FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These interviews are taking place this week and I hope that parents have found them useful and informative. We apologise for the number of changes for interview times as we have had a number of teachers report in sick this week which has necessitated a re-allocation of times to next week.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations for the 4 parent and the 2 staff positions on our School Council are due in by tomorrow. Representation on School Council is a very rewarding experience and gives you a great insight into what happens around the school. We have had some interest for these positions so I would strongly urge all parents to consider nominating for one of the vacant positions. Nomination forms can be collected from the school office but need to be signed and returned by 4:00pm tomorrow.

EXCURSION LEVY

The excursion levy notice for each grade has been sent home. 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 PHOTOS

Yesterday the photographers were in the school to take class photos for Years Prep to 5 and Family Photos not involving Year 6 students. They are returning again next Tuesday to take the Year 6 class photos, any Family Photos involving Year 6 students, Year 6 Leadership Photos, as well as to catch up with anyone who was away and then the whole school photo. Please ensure that students are dressed in the correct school uniform on this day. Band members need to bring their instruments on the day.

PREP WORKING BEE

This next Working Bee is scheduled for Prep families and will be held on Saturday the 19th of March. These Working Bees are essential to help maintain our school grounds in a safe and secure condition. Please find some time during the morning to come along and help out.

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

A reminder that the 14th March is the Labour Day holiday and students are not expected at school on this day.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

AROUND THE SCHOOL – SICK BAY & FIRST AID

Every now and then I would like to write about some area of daily operation in the school. The majority of our staff have some form of first aid qualifications, either Level 1 or 2 and we also have a number of our staff who maintain their training in CPR each year.

Every year, the staff undertake training around allergic reactions including the use of epipens, asthma management, epilepsy and diabetes. We have a number of students whose faces appear on an alert sheet that is placed in each classroom. Staff are all aware of the specific needs of all of these high risk students.

Each classroom has a basic supply of first aid supplies and if children are injured or sick outside at playtimes then they are sent to the sick bay for care and attention. The School Nurse or a staff member is on duty in the sick bay each recess and lunch time. The teaching and support staff are very limited in the amount and type of first aid treatment they can administer and generally can only clean and dress a wound or provide an ice pack for any bumps.

If it is a minor injury we tend to treat it and send the child back to their classroom. Anything that requires more treatment will be entered into a record book and a white copy of the first aid form sent home to parents. Phone calls are also made to parents if there has been a knock to the head or a more serious injury attended to.

Over the past 18 months we have been able to raise the necessary funds to enable us to employ a school nurse. Jean Mason is a registered nurse who works with specific students around their individual needs as well as administering first aid and care to all students. She is an extremely valuable resource in our school and over this time we have come to value the role that she plays in caring for the children in our school.

BICYCLE and SCOOTER USE

I would like to give a reminder to all members of the school community around our rules for bicycle, scooter and skate board use at Chatham.

- We prefer only students who are very confident riders to ride their bikes to school and preferably only from Years 4 – 6.
- Bike helmets need to be worn at all time when riding a bike or scooter and the appropriate safety equipment should be used when riding skateboards or scooters.
- Students must dismount and wheel or carry their bikes, scooters or skateboards when travelling along Benson Street between Weybridge and Wharton Street, within a blocks distance of the school along Weybridge Street and along the Banool Road boundary fence. This is to protect pedestrians and prevent accidents happening when the footpaths are crowded.
- Bikes, scooter and skateboards are not allowed to be ridden in the school grounds after 8:30 in the morning or until after 3:45 in the afternoon. Students who break these rules will be given a verbal warning followed by a written warning which may lead to the forfeit of these riding privileges.
- This is a timely reminder in light that tomorrow is the National Ride 2 School day. We encourage all students to ride, scoot, skate or walk to school tomorrow. Even if you have to be driven, consider parking the car a little further away from the school and walking a few blocks to Chatham tomorrow.

LATENESS

We all love a sleep in and as the days get shorter and a little colder we all find it just that bit harder to get out of bed in the morning. In saying that, it is extremely important that students arrive to school on time. The first music alert occurs at 8:50 and allows the students to enter their room and get ready for the day. This brief time gives them the opportunity to change their take home books, hand in their homework, put their lunch order in the basket, hand the teacher that important note and catch up with their friends for a chat before school starts. School begins at 9:00am and the first few minutes of the day are the most important. The roles are marked and the outline of the day is communicated to the class. Literacy blocks or investigation times are usually conducted in the first part of the morning when the students are fresh and alert. If your child is late, then they may miss this important time with the teacher and will not understand the lead up to the purpose of the lesson. They will not be organised and focussed and will naturally take time to settle down to work. They may also be embarrassed when they enter the classroom late to see their classmates already hard at work.

Lateness can be due to many reasons and caused by anyone, but parents should be proactive to ensure that their child is at school in time to be ready for the day ahead. Some tips for parents could be;

- Get the clothes, lunches ready the night before.
- Don’t allow children to watch TV in the morning where they will be reluctant to move away from the lights, sounds & movements of the screen.
- Get your child to help you in the morning in preparing breakfast and cleaning up
- Wake them up well before you actually want them to get up & provide the appropriate incentives & praise when they are up, dressed and ready to go on time each day.
- Be good role models in your own management and ensure that you are not the one that your child is waiting for.

If your child is 5 to 10 minutes late every day then this means that they will be losing anywhere up to 2 full weeks of school a year. This is a lot of learning time to miss, especially from the most important part of the day. Please make an effort and get to school on time.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL - PRINCIPAL
## Dates for the Diary

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| **Friday 4th March** | Year 6 Interschool Sport @ Bialik PS  
Closing date for school council nominations 4PM  
National Ride 2 School Day |
| **Sunday 6th March** | Prep/year 5 buddy picnic—2:00pm to 4:00pm |
| **Monday 7th March** | Year 1 excursion to IMAX and museum |
| **Tuesday 8th March** | School photos 2nd session—see email for details |
| **Wednesday 9th March** | 3kg excursion—Astro tour @ Swinburne  
Bike Ed—Year 5 |
| **Thursday 10th March** | 3MP and 3TC excursion—astro tour @ Swinburne |
| **Friday 11th March** | Year 6 Interschool Sport @ Balwyn PS  
Hot cross bun forms due back |
| **Monday 14th March** | Public holiday—No school today |
| **Tuesday 15th March** | Year 5 camp to Maldon  
Classroom helpers course @ 9:15am |
| **Thursday 17th March** | Year 4 Boroondara council excursion |
| **Friday 18th March** | Campers return at 3pm  
Hot cross bun pick up at 3:00pm |
| **Saturday 19th March** | Prep working bee @ 9:00am |
| **Thursday 24th March** | Last day of term 1—2:30pm finish |
| **Monday 11th April** | School resumes for term 2 |
| **Tuesday 12th April** | Year 2 excursion to Como House |
| **Monday 18th April** | Prep ambulance incursion |
| **Tuesday 19th April** | Year 4 C.E.R.E.S excursion |
| **Friday 22nd April** | Parents’ club meeting @ 9:15am |
| **Monday 25th April** | Anzac day public holiday |
| **Wednesday 4th May** | Year 6 shrine excursion  
Prep Balwyn library excursion |
| **Thursday 5th May** | Mother’s day stall |
| **Friday 6th May** | Mother’s day pancake breakfast |
| **Wednesday 11th May** | Year 4 camp to Arrabri lodge Warburton |
| **Friday 13th May** | Campers return |
| **Monday 16th May** | Education week begins  
School tour @ 9:30am |
| **Tuesday 17th May** | Footsteps dance program—whole school |
| **Wednesday 18th May** | School tour @ 9:30am |
| **Thursday 19th May** | Grandparents and special friends morning |
| **Saturday 21st May** | School tour @ 9:30am  
Kids movie night in the hall |
| **Friday 24th June** | Last day of term 2—2:30pm finish |
| **Monday 11th July** | School resumes for term 3 |
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**SUSHI IS NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE CANTEEN ON FRIDAYS**

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Friday 4th March**

All Day: Linda, Fiona and Sue

**Wednesday 9th March**

AM: Jill and Steph

PM: Zoe—Extra Help needed please

There are a few Wednesday afternoon shifts where we need help. Please ring Steph if you can help 0401 865 440.

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**LOOKING FOR A PART TIME JOB?**

Fashion Clubwear have a part time accts receivable position available for approx 10 hours per week.

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**BUDDIES PICNIC FOR PREP AND YEAR 5 FAMILIES**

Come and meet your child’s buddy and their family at a picnic

**Sunday 6th March from 2pm - 4pm**

on the Chatham Primary Oval

(If it is wet, it will be held in the hall)

Please bring a plate to share, your own rug, chairs, drinks, glasses and utensils.

Typical picnic food may include dips, chips, muffins, sandwiches, fruit platter, sushi, cake, slices etc. But please — no nuts.

If you have any questions, please call Narelle Egan (prep Mum of Lucy) 0414 255 764 or Emma Ellis (year 5 mum of Will)

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**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:

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**EXCITING NEWS…**

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Chatham Primary | 3rd March 2016

Hi Chatham,

Well things are well underway at the OSHC house for this term. We have been cooking, playing team sports, painting, colouring and constructing.

This term we have a new Buddy Bear at the OSHC house, we voted and named him ‘Buddy Bear Junior’. ‘Buddy Bear’ is our exclusive program that comes from The Alannah and Madeline Foundation. The foundation promotes a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all children when they come to OSHC.

Last week we started the Adventures of Buddy Bear and Buddy Bear Junior book. Students can write and draw all the things that the Buddy Bears get up to at the OSHC!

Well, it is that time of year again when we start to plan our Autumn Holidays. Camp Australia Australia Holiday Clubs are now taking bookings. The closest Holiday Clubs to Chatham include: Camberwell Primary School, Hartwell Primary School and Trinity Grammar. Visit our website or you can ask a Chatham team leader for more information.

Our Buddy Bear Leader for last week was Romana Curnick! Well Done Romana! Thank you for all your help around the OSHC House!

Important – 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.

Have a great week from the OSHC team! Hannah, Sarah, Eli and Dimple.

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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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.

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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

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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

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- 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:

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 7TH MARCH IN A SEALED ENVELOPE CLEARLY MARKED HOT CROSS BUN ORDER.

HOT CROSS BUNS ORDER FORM

Family Name: ___________________________ PhoneNumber: ___________________________

Person Collecting: ___________________________

Quantity (Please circle the number of Buns required):

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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.
COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US
AT THE EASTER WORKSHOP
FOLLOWED BY A PERFORMANCE BY YOUR CHILDREN

For primary and preschool children
3:45 - 5:30 Tuesday, 22nd March 2016
At Koonung Heights Uniting Church

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Combining: Song, dance, story and craft into a spontaneous pop-up performance by the children, telling the Easter story and celebrating the courage, love and healing which gives new life.

Easter Egg hunt begins at 3:55
5:15pm POP-UP PERFORMANCE
Parents are invited to come (or stay) at 5:15pm to watch the pop-up performance by your children.
email: koonungheightsuniting@gmail.com

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Wednesday 20th April 2016
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