FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Stephen has been away this week in his role as Vice President of School Sport Victoria. He has been travelling with over 470 athletes to the Pacific School Games in Adelaide from Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th November. He is assisting as ‘Head of Delegation,’ as well as being very busy looking after students from 10 years to 18 years old in a variety of sports.

PARTNERSHIP

I know Stephen would have liked to have been at the 2016 Prep Parents’ Information Night yesterday evening as he sees this as important building block in the Partnership between home and school, as well as welcoming new families into our community.

Certainly a theme at the beginning of the evening was how parents can become part of the school community through their involvement in the many programs and activities we have on offer - whether it be on a regular weekly basis or just once a term or half year. We also know that parental involvement has a positive impact on a child’s connectedness to school, as well as on their learning. The second part of the Information session was how Prep parents can continue to prepare their child for a smooth and successful transition to school next year.

The incoming Preps had their last Orientation session on Wednesday which saw them visiting some of our specialist classes, as well as having their first recess with their Yr 4 Buddies. Our current Preps enjoyed this time with their Yr 5 Buddies participating in a Buddies’ Olympics, followed by a rotation of fun, craft activities. This special bond will continue into next year for our Year 1s and 6s and we know the bonds that have been created between our current Yr 4s and their new Buddies will also be a special one.

PROPOSED CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2016

As communicated over the past few newsletters, 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 is:

- Prep/ Foundation 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, 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.

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

2016 SCHOOL FEES

The 2016 School Fee schedule was sent home earlier this week to all families who are returning to Chatham next year. This fee structure has been approved by School Council and fees need to be paid before the first day of school, Wednesday 27th January, 2016. 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 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 and 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.

SUSTAINABLE WINNING STREAK

I am very pleased and excited to announce to the school community that Chatham Primary School has won the major Walk to School prize, which was a Boorondara Council and VicHeath initiative. We have won the ‘Foot Prints to school’ prize and the footprints will be marked out from an appropriate location all the way to the school gates. Thank you to everyone who embraced this initiative and walked, rode or scootered to school. It was a great effort especially since we had a cold snap in the middle of last month.

A BUSY WEEK AHEAD

As the year winds down, the activities on offer throughout the school seem to be going full steam ahead. Next week our Yr 6s are off on their City Excursion as part of their Transition program into secondary school. This excursion is designed to develop independence and an understanding of transport timetables as the small groups of students navigate around the city to points of interest, accompanied by an adult. Yr 6s then have a Student Self Governing day which is the culmination of their Inquiry unit on Power. Students have been studying different forms of power as well as the parliamentary and electoral system in Australia. They have formed student groups, campaigned for selection and voted using the preferential voting system, to elect a party to run the classroom for the day next Wednesday! The Yr 4s are also off on an excursion next week to the Boroondara Transfer Station and the Boroondara Council offices to complement their studies on Communities.

Next Wednesday evenings soiree will showcase some of our students in Yr 5 & 6 who have been learning an instrument this year. While the hall on Thursday evening will be a hive of activity as families build and decorate gingerbread houses in readiness for Christmas! Thursday also sees the SRI Service taking place at 9:30 that morning. Students who participate in SRI will be walking down to Balwyn Baptist Church at 517 Whitehorse Road at 9:15. Parents are most welcome to attend.

On Friday 4th December we will be holding our first Junior Athletics Morning. The Junior School have all received notification of which House they belong to and will be undertaking a variety of activities during the morning, wearing their House colours.

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.

BRONWYN ORR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
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### Canteen Roster

**Friday 27th November**
- **AM**: Vicky, Karen and Lina
- **PM**: Mal and Susie

**Wednesday 2nd December**
- **AM**: Margaret and Isabella
- **PM**: Fiona and Mary Anne

**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*
Bring a Rubbish Free Lunch Every Day

Approximately 3.5 million pieces of rubbish reach the ocean. We can make this stop! Littering affects sea life, and causes more trees to be cut down and it is also horrible for the school. Can you imagine a world where it looks like a dump everywhere? It’s not too pretty. Bring a rubbish free lunch to school every day.

Firstly, you probably will know that rubbish affects sea life. About 1,000,000 sea birds like seagulls die because they eat rubbish that they just thought was normal food! When a bird eats food, it throws it up for its babies to eat. If the first bird eats rubbish, then its babies will too, killing all of them. Another problem is that SO many plastic bags get caught around turtles’ necks because the bags look very much like jelly fish. That plastic bag will kill the turtle by choking it. If we bring a rubbish free lunch, we can save the birds and turtles.

Secondly, USING PACKAGING KILLS TREES! The more packaging you use, the more trees that are cut down. Trees are cut down to make Glad wrap and paper bags. The pollution from the factories that make the Glad Wrap and things also affect the environment. Let me paint a picture for you. Ok, you’re walking home on a Wednesday afternoon and the smell from the petrol and all the other pollution smells are driving you crazy. Then you see a rubbish bin that is over flowing and the wind is blowing the rubbish inside everywhere. Remember, all of the trees are getting cut down for no reason and all this pollution is made when we can do something about it! So bring a rubbish free lunch.

As you may know, our school won an award for the most sustainable school in Boroondara. If we keep bringing rubbish in our lunches, there is a big chance we will never get that award again! Also, the more rubbish we drop, the more bins the school has to pay for. What would you rather the school buys, an awesome drone or some more plain old rubbish bins? I would prefer the drone.

Now let’s make the world a better place by saving birds and turtles, saving trees and the air from being polluted and saving money for the school. BRING A RUBBISH FREE LUNCH EVERY DAY!

By Samira Efron

THIS IS WHAT ALL OF AUSTRALIA COULD LOOK LIKE
PREP MH COFFEE CATCH UP
Red Brick Cafe
Monday 30 November
9am - after drop off

NETBALLERS NEEDED
We are looking for any interested netballers who would like to join the Chatham Champions netball team. Any girls in Year 1 or 2 in 2015 are eligible. Please contact Angela Thomas on 0413 458 161 or email angethomas@yahoo.com

School Holiday Programs

- Creative dance & arts – Tues 19 Jan
- Lego Robo Champs – Thur 21 Jan

9.30am – 12.30pm $55 / $50 if multiple booking

Bookings essential: 9890 2467
enquiries@surreyhillsnc.org.au

New in 2016 – Teen Yoga

- Mondays 5 – 5.45pm
- Suitable of 9y – early teen

$84/6wks, starting 8 Feb

Bookings essential: 9890 2467
enquiries@surreyhillsnc.org.au
Chatham Primary | 26th November 2015

Hello Chatham,

Well it is that time of year again when we start to plan our Summer Holidays. Camp Australia Holiday Clubs are now taking bookings. Some Holiday Clubs near Chatham will be starting from Monday January 4th. Visit our website or you can ask a Chatham team leader for more information.

This week we are celebrating all "Our Favorite Things". Each student will write their favorite thing and we'll stick them up for all to see. Hopefully this week we can complete most of them. This will lead us to the countdown to Christmas and summer holidays.

The grade 4 students had an exciting week last week when meeting their prep buddies for next year. It is wonderful to see the excitement in the grade 4 students. Some are already planning activities for them already.

Enjoy your week everyone!

The Buddy Bear Award winner for this week is Dane Godlee. Congratulations Dane, very well deserved!

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.

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

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

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.

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au
DON'T FORGET!

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs
orders are due:

Friday 27th November

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS CAMPS

Summer Holiday Program 2015 | 2016

VICTORIAN 3 Day Sports Camps

cricket, tennis, AFL football, netball, basketball, soccer, hockey

8-16 year old boys and girls

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Learn and develop your sporting skills with a unique three day coaching experience for players of all standards aged 8-16.

Our camps feature fantastic facilities and our structured skill development programs are delivered by an experienced and talented panel of coaches. The camps are supported by guest appearances from top level state and national players.

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For more information contact ASC on 1300 814 388 or book online now at australiansportsclubs.com.au

THE CITY OF BOXHILL presents

SUMMERTIME CINEMA

LARCHMOUTH (PG)
SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER
GREYTHORN PARK, NORTH BALWYN

SHALL WE DANCE (G)
SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER
RIVERDALE PARK, CAMBERWELL

GIRLS JUST WANT
TO HAVE FUN (PG)
SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER
CENTRAL GARDENS, HAWTHORN

SUMMERTIME CINEMA is open from 4pm for an approximate 6.30pm start.

See if you can spot the dance move that looks like one you've never seen before - it's on the Secret-Set! Now www.ascinema.com.au.

Adults $10 and children $5 (SYD-CENTRAL ENTERS FREE)

For more information visit www.boxhill.vic.gov.au/summertime-cinema or contact 9770 4770

JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

SoccerWise

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

Half day (Morning or Afternoon) or Full day booking options available!

FOR BOOKINGS

Mobile: 0419 253 837
www.SoccerWise.com.au
Bookings@SoccerWise.com.au
Location: Bialik College
407 Tooronga Road, Hawthorn East
For 4 to 12 year old boys & girls
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!!
Love, Summer xx

Love reading? Love prizes?

Borrow or download your way to great prizes*, one for primary and one for secondary. Tell us which books you’ve read these holidays to enter the prize draw. You can submit one entry for every five books you read.
Enter at your library or online:


For reviews and summer reading recommendations:

Follow #boroondarareads

Competition runs Tuesday 1 December 2015 - Friday 5 February 2016
Winner notified Friday 12 February 2016

*Both prizes will be a Readings voucher to the value of $50. Competition open to primary and secondary school aged students. Winners will be drawn at Ashburton Library at 11am on the 10/2/2016 and will be notified by phone. Winners must be able to collect their prize from Boroondara Libraries.
2015 YMCA Aquathon Triseries

02 12 15 Boroondara Sports Complex  6 pm
03 02 16 Hawthorn Aquatic & Leisure Centre  6 pm
21 02 16 Boroondara Sports Complex  9 am

Swim Run
All 12$ Under entrants go in the draw to win $1,000 towards your school’s sport department!

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