FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As this will be the last school newsletter for 2015 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for all their support over the year.

The highlight for the year would certainly have to be our wonderful School Fair at the start of the year. This event brings the whole school community together and is a great day in the life of the school.

We have recently completed our self-assessment and school review in line with our current Strategic Plan. This is a great celebration for the school as we analyse and reflect on the wonderful achievements we have produced over the last 4 years.

This year we have consolidated our Literacy and Numeracy programs and have continued to have a strong focus on delivering a differentiated curriculum to our students. We have seen continued improvements in all forms of student achievement data thanks to these initiatives.

Our students continue to perform exceedingly well in national competitions in Literacy and Numeracy. They excelled in their music, art and sporting pursuits and continued to support the less fortunate through wonderful social service efforts. We have had fantastic excursions, musical items, special days, school camps and involvement in many competitions and events. Our Instrumental Music Program continues to flourish and we have in place some excellent initiatives to support any students at risk and to challenge our more able students.

In our last year of the Science Initiative we have seen our teachers strengthen their knowledge and skills around the teaching and learning of Science in our classrooms. The students right across the school have responded so well to the lessons and activities. I would like to thank Sue Minshull and Claire Osborne for all their work over the last 2 years to make this initiative such a great success.

We have had great recognition for our Sustainability practices and our Sustainability Committee and especially Sue Doherty continue to be the driving force of this program in our school. Our student Environment Leaders have had an outstanding year of teaching other students and in representing our school in the wider community. We have recently been awarded with the Boroondara Sustainable School of the Year Award and won the Boroondara Council’s, major prize in the Walk to School Program.

Our parents have had a great year in organising many social and fundraising events, as well as helping out in so many ways around the school. We could not operate without your support.

I could go on and on listing the wonderful achievements of our own current students and highlighting the exciting activities and events we have participated in this year. Each week at our assembly we celebrate these achievements and reward the positive things that students do around the school.

Everyday, in some little way, every student in our school is experiencing success. Whether it be in producing their best letter formation in writing, reading books at the next level, finally understanding the difficult concept of fractions, playing that very first tune on the recorder, or eventually getting basketball through the middle of that far away ring. As life long learners we are challenged everyday and how we meet those challenges shapes our lives. At Chatham we aim to assist our students to be risk takers, to be resilient and to meet new challenges with confidence and enthusiasm.

I would like to personally thank the staff at Chatham. They are an exceptional group of teachers and assistants who work so well together and provide your children with such a caring, supportive and engaging learning environment.

Thank you also to the parents for all your support, assistance and drive in maintaining that very important partnership that exists at Chatham.

We wish our Year 6 students of 2015 all the best for their secondary education as they prepare to leave through the gates of Chatham for the last time tomorrow. We are confident that their time at Chatham has prepared them well for the many challenges and experiences that lay ahead for them. They have all been excellent role models and leaders of our school, and on behalf of the whole school community, I would like to congratulate them on being such an outstanding group of Year 6 students this year.

Thank you to everyone for such a wonderful and productive year. I hope that everyone has a restful and happy break over the upcoming holidays and that we return refreshed for what promises to be another exciting year at Chatham.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Tonight is the Year 6 Graduation evening. This year’s class have been an outstanding group of students and role models to the rest of the school. They will enjoy a sit down dinner together with the teachers and invited guests. They will all then move to the hall to give their speeches, sing their songs and receive their graduation certificates. Each year special presentations are made to some of our Year 6 students. This is a very difficult process each year to short list the winners with so many worthy candidates. The selected students will be presented with their awards at tonight’s ceremony. I will also announce the names of these students at tomorrow’s final assembly.

The Grummet Award is presented by Mr Grummet who is an ex-student of Chatham having graduated as dux of the school in 1938. Over the past 18 years he and his sister have kindly presented the Grummet Award at our Year 6 Graduations in memory of their mother and father. This award is presented to a boy and girl in Year 6 who have shown outstanding academic achievements in all areas of the curriculum.

The Thornton Award is presented by Mr Keith Thornton, another of our valued ex-students who was dux of the school in 1937. He places some of the responsibility for his wonderful successes in business and life to the opportunities given to him by the Chatham School Community over 70 years ago. Over the last few years he has been a very generous supporter of our school and has established this award for students who have displayed talent in certain areas of the curriculum, determination to succeed, resilience and a keen spirit for school.

The Principal’s Award is presented by me. The students selected for this award have demonstrated overall excellence in all areas of school life, especially in the areas of citizenship, achievement and caring for others. The recipients of this award have consistently demonstrated the values of the school of Learning, Respect, Resilience, Partnership, Honesty and Responsibility and have been outstanding role models to all students.

Unfortunately we would like to present awards to each and every one of our Year 6 students. They have all had an outstanding year and all should be proud of their achievements.

STAFFING FOR 2016

Each year I am provided with a Global Budget from the Education Department which is based on our projected student enrolments. This Global Budget determines the number of staff I can employ. The staffing profile of these teachers and support staff then determines the class structure that I can put into place each year. With our current numbers at Chatham, we are extremely lucky with our mix of staff in that our profile of teachers range from graduates through to the more experienced staff members. We are also fortunate to have a good mix of male and female staff, as well as Leading Teachers at the top of the scale, dedicated part-time staff, quality specialist programs and a full time Assistant Principal role. This mix includes the majority of teachers on permanent ongoing rights and some employed on a contractual basis for short or longer terms. These arrangements allow for some flexibility as well as taking in future enrolment predictions and work force planning.

My staffing budget is based on the number of students that are enrolled at the February Census at Chatham each year. I need to manage this budget and employ and position staff strategically so that we do not operate in a deficit. At Chatham, we have been operating class numbers at a very low level so I am not able to create other classes without taking alternative actions in other areas; such as larger classes, having less specialist programs or creating composite grades. I can only work with the budget that I have, fitting the mixture of staff experience levels into this budget, but still maintaining the exemplary programs that we have at Chatham.

In line with this, throughout the year, we have teachers who retire, take leave, seek promotion or move to other locations for personal or professional reasons.

There will be some changes to our staffing profile for 2016.

- Diana Miller has been granted 12 months leave where she intends to spend more time with her family.
- Fiona Henderson is returning full time after having 12 months Family Leave
- Rebecca Yates is returning part time after having Family Leave.
- Lesley Siebentritt is retiring from her Reading Recovery position after many years at Chatham.
- After taking 12 months leave and undertaking extensive world travel, Amanda Hume has decided to retire after many years at Chatham.
- The funding for the Science initiative has also ceased so Sue Minshull and Claire Osborne will be returning to full time classroom positions after two years of sharing a grade and being our Science Educators.

With these two teachers returning to the classroom and other teachers returning to Chatham from Family Leave, this has meant that we have had to say goodbye to 3 outstanding young teachers. Clinton Bowe (Yr 4), Kirstie Briggs (Yr 5) & Jennifer Tran (Yr 2) will not be returning to Chatham but I am pleased to say quickly picked up positions at other schools.

We wish all of these teachers all the best in their futures. I would like to thank them for all their outstanding contributions to our school.

We have finalised our staffing profile for 2016. Each year, I also like to make some changes with our staffing in moving teachers into different levels across the school, as well as attempting to maintain the exemplary specialist programs that we currently offer at Chatham.

The students visited their new classrooms yesterday and met their teachers and classmates for 2016. A great deal of time and effort by staff has gone into the formation of the grades for next year. Please remember that your class teacher is a professional educator who has been with your child for the last 12 months and when all the available information is considered, we 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.
I would ask that you support these decisions and remain positive about your child’s grade placement and new teacher for 2016. The following is the proposed teaching profile for 2016:

- Principal – Stephen Rothwell
- Assistant Principal – Bronwyn Orr
- Year 6 – Georgina Kirwan
- Year 6 – Chiara Colombo
- Year 6 – Zac Barry
- Year 5 – Amanda Lenon
- Year 5 – Hannah Matheson
- Year 5 – Claire Osborne
- Year 4 – Samantha Roger
- Year 4 – Jessica Boyd
- Year 4 – Fiona Henderson
- Year 3 – Miranda Price
- Year 3 – Tim Clarke
- Year 3 – Katherine Geake
- Year 2 – Glenda Kelly
- Year 2 – Sue Minshull
- Year 2 – Sarah Morris & Rebecca Yates
- Year 1 – Madeline Burgess
- Year 1 – Sam Norris
- Year 1 – Lorraine McLean
- Transition – Michelle Owens
- Transition – Siobhan Johnson
- Art – Lisa Gilbert
- Music – Gemma Belfrage
- Library – Melissa Hosking
- Phys Ed – Joseph Doyle
- Japanese – Cathie Bradford

SCHOOL DISCO
The students had a wonderful time last Friday night and really enjoyed this end of year celebration. Thank you to all the parents who helped organise this event, who readied the hall with decorations, who helped out on the night and stayed around to clean up at the end. On behalf of our students – thank you.

LAST DAY ASSEMBLY DETAILS
Tomorrow will be our last assembly for the year. I would like to congratulate all our Year 6 students on the wonderful job they have done each week in running our assemblies throughout the year. They have all been fantastic.

Our last assembly will include:
- Welcome
- Musical item
- Farewell to students who are leaving Chatham
- Musical item
- Thank you
- Year 6 Graduation Awards
- Roll call of Year 6 students
- Year 6 songs
- Song of Farewell
- Ringing of the school bell and walk through the guard of honour
It is the tradition each year that our Year 6 students ring the school bell from the S.S. Edina, which is located near the office. I would ask that parents not block this area. It is important that this area remains clear so that the students can walk freely through the hallway, out the front door and through the student guard of honour. Parents and students are quite welcome to return to the bell at the end of the day to ring it again whilst photos are taken without the crush from others.

The first day of school for Years 1 to 6 is Friday 29th January with our new Preps commencing on Monday 1st December 2016. Teachers will be on duty with two curriculum days from Wednesday 27th January.

YEAR 6 CAMPS 2016
At last Monday night’s School Council meeting the council approved the camps for Year 6 students for 2016. The Year 6 students will be travelling to Lakewood Park on the Gippsland Lakes from Monday 1st to Friday 5th Feb.

YEAR 6 WORKING BEE
The first working bee for the 2015 year takes place on Thursday 28th January. This working bee is for all of next year’s Year 6 families and helps to prepare the school in readiness for the student’s arrival on the following day, Friday 29th January. This is a twilight session with work due to commence at 5:00. Please put this in your diary for next year.

I hope that everyone has a restful and happy break over the upcoming holidays and that we all return safe and refreshed for what promises to be an exciting 2016 at Chatham.
DATES FOR THE DIARY

THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER  YEAR 6 GRADUATION—SCHOOL HALL
FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER  FINAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY—12:30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL
                     END OF TERM 4—1:30PM DISMISSAL
2016
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

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New they are over $200 but this one is only $125.00. See Sue in the office or email me at school.

We would like to thank the Chatham community for supporting the Science program over the past two years. It has been a great learning curve for both staff and students and we have all enjoyed learning new and exciting science concepts. While we will no longer be taking on the role of science mentor teachers, Science will continue throughout the school as an essential part of our curriculum. We look forward to your continued support of Science at Chatham.

Have a safe and happy holiday,
Sue Minshull and Claire Osborne

LOST LAST WEEK
If you know the whereabouts of a black Under Armour jumper belonging to Tom Steventon (it is named) he would love to have it back. Please return to the office. Thank you.

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The Year 6s were involved in a hands-on forensic investigation on Wednesday the 9th of December.

Students took on the role of a forensics team and were sent in to collect and analyse evidence discovered at a suspected crime scene: the case of a missing twelve year old boy.

With the assistance of a forensics expert, the Year 6s examined evidence such as fingerprints and animal tracks using digital microscopes, UV lights and chromatography.

Working as a team, the students helped each other to use the forensics equipment and piece together all of the evidence to successfully solve the mystery.

It was a fabulous experience which gave the students a taste of how science is used in the world around them to help solve crimes. A great way to end their Science experience at Chatham!
The 12 Do's of Christmas

1. Buy good quality decorations that can be reused or make your own.
   I will do this.

2. Check that your work Christmas party organiser sets up well-signed recycling options for the event.

3. Find out what your recipients really want, or choose an experience or charity gift.

4. Choose reusable or recyclable wrapping, like paper.

5. Download the new free RecycleSmart App for all your household recycling needs.

6. Prevent food waste - plan ahead and serve smaller portions. Compost or worm farm your food scraps.

7. Most food and drink packaging is recyclable. Sort and flatten it to fit as much as possible in your bin.

8. Recycle old mobile phones, printer cartridges, computers and tablets that get replaced.

9. Give a rechargeable pack with any battery-operated gifts - it'll save money and reduce the gift's impact.

10. Ensure your car runs efficiently by inflating the tyres and tuning the engine, and recycle your old car oil, tyres and batteries.

11. De-clutter the house - recycle from the yard, garage and attic.

12. See if your council has a special mulching service for your Christmas trees or take it to the garden section of your local recycling facility.

For more information on these recycling tips, to find local options and to reduce your eco footprint this Christmas visit 12dos.planetark.org
Are you from India or the Indian sub-continent?

Do you live or work or study in Boroondara?

Have you got experience growing up or raising a family here in Australia?

Are you happy to share your experiences as a migrant making a life in a new country?

If you have answered “Yes” to these questions, we would love to hear from you!

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We want to understand the challenges you may face and the support you look for from the wider community.

You can help us by sharing your experiences as part of our Indian community consultations. The 1st community conversation will be held at Camberwell Primary School on 11th December at 4.00PM or you can host a session and we will come to you! If you would like more information, call or email Anu at: AKrishnan@camcare.org.au or 0432 343 369.

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**School Holiday ACTIVITIES**

Age 10-18 years

12th January 2016 - 23rd January 2016

**WEEK 1**

- Tuesday 11th January
  - 360 Masterclass
    - 11:30am-2:30pm
    - FREE! Bookings a must!

- Thursday 14th January
  - 11:30am-2:30pm
  - Monsoon Workshop
    - Cost: $25 per person
    - Bookings a must!

**WEEK 2**

- Tuesday 18th January
  - 360 Masterclass
    - 11:30am-2:30pm
    - FREE! Bookings a must!

- Thursday 21st January
  - 11:30am-2:30pm
  - Monsoon Workshop
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Year 4 Netballers 2016
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Week 2

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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
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