FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STUDENT SUPPORT

Many prospective parents ask about how we cater for children at risk or those that may need some extension with their work. The art of teaching is to cater for each child as an individual – to challenge them and to provide that extra assistance when needed. Over the last few years at Chatham we have had a very big focus on presenting a differentiated curriculum to our students. At Chatham we provide activities that cater for individual needs and interests. Students are constantly working at their own level around activities that build on prior learning and challenge them to extend themselves in their learning.

Out of the classroom, we have Lesley Siebentritt who works with Year 1 students on a one-to-one basis in Reading Recovery. As well as teaching Japanese, Cathie Bradford also works with many of our EAL students (English as a Additional Language). This year Glenda Kelly has been assisting in classrooms with Literacy support and with small groups of students for extra assistance.

Last term we ran our very popular Chess Club. We have Extension Art and many opportunities for talented students to be extended in the specialist areas of Music, Japanese and Physical Education.

Other programs that students can get involved in include the Speaking with Confidence program, Rotary Speech competition, extension Art and WiseOnes programs. Miranda Milaszewicz has also been working with selected students in Years 4, 5 & 6 in Extension Maths activities including the Maths Olympiad.

Students are monitored and their performance tracked as they move through the school and each grade has a number of students on Individual Learning Plans. We believe that we can provide a stimulating and caring environment for our students. One that has high expectations and provides our students with a variety of opportunities for them to be challenged, experience success and reach their potential.

Whenever I take visitors around the school on a tour they are genuinely very impressed with our students, the high standard of work that they are involved in, the fact that they can understand the task and express their learning goals and outcomes, that the tasks are differentiated to cater to the students’ various levels of learning, the high standard of displays right across the school and the amount of student work around the room and corridors. Most also comment on the overall calmness and engagement observed in each classroom and how happy our students appear to be.

We are all different and the students arrive at our school with various abilities and talents. Some students can read more fluently than others, some can do their maths at a higher level, throw a bean bag further or draw a picture better than others. Students also come to school with a variety of social skills. Some children get along well with others; some are still learning how to do this. Some children are more resilient, while others can get upset at the tiniest remark or rebuff from their classmates. Like learning to read, learning to get along with others and learning how to treat everyone with respect is an ongoing learning experience. It is one that never stops. We all begin at different starting points. All families have different parenting styles and students arrive at school with different standards of behaviour and expectations than others and will take this journey of social learning at different rates. As a caring school community we strive to develop these important values of Respect, Self-worth and Partnership in every member of the school community; students, teachers and parents. In saying this, we need to care for, work with and not against all children that need our support. All children need to be given a chance and labelling students at “naughty” or disruptive does not do this or show any understanding of important background knowledge. The vast majority of our students are outstanding role models for each other and as parents and teachers we must also strive to guide the children under our care. Sometimes children behave in ways that are not acceptable, but they all need to be given a chance, receive our support and guidance to ensure that this learning process of social development continues in line with the values that we see as being important for our school community.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

At last Monday night’s School Council meeting I presented the school’s data from this year’s Parents’ Survey and had a summary of our recent School Review and the reviewer’s report of the day and our school. All of this data provides a very positive outlook on the educational climate of our school.

We also held a discussion around the ongoing position of a school nurse for 2016. It was decided to proceed with this initiative and to fund this through a levy on each family as part of next year’s school fees to employ a qualified nurse to cover the first aid requirements at our school. We have received some funding from the Department for this position but rely on parent contributions to continue with this role next year. In 2015 the school nurse has administered first aid to all students, relieved the load on the office and school staff, provided first aid training to staff and completed administrative, accountability requirements and an audit of our First Aid room, our first aid supplies, protocols and procedures. She has been a great resource for the whole school and School Council would like this to continue for 2016.

School Council has renewed the contract with Surrey Clothing and endorsed the introduction of a new summer dress in response to parent feedback around current dress design. This will be produced with superior material with a more “flattering” dress design with a small yellow fleck in the material. This dress should be available for purchase from Surrey Clothing by late March. As for any new introduction of uniform items we will have a 3 year transition in place for everyone to move to this new style of dress.

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2016 SCHOOL FEES

All families who are returning to Chatham next year will soon be receiving their fee schedule for 2016. This fee structure has been approved by School Council at last Monday night’s meeting. These fees need to be paid before the first day of school, Wednesday 27th January. This year we are trialling not having a designated day for book collection, but have decided to send all the student materials to the classroom where they will be distributed for students’ use over the year.

Under Department guidelines we are required to break the fee structure up into 3 sections:

- Essential education items which parents and guardians are required to provide or pay the school to provide for their child.
- Voluntary financial contributions are those in which parents and guardians are invited to donate to the school to help supplement the wonderful programs and facilities that we offer at our school.
- Optional extras are those items which are provided in addition to the “standard curriculum” but are essential items which are offered and available to all students. These may include excursions, camps, the Swimming Program, Chess Club, etc. The costs of these events will be collected across the year.

The school greatly values the generosity of the school community with its support in so many areas. It is essential that this financial support continues so that the school can continue to offer the high quality programs and resources into next year.

Please contact the school office if you have any difficulties with the payment of these fees. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2016

In last week’s newsletter I invited 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 teacher knows 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  gender balance
avoidance of volatile combinations  suitable friend where possible
classroom dynamics  varied grouping over different years
maturity balance  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 across year levels, 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 educational or social concerns regarding their child’s placement, often very sensitive issues will emerge that makes 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. Teachers will take into account your child’s choices and any feedback that you have provided with this process but essentially they know you child well and will be making these decisions based on their professional judgments and their extensive knowledge of your child.

If you have submitted requests in other years please do not believe that we will be drawing on these again. Circumstances and relationships change and we need such requests submitted each year to be considered in light of the current grade and teacher structures.

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 tomorrow 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 huge implications for other students and the grade’s structure. Please mark these letters ‘Confidential’ and address them to me personally via the school office.

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PROPOSED CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2016

Student enrolments for next year are predicted to be between 420 - 430 students which means that we will have 20 classes overall. The proposed grade structure:

- Prep/Foundation x 2
- Year 1 x 3
- Year 2 x 3
- Year 3 x 3
- Year 4 x 3
- Year 5 x 2
- 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, to meet our own school’s Strategic Plan priorities and allow us to continue with our exemplary specialist programs in Physical Education, 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 also 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.

PREP ORIENTATION DAYS

Yesterday, our new Preps had their second transition day at our school. This was also a very exciting time for our current Year 4 students who were due to meet their new buddies. They had morning tea together of a honey joy and drink while the Year 4’s handed over a welcome card to their new Prep buddies. This event is always lovely to observe as older and much younger students meet, talk and develop a strong relationship that lasts for at least the next two years.

The final orientation session is next week on: Wednesday 25th November

There will also be an Information session for Prep parents starting at 7:30pm in the school hall on Thursday 26th November.

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

Chatham Primary School
Gingerbread House Night
Thursday 3rd December 2015
4.30pm to 6:30 pm or 7:30 to 9:00 pm

GINGERBREAD FORMS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

DISCO FORMS NOW AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

Chatham Primary School Disco
“Disglow!”
DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 25th November Prep Transition—final session 9:15am to 12:30pm
Thursday 26th November Prep 2016 parent Information night—7:30pm
Monday 30th November Year 6 City Excursion
Year 4 Excursion to Boroondara Council
Wednesday 2nd December Instrumental Music Soiree—year 5 and 6 only
Thursday 3rd December SRI Christmas service
Gingerbread house making—afternoon/evening
Friday 4th December Last day for canteen
Junior School Sports—prep to year 2 only
Saturday 5th December Year 3 and 4 working bee—9:00am
Monday 7th December Year 6 Excursion to ACM!
Year 4 and 5 excursion to Koonung art exhibition
Tuesday 8th November Year 6 Orientation day for government schools
Wednesday 9th December Parent Helpers Morning tea 9:00am to 10:00am
Thursday 10th December Japanese Day including sushi monthly munchies
Friday 11th December School disco
Tuesday 15th December Year 6 Big Day Out
Class parties
Wednesday 16th December 2016 Classroom visits
Reports sent home
Thursday 17th December Year 6 graduation—school hall
Friday 18th December End of term 4—1:30pm dismissal
Friday 29th January Year 1 to 6 Students commence
Monday 1st February Prep students commence
Tears and Cheers Morning Tea
Year 6 Camp commences
Friday 5th February Year 6 campers return

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 20th November
AM Melody, Rochelle and Phillipa
PM: Vickie and Tina
Wednesday 25th November
All Day Cath, Kate, Nickie and Carly
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN WILL BE FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2015
SALVATION 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**
Carols in Canterbury Gardens
Canterbury Road cnr of Balwyn Road
Sunday, 6th December
Activities 6.30 carols 7.30

Great atmosphere, great band, great local talent. Something for all ages.
Satisfy your appetite with sausage sizzle, strawberries and cream or pancakes with hot and cold drinks. Profits go to charity. Free admission. Enquiries Lyn 0413086163

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 ticket—great prizes include a $23,000 car for first prize.

LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS—COME TO THE OFFICE

Who’s coming: Families (preschool/primary) and the ‘young at heart’

What’s happening: Craft, Scavenger Hunt, Carols, free play and a shared meal (everything provided)

When: Saturday 12th December 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Where: Surrey Hills Uniting Church, corner Canterbury Rd & Valonia Ave

Want to know more? Contact Rob on 9898 1097 or Annabel on 9898 5236

www.surreyhillsuniting.org.au
Gingerbread House Helpers

It is that time of year again and everyone loves to decorate a gingerbread house with their family. A long running tradition at Chatham Primary that brings our community together to have fun and get into the spirit of Christmas.

Like all our events we need your help to make them a success. Please take a moment to look over the volunteers positions and times to see how you can help.

Thursday 3rd December

11am-3pm
4 x volunteers for icing making in the canteen - come for as long as you can and bring your mixer if possible.

1pm-3pm
4 x volunteers for hall set up - tables and chairs, tablecloths, decorations, Xmas tree, lights, music, wrapping area.

4.30pm Session
4pm-5pm
2 x volunteers hand out orders and icing.

5.30pm-6.30pm
1 x volunteer for snow sugar and wrapping.

6.30pm-7.30pm
2 x volunteers to clean up and prep for 7.30pm session.

7.30pm Session
7.30pm-8pm
2 x volunteers hand out orders and icing.

8pm-9pm
1 x volunteer for snow sugar and wrapping.

9pm-10pm
2 x volunteers to clean up.

Please email Sharon Grosvenor sharongrosvenor@bigpond.com to volunteer.

Thank you.  
Belinda and Sharon
Dance Fitness at Chatham Primary in 2016

Enrolments for existing students: 16th November 2015
Enrolments for new students: 23rd 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:

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

Saturday timetable (School Hall):
9.30-10.00am Kinder Ballet - 3 & 4 Year olds
10.15-11.00am Jnr Ballet - Prep to Grade 2
11.00-11.45am Jnr Jazz - Prep to Grade 2
11.45am - 12.30pm 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!!
Now Taking Xmas Orders

Ham on the Bone
A lot of love has gone into these hams that we've smoked ourselves on the premises. The soft, smoky flavour complements the juicy Mt Mercer pork legs for guaranteed Christmas cheer. The hams range from 4kg-9kg and come either plain or dressed with cloves, ready for glazing. 1kg boneless hams and chef-made glazes are also available.
Cost: $23.99kg

Rolled Pork Loins
Our boneless Mt Mercer pork loins are a Christmas favourite. They range from 2kg-3kg and come rolled and scored for the ultimate crackling with your choice of fennel & apple, sage & onion, or apple & walnut stuffing on the side.
Cost: $33.99kg

Turkey Breasts
These boneless turkey breasts are actually two breasts hand stitched together. They comfortably feed six adults and are easy to cook and carve. We also offer a choice of stuffing - cranberry & lemon, cherry & pistachio or fig & hazelnut – as well as chef-made gravy.
Cost: $32.99kg

Poultry & Game
Our free-range, La Ionica chickens are a crowd favourite. They range in size from No.16-No.20 and come either plain or stuffed with sage & onion stuffing. We also have whole turkeys and ducks available and make “Turducken” to order.
Cost: Call Ben to discuss

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Merry Christmas from Ben the Butcher and team

Holiday Trading Hours: Closed Friday December 25, reopening Monday December 28.
Closed Friday January 1, reopening Saturday January 2.

We’d like to thank you for your support during the year and look forward to seeing you all next year.
Chatham Primary | 19th November 2015

Hello Chatham,

This week we are continuing our research and activities for our charity in South Africa. 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, painted some animals you would find in Africa and made some number cards.

Last week we discussed why Remembrance Day was an important day for Australians and we painted some poppies! We also got busy in the kitchen and made apricot balls and chocolate cake.

In the weeks to come we will be decorating the OSHC house for Christmas in preparation for Santa's arrival.

The Buddy Bear Award Winner for this week is Dane Godlee!! Well Done Dane!

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 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
Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

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Save on Care Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks 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.
Koonung Heights Uniting Church invites kindergarten and primary school children to
Celebrate Christmas
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 Winfield Rds, Melway 46 J4
Phone 9836 2326 or email
koomungheightsuniting@gmail.com

On Tuesday 8th December 2015

JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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Week 1
Mon 4 January
Tue 5 January
Wed 6 January
Thu 7 January
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Week 2
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Tue 12 January
Wed 13 January
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Week 3
Mon 18 January
Tue 19 January
Wed 20 January
Thu 21 January
Fri 22 January

Week 4
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