FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
These interviews will take place next week. Please follow the directions provided by email on how to log on and book a time with your child’s teacher. The booking site will close as of 12 midday this Sunday. These initial interviews are scheduled for 10 minutes and provide you with the opportunity to discuss with the class teacher the strengths and areas of improvement for your child. Please be considerate of others and try to keep to your time.

VISITORS
It has been a busy week at Chatham:
- We have 6 Japanese students undertaking work experience with Bradford Sensei as part of her Japanese program.
- This morning we have hosted our second group of Japanese University students via Monash University. They looked at our Japanese program and spent some time in classrooms.

EXCURSION LEVY
The excursion levy notice for each grade will be sent home soon. This notice outlines the planned excursions and activities for your child’s grade for the year. These activities are related closely to the concepts that will be covered in the year’s work for your child. Entrance fees and transport costs are always rising but we attempt to limit the costs of these events wherever possible.
To minimise the handling and administrative work carried out by the school office we would encourage all parents to consider paying the one off levy that covers the costs for these events for the year. We would like these levies to be returned by Friday, 11th March. If you choose not to pay the levy in full then you will need to pay per individual excursion or incursion that your child participates in throughout the year. Please contact the school office to discuss alternative arrangements if you have difficulty meeting these costs.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
We strongly encourage all students to wear the correct school uniform. Apart from ‘special days’, students should not be wearing any other form of uniform or “normal” clothing to school. Students will be issued with a notice if they are found to be wearing any items of clothing not on the official uniform list. We are keen for our students to take a stronger pride in our school and wearing the correct uniform and wearing it proudly demonstrates this pride for our school.
The Year 6 students were issued with their new rugby tops in time for the upcoming class photos. They all look wonderful and set our senior students apart from the rest of the school. These tops are special for this year group and we would appreciate that students in younger grades do not wear this item of uniform that may have been worn in previous years from older brothers or sisters. A big thank you to Keathea Ross and Amanda Harper for organising these tops this year.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

In last week’s newsletter I provided the school community with information on the upcoming School Council elections for 2016. School Councils provide the vital link between the implementation of the government’s policies and the needs of local communities. School Council members have a number of roles and responsibilities and I would encourage all parents to consider nominating for one of the upcoming positions.

If you decide to stand for election then please collect a nomination form from the school office and make sure that it is returned by the due date:

- If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect will be made calling for further nominations.
- If the number of nominations equals the number of vacancies, then those nominated will be elected to the vacant positions on School Council.
- If the number of nominations is greater than the number of vacancies, a ballot will be conducted to elect the required number of candidates to School Council.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office from tomorrow Friday 26th February and must be lodged with the Principal by 4 pm, Friday 4th March 2016. The following time line will be followed for these elections:-

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STUDENT WELFARE

Chelsea and Charlie are our 2 school mascots and we have Harry the dog to look after them as well. These two dolls are dressed in Chatham uniforms and are used to reinforce our current school values of Learning, Respect, Honesty, Friendship, Partnership and Resilience. If teachers observe students exhibiting behaviour related to one of our school values their names are written on a ticket which is then placed in a box near the school office. The student whose name is drawn out at our Friday afternoon assembly can choose to look after Chelsea or Charlie for the week. They are also expected to present some piece of work that depicts their week with Charlie or Chelsea in relation to their displayed school value.

SCHOOL VALUES

As part of the planning for our new School Strategic Plan we would like to review our current school values which have been in place (with a few minor changes) for the last 8 years. A small committee is currently working on these but would like parent input into our current values and what you see is important for all members of our community to value into the future.

Every day counts – school attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss 4 full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes. Coming to school every day is vital, but, if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with the classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with the teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with the classroom teacher early as early as possible. From 1 March 2014, new laws were put into place where parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason. If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day. It is also a legal requirement that the school is informed of any absence from school. We do have a message service on the school phone where parents can leave a child’s absence each day but the classroom teacher must still receive a written reason for each absence – whether it be a note or email. I also need to be informed of any extended absence such as overseas travel or holidays.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Every few weeks I would like to write about some operations that occur around the school. This week I would like to outline some of the service we offer to our school community. These services are operated by parent volunteers. All are optional, but all provide the school with some necessary funds that we put towards essential aspects of the school.

School Banking – students can open a student account with the Bendigo Bank through the school. The students can make deposits by bringing their money and bank books to school every Tuesday. A member of the Maling Road Branch comes up to school to collect the bank books and deposit the money. This is a good way of helping students to develop the good practice of saving some money each week. The school receives some generous support that goes towards the Parents’ Club fundraising efforts.

Book Club – this is provided through the Scholastic Book Company. Each month a flyer is sent home with students who choose to take one. Students can select some books from the list and submit their orders. Parents process these orders on line and after a few weeks the books arrive. Parents then sort through the delivery and distribute them to each child as per their order. Each month we receive a credit voucher from Scholastic Book Company which is based on the total amount of orders. This credit voucher is used by the school to purchase books for the library and reading schemes.

Monthly Munchies – these are held every term and generally alternate between a morning tea or lunch. Once again it is optional whether your child has a Monthly Munchies order. Generally these are seen as a treat and a change from the very healthy menu that we offer in the canteen. The money raised from these days goes towards paying the wages of our canteen manager and also helps keep our canteen prices down.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL - PRINCIPAL
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DATES FOR THE DIARY
**LIBRARY NEWS**

**OVERDUE BOOKS**
In the library over the past couple of weeks we have had a chance to check for any overdue books that are appearing on the library computer system. We found a significant amount of books on the library shelves, however, there are still quite a few showing up as overdue. If you received an overdue notice recently, please take the time to have another check for these books. If you find any of the books, please return them to the library as soon as possible.

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**
The PRC will open shortly so it’s now a good time to discuss this with your child. It is a great chance to be rewarded with a certificate for reading. There will be more information in the coming months but children are required to read a set number of books to achieve the challenge by around the end of August.

- P-2 30 Books
- 3-6 15 Books

Happy reading,
Melissa Hosking LIBRARY ON WEDNESDAY

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Friday 26th February**
AM: Vickie, Lina and Kate
PM: Susy and Mal

**Wednesday 2nd March**
AM: Fiona Kerr and Margaret
PM: Maggie—Extra Help needed please

I am still in need of help for a few shifts on Wednesdays and Friday afternoons.

Please ring Steph if you can help 0401 865 440

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**DRAMA CLASSES FOR CHILDREN**

Come and try First Class Free

**Come & Join... KBH JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB**

Come and try hockey, an action packed Olympic sport for boys and girls.

- **DATES:** Sundays at 10am and Wednesdays at 5pm throughout first term.
- **WHERE:** Koonung Secondary College hockey pitch Enter via Cairo Rd, Mont Albert North (47 B5)
- **COST:** $80.00, and includes:- All sessions where you’ll learn skills and play games. Stick, ball and shinpads. Bring your own Mouthguard

**CONTACT:** Joe Hassall 0412 560 262 or You can register via the following link:
http://kbhbrumbies.org.au/juniors/hookin2hockey-hi2h/
CLASSROOM HELPERS COURSE 2016

We will be running a course for our parent helpers called Classroom Helpers. The course will be held in the school library on Tuesday 15th March, from 9.15am to 11:00am.

This course is designed to support parents who assist in the classroom and covers Independent Reading, Writing, working with small groups and classroom protocols.

The course will:

· Develop in participants an increased understanding of the development of literacy skills in reading and writing.
· Demonstrate various learning situations to participants so they can act as role models for students in classrooms.
· Train participants in how to provide support for small groups of students in reading and writing.

If you have participated in a previous Classroom Helpers Course you are welcome to attend as there have been changes made to the course.

It is necessary to attend the course before you offer to help in any of the classrooms. If you can’t attend the course but would like to participate in the classroom, please come and speak to me.

All parents helping anywhere in the school need to have a Working with Children Check and this must be shown to the office staff before commencing assistance in the classroom.

Please complete the form below if you wish to attend the course and return to the School Office by Wednesday 9th March or email me on kelly.glenda.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

During this session we are unable to accommodate toddlers so we would appreciate it if alternative arrangements can be made for them.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

GLENDA KELLY – LITERACY CO-ORDINATOR

Please complete and return to the school office by Wednesday 9th March 2016 or email kelly.glenda.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

CLASSROOM HELPERS COURSE

I, ________________________________ would like to attend the Classroom Helpers Course on Tuesday 15th March 2016.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Child/ren at school: ____________________________
**CHATHAM PARENTS CLUB - ANNUAL HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER**

Delicious Hot Cross Buns available to Order and Enjoy!

Cost: $7.00 per **half dozen** (6) Hot Cross Buns

**Orders:**
- Place order form in an envelope marked ‘Hot Cross Buns’
- Cash, cheque or direct deposit ONLY.
- Direct deposit to Parents Club Account BSB 063-105  Account number 1020 2503.
- Make cheques payable to  CPSC Parents Club Fundraising
- Orders due **Monday 7th March**
- School limited to 1,000 buns – so orders will be filled on first-in basis.
- Large orders may only be partially filled depending on demand
- Any unfilled orders will be refunded.

**Pick Up:** At School 3:00pm, Friday 18th March under the music room verandah

Hot Cross Buns are kindly baked and donated by:

![BreadStreet Logo]

22 Hamilton Street, Mont Albert. Phone: 9890 0066

*All* proceeds of this fundraiser will benefit Chatham Primary School

**HOT CROSS BUNS ORDER FORM**

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Money Enclosed: $ _____ Cash/Cheque/Direct deposit to Parents Club ONLY
Cheques made payable to CPSC Parents Club Fundraising
Direct deposit to Parents Club account BSB 063-105  Account number 1020 2503.
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22 MARCH
11.00 to 1.00 pm
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KOONUNG Secondary College

Information Evening

For Year 7 Students in 2017
Wednesday 20th April 2016
Guided Tours: From 6:00pm
Principal’s Address: 7:30pm in the Hall
Find out more about how Koonung promotes and delivers excellence across the whole school and our community

Our teachers are the difference
CRICOS code: 00631K

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Excellence Through Endeavour
Can you imagine what it would be like to lose your sight? Did you know that 4 out of 5 people in poor and isolated parts of the world who are blind do not need to be?

The Fred Hollows Foundation has a very clear purpose: to make sure everyone, whether they’re rich or poor, has access to high quality, affordable eye health.

We will walk 30kms on 4 March as part of Sydney Coastrek to raise funds, which will restore sight to millions of people across the world. We’ve been training hard and already walked at least 350km between us over the past 2 months, so we’re pumped and ready to go!!

An operation to restore someone’s sight costs as little as $25 (maybe a week’s worth of takeaway coffees.....) and all donations are fully tax deductible.

Please sponsor us on our 30km trek and together we can give the gift of sight and change lives – just follow this link (copy & paste to browser) to our fundraising page:


****** HOME BAKED GOODIES FOR SALE AT THE OFFICE ******

There are also some delicious home baked goodies (some gluten free too) for sale at the school office for just $3 a bag - be quick before they disappear!

Ruth Craig-Brown (Callum 2MY, Cameron 1MB)
Rata Pawson (James 3KG, Josh 2SM)
Carly Curcio (Ally 3TC, Imogen 1MB)
Susan Hardiman (Louis 3MP, Adele 1LM)

Thank you for your generous support
THE JAPANESE SUMMER FESTIVAL IS HERE AGAIN

The Melbourne Japanese Summer Festival will be on at Federation Square from 12pm and 6pm on Sunday, 28th February 2016. Opening up Melbourne to the delights of Japan, this vibrant, action-packed afternoon is filled with traditional and contemporary Japanese culture, food, activities and entertainment.

“The Japanese Festival is a great event in the City of Melbourne summer program, celebrating a vibrant part of our community through a great line up of performances and culinary experiences,” – Lord Mayor Robert Doyle.

The highlights of Japan will be on display, with traditional and contemporary Japanese culture, performances, food, activities and dances providing an exciting afternoon for all to enjoy.

Held for the 7th year in a row, the Japanese Summer Festival will celebrate the Bon Festival, which involves giving thanks to one’s ancestors and is one of the most important traditions in Japan. Everyone will have a chance to learn the traditional Bon Odori, a dance performed in a circle by participants wearing cotton kimono known as the Yukata.

Food stalls showcasing culinary delights from popular Japanese restaurants will line the River Terrace offering a real taste of Japan. Not only will Takoyaki, Sushi, and Okonomiyaki be available for attendees to try, crowd favourites, such as Japanese beers and Ramen will also be served.

The festival’s entertainment will include vibrant cultural performances of Taiko drumming, and Japanese traditional song and dance. Games and activities such as origami and yo-yos will offer fun for the whole family to enjoy, while those who come dressed in costume could find themselves rewarded with prizes in the best-dressed cosplay competition. The always much anticipated raffle will be drawn at the end of the afternoon, with the grand prize of two Jetstar flight tickets to Tokyo up for grabs.