mornings for children from starting from 3 years of age! Students can experience everything dance has to offer in a fun and friendly environment.

Saturday Mornings: Ballet, Jazz & Hip Hop!
Enrolments are open now! You can enrol online via our website:
www.dancefitnessvictoria.com.au

2016 Timetable:
9.30-10.00am Kinder Ballet - 3 &4 Year olds
10.15-11.00am Jnr Ballet – Prep to Grade 2
11.00-11.45am Jnr Jazz – Prep to Grade 2
11.45am – 12.30pm Int Jazz/Funk/Hip Hop

Please contact Ash on 0403 135 850 if you have any questions.
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Registration Day

Riversdale Soccer Club would like to welcome ALL PLAYERS – new and old, to hop aboard the Frog Express in 2016.
Establishing All Girl Teams in Under 8, under 10 and Under 12 age groups

Sunday 14 February 12:00PM to 3:00PM
Frog Hollow Reserve, Northern Avenue Camberwell

Committee, Coaches and Junior Technical Directors will be on hand to answer questions. Come and be part of this growing club in 2016.

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We match people in the Boroondara area who would like to share an extra portion of their home cooked meal with an older person in their neighbourhood who may not be able to cook for themselves regularly.

This is a great opportunity to assist in your community, meet new and interesting people and to show your children the value of volunteering.

To find out more information please go to www.casseroleclub.com.au or call Lana Barnett at the City of Boroondara on 03 92784777