FROM THE PRINCIPAL  

SCHOOL CONCERT

I think that everyone would have to agree that this year’s concert was one of the very best. Thank you once again to everyone involved and a special well done goes out to our wonderful students. They worked really hard to bring you their very best performances on the big night. They all get very excited and full of awe performing in front of such a large audience in such an impressive auditorium. It is hard to steady the nerves, remembering all of those words, dance steps and stage movements and then they had to remain focussed after their act in readiness for the whole school song at the end of the night.

Like the School Fair this is a whole school event that involves so many members of our school community. Once again I would like to make a special mention to certain people. The Class Reps and a group of parents right across the school have been working tirelessly for many months to put together all the wonderful costumes that our students wore on the night. They have been magnificent in recycling, redesigning and restoring old costumes and being so inventive with some new ones. The children looked fantastic up on stage.

Thank you also goes to the wonderful staff at Chatham. They have also worked tirelessly in rehearsing all the students for their big performance. Gemma Belfrage, who has been working hard over the past 12 months to bring her vision for the night together. Lisa Gilbert has worked with Gemma and the staff in creating props, managing all logistics and the behind the scenes planning. Tim Clarke put all the music together and worked up in the control room on the night of the concert assisting with the projection and audio. Amanda Lennon wrote, produced and directed the Year 5 & 6 play – “The Victorian Gold Rush.” This has been a mammoth task, but the students rose to the occasion and put on a wonderful performance around their learning from an important part of Australian History. Last of all to Sue Doherty and Bev Gardiner in the Office, who work on the behind the scenes organisation to ensure that everything runs so smoothly on the night.

A big thank you also goes to the students who assisted with the props and who worked with the Preps to Year 4’s as choreographers for their dance moves and to all our actors, singers, players and speakers.

It is a great effort to be able to get over 430 students up on stage performing across the night. Many schools do not even attempt this, leaving it to the senior grades or selected students to perform. We are proud of our whole school concert and the way that all students are provided with the opportunity to perform. As teachers, it is wonderful to see those students “stepping up”, taking risks and challenging themselves even though this may not have ever done before. Many students “shine” in this situation and grow in confidence thanks to the opportunities and experiences that are provided them as part of this concert. Well done to everyone…it was a great night and certainly a highlight of the year.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

A reminder to all parents that if you would like to volunteer at the school, whether it be working in the classroom, going on excursions, etc, that you need a current Working with Children Check. If you already have one, please check the expiry date and make sure that the School Office has a photocopied record of your current card.

PARENT SURVEY

Each year we conduct a number of surveys across the year. Our Year 5 & 6 students are surveyed around their attitudes to school, all staff undertake a survey around their working conditions and each year we seek feedback from parents as part of an annual survey. All of the data from these surveys are presented to School Council and form part of our accountability procedures in our Annual Report and School Review process.

Around 60 randomly selected families will be shortly receiving a Parent Survey form. Please answer the questions on this form in relation to the name of your child that is written on the outside of the envelope. The completed survey should be returned to the School Office in the enclosed envelope by the due date. These surveys are collected by an independent company with all answers remaining confidential. All collated results are sent back to the school next term. This feedback from parents is important to us in helping us to identify our strengths and areas for further improvement.

HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS

Our Annual House Athletic Sports is happening on Tuesday the 2nd of August. All students in Years 3 to 6 will be travelling to the Box Hill Athletics Track to compete in the Standard Athletics Day. On this day students compete against themselves and the standards for their age group across a number of athletic events. Students are awarded 1, 2 or 3 points towards their House depending on the standards that they reach in each event. Points are also awarded to each house for their sportsmanship and behaviour during the day with the winning house being awarded the Annual Athletics Cup. Parents are most welcome to attend and we always require plenty of assistance at each event in measuring, timing and recording. Please see Mr Doyle if you can assist us during the day.
TRANSITION

In a few weeks the Year 6 students and their families find out which Government Secondary School they will be heading off to in 2016. This can be a stressful time for families as they move onto the next phase of their education. Transition in a school is not all about the move from Kindergarten to Preps or from Year 6 into Year 7 though. Transition in a school setting is also about the move from one year level to the next or in some cases helping new students and their families settle into our school community.

At Chatham we attempt to make these transitions as smooth as possible by supporting students and their families, setting them up with positive and welcoming experiences as well as providing them with useful and relevant information. New Prep students and their families attend 3 transition days in November where they visit the school, meet their Year 5 buddies, get involved in some specialist programs and classroom activities. We also conduct a Prep Parent Information Evening where we provide families with a great deal of information about the daily operations at our school. Parents and their children are encouraged to visit the school on the weekends and holidays to explore the school grounds. Our Prep teachers keep in regular contact with our feeder kindergartens and once enrolments have been confirmed, liaise with the kindergarten teachers about each student coming to our school. These teachers are also invited to come up to our school to observe a Prep class in action. For the last few years we have been able to organise a time where some of our Year 6 students visit our local kindergartens for story time where they read their favourite picture books to the kindergarten students. The Transition Booklet that is passed from families and their kindergarten teachers to our Prep teachers also provides us with useful information on our new Preps.

The new Preps receive a letter from their teacher before Christmas welcoming them into their class and the families into the Chatham community. The Preps commencement is staggered at the start of each year to help with their transition into the busy life of a school setting.

Across the school, we start the school year with Parent Information Sessions to outline the routine and expectations for your child’s class for the year. Parent/Teacher Interviews are conducted soon after this and each term parents receive at least one Grade Newsletter outlining the next term’s programs and activities. Each student’s class placement into their next class is worked on by teachers with great diligence to ensure that student’s needs are met and that new class structures operate smoothly. At the end of the year students are told about their new class. They get to meet next year’s teacher, to be with their new classmates and visit their new room for next year. Student work files are passed onto the new teacher at the end of the year, ready for them to look through in readiness for the new school year. At the beginning of each year, teachers sit with last year’s teachers & specialists to discuss each student’s strengths and weaknesses. In the first few weeks of each year, teachers undertake a series of assessments to gather an accurate picture of a student’s level of achievement.

Students get to know other teachers well and visit all specialist teachers and programs. Thanks to a strong focus on a differentiated curriculum, our students are often involved in work above their expected level and all students are supported and ready for their move to the next stage in their learning. Across the year, we always have number a of activities where students are mixed up with other students from Prep to Year 6 to work together on specific projects. Our Buddy and Peer Support programs strengthen the links of older students working with younger students and their teachers. Teachers visit other classrooms, take peer observational visits and hold joint level meetings so that teachers have a better understanding of the level of work that occurs before and after their own current level of teaching.

Year 6 students are provided with information sessions by our Year 6 teachers around what to expect in their move to Secondary School. They undertake a visit to their new school next term as part of a Transition Day Program. For the last few years we have held a Year 6 Conference that is facilitated by an outside consultant. The daylong session focusses on transition into secondary school with the aim of preparing our students for this next big move. A number of secondary schools also send current Year 7 students and/or teachers to meet the students from our school who will be moving into Year 7 next year. Our Year 6 teachers also liaise with Year 7 coordinators to assist with class placements.

That same evening, our presenter delivers a talk to parents about how they can ready themselves and support their children with their transition into Secondary School, including the transition into the realm of becoming a teenager. At Chatham, we believe that our students are well and truly ready for all transitions in their learning. They are resilient and equipped to meet new challenges with confidence.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wednesday 3rd August  
AM: Fiona and Margaret  
PM: Maggie  

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY THE 8TH OF AUGUST.**

Thanks, Steph

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**BOOK CLUB**

Thank you for ordering from our school book club. Please make sure to order online from now on as we will not be accepting cash or cheques. Remember, when you order online it is easy to see the status of your order, you don’t have to do any maths, and there’s no chance of money falling out of your envelope!

Thank you!
Chatham Primary School Parents Club presents

Bogan Bingo

It's Bingo with Balls

Grab 10 of yah best bogan mates and UNLEASH yah INNER BOGAN.

Prepare yah self for somthin’ new - an awesome night of balls, laughs and competition. And go home screamin’ loudly after a bit of dancin’ till midnight!

Where: Get in the Chatham Primary School Hall
When: Saturday 27th August 7pm – 12pm. Be in yah seat at 7.20pm cos Bingo gets goin’ at 7.30pm sharp
Cost: $25 bucks per person
BYO: Everythin’ - Grog and other Drinks, Glasses, Nibbles & garbage bags – seriously everythin’. And don’t forget yah need to take your own rubbish home
Format: Tables will be in teams of a maximum of ten players and must have one Captain

Best Dressed Table Prize will be awarded as voted by YOU as well as a “Mystery Suitcase Raffle” so bring some gold coins along.
Return completed form to the School Office by Friday 29th July

2016 Chatham Bogan Bingo Night

I would like to book _____ tickets to the Chatham Trivia Night on Saturday 27th August.

The people attending are as follows (*maximum 10 per table*):

1. _______________ (capt.)
2. _______________
3. _______________
4. _______________
5. _______________
6. _______________
7. _______________
8. _______________
9. _______________
10. _______________

* Note: if you can’t make up a table of 10, complete and return this form and we’ll help you find another ‘part-table’ of parents with children in the same year level

Total number of tickets _____ @ $25 per ticket = $

Contact number (Table capt. only) ________________________

Email address (Table capt. only) ________________________

If anyone on your table can assist with either/both:

☐ Set Up 2pm Saturday 27th  ☐ Clean up 10am Sunday 28th

please write their name(s) below & and tick the appropriate box(es) above

Please return the completed form to the School Office by Friday 29th July

with payment by cash or cheque (if paying by cheque please make payable to CPSC Parents Club Fundraising).

You may pay by Direct deposit into the Parents Club account  BSB: 063105 Account: 10202503

Enquiries to Bianca Hunt 0417 728 917
Charity Fundraising Day
Tuesday 9th August 2016

On Tuesday 9th August 2016, be part of a fantastic fundraising event day at your school for an exciting charity called the "Have a Ball Foundation".

We would appreciate if all kids from Chatham Primary School could please bring in:

A new ball OR a very good condition used ball OR a gold coin donation.

All balls can be of any type of sporting balls as pictured in this brochure.

All donated sporting balls will be collected and sent to kids in need in the very remote areas of Australia. Additionally, 100% of all gold coin donations raised as part of this event will be distributed to a number of remote schools and communities to assist with a number of projects related to the education, health and well-being of Indigenous kids.

We look forward to a successful day and appreciate your support in bringing smiles on the faces of many kids in remote outback schools and supporting the health and well being of Indigenous Australians.

Have a Ball Foundation
The 'Have a Ball Foundation' was established to put smiles on the faces of young Indigenous children by providing sporting balls to schools and communities in remote areas of outback Australia and to encourage a healthy, active, and fun-loving life as well as raise money to support their health and well-being.

The foundation seeks assistance from well-established schools to participate in hosting a "bring a ball" event day, where children can either donate a new or good condition ball or a gold coin.

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