A BUSY TERM 3

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 10 weeks:

- Hooptime Basketball competition for Yrs 3 & 4 and our Yr 5 & 6 teams
- The Whole School Concert
- Hosting a group of Japanese University student visitors
- Excursions to the Melbourne Aquarium, LEGO Education Centre, Royal Melbourne Show, the Shrine, A.C.M.I / Science Fair / Fantastic Racers / Walkathon / Hockey 7s / Life Ed Van visit / National Tree Planting Day with students planting a lizard lounge area / Environment Leaders involved in other sustainability events / Footy Day / Yr 6 kindergarten transition visits / Father Day Stall & Breakfast / House & District Athletics / Year 6 Rotary Speech Competition / Preps to Yr 4 Swimming Program

The whole school concert at the Besen Centre was certainly a highlight for the term. It was a wonderful showcase of our students and teachers creativity and performance skills.

I hope that everyone has a good two week break and returns on the 3rd October ready for an even busier Term 4!

HOCKEY 7s

Our mixed team of hockey players had previously won their Division and Regional Finals and last Thursday played off at the State Finals at the Footscray Hockey Complex. There were 2 pools of 4, representing the winners of the 8 Regions across Victoria. Our team won their first game 1-0, their second game 2-1 and their final game 6-0. They played off against Ivanhoe PS in the final and lost 1-0 in the Grand Final so were runners up in the state. This is a great effort and is the first team for a long time in any sport to make it through to a State Final. Congratulation to the players – Eddie Harper (Capt), Brodie Carswell, Justin Eaton, James Horsey, Jamison Scott, Ted Devlin, Jared McCormick, Angie Campkin-Smith and Rupert Quinn.

Thank you to Amanda Harper for stepping and taking over the coaching role whilst I was away in Japan and congratulations to the whole team.

YOUNG MINDS OF THE FUTURE

Last Friday our Year 5 & 6 students visited Canterbury Primary School and along with the students from Ringwood North PS put together a showcase of the work that each school and each student had been doing over this term. Our Year 6 students presented their Sustainable House designs as well as the Fantastic Racer models that they had produced. Our Year 5 students presented their work around Improving Melbourne’s Future with many of our students concentrating on improving the state of homelessness. Many of them had interviewed homeless people, and contacted stores and companies for donations that enabled groups of students to buy blankets, towels and pillows. These students have also baked and sold “goodies” and undertaken a number of their own fundraising activities to raise money towards the support services for Homeless people. Our students presented their work to the students from the other two schools and were also able to move around to look at what the other students had been working on. This work is based around a “Challenge Based Learning” approach to solve problems around real life issues.

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 congratulation to all the children for their behaviour and efforts over this time.

LAST DAY DISMISSAL

The last day for Term 3 is tomorrow Friday the 16th September. Students will be dismissed at 2:30 on this day. The first day of Term 4 is Monday 3rd October.
STUDY TOUR TO JAPAN - 2016

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 its 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.

Each day the students had to organise their own belongings and 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 and humidity for 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 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 some of our children were our visits to our sister schools, Yoshimi and Fuzoku Elementary Schools in Shiga Prefecture. 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 singing “We are Australian” and performing and then teaching their students a traditional bush dance. We had a tour of the school, played some traditional Japanese games (including walking on stilts & kendama challenges), ate school lunches together, spending time in the yard playing games and then cleaned up the school classrooms, corridors and stairs. It was also great for our students to meet face to face with their pen pals that they have been communicating with via technology as part of our 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 rang the Peace Bell. We placed our 1000 paper 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 horrible consequences left for the people of Hiroshima and Japan.

Leading up to the departure of this Study Tour group we 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 own city.
Transport was another issue that would often arise. Everything is always on time, so clean and comfortable and very smooth to ride. 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.

In Kyoto we caught up with Shisaka, who was a Japanese teaching assistant at Chatham a few years ago. These children still remembered her fondly and she was a great asset to us all as we travelled around Kyoto and Nara. She had just married the Wednesday before but was so excited to see us all.

At Hiroshima we were lucky to be joined by Yakusa, who is a past Chatham parent. She was able to pass onto the students firsthand knowledge and background of the dropping of the A Bomb on Hiroshima. Her Grandfather saw the blast from their village and was able to hide in a bomb shelter to avoid any effects from the bomb.

These are the messages left at the Sadeko Peace Memorial along with the school's 1000 paper cranes:

“I, as a child of the world, wish for world peace and know that never again, such destruction will never be caused by hate, vengeance or any other reason again” - Annabel

“I hope that these horrible things will never happen again” – Anna

“I hope it never happens again, best wishes for world peace” – Harry

In Osaka we met up with Keiko, another of our Japanese teaching assistants who left Chatham in 2014. She joined us for the last 2 days of our Study Tour in Osaka and loved catching up with the students, especially those from her host families when she was working at our school.

The students from this Study Tour will certainly be sharing their experiences with their 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 Parents’ Club at their meetings next term.

Can I thank Bradford Sensei and Gilbert 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 really value in our school and 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 and Australia. 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.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL
On Friday the 9th of September, Chatham Primary School, Canterbury Primary School and Ringwood North Primary School organised an event called Young Minds of the Future Expo to present their Year 6 and Year 5 CBL (Challenge Based Learning) projects. From blender bikes to helping the homeless, it really proved how children can do anything. The eye-catching displays were hard to miss and the children were very polite. They’ve been working on their projects for almost one and a half terms, so I could tell that a lot of hard work was put into the making of their projects.

As a reporter, I think the start of the expo could’ve been a bit better because I saw many confused students that didn’t know where to go, so maybe next time some people could direct the children and show them where to go.

My definite favourite stall was the blender bike, because it was very creative, interesting and eye-catching. There were crowds surrounding it and the girl was very polite.

I especially loved what Chatham P.S. did because instead of making inventions, they actually helped people in need.

Overall, I really enjoyed my stay at the Young Minds Expo. Their hospitality was great and I could tell by the smile on the children’s faces they enjoyed it too. There were no major issues and it was AMAZING.

By Cristiana 5HM

TRASH AND TREASURE—SCHOOL FAIR 2016

Next year’s Fair is fast approaching and with Spring coming, I thought it would be an excellent time to do a bit of Spring cleaning, and also help our school at the same time!

We will be collecting items for the Trash & Treasure stall in Term 4. If you have any of the following items in good condition, can you please hold them until next term (drop off details will follow):

- Household items
- Kids toys
- Kids clothing (including snow and surf gear)
- Sporting equipment and footy boots
- Storage solutions
- Instruments
- DVDs
- Furniture
- Jewellery
- Anything and everything still in good nick!

NOTHING ELECTRICAL PLEASE.

Many thanks,

Gilda Barrett 0413135521

JAM AND PRESERVES for the 2017 Fair

Final workshop for 2016 will be on Saturday 17 September from 10am to 2 pm.

Please contact Katie Barnett (0408 009 072) or Nicole Lampe (0409 782 879) for address details.

Also looking for homegrown lemons and sugar – can be left with Sue at office any time!
On Thursday the 8th of September, we went to Parliament House for the day! We had been invited to participate in the Primary Schools’ Parliamentary Convention, which was centred around the topic ‘All social media should be banned for children under 12’.

Our day started off with a train ride into the city. We arrived at Parliament House and moved into the Chamber where we listened to an interesting presentation about Cyber Safety.

We then had morning tea provided by Parliament House, which was delicious, and then split into ten debating groups. Each of the ten groups had a different idea to explore, which related to the main topic of the day. Sophie’s group focused on the idea that gaming should be banned for children under 18, because it distracts them from their learning, whilst Leo’s group focused on the idea that all children under the age of 15 should have all their social media usage supervised and managed by their parents.

After some great discussions with our groups, we went back into the Chamber to share our views. We then voted on eleven new laws and two of them passed, which means the laws will now be seen by the actual Parliamentarians! Overall, the day was very well-structured and engaging, and we learnt so much!

By Sophie & Leo
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HIGH VOLTAGE ROCK IS COMING TO CHATHAM!
ROCK BAND CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED AT LUNCHTIMES DURING TERM 4 TO STUDENTS IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE WHO ARE LEARNING AN INSTRUMENT OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN IN A BAND SETTING. ENROLMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE OR AT THE OFFICE.
Chatham Primary | 16th September 2016

Hello to all Chatham families,

If you are struggling to entertain the kids these school holidays, we have our School Holiday Clubs! The closest schools to Chatham are Hartwell Primary School, Camberwell Primary School, Trinity Grammar and Auburn South Primary School.

If you have any questions about our Holiday Clubs, please feel free to ask on OSHC leader.

We hope everyone has a fun and relaxing spring school holidays. Next term will be busy at OSHC and fingers crossed for some beautiful warm weather.

The winners from our Guessing Jars fundraiser for the Smith Family are:

- Corn kernel guessing jar: Oliver McIndoe
- Pom Pom guessing jar: Jessica Zapf
- Lego guessing jar: Lucy Egan

Congratulations to all our winners!! Thank you to everyone who donated to our The Smith Family, Learning for life Program.

Important – Please make sure all your contact details are correct. If things change such as phone numbers, medical needs or parenting situation please let us know or adjust your details on your children enrolment forms on the parenting portal.

Take care everyone!
From your OSHC team Hannah, Sarah, Nick and Gavan.

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