FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WELCOME 2014 PREPS
It was a big day for the 61 Preps who officially started school last Friday. After three orientation sessions last year, meeting and forming friendships with their buddies and a letter in the mail from their new class teacher over the holiday period, they settled in very happily after saying goodbye to mum and dad. For some, knowing that it was the real first day of Prep and not just a visit, made all the difference into how quickly they settled.

After such a confident start by our youngest students to their new environment, many of the Prep parents then made their way to 'Tears and Cheers' which this year was hosted by Rebecca and Simon Nunan (Thomas 1SN). Rebecca is the current Secretary of Parents’ Club. It was great to see so many parents attending this first social function for the year and we hope that they will continue to develop a strong partnership with the school community over the next seven years.

The first Prep morning was truly indicative of just how smoothly the entire school had settled into the school year only the day before. And, for the first time at Chatham, all students across the school received a teacher profile from their prospective 2014 class teachers at the end of last year, which hopefully made their way onto fridges and pinboards at home to read over the summer holidays in anticipation of starting back. We hope this tradition will continue as part of the Transition Program and we hope to share some of the teacher profiles in upcoming newsletters.

WELCOME NEW STAFF
Speaking of Teacher Profiles I would like to formally welcome Daniel Hunt who is teaching in Yr 4 this year and has settled in well with his 4DH class, and Joseph Doyle who within days of starting is already off on camp with the Year 6s in his role as Physical Education teacher. I would also like to welcome back Melissa Hosking who is working in the Library two days a week, Zelema Levy who is working in 1HL on Fridays and Amanda Lenon who is up in Yr 5 after a year of extensive travelling.

ALLERGIES & ANAPHYLAXIS
With allergies and anaphylaxis being prominent in the media this past week I would just like to make the community aware that on the first student free Curriculum day last Tuesday, all staff undertook their annual Epi-pen training as we have a number of students across the school that have allergies that can cause anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. These students can have severe or life threatening reactions to a variety of triggers. Photos and information of every student who fall under this category have been placed in each classroom and specialist area. All students have an action plan and Epi-pens are placed in a secure and central location. Teachers monitor all students at eating times and we constantly review the items on sale at the canteen and other products in use around the school, as well as discouraging any swapping of food by students at eating times. All of these students are also very good at knowing what they should not eat or touch but we can all help them by limiting the types of food (especially any nut products) that you allow your own child to bring to school. Thank you for your understanding and assistance with this matter in helping to ensure the continued well-being and safety of all our students.

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As we have just started another new year I would like to make mention and remind all families of a few of our protocols and rules that we have in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all.

PARENTS APPROACHING STUDENTS
There will be times in the life of your child’s schooling where they will be upset by another child. It is important that parents do not approach the particular student or parent to confront them with any issues. As a parent of an upset child, you yourself may be emotional and say things or approach a student in a manner that may frighten or upset them. If you have any concerns then the correct channel to always follow is to alert your class teacher and let them follow through with any investigations and appropriate actions. Parents should always remember that there are always two sides to every story and teachers can generally investigate any incidents thoroughly and talk the issue through with all concerned. My door is also always open for any parent to discuss any social or welfare issues they may have concerning their child.

FRONT DOOR ENTRANCE
A reminder to everyone about the use of the front door entrance of the school. We would prefer that students and parents do not use the front door to enter the school in the morning or to use it to leave the school at the end of the day. We have instructed students that they may use this entrance during the day if they need to come to the school office or sick bay with an urgent matter, otherwise they must walk around the school at either end of the building. If parents also do not use this entrance, then it will help cut down on the congestion around the school office during these busy times of the day.

SUPERVISION AND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL RULES
A reminder that teachers are on duty from 8:45 in the yard. Students preferably should not be at school before this time. For the safety of all, once the bag bell has rung at 8:50, students have been asked not to play with sports equipment of any kind anywhere in the school grounds. In the past there have been a number of minor incidences involving balls connecting with members of the community both up on the asphalt areas and on the oval. The same applies at the end of the day where we ask that students or younger siblings do not start playing with balls or riding bikes and scooters until after the school yard has cleared of heavy congestion. A bell will now be rung at 3:45 to signal to students who are involved in training or are staying up at school for an afternoon play that the period has now lifted. We thank you for your support in keeping the school grounds safe for everyone.

WORKING BEE
Thank you to the Year 6 parents who attended our first working bee last Wednesday night in readiness for the first day of school. These working bees are a great way to get to know other families and obviously form lasting friendships, while making a contribution to the school environment.

PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOONS
A flier will be sent home early next week promoting our Parent Information Afternoons in the week starting the 17th February. Last year we found the Afternoon sessions to be well attended and so are again holding our Year Level Information sessions after school, over several days. Supervision by staff will be provided for children during this time. Each Information Session will begin with a year level focus before moving in to individual classrooms where class teachers will give more personalised information pertinent to their classroom program and management. So please keep a look out for this email early next week.

While parents will not necessarily have the opportunity to speak individually with teachers on this day, there will be the opportunity for parents to share any background information they believe may be relevant for classroom teachers and their child’s learning program during Parent-Teacher Interviews which have been scheduled in forthcoming weeks. During our Curriculum Says last week, teachers had time set aside on both days to do a thorough ‘hand over’ of student information from last year’s class teacher to the next as part of our Transition Program.

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FIRST ASSEMBLY FOR 2014

With Stephen and the Year 6 students returning from a week long camp late tomorrow, the Preps finishing school at 1:30 and the weather forecast predicted to be very warm, the first school assembly for Years 1-6 will be on Friday 14th February. Prep students will join us for the following assembly on Friday 22nd February.

We hope to see many of our parents as possible attending our assemblies. Assemblies allow the school community to recognise and celebrate students’ achievements in any given week, as well as promote what else is happening around the school and in classrooms. Our assemblies are also hosted by our Yr 6 leaders and are an integral part of the Leadership Development and Speaking Programs we have at Chatham. Everyone is welcome to join us on a Friday afternoon and this term assembly will start as close as possible to 2:40pm. We hope to see you there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

It has already been a busy start for our Year 6s who are currently on camp down at the Gippsland Lakes and return tomorrow. On next week’s calendar on Wednesday 12th February, all Year 4 – 6 students will participate in the School’s Swimming Carnival from 9:00-12:30 at the Doncaster Aquarena Recreation Centre. While we will be running a variety of 50m swimming races for students who are capable of swimming the length of the pool and collecting times for students to qualify for District Swimming Carnival, there is also the opportunity for all students to participate in a variety of novelty races on the day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to congratulate Rebecca Yates and her husband Simon, on the earlier than expected arrival of their beautiful baby boy, Hamish. Both mum and bub are doing well.

For the start of the year Sue Doherty will be co-ordinating the Instrumental Music Program. Instrumental lessons are due to start next Monday 10th February for an eight week term. Enrolment forms can be collected at the office if you are interested in learning an instrument.

A reminder that the school canteen will not be operating until Monday 17th February and on the proviso that all roster places are filled. There are still some vacant spots if you haven’t as yet had the opportunity to put your name down.

BRONWYN ORR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

An exciting fun, tennis program for beginners from 5 to 8 yrs where your children can learn tennis at school

Sponsored by Tennis Australia & Kelly Tennis

Friendly, qualified pro tennis coaches run the program at your school

The program runs over 8 weeks per term and each new student will receive a FREE tennis racquet & t-shirt on enrolment

Time 8.00am – 8.40am
Date Friday mornings commencing Feb 7th 2014
Venue Chatham Primary School
Cost $96.00 per term
Contact Linda at Kelly Tennis: 1300 558 303 or linda@kellytennis.com.au www.kellytennis.com
DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 10th February
Instrumental Music Lessons commence this week

Tuesday 11th February
Parents’ club meeting—9.15am in the library

Wednesday 12th February
House swimming carnival—Aquarena Doncaster
Year 4 to 6 only—9.00am to 1.00pm

Monday 17th February
Canteen opens (TBC)
School Council 7pm

Wednesday 19th February
District Swimming 12.30—3.30pm

Wednesday 5th March
School photos

Monday 10th March
Public holiday—No school today

Tuesday 11th March
Year 5 camp to Maldon

Friday 14th March
Campers return at 3pm

Wednesday 19th March
Ride 2 School day

Friday 4th April
Last day of term 1—2.30pm finish

Tuesday 22nd April
School resumes for term 2

Friday 25th April
Anzac Day—public holiday

Canteen Committee 2014

If any parents would like to join the Canteen Committee, we would love to have you as part of our team. Our first meeting is next Wednesday 12th February from 9:00am to 9:30am in the staffroom. We meet monthly for half an hour. If you require any further information please see Glenda Kelly.

Sustainability and the Environment at Chatham: An Invitation to Chatham Parents / Carers

Did you know that Chatham is a 5 Star School in the area of sustainability and the environment? This means that we have met the benchmarks set by the Victorian government under their AuSSI ResourceSmart Schools program to minimise waste, save energy and water, promote biodiversity, cut greenhouse gas emissions, as well as embed sustainability into the fabric of everyday school life and, through this, community life too. We also demonstrate leadership by being role models to other schools and the wider community.

We’ve achieved this by:
Running a recycling program for paper, corks, mobile phones, batteries, and compostable materials.
Harvesting over 100,000L worth of rain water (some of which is used to flush the main toilet block)
Installing solar panels that generate 1.5kWh of electricity daily.
Growing our own vegetables and keeping chickens.
Increasing the biodiversity of our grounds by planting more native and indigenous plants.
Reducing the amount of waste going to landfill and the amount of paper we use.
Turning computers, lights, heaters/air-conditioners off when rooms are not in use.
Embedding the principles and learnings of sustainability in the School curriculum.
And, Leading by example!

If you want to know more or feel you can contribute to and enhance Chatham’s Sustainability initiatives, then please contact Susy Montagner on 0408 023 917 or Sue Doherty in the office.
Before and After School Carer Needed
Grade 1 boy from Chatham, 2-3 days per week. Short walk from school. Contact Julia on 0402 779 929

LOST PROPERTY
Lost during 2013
2 x size6 Chatham hoodies.
Named Nelson. Please return to 4SR

CANTEEN 2014
Hopefully we will be opening the week commencing 17th February. There are only a few spots left for both Wednesday and Friday. Please phone Steph on 0401 865 440 if you are able to help.

A new menu will be available soon.

CHECK THE SCHOOL BAGS FOR:

SWIMMING CARNIVAL NOTICE
FOR YEAR 4 TO 6 ONLY
YEAR 5 CAMP NOTICE
(OUT NEXT MONDAY)

PLAY BASKETBALL
FOR BALWYN BLAZERS
AGE GROUPS range from U9 to U13 (open only)
New players, for more information please contact,
Girls: Jo Whitehouse 9977 9974
Boys: Brian Dickson 9877 5194

GRADING WEEK 17th - 20th February
U9 Girls Tuesday Boroondara Sports Complex starting 5pm
U11 Girls Thursday Balwyn Leisure Centre starting 5:15pm
U13 Girls Tuesday Boroondara Sports Complex Starting 4:45pm
U15 Girls For more details please contact the registrar above
U9 Boys Wednesday Boroondara Sports Complex commencing at 5pm
U11 Boys Tuesday Boroondara Park Primary School from TBC
U13 Boys For more details please contact the registrar above
U15 Boys For more details please contact the registrar above

U17- U19 Boys and Girls, for more information please contact the registrar above
Financial Assistance - Information for Parents

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 10*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

**Closing Date:** You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28 February 2014.

Welcome back to the 2014 school year
Décor Lunch boxes and drink bottle now on special up to 50% OFF
When purchasing sunglasses remember to ask for the Chatham special offer
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(03) 9890 3487
info@surreyclothing.com.au
www.surreyonline.com.au
When you first register you must use [Activation key: chat2012]

Trading Hours:  MON- FRI    9am- 5pm    Open 1st Saturday of each month    10am- 1pm

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SOCCER STARS!

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COOL CRICKET

Have fun learning how to play cricket with all your friends in the Big 5 Sports COOL CRICKET program. Learn all the basic skills required to play the game in a safe environment.

Simon Helmot
High Performance Cricket Coach

“As a primary physical education teacher, I believe it is important that every child has the opportunity to participate in a structured sport specific program such as Big 5 Sports.”

ENROL ONLINE AT WWW.BIG5SPORTS.COM.AU

or fill out the enrolment form & send with a cheque or credit card details to: Big 5 Sports. PO Box 357, Richmond 3121

Enrolment forms will not be processed without payment. Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.

ENROLMENT SOCCER

When: Thursdays, Term 1 2014
Classes commence: 13/2/14
Classes conclude: 3/4/14
Time: 8:00am - 8:45am Year Levels: P-2
Venue: Chatham Primary School
The cost per student per term is $109

ENROLMENT COOL CRICKET

When: Fridays, Term 1 2014
Classes commence: 14/2/14
Classes conclude: 4/4/14
Time: 8:00am - 8:45 am Year Levels: P-2
Venue: Chatham Primary School
The cost per student per term is $109

CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

School

Year Level:

Name(s):

Address:

Date Of Birth: __/__/____

Phone (Home): ______ Mobile/Work: ______

Email Address:

Parents Consent: I hereby authorize Big 5 Sports and Dance Oz to act on my behlaf should my child require medical attention, and release Big 5 Sports and Dance Oz from any liability incurred by my child at a Big 5 Sports or Dance Oz Program.

Parents Name: ________________________

Parents Signature: ________________________

Medical Condition:

At the completion of the after school class does your child:

[ ] Go to aftercare  [ ] Car collected

Credit Card Payment:

[ ] Visa  [ ] MasterCard

Card Number: ________________________ Expiry Date: __/__/____

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Amount: ________________________

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