FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A BUSY TERM THREE
Once again it has been an extremely busy but productive term. This term has seemed to fly by very fast but teachers have commented on how much learning has occurred this term. Some of the highlights over these last 11 weeks:

- Hooptime Basketball competition for Yrs 3 & 4 and our Yrs 5 & 6 teams
- Monthly Munchies
- Footsteps Dance Program
- The Whole School Concert
- Hosting 2 groups of Japanese University student visitors
- Excursions to ScienceWorks, the Shrine, ACME
- Book Week Dress Up Day
- Hockey 7’s
- Life Ed Van visit
- National Tree Planting Day with students planting up areas around the school
- Completion of our Japanese garden
- Our Environment Leaders involved in a number of sustainability events
- Footy Day
- Yr 6 Kindergarten transition visits
- Cyber Safety Parent Information Evening
- Fathers Day Stall & Pancake Breakfast
- House & District Athletics
- Chess Club
- Year 6 Rotary Speech Competition
- Prep to Yr 4 Swimming Program
- Year 5 Day of the Notables

I hope that everyone has a good 2 weeks break and returns on the 6th October ready for an even busier Term 4!

STUDY TOUR TO JAPAN - 2014
Twenty three (20 students & 3 teachers) weary but excited travellers returned to Melbourne last Sunday lunchtime after 11 wonderful days away in Japan. This was a fantastic experience for all of us and will be something that I am sure we will all remember for ever. Every new day was better than the last, bringing with it new challenges, breathtaking scenery and eye opening experiences that broadened our knowledge and understanding of this wonderful country, its people, its history and culture. The 20 students were wonderful ambassadors for our school and country and each day we saw their language skills and confidence grow as they immersed themselves in the Japanese culture. They had to organise their own belongings each day and when moving from one hotel to another, manage their daily money and budget, travel on different forms of transport (often in peak hour), adapt to the different customs and expectations, communicate with the locals and often walk great distances in the heat each busy day. Each night we would reflect on the day’s activities, write in our diaries, add comments and photos to our travel blog and website and prepare for our new adventures on the following day.
This trip was such a big challenge for us all; to travel so far from home and be away from our families and comfortable surroundings for 11 days, but the trip went really smoothly with days and nights packed full of interesting things to see and do. The highlight for most of our children was our visit to our sister school Fuzoku Elementary School in Shiga Prefecture and a new school Yoshimi Elementary. These schools had gone to a great deal of trouble to make us feel welcome as our students joined with their students for a day of working together in various activities. These included our students learning a traditional Japanese dance, going on a tour of the school, doing some origami together, eating their lunches, spending time in the yard playing games and then cleaning up of the school classrooms, corridors and stairs. Our students presented a song and dance and were amazed by the performances of the students from both schools. It was also great for our students to meet face to face with the pen pals they have been communicating with in the Japanese program.

Another highlight for many of our travellers was the visit to Hiroshima. We looked at the A-bomb dome and various monuments scattered around the Hiroshima Peace Park. We conducted a very solemn ceremony at the Children’s Peace Memorial with our Japanese Student Leaders reciting some words of hope before everyone ringing the Peace Bell. We placed our 1000 cranes into the hangers with hundreds of other creations from all around the world. We then visited the Hiroshima Museum and although often graphic in its message, left us all very moved and with a deeper understanding of this terrible part of war time history and the horrible consequences it has left for the people of Hiroshima and Japan.

As a group we have met once or twice a week in preparation for this trip and our students were wonderful in meeting these new challenges whilst in Japan. They all tried the new and unusual foods, focussed on the language tasks we set them each day and made the most of every opportunity that was presented to them. We often talked about and looked at the various sustainability initiatives that the Japanese have in place and compared these to what we do back in Australia and more so at Chatham. Kyoto would have to be the cleanest city that I have ever visited and made us all think about what we could do back in Melbourne to improve the look of our wonderful city. Transport was another issue that would often arise. Everything is always on time, so clean and comfortable and very smooth to ride on. It made travelling each day a pleasure, even in their rush hour. We also discussed the different ways that the Japanese cater for the disabled, elderly and young in their society and looked at various features of Japanese garden designs.

These students will certainly be sharing their experiences with the classmates but we would also like to share some of our adventures with the rest of the school community. They will be making a presentation at an assembly early next term.

These students will also be doing longer presentations to the teachers, School Council and Parent’s Club at their meetings next term.

Can I thank Bradford Sensei and Owens Sensei for all their hard work over many months to ensure the success of this study tour and a special thank you to the parents for supporting this fantastic opportunity for their children. It is something that we will remember for the rest of our lives.

Lastly, can I thank the 20 students who were selected to represent our school. They have been wonderful ambassadors for Chatham. Their behaviour, willingness to have a go and try new things, to immerse themselves in the culture of Japan and to push themselves outside of their comfort zone has been outstanding. Thank you for being such wonderful travellers.

This is the Study Tour Group wearing their Yukata in the Ryokan hotel. We met with a past Chatham student, Taiga and his family who travelled across from Hiroshima to visit us for the night.
The Principals meeting at Fuzoku Elementary School

Fuzoku students performing the Soronbushi dance

Helping with the cleaning at Fuzoku Elementary

Learning the Soronbushi dance with Pen Pals

Travelling on the Shinkansen (Bullet Train)

Hanging the 1000 paper cranes at Hiroshima

Cooking Momij Manju on Miyajima Island

Walking through the thousands of Torii gates at Fushimi Inari Shrine

Feeding some of the many deer at Nara

A traditional banquet at the ryokan on Miyajima Island

Kiyomizu Temple in Kyoto

Kinkakuji in Kyoto
**SWIMMING PROGRAM**
The swimming program finished today with the final assessments and some fun activities for everyone to complete after their 9 days of swimming instruction. Thank you to all the parents who assisted with dressing and changing and a big congratulations to all the children for their behaviour and efforts over this time.

**YEAR 2 WORKING BEE**
Thank you to all the parents and students who were able to come along to school last Saturday to help clean up the school as part of the grade 2 Working Bee. The major focus was cleaning up the bike shed in preparation for the upgrade of the shed over the upcoming holidays.

**LAST DAY DISMISSAL**
The last day for Term 3 is tomorrow Friday the 19th September. Students will be dismissed at 2:30 on this day. The first day of Term 4 is Monday 6th October.

**STEPHEN ROTHWELL**
**PRINCIPAL**

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THANKS TO WILLIAM IN 3TC FOR THIS WEEK’S MAST HEAD.
Fathers Day Pancake Breakfast

It was great to see so many dads and kids at the Father's Day breakfast enjoying the pancakes and morning together. It certainly was a team effort to set up, run and pack up such a large event. Special thanks to Emma Ellis, Jody Douglas, Belinda Dalton, Justine Kiely-Scott, Miranda Scarff, Hilary Deayton, Suzy Montagner, Phillipa Martin, Cathy Elliot, Sharon Grosvenor and Andrea Briffa for their support.

We would also like to recognise the following for their donations; IGA (Tony Ingpen), Ben the Butcher, Masters (Box Hill), Boroondara Leisure Centre and the Elliot family.

Chatham Primary really is a great school with a wonderful community spirit.

Thanks again,

Melody and Sarah.

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**Fathers Day Pancake Breakfast**

Last Friday saw 220 fathers/carers and their kids attend a Pancake Breakfast at the school to celebrate Father's Day.

Double stack pancake with Ice-cream and maple syrup!! What a great way to start a busy day at school and work!!

With lots of raffle prizes, full tummies and happy faces, it was a fabulous morning.

A BIG thankyou to Sarah Collings and Melody McInnes and their band of volunteers for organizing this event.

Well done everyone!!

Parents Committee.

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**CANTEEN**

**Friday 19th September**
Morning: Sarah, Phillipa and Rochelle
Afternoon: Mary Anne and Claire

**NEXT TERM:**

**Wednesday 8th October**
Morning: Jill and Steph
Afternoon: Hilary and Kellie

**Friday 10th October**
Morning: Katrina, Jody and Sarah
Afternoon: Steph and Fiona

Thank you for all the help this term.
Have a great break.
Steph

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**Friday 7th of November 2014**

**Grand Opening** of the Art Show for adults:
**Time:** 7:30pm
**Where:** Chatham Primary School Hall

Bar, music, raffle, class canvases and adult work for silent auction, wine tasting.

**Family viewing day:** Saturday 8th October
**Time:** 10.30 to 2.30 - gold coin entry

More information next term.
Put the date in your diary now!!

Lisa Gilbert

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**Balwyn Cricket Club**

Are you ready for the Cricket season? It’s just around the corner. For boys and girls aged between 5 and 8, come and join the Balwyn Milo inCRICKET Program.

**WHERE:** Balwyn Park, Cherry Road, Balwyn

**WHEN:** Sat 18 Oct to Sat 7 Dec – Sessions Sat 7 Feb to Sat 14 Mar

**TIME:** Saturday mornings 9am to 10:30am

**CONTACT:** Emma Saville on 9894 7377

**COST:** $75 (payable on the day at the first session)

To register, go to [milocricket.com.au](http://www.milocricket.com.au) enter your postcode and select “Balwyn CE”

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**Blackburn Cycling Club**

**DATES**

25th & 26th September

1st & 2nd October

**TUES**

Registration 9.30am

Sessions start 9am – 10am daily

**FUN in the SUN**

**COME AND TRY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Blackburn Cycling Club are launching their “Come and Try” cycling program commencing in September for riders of all ages to participate. Session cost $10

**BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN**

Bring your bike, helmet and your happy smile and join in the fun of learning cycling skills and techniques under the guidance of a highly skilled and accredited coach.

**Venue:** Blackburn Cycling Club

**Address:** East Burwood Reserve, 700 Burwood Hwy, East Burwood

**Website:** www.blackburncc.org.au

**Phone:** 0417 929 759

**Email:** come_and_try@bhc.org.au

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**FAMILY SELECTION**

Because film aficionados have families too.

**All Tickets Only $8.50**

**SEP 11**

**SEP 18**

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**PALACE CINEMAS**

Book your discounted tickets now at the cinema box office or at palacecinemas.com.au

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**Yes - Spring is here!**

It's easy to get active this school holiday in Melbourne's Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges

5 FREE Reasons to visit and get outdoors:

- Parks @ Montecillo Reserve Park and see the animals in action
- Hike the Wellness & Horse Trail 1000 Steps @ Upper Ferntree Gully
- Visit the Koalas @ Healesville Sanctuary - Lagoons Gren
- See the Wombats @ National Zoological Gardens, Melbourne
- Go cycling @ O’Hara’s Arch Road End to the O’Hara’s Arch

Register for your FREE walking map:

- explosture.com.au
- visitdandenongranges.com.au
The **Trash n Treasure** stall at the school fair is a major fundraising opportunity!

We will soon be accepting donations (1st week of term 4) that can be dropped off at the portable by the basketball courts on Banool Rd on ...

**Fridays between 8.45 – 9.15am and 3- 3.30pm.**

Items we accept include:

- Games & Toys (please check all pieces in games are complete)
- Household items
- Bric a Brac
- Pictures and frames
- Garden items
- Blankets, napkins, tablecloths, placemats
- Music, CD’s, DVD’s
- Beauty products (unused)
- Stationary, arts and crafts
- Sports equipment
- Jewellery

Please note we are unable to accept the following: electrical items, large pieces of furniture, suitcases, broken items, unclean items, clothes. Books are being collected separately.

For all enquiries please contact Evanne Evans on 0432 443 801

Thank you in advance for your donations!
Casting Call For the Chatham Spectacular!

Do you sing along like Katy Perry? Can crump like crazy? Or are you a Rock Legend? Then WOW us with your awesome talent in the Chatham Spectacular at the 2015 Summer Fair!

**Casting for the show will take place Wednesday lunchtimes in the school hall on the 22nd & 29th October (Term 4). So what do you need to do NOW?**

1. Decide on your act – singing, dancing, solo, group? Maybe juggling, or stand-up comedy! (Acts are 3 minutes long).
2. Choose your music & have it ready on Iphone, Ipad, CD, etc.
3. Practice in the holidays!
4. Grade 5 & 6 students; would you like to help younger students with their dance moves or singing? Opportunities exist, so tick the box on the Casting Form.
5. Register your interest by filling in the Chatham Spectacular Casting form. Forms will be available at the school office the first week of Term 4.

**Excited! We are!!**

Acts to be approved by the Chatham Spectacular committee. Inappropriate songs/dance choices not allowed.