FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL REVIEW

Last Friday we had our School Review Day. This was a full day of reflections and celebrations of our achievements over the last 4 years of our current Strategic Plan. This day was facilitated by an independent reviewer, Peter Fotheringham, as well as 2 Principals as peer reviewers, Susy Montagner as our School Council Representative, Bronwyn Orr, Glenda Kelly, Georgie Kirwan and myself. This group started with a walk around the school visiting classrooms and then enjoyed presentations from our 4 School Captains around the topics of ‘What Our School Does Well’, ‘Our School’s Culture’, ‘Student Voice & Student Choice’ and ‘What Our School Can Do Better.’ The panel members were very impressed by the confidence and thoughtful speeches that these 4 Year 6 students delivered as an overview of our school from a student’s perspective. We then looked at feedback from parents through written comments as part of the recent Parent Survey. Next Glenda Kelly delivered a presentation about our journey in Literacy over the last 4 years. She went through the changes in teaching and learning though the introduction of many new initiatives and assessment strategies introduced into all classrooms, to deliver a whole school approach to Literacy. In her presentation, Georgie Kirwan also outlined the whole school approach that we have introduced in Numeracy over this time. Both of these initiatives have helped in improving student outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy, placing our school in the top 20%, and in some cases the top 5% of all schools across Australia. Maddy Burgess then delivered a short film outlining the Investigations program that we have in place in our Prep and Year 1 areas. Once again, the panel, especially the outside visitors, were very impressed with what they observed with this feature of our school through their classroom visits and what they saw via this video.

The rest of the day was spent looking at the goals and targets of our current Strategic Plan in the areas of:

Student Achievement Learning - To improve learning outcomes for students from Prep to Year 6 in English and Mathematics.

Student Engagement and Wellbeing – To improve student engagement, connectedness and resilience.

Student Pathways and Transition - To create improved learning pathways in, out and across the school.

The panel celebrated the great achievements of the school in reaching and in many cases far exceeding the goals and targets set out in these areas.

The last session had the panel looking at areas for improvement and drafting some goals for our next Strategic Plan.

The independent reviewer will write up his report in line with the discussion on this Review Day and with the school Self-Assessment document. The Reviewer’s Report will be presented at our next School Council meeting and will be used to help develop our next Strategic Plan for the years 2016 – 2020.

SCHOOL OVAL

The team have worked really hard in scraping off the surface, digging up and levelling the soil and then rolling out the kikuyu turf. They will be finished by the end of today and it has already certainly lifted the look of the school. It looks fantastic! It is so green and so lush. To make sure that it stays this way we are also going to put in place a maintenance program that will maintain this oval for the upcoming year.

We will need to keep the students off this area for the next 3 to 4 weeks when we will have some limited use allowed with more use being considered for the last 2 weeks if the roots have taken well. The summer break should really establish and strengthen the grass in readiness for full use in our new school year.

As we will have limited playground use over this time we are intending to walk students up to the nearby James Street Park so that they can run around freely and use the equipment in the park. Starting next week, we will take up a different year level at lunchtimes while allowing particular year levels to use the playground and cubby building areas in the back corner of the school.

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MISSING SCOOTER
A few weeks ago we had a red Spark Razor scooter and blue Crane Helmet taken from the bike shed. This was ridden to school and placed in the bike shed in the morning but when the student returned at the end of the day it was no longer in the shed. If someone has taken this scooter by mistake or if you have seen someone else riding a scooter that fits this description could you please contact the school office.

CURRICULUM DAY
Our last student free curriculum day for the year is scheduled for Monday 2nd November. This day will be used by teachers to commence work on consolidating all student assessments and beginning the student reporting process. This day is the day before the Melbourne Cup day holiday and students are not expected at school on this day.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
When: Wednesday 28th October at 3:45 in the Library
Or
When: Thursday 29th October at 9:15 or 2:45

Focus: Attendance Policy (on website)

If you feel you have something to contribute or are interested in the agenda item/s for this month’s meeting, then we would love to see and/or hear from you. Remember attending this meeting doesn’t mean you have to attend all future meetings.

Walk to School October Week 2 Results
Congratulations to PMO for having the highest percentage of walks for the week, with a total of 85%. The school’s total percentage of walks overall was 62%, which saw our school being recognised as the school with the highest percentage of walks by Boroondara Council. So this week the students have been creating smoothies powered by a sustainable Blender Bike. So come on Chatham don those sneakers and grab a ripstik or scooter and walk to school.

We were winners in other arenas too. Recently Sue Doherty wrote in and shared how our school celebrates Nude* Food Day (each and every day)! She won for the school 4th prize with the school receiving 6 Nude* Food Movers Snack Tubes to use as Prizes!

Bronwyn Orr
Assistant Principal
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WE ARE LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO HOST THE FINAL PART OF PROGRESSIVE DINNER 2016

Please contact Bianca on 0417728917 or bianca-hunt76@gmail if you are interested. You will get a crew of people to help clean up on the Sunday as well as a proper clean by a cleaning company on the following Monday.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT WITH THE HOT CROSS BUNS NEXT YEAR AS IT WILL BE THE AMAZING AMANDA HARPER’S LAST YEAR IN 2016. SHE IS HAPPY TO SHOW SOMEONE THE ROPES SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE OVER IN 2017. PLEASE CONTACT BIANCA ON 0417728917 OR bianca-hunt76@gmail.com if you are interested.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ‘PURPLE DAY’ AND THE ROTARY END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN

CANTEEN ROSTER

FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER
AM Vickie, Karen and Lina
PM Mal and Susie

WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER
All Day: Cate, Kate, Nicole and Carly
Chatham Primary | 22nd October / 2015

Hello Chatham,

It is so exciting to see the oval getting new grass laid on it. In a few weeks it will be all ready to use. We can’t wait to see the end result. However, during this time, in the afternoons, students will be using the hall and basketball courts more frequently. So when parents come to collect their child/ren it might take us a little longer in getting them back to the OSCH house.

This week’s theme is Superhero’s!! Students can make and design their own superhero. They can design their logo, what special powers they have and their very own mask.

Next week our theme is going to be Halloween! Watch out for some creepy and unusual things around the OSCH house.

Enjoy your week everyone!

The Buddy Bear Award winner for this week is Sebastian Semercioglu! Well Done Seb

Please note on Monday 2nd November it is a student free day and the service will be closed.

Important – Please remember to update all your child information forms and medical plans. Just ask one of our friendly staff to help. If one of the OSCH Leaders has not sighted your child’s Health Record, could you please bring it to the OSCH House so one of the team can see it. Thanks for your cooperation.

Chatham OSCH Team: Hannah, Sarah, Nick, Katie, Eli and Sofia and Dimple.

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