FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

WELCOME 2013 PREPS
It was a big day for the 53 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 quickly after saying good bye to mum and dad. And with such a confident start to their new environment, many of their parents made their way to ‘Tears and Cheers’ which this year was hosted by Louise and Cameron Ross (Tom 2JB and Ben Prep MB). 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.

We couldn’t help but reflect on this occasion on how important a role the school community plays in our lives and we in theirs. This was truly demonstrated after the passing of one of our most loved and respected staff members, Colin Pocklington, and the support and condolences that were shown by members of our community, both past and present, for a man who had touched so many lives. Many generous offers of assistance were also made by members of the immediate and outside community so that a large number of our staff were able to attend Colin’s funeral and share in what was a celebration of his life as a father, husband, friend, colleague and teacher. His family were truly overwhelmed and touched by the outpouring of support by the Chatham community.

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. Speaking to a couple of families afterwards who were in attendance on the night, it marked for them their final working bee at Chatham, with some heralding in their 21st! 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. The next scheduled working bee is for Year 5 families on Saturday 23rd February in readiness for priming the school to look its best for the School Fair the following weekend. So please put this date in your diary. More information will be coming soon.

FIRST ASSEMBLY FOR 2013
With Stephen and the Year 6 students returning from a week long camp late tomorrow, the first school assembly for Years 1-6 will be on Friday 15th February. Prep students will join us for the following assembly on Friday 22nd February.

Last year we trialled the new Friday afternoon assembly time to optimise the best learning periods for our students which included the Monday morning, as well as to recognise and celebrate the students’ achievements for that week. It certainly achieved both those objectives and as the term progressed parent numbers also began to increase. Everyone is welcome to join us on a Friday afternoon and this term assembly will start just after 2:30pm. We hope to see you there.

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PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOONS
A flyer was sent home earlier this week promoting our Parent Information Afternoons next week. Due to the Australian Education Union’s current ‘Work to Rule’ action, where teachers work only to their designated hours of employment, we are now holding our Year Level Information sessions after school, over several days. Each Information Session will begin with a year level focus before moving into individual classrooms where class teachers will give more personalised information pertinent to their classroom program and management.

The days are as follows:

Monday 11th February, 3:45-4:15, is the Prep General Information Session.
Tuesday 12th February, 3:45-4:15, is the Year 1 and 2 Information Session starting with a focus on Take-Home Reading and Bug Club with Glenda Kelly.
Wednesday 13th February, 3:45-4:15, are the Year 3 - 6 Information Sessions. The Year 3s are starting with a focus on Homework, Year 4s Homework, and Year 5 and 6s, Homework, Camp and Expectations for the year.

While parents will not necessarily have the opportunity to speak individually with teachers on this day, in the following week, starting 18th February, teachers will be holding Parent-Teacher interviews. The purpose of these interviews is to give parents the opportunity to share any background information they believe may be relevant for classroom teachers and their child’s learning program. During our curriculum days earlier in the year, teachers also had a ‘hand over’ of student information from last year’s class teacher to the next as part of our Transition program.

Due to the above mentioned union bans, this year each year level will conduct interviews on a specific day starting from 12:30 until 4:30. We understand that this may not be as convenient as in the past but will still allow the opportunity for interviews to go ahead. Interview Preference Times will be coming home with students tomorrow and need to be returned no later than Wednesday 13th February, so please look out for these in your child’s school bag. Notes confirming your interview date and time will then be sent home on Friday 15th February.

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 13th 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 the District Swimming Carnival on Friday 15th February, there is also the opportunity for all students to participate in a variety of novelty races on the day. And dare I mention that the School Fair is only 22 days away!

ANNOUNCEMENTS
We would like to wish Melissa Hosking and husband Mathew well on the imminent birth of their first child. Melissa will be on Family Leave from tomorrow. We look forward to sharing the exciting news of the baby’s arrival in the coming weeks.

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**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 Resource Smart 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; and:
- demonstrate leadership by being role models to other schools and the wider community in how we go about doing all of the above.

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 come along to the first Sustainability Committee Meeting at 7.30pm, Tuesday 12th February, at 18 Norris Street. If you have any questions in the meantime, please call Susy Montagner on 0408 023 917.

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**FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL**

For the start of the year Sue Doherty and Bev Gardiner will be co-ordinating the Instrumental Music Program. Instrumental lessons are due to start the week beginning Monday 18th March, except for students of Dawn Gale who will start the following week. Enrolment forms can be collected at the office if you are interested in learning an instrument.

**CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CRE) CLASSES ARE DUE TO COMMENCE FROM 4TH MARCH.**

**REMEMBER THAT THE SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL NOT BE OPERATING UNTIL AFTER THE SCHOOL FAIR.**

**POSSIBLE STOP WORK ACTION**

As Stephen communicated late last year, the Australian Education Union had proposed a mass stop work day for all members of the union on February 14th, 2013. I will keep everyone informed on the latest information regarding this Industrial Action over the next days as soon as it becomes available. We, of course, will endeavour to give our parent community as much notice as possible if it will impact on any classes.

BRONWYN ORR
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
PARENTS CLUB CORNER

Welcome to 2013 everyone! We had a lovely start to the year with another successful Tears and Cheers gracefully hosted by Cameron and Louise Ross on Friday. Thank you Cam and Lou for being such generous hosts at the same time seeing off their own new prep-pie!

Another big thanks too to the fantastic parents who helped revitalise the Music Room by participating in our holiday working bee coordinated by Gemma Belfrage who had already done a fantastic lot of work herself. It's yet another example of what a community minded school Chatham is. Thank you parents and Gemma for putting in the time and effort to improve the facilities available to our lucky students.

Remember to save the date for the very popular Progressive Dinner on 23 March kicking off at 7pm. Notices will be issued next week.

The first Parents Club meeting will be held this coming Tuesday 12th February before our AGM next month. Come along to help plan what activities will be held this year and see where we're at with the upcoming Fair. We would love to see new faces! Feel free to bring toddlers as it's an informal setting in the library at 9.15. Hope to see you there.

SHIMA IBUKI
PRESIDENT

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY
PREP INFORMATION SESSION—3.45PM TO 4.15PM

TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
BENDIGO SCHOOL BANKING COMMENCES
PARENTS CLUB MEETING—LIBRARY 9.15AM
YEAR 1 AND 2 INFORMATION SESSION 3.45PM TO 4.15PM

WEDNESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS AQUARENA DONCASTER
9.00AM—12.30PM
YEAR 3 TO 6 INFORMATION SESSION 3.45PM TO 4.15PM

FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
INTERSCHOOL SPORT—YEAR 6
DISTRICT SWIMMING—BOROONDARA POOL 12.30PM

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE
Chatham School Progressive Dinner
Saturday 23rd March
Details to follow shortly

CHATHAM'S GOT TALENT
SCHOOL FAIR ENTERTAINMENT

Thanks to all those students who signed up to perform at the school fair on Saturday 2 March 2013. I hope you have all been rehearsing over the holiday break!

We will be having lunchtime rehearsals over the next few weeks to assist those who may need some help with their item. Could all acts please come along, even if they are ready to go - you will not need to stay for the whole lunchtime! Please remember to bring along to rehearsals your ipod, ipod dock and any other things you need for your item. Don't forget to start to think about what you will be wearing for the act as well, but no need to bring that along to rehearsals.

Rehearsals will be at lunchtime, in the school hall, as follows:
Monday 11th February - Prep - Year 3
Monday 18th February - Year 4 - 6

Thanks to those who have contacted me regarding certain times your child is not available on the day of the fair. If anyone has a request as to what time your child performs, please let me know this week. After this week the timetable will be set for the day and not able to be changed.

Thanks for your support - we have some amazing acts!
Andrea Barker
andreabarker@iprimus.com.au

CHATHAM COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

The first Chatham Community Prayer Group for the year will be held on Monday 11th February at 9am after drop off in the Out of School Hours House at the bottom of the oval.
We would love you to join us to connect with other parents in the school, have a coffee and morning tea and to pray for needs of the school and families.
New parents and preschoolers are very welcome. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Melissa Rule on 0418 359 732.
Cake Stall

Calling all Chatham Families to get out your most loved recipes for cakes, slices and biscuits. As in past years, the Cake stall is asking for all families to provide 2 plates of your wonderful recipes to sell at the school fair.

So start thinking of what you can make. Chocolate cakes, brownies, cupcakes and all types of slices all are popular and sell well.

Plates, labels and more information will be sent home on Thursday 21st February.

Thankyou

Cate Sharp and Nicole Powne (Stall Coordinators)

WANTED : BAKERS

Do you have a cake or slice recipe that all your family and friends rave about? I am looking for people to make a one-off cake or slice that is a bit special to sell at this year's Fair at the Cafe. It could be a scrumptious “Nigella” cake, or your Nana’s secret family recipe. Our only requirement is that it is freshly baked and requires no refrigeration and is slightly impressive to look at! To all you bakers out there, please email me with your mouth-watering ideas so that we can make the Cafe look and taste spectacular!!

Email Susan on sj_wilding@hotmail.com
Thankyou! Susan

WANTED: SCONE BAKERS

As part of the Cafe at the Fair, we would like to offer delicious Devonshire Teas. If you are one of those exceptional people who can bake light, fluffy, delicious scones, I would love to hear from you!! Email Susan on : sj_wilding@hotmail.com

Chatham Primary School Trash and Treasure Donations

Drop offs every Wed afternoon until Fair Day, 3-3.30pm at the Banool Rd portable- just look for the colourful bunting. We will happily accept new and pre loved items of any kind, household goods, furniture, bikes, toys etc including clothing and accessories (please no electrical goods).

Please ensure items are clean and in working order.

Strong bags of paper or plastic all shapes and sizes are required.

Thank you to the families who donated such wonderful items last year, we look forward to Chatham’s fabulous fair. Evanne & Margaret.

For enquiries call Evanne on 0432 443 801.
CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

big5sports

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 Holman
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, 23 Killarney Road, Reservoir, Vic. 3073
Enrolment forms will not be processed without payment. Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.

ENROLMENT
COOL CRICKET

When: Thursdays Term 1 2013
Classes commence: 14/02/2013
Classes conclude: 28/03/2013
Time: 8:00am - 8:45am Year Levels: P - 2
Venue: Chatham Primary School
The cost per student, per term is $109.00

ENROLMENT
BASKETBALL STARS

When: Fridays Term 1 2013
Classes commence: 15/02/2013
Classes conclude: 22/03/2013
Time: 8:00am - 8:45am Year Levels: P - 2
Venue: Chatham Primary School
The cost per student, per term is $109.00

School: CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Name(s): 

Address: 

Phone (home): Mobile/Work: 

Email Address: 

Parent’s Caretaker: hereby authorises Big 5 Sports to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Big 5 Sports from any liability incurred by my child at a Big 5 Sports Program.

Parent’s Name: 

Parent’s Signature: 

Medical Conditions: 

At the conclusion of the after school class please your child: 

Go to aftercare 

Get collected 

Credit Card Payment: (Please tick) 

Visa 

MasterCard 

Card Number: 

Expiry Date: 

Card Holders Name: 

Amount: 

Big 5 Sports is a registered child care provider. Address: PO Box 5055, Stainless 3132. Phone: 1300 787 071 Fax: (03) 9461 0622 Email: info@big5sports.com.au
OSHC NEWS
Welcome back everyone to a brand new year at Chatham OSHC house. Shirin, Paul and Myself are really excited about this year as there are so many different activities that we are going to be doing.
The AASC is returning on Monday and Wednesday with Rugby Union and Multi-Sport which should be a lot of fun. The kids will also be doing many different, challenging and fun art & craft activities and we will also go crazy in the kitchen with some yummy cooking.
A note to all parents to please feel free to come to the OSHC house and discuss with Rhett anything you need to know about the OSHC program or Camp Australia.
Thanks, Rhett

REMINDERS
How to get started before using our programs you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustralia.com.au

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online. Keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families.

Save on Care You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

KIDS CORNER
THIS WEEK’S ARTICLE IS WRITTEN BY JESSICA POWNE
I LIKE TACOS, CHINESE, SPAGHETTI, CHOCOLATE, LOLLIES, CHICKEN MUSHROOM SOUP, PUZZLES, BEAGLES, KELPIES AND ANYTHING FLUFFY! AT THE OSHC HOUSE I LIKE DOING PUZZLES AND MY HOMEWORK. WE ALSO HAVE FUN DOING COOKING. I THINK WE SHOULD DO COOKING MORE OFTEN. I ALSO LIKE IT WHEN WE WATCH MOVIES.

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD...
Will be continued as soon as the Preps start coming full time, this will give all the kids the same amount of time to learn all the OSHC rules and know what to do to receive the ‘Star of the Week’ award.

www.campaustralia.com.au
REGISTRATION & GRADING DAY

*** New players wanted ***

Where: Koonung Secondary College
When: Sunday 17th February 2013
Time: 10:30 am to 4.30 pm

All players undertaking Grading are requested to:
- wear a Koonung singlet (new players wear a red t-shirt),
- bring a basketball and
- a drink bottle.

GRADING & REGISTRATION TIMES (Under 9 to Under 13)

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For all age groups the cut-off date is 1st January 2013.
So if your child was 8 at that date they will play Under 9s

See www.kcbc.asn.au for more details or email koonung@7@hotmail.com

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Learn to Play Basketball

Shooting Stars - TERM 1

- Learn the basics of basketball
- 7 one hour sessions
- Make new friends
- This program is to prepare young children for playing basketball
- For children aged 5 - 9

Where: Koonung Secondary College
615 Elgin Road
MONT ALBERT NORTH 3129 VIC

Cost: $45

All you need to bring is a basketball and a drink bottle.

Please register at the session.

GIRLS PROGRAM: MONDAY 4.00 PM TO 5.00 PM (11th February until 18th March)
ENDS: TARA WALLACE 0404 638 713

BOYS PROGRAM: TUESDAY 4.00 PM TO 5.00 PM (11th February until 19th March)
ENDS: NATHAN CLEMENTS 9899 1597

This program runs every school term. See www.kcbc.asn.au for more details.

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PLAY BASKETBALL FOR BALWYN BLAZERS

GRADING FOR WINTER 2013 11TH-14TH FEBRUARY

AGE GROUPS range from Under 9 to Under 19 yrs ( prep onwards)

New players, for more information please contact:
Girls: Joe Whitehouse: 9877 9577
Boys: Dave Dickinson: 9857 3104

Email: girlsregistratr@blazers.com or boysregistratr@blazers.com
Website: www.batwynblazers.com

All New players are welcome from beginners to representative level. With age groups starting from players turning 7 (U9 group) through to U19 yrs. Based at Balwyn High School and Balwyn Leisure Centre we participate in the Saturday competition run by the EDJA.

Please refer to website for more information and contact the respective registratr.
Ukulele Classes @ Chatham PS
Enrolling now for Term 1 2013

Preps to Grade 6 (see below)

Literacy and Numeracy are key to education in young children. Research shows that learning a musical instrument enhances brain development in these areas at all ages. This development is especially profound in kids under 7. It powerfully develops neural pathways in your child’s brain - all those amazing connections which in turn assist learning – especially numeracy and literacy – and the Ukulele is great fun!

The little Ukulele is quite possibly the very best introductory instrument for young learners.

We have been teaching in schools for 5 years now and the results are clear. Ukulele lessons offer quick success, inspiring eagerness to play often (which really is practise but don’t let on©).

- Our in-school lessons make it much easier for families, with one less activity they have to try and juggle after school or weekends.
- Small-group lessons create opportunities for social development as well as lowering the cost for parents
- The tiny size of the ukulele offers many benefits to young learners, including:
  - fitting in their back pack
  - easy to hold and play
  - fingers can manage chords well etc.
  - beginning student models are very inexpensive compared to guitars, keyboards etc.

Our program, while fun and engaging, is based on a solid theoretical foundation which puts kids in a great position if they want to go on to other instruments. As students progress, they are able to join our Ukulele Orchestra!

Ukulele lessons are great for students of all ages. Perfect for young learners, older kids get the hang of it all very quickly, and can soon play & sing along to all their favourite songs.

Our half hour classes create little disruption to day to day classes. We work closely with the school, timetabling classes around all specialist subjects.

Fees are inclusive of lessons, administration and school contributions and are $11.25 per lesson for concessions and multiple learners in one family, and $13.25 per term for full fee students. Ukuleles are available directly through our music school for $35. Materials are $22.

Preps can begin lessons from second term. It is a good idea to enrol now however as places fill quickly - we often have a whole bunch of friends want to join as soon as one of the group starts coming to classes.

To enrol your child, or for further information, call or email our office:
P: 0418 356574        E: info@uke4kids.com        View: www.uke4kids.com
JOIN THE MIGHTY CANTERBURY COBRA'S 2013

UNDER 8/9 (TACKERS) through to UNDER 14

REGISTRATION DAY:
SUNDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2013
(Cobra's Hoodie & Sportbag included in NEW Registration)
9.00 AM TO 11.00AM
Free Sausage Sizzle & Uniform Shop Open

WHERE: CANTERBURY SPORTSGROUND, GUILDSFORD ROAD,
SURREY HILLS (MELWAY REF: 46 F10)

Join our community based Club where the emphasis is on exciting football in a friendly and respectful environment.

For more information visit www.canterburyjfc.com.au