FROM THE PRINCIPAL
CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2015

I am inviting families to submit to me in writing, any important information that they feel might help in the student placement of our Year 2016 class arrangements. Your knowledge of your own children is important to us in the placement process. All requests will be confidential and considered by me in light of the very thoughtful and thorough arrangements that are in place for class placements by teachers. Please remember that any requests regarding particular teachers will not be considered and cannot be accepted.

In writing any information, parents should remember that the class teachers know your child very well – they have been with them for 6 hours a day for the past 36 weeks. As professionals, teachers know who your child’s friends are and which children they work well with and socialise. All teachers have the best interest of your child at heart and using their professional judgements, will consider all areas (educational, social and emotional) when placing your child in a class for next year. We follow a very detailed procedure for class arrangements each year and the teachers will take into account the following considerations when placing your child:

ability balance
avoidance of volatile combinations
classroom dynamics
maturity balance
gender balance
suitable friend where possible
varied grouping over different years
consideration of teacher element
eg male/female

Students are also surveyed on who they consider to be their friends and who they think they also work best with (most times these are not the same people) and this information is used to ensure that each child is placed in a class with at least 1 of their selections. Parents need to remember that it is often best for children to spread their wings and to develop new friendships & working buddies. At Chatham, we like to move teachers about which means that some teachers may also be moving to a new year level.

In providing parents this opportunity to write to me each year about any education or social concerns regarding their child’s placement, often very sensitive issues will emerge that make it difficult to place individual students. We will attempt to accommodate these requests wherever we can, but there are many issues to consider in making up these grades. As well, teachers will make very definite recommendations about a particular student’s needs. We endeavour to have each class as balanced as possible by using the criteria stated above.

Please remember that your class teacher is a professional educator and when all the available information is considered, we will certainly try our very best to accommodate all issues with the aim of making the best possible decision in the best grade placement for your child.

If you have any important educational issues regarding your child’s class placement next year, please write to me personally and outline your concerns. I would appreciate all letters reaching me by next Friday 20th November.

Unless circumstances are exceptional, I will not be prepared to accept letters after this date as teachers will have already started their planning for next year. Parents need to understand that teachers need to look at the whole grade dynamics and making late changes after grades have been put together often will have implications for other students and grade structures. Please mark these letters ‘Confidential’ and address them to me personally via the school office.

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Student enrolments for next year is predicted to be between 425 – 43050 students which means that we will have 20 classes overall. The proposed grade structure is:

- Prep x 2
- Year 1 x 3
- Year 2 x 3
- Year 3 x 3
- Year 4 x 3
- Year 5 x 3
- Year 6 x 3

The school’s staffing profile is based on the projected enrolment each year. The Department of Education provides each school with a Global Budget based on their February Census enrolment figure. This Global Budget provides us with our staffing allocation and monies for programs, maintenance, utilities, cleaning etc. Locally raised funds enable us to provide the extra resources, materials and programs that have helped to make Chatham such a great school. Each year the grade structure is based on the number of staff we can afford and how many classrooms we are entitled to have based on our enrolment figure.

We are confident that this proposed grade structure for 2016 will work well and provide the best possible educational outcomes for all students. This grade structure will enable us to meet the Department guidelines and initiatives, our own school’s Strategic Plan priorities and allow us to continue with our exemplary specialist programs in Physical Education, Library, Music, Japanese and Art.

We are currently starting on the process of organising student grade placements as well as the staffing positions for 2016. Parents will be notified of these arrangements in the last week of term.

We usually have a number of new enrolments that arrive either at the end of the year or before the start of the new school year.

**SCHOOL VALUES & VISION STATEMENT**

As part of the input into our new Strategic Plan I am asking parents to reflect on the six school values and our current vision statement to see if they fit with the current culture of our school. The six values that are a part of everyday life at Chatham are:

- **Learning** – developing critical, creative and reflective thinking skills and knowledge to maximise each child’s potential as independent, motivated and lifelong learners in a global world.
- **Respect** – valuing the differences, beliefs and abilities of others by displaying tolerance, good manners, compassion and care. Having regard for oneself and others, as well as the community and our environment.
- **Resilience** – having a belief in yourself and your own unique abilities and recognising that you are valued by others. Developing self-worth, flexibility, initiative and persistence.
- **Partnership** – embracing the development of cooperative, inclusive and supportive relationships between students, parents, teachers and the wider community to achieve common and shared goals.
- **Responsibility** – displaying self-discipline, being accountable for the decisions you make and the actions and words you use.
- **Honesty** – being reliable, truthful and fair, while being true to yourself and others.

These values were decided on after much consultation four years ago as part of the planning for our last Strategic Plan.

Our Vision Statement needs to be succinct but reflect on the important things that we value about our school. It is our guiding purpose.

“Chatham Primary School fosters a supportive and engaging learning environment, which aims to develop motivated students who exhibit positive attitudes towards learning as global citizens.

We acknowledge the unique abilities of every child and encourage an inquiry approach to learning to assist students in reaching their academic, social, emotional and physical potential. Through the delivery of a child centred curriculum, we foster individual, independent, collaborative and cooperative learning and acknowledge and celebrate the efforts and achievements of every student.
Chatham Primary School is a learning community which fosters a shared partnership between students, staff, parents and the wider community. Our dynamic learning environment is based on our six School Values and the core skills in Numeracy, Literacy and Technology to help prepare our students for their global future.

A rich history of community spirit allows a connectedness to, and an appreciation of the past whilst building optimism for a sustainable future.”

If you would like to have some input into these 2 important features of our Strategic Plan and school operations then please re-write these statements or add comments and return to the school office by Friday next week, the 20th of November. All suggestions will be considered in the re-writing of these statements.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL AWARDS

Last Friday I accompanied our Environment Leaders to Solway Primary School as part of the Boroondara Sustainable Schools Awards. There were a number of categories as part of these awards including Best Student Projects and Sustainable Kindergarten Projects. Chatham Primary School was awarded the Sustainable Primary School on the Year Award. This is a great achievement for the school and a big congratulations goes to Sue Doherty, the student Environment Leaders and the school’s Environment Committee of teachers and parents for their foresight, enthusiasm and drive to keep our school at the forefront of sustainability in Boroondara.

PREP ORIENTATION DAYS

Yesterday, next year’s Preps started the next step of their education as they arrived at Chatham’s gates ready to enter into the world that is primary school. With a large group of siblings in this cohort the group were really settled.

The morning’s program was designed to give students and their families a positive experience and introduction to school, as well as the opportunity to start making connections with others. We were entertained by the school’s Vocal Ensemble and Band, had some current Preps model our school uniform. It was also a great opportunity to meet current and new parents over a cup of tea and delicious treats. Thank you to Parents’ Club for providing morning tea for our new Prep parents to enjoy.

Next week the Prep students will meet their buddies, a much anticipated meeting by both younger and older students alike, I am sure. This time it will be the students who will enjoy the tradition that is the honey joy morning tea together.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION CONFERENCE

Next Tuesday we have an outside facilitator coming in to run a whole day program for our Year 6 students, to prepare them for their move into secondary school. This will be followed by an evening session for parents.

WORKING BEE

The last working bee for the year is scheduled for Year 3 & 4 parents on Saturday the 5th of December. Please put this date aside to come along and help ready our school for the upcoming school break.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL

PRINCIPAL
## Dates for the Diary

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### Chatham Primary School
**Gingerbread House Night**
**Thursday 3rd December 2015**

**Gingerbread Forms Now Available on the Website**

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### Canteen Roster

**FRIDAY 13th November**
AM: Ruth, Sarah and Jodie   PM: Tina and Fiona

**WEDNESDAY 18th November**
All day: Emma and Andrea

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN WILL BE FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2015**

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### School Sport Victoria Raffle Tickets
Annabel Phipps-Parsons has made the Victoria State team that will be competing in the Nationals in Canberra in December. We are selling SSV raffle tickets in the office to help raise funds to assist Annabel to get to Canberra. Come along to the office and buy a $2.00 tickets—great prizes include a $23,000 car for first prize.
SAVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Chatham Christmas Outreach Program was set up to assist those families in Melbourne who need help to enjoy this special time of the year. As in previous years, we are continuing to work with the Salvation Army to provide families in need with food hampers.

A basket will be placed in each classroom and families are asked to provide one or two items for each basket - last day for donations will be Wednesday 2nd December.

The baskets of food will be collected from each classroom, sorted and wrapped, ready to be collected by the Salvation Army on FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER and then distributed to families in need.

A list of suggested items is included below and a copy will also be placed in each classroom.

Chatham has been a generous provider over many years and we ask for your continuing support this Christmas.

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The above is a suggested list only – the aim is to provide each family with the basis for Christmas festivities, we hope to provide for breakfast and at least one whole meal that they may otherwise not have.

SHOPPING TIPS & HELPFUL HINTS:

- Ring-Pull Tins are Preferred! Tins with ring-pull lids are most helpful, as not all people receiving the food will necessarily have access to a can opener.
- Long Expiry Dates Please. Please ensure foods donated are non-perishable and their expiry dates are well into next year.
- Please Avoid "No-Name" Brands. Wherever possible, please refrain from purchasing no-name brands, as people will be receiving these goods as a gift. This is a simple way to make our “battling” Aussies feel a little extra special at Christmas.

Perishable items, personal care items and alcohol cannot be included
Dance Fitness at Chatham Primary in 2016

Enrolments for existing students: 16\textsuperscript{th} November 2015
Enrolments for new students: 23\textsuperscript{rd} November 2015

Enrolments will be 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 conduct exciting lunchtime and Saturday dance programs at Chatham for children from 3 - 15 years! Students can experience everything dance has to offer in a fun, friendly and safe environment.

2016 Timetable:

\textbf{Wednesday Lunchtime (School Hall):} Grade 2 & 3 - Jazz/Funk Class

\textbf{Saturday timetable (School Hall):}
9.30-10.00am \hspace{1em} Kinder Ballet - 3 & 4 Year olds
10.15-11.00am \hspace{1em} Jnr Ballet - Prep to Grade 2
11.00-11.45am \hspace{1em} Jnr Jazz - Prep to Grade 2
11.45am - 12.30pm \hspace{1em} Int Jazz/Funk/Hip Hop (Grade 3 +)

Please contact Ash on 0403 135 850 or ashley@dancefitnessvictoria.com.au if you have any questions.

We look forward to dancing with you!!
Chatham Primary | 12th November 2015

Hello Chatham,

This week we are armed with our passports and boarding passes as we takeoff to South Africa! Camp Australia, along with Oxfam have designed our own exclusive Junior Global Citizenship Program. We are assisting the Sophakama Community Based Development, Care and Support Organisation in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

We are supporting orphans and vulnerable primary school aged children by sending them some literacy and numeracy resources for them to learn English and about Australia.

So far we have made Australian based jigsaw puzzles, a large game of Snap and some number cards. We are also learning about South Africa by making a jungle and completing a scavenger hunt. We are also discussing what it means to be a Global Citizen.

The Buddy Bear Award Winner for this week is Madeleine Maclean!! Well deserved Madeleine.

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

Take care everyone!

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

HOW TO GET STARTED
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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.

We make kids smile
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An after school workshop which explores the meaning of Christmas through craft, drama, games and stories.

After school – 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm
At Koonung Heights Uniting Church
Cnr Balmore and Werribee Rds, Melway 46 J4
Phone 9836 2326 or email koonungheightsuniting@gmail.com

On Tuesday 8th December 2015

January Holiday Program

2016 Program Dates

Week 1
Mon 4 January ✔
Tue 5 January ✔
Wed 6 January ✔
Thu 7 January ✔
Fri 8 January ✔

Week 2
Mon 11 January ✔
Tue 12 January ✔
Wed 13 January ✔
Thu 14 January ✔
Fri 15 January ✔

Week 3
Mon 18 January ✔
Tue 19 January ✔
Wed 20 January ✔
Thu 21 January ✔
Fri 22 January ✔

Week 4
Mon 25 January ✔
Tue 26 January ✔
Wed 27 January ✔
Thu 28 January ✔
Fri 29 January ✔

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- 16-18 December (South Melbourne and Middle Park)

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- 9-11 December (South Melbourne and Middle Park)
- 16-18 December (Northcote and Thornbury)

Basketball Camp Dates

- 9-11 December (Northcote and Thornbury)
- 16-18 December (South Melbourne and Middle Park)

Soccer Camp Dates

- 9-11 December (South Melbourne and Middle Park)
- 16-18 December (Northcote and Thornbury)

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Music of the 20’s & 30’s

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Saturday 14 November 2 pm
Saturday 14 November 8 pm

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