FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PREPARING FOR 2012
We have been informed by some students that they will not be returning to Chatham next year but we have not yet received a letter of confirmation from parents. Please inform us of this ASAP. This important information will enable us to start planning our class structure for next year as well as organising our staffing profile.

PROPOSED CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2012
Student enrolments for next year is predicted to just a little lower than for 2012 at 430 students. Based on current numbers it is anticipated that we will once again be planning to have 20 classes in 2013. The proposed grade structure with approximate numbers is:

- Prep – 3 x 18
- Year 1 – 3 x 20
- Year 2 – 3 x 21
- Year 3 – 3 x 21
- Year 4 – 3 x 23
- Year 5 – 2 x 26
- Year 6 – 3 x 21

We usually have a number of new enrolments that arrive either at the end of the year or before the start of the new school year. Although next year’s Year 5 classes will be our biggest, moving to 2 grades will allow us to offer a stronger connectedness to school and to peers for the small number of girls in this Year 5 cohort.

This structure may change slightly, but our 2013 planning is commencing on this proposed structure.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
Congratulations to the following Year 4, 5 & 6 students who competed in the Australian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads Competition. Miranda Milaszewicz has been taking these students for weekly sessions for extension maths and they recently completed 5 exams around problem solving.

29,391 students from around Australia competed in this competition with one of our teams finishing in the top 25% of team scores. Individual students also received outstanding results.

- Cameron Maddern scored a perfect score – 25/25. This result was achieved by only 280 students and places Cameron in the top 1% of students in Australia.
- The following students achieved scores placing them in the top 10%: Leteitia Presser, Ella Sharp, Jack Stephens

One of our teams also achieved a combined score that placed this team in the top 25% of all participating schools around Australia. Congratulations to all the students for all their efforts and fantastic results in this problem solving challenge.

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KOORI GARDEN OPENING
A great many people have been working hard on this new garden bed near the Prep classroom decking area. The original design was put together by a couple of our parents. A number of working bees have been held with students and Chatham families to develop this design and create 4 areas of circular plantings of indigenous plants that have been used by the original Koori people living in our area.

A number of “official guests” have been invited to come along to help us celebrate the official opening of this new garden bed. The whole school will be present for this ceremony which will include a ‘Welcome to Country’ and ‘Smoking Ceremony’ conducted by an elder from the Wurundjeri tribe.

All parents and friends are welcome to join us on Thursday 22nd November from 2:30 pm.

SUSTAINABILITY
Yesterday we had an auditor from Sustainability Victoria visit our school as part of our accreditation for our 5th star. We have submitted a great deal of data, evidence and information about all the initiatives we have implemented in the areas of bio-diversity, energy, waste and water management over the last 3 years. We hope to hear shortly that our submission has been successful.

GINGER BREAD HOUSE MAKING
This is always a great night and is very popular with the limited space filling up quickly. All order forms are due in by Thursday 22nd November with the big night of two sessions taking place in our school hall on Thursday the 6th of December.

SCHOOL FAIR 2013
Now the Concert is over, the next big event for the school community takes place early next term. Our School Fair is quickly approaching and with the Christmas holidays less than 6 weeks away we need to start to get things really organised.

Each family will shortly receive a flyer asking for assistance to help out on the day. The expectation is that every school family should be able to fulfil at least 1 shift and to help out in some, including assisting with setting up and clearing up, and the many jobs that are needed to make this fair its usual success. Please start thinking about how you can help at the fair and make sure that you give a commitment to assist when these forms are sent home soon.

CHATHAM GOLF DAY
Entry forms are due in for the Chatham Golf Day by tomorrow, Friday 16th November. This is a great day on the social calendar of the school and everyone is invited to enter to have a chance to win the prestigious Chatham Cup. You don’t necessarily need to be a “good” golfer (I am testament to that!), as this competition is played in a team format which means that everyone contributes. This event will be held at the Box Hill Golf Club on Friday 30th November with an early start of a tee off time of 7:45am. The round will be followed by a BBQ lunch, including the awarding of prizes and awards. Get your own team registration in or put your name in as an individual and the organisers will put you into a team. This is always a great day so remember to get your registration in by tomorrow.

WORKING BEE
Thank you to the small group of parents and students who were able to make it along to school last Saturday for the Grade 2 working bee. We were able to clean up the school before this week’s transition morning and completed a number of cleaning and maintenance jobs. The next working bee is scheduled for Year 1 families scheduled for Saturday 8th December. Please make some time during the morning to come along to help us complete some of the many tasks that we have planned for the big clean-up day before the holidays.

PREP ORIENTATION DAYS
We had our first Prep Orientation Day for our 2013 preps yesterday. Our new Preps spent time exploring their classrooms and getting to know the school better as their parents got to know each other with a special morning tea in the library. Thanks to the Parents Club and our current Prep parents for assisting with this morning tea.
LATE ARRIVALS
Every day we have a number of students arriving late for school. I understand that sometimes this is the children’s fault, but sometimes, it is also the fault of parents. We also understand that in busy households there can be things that do go wrong and cause you to be late. But, there are many families that are habitually late. It is important that students arrive at school sometime between 8:45 and 9:00am so that they can enter their classroom and get prepared for the day. This gives them time to return their reading books, place their lunch orders in the baskets, give their teacher notices and talk to their classmates before the day begins. The start of the school day is very important in getting the students settled and ready for the day ahead.

Most classes will begin with their Literacy activities. This means that students are given instructions on what to do, they are placed in their working groups or provided with the materials for their work. Students who arrive late to class can often miss this important information. By constantly arriving late at school, students can quickly learn that school is not that important and it is OK to be late. As role models, parents should instil in their children the notion that it is important to be on time, to meet deadlines and to commit to meeting schedules. Arriving at school at the correct time each day is a good way of instilling in our students that it is important to be on time for all commitments.

SCHOOL SPORT
This week we have a number of teams playing in a range of sports. Our Year 6 boys’ basketball team competed in the Regional Finals for the School Sport Victoria competition. They won their first 2 games but lost their 3rd, putting them out of the Grand Final. Well done boys.

On Tuesday we had 3 teams of Year 5 & 6 students competing in the Milo Cricket competition. The boys’ team number 1 made it through to the Grand Final after winning all of their games, but could not make enough runs to win through. The boys’ team number 2, won 1 game and lost the other 2 by small margins. The girls’ team also won 1 game and lost the other 2. All teams had a great day of fun playing this fast paced short version of the game of cricket.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL

END OF YEAR SOIREE
This year’s End of Year Soiree will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 12th December at 7.00pm. The Soiree will feature the Vocal Ensemble, School Band, Year 6 Soloists, small group performances and other selected soloists. The evening will conclude with a massed carol performance. Please note the date in your diaries, more details will follow in the coming weeks.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

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INSTRUMENTAL 2013
To assist us with planning for 2013 we are asking all current instrumental students to indicate if they intend to continue lessons for first semester next year. We would also like to invite any student from years 2-6 who would like to start learning an instrument to fill in an expression of interest.

At this stage it looks like the cost of lessons will remain at $26 for a 30 minute individual lesson and $16 for a 30 minute lesson in a group of two, plus a $30 administration fee per semester.

Enrolment forms will be sent out in a few weeks time to confirm enrolments. Lessons will be available on Piano, Violin, Flute, Guitar and Drums. If there is enough interest we may also be able to offer Clarinet, Trumpet, Cornet and Trombone.

If you are interested please fill in an expression of interest form at the school office or send your child’s name, class and instrument interested in playing to howes.wendy.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Wendy Howes
Instrumental Co-ordinator
2013 SCHOOL FAIR
CHATHAM'S GOT TALENT!

With the school fair coming upon us very quickly once we start back in 2013, now is the time we are looking for students to participate in Chatham's Got Talent! For those new to Chatham, the students provide entertainment for the afternoon of the fair. This could be a dance routine with friends, a song, piano solo, magic act, skipping, the ideas are endless and we are open to new and exciting acts.

Over the next few weeks there will be announcements at assembly asking the students to have a think about how they would like to participate. Please talk to your child/children as to how they may be able to take part in this fair event.

We will be having a "sign up" day for all acts in early December and we ask that the students work on their item during the Christmas Holidays. Once we are back at school we will be having a few days where the students can come along at lunchtime to practice or get help from our Grade 6 helpers.

I look forward to working with the wonderful children of Chatham once again.

Any questions, please feel free to call me on 0417370724.

Andrea Barker

CANTEN ROSTER

NOVEMBER
Friday 16th
AM: Karen, Janina and Susy
PM: Annie, Sarah and Melody

Wednesday 21st
AM & PM: Steph and Maria

Friday 23rd
AM: Karen, Vicky and Phillipa
PM: Louise, Kerry and Jane

I still need 2 helpers for Wednesday 28th November from 11.30am to 2.00pm. If you can help please contact me.

Sarah Andrews  Canteen Manager (0403 866 156)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
LEVEL 3 EXCURSION TO HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY

WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
PREP TRANSITION—9.15—11.00AM

THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER
KOORI GARDEN LAUNCH—2.30PM

MONDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
SPEAKING WITH CONFIDENCE 6.30PM—5J

TUESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO THE IMMIGRATION MUSEUM
SENIOR HOOPTIME GRANDFINAL

WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
PREP TRANSITION—9.15AM TO 12.30PM
PREP 2013 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT 7.30PM

THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
YEAR 6 CITY EXCURSION
SPEAKING WITH CONFIDENCE 6.30PM—5N

MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER
SPEAKING WITH CONFIDENCE 6.30PM—5Y
FAIR MEETING STAFF ROOM—7.30PM

THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER
GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING IN THE HALL FROM 4.30PM

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER
CRE SERVICE
SENIORS 9.10/9.55AM, JUNIORS 10.05/10.45AM

TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER
YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO YEAR 7 DAY
PARENTS CLUB MEETING IN THE LIBRARY AT 9.15AM
DECEMBER SHOWDOWN TENNIS ROD LAVER—YEAR 5

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER
SCHOOL DISCO

MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER
CLASS PARTIES
YEAR 6 BIG DAY OUT

THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER
YEAR 6 GRADUATION

FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER—LAST DAY

2013

WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY
BOOK COLLECTION

THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY
YEAR 1—6 COMMENCE SCHOOL

FRIDAY 1ST FEBRUARY
PREPS COMMENCE
LAST DAY FOR ORDERS IS THIS FRIDAY

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP, VOCAL ENSEMBLE, BAND
and WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE $13.00 EACH

Photos are displayed near the office.

If you would like to order a photo please collect a form from the office.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN WILL BE FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER.

THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH ORDERS AFTER THAT DATE.

THANK YOU
FAIR HELP NEEDED

The Café is in need of two to three baristas to run the coffee machine for a two hour shift each. Experience is required as they will be working solo.

If you can help or have any questions please call Susan Wilding on 0423 103 595 or sj_wilding@hotmail.com

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!
THE WORKS (BED BATH N’ TABLE)
275 Burwood Road, Hawthorn
VIP ONE DAY Only SHOPPING EVENT!

TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2012
9AM TO 9PM

The Countdown is on! Only 50 days to Christmas!
Make a List, gather your friends and Let’s go Shopping!
Come along and enjoy a glass (or 2) of Sparkling, Finger Food, Sample from the Cooking Demonstrations and enjoy the Entertainment too!
An Invitation from The Works for this EVENT will be sent home the week prior. Please present this at The Works and your *transaction will be recorded.
*15% of the value of Full-Priced Products and *10% of Promotional Products will be Donated to Chatham Primary School.
(Ample Parking across the road at Bunnings Warehouse)
ENJOY! (Chatham Primary Parents Club)

CONGRATULATIONS
To Grace Harries whose design was chosen as the logo for Box Hill Centro’s Vegecation Garden.
To all School Families,

Chatham Primary School is pleased to invite you to the opening and celebration of its Koori Garden.

The Koori Garden has been designed and built by parents, students and staff over 2011 and 2012. It features indigenous plants that were used by the Aboriginal People before white settlement.

This month the garden has been completed and we would be delighted if you would join us for the official opening.

Thursday 22nd November
2.30pm – 3pm
Chatham Primary School, Weybridge St Surrey Hills.
RSVP 19th November to Chatham PS office 9830 1933

The celebrations will include a traditional Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony as performed by the Wurundjeri Elders.

Best regards,
Stephen Rothwell
Principal
OSHC NEWS

Hi Everyone at Chatham PS,
I hope that you all enjoyed your sort of long weekend and I hope that you had fun watching the Melbourne Cup and maybe picked the winner Green Moon (like my wife did)
A very special day happened yesterday with the 7/11 free slurpee day, how many did you get?
This week we continue painting the OSHC windows, ourselves and the canvases with all different types of painting styles.
The First test starts tomorrow in Brisbane Australia taking on South Africa and the house will be doing something special, SO WATCH OUT!
Thanks, Rhett

REMINDS

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.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
MONDAY
Painting
Playground
Cricket

TUESDAY
AASC Fencing
Painting
Cooking

WEDNESDAY
Hall Games
Computers
Bounce Down

THURSDAY
AASC Multi-Sport
OSHCG Cooking
Drawing

FRIDAY
Basketball
Board Games
Secret Word:
Say: Bang Bang

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE
MONDAY
Maze Comp
Air Hockey
Board Games

TUESDAY
Hama Beads
Lego Construction
SSquare

WEDNESDAY
Soccer Table
Uno
Riddles

THURSDAY
8 Square
Plasterine
Train Sets

FRIDAY
Pancakes
Construction
Drawing

MENU
Our Menu varies between all of these items

MONDAY
Jaffles
Sandwiches
Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY
Cereal
Sakatas
Jaffles

WEDNESDAY
Vegemite
2 Min Noodles
Toast

THURSDAY
Salads
Honey
Vegetables

FRIDAY
Pancakes
Water
Milo

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD... This week our award goes to Sarah Winch. Sarah is a Great Grade 6, who always comes to OSHC ready for a goodtime, Sarah helps the OSHC leaders with the younger kids and makes sure to try lots of different activities. Thanks Sarah