FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2013

I am inviting families to submit to me in writing, any important information that they feel might help in the student placement of our Year 2013 class arrangements. Your knowledge of your own children is important to us in the placement process. All requests will be confidential and considered by me in light of the very thoughtful and thorough arrangements that are in place for class placements by teachers. Please remember that any requests regarding particular teachers cannot be accepted.

In writing any information, parents should remember that the class teachers know your child very well – they have been with them for 6 hours a day for the past 36 weeks. As professionals, teachers know who your child’s friends are and which children they work well and socialise with. All teachers have the best interest of your child at heart and using their professional judgements, will consider all areas (educational, social and emotional) when placing you child in a class for next year. We follow a very detailed procedure for class arrangements each year and the teachers will take into account the following considerations when placing your child:

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Students are also surveyed on who they consider to be their friends and who they think they also work best with (most times these are not the same people) and this information is used to ensure that each child is placed in a class with at least 1 of their selections. Parents need to remember that it is often best for children to spread their wings and to develop new friendships & working buddies. At Chatham, we like to move teachers about which means that some teachers may also moving to a new year level.

In providing parents this opportunity to write to me each year about any education or social concerns regarding their child’s placement, often very sensitive issues will emerge that makes it difficult to place individual students. We will attempt to accommodate these requests wherever we can, but there are many issues to consider in making up these grades. As well, teachers will make very definite recommendations about a particular student’s needs. We endeavour to have each class as balanced as possible by using the criteria stated above. Please remember that your class teacher is a professional educator and when all the available information is considered, we will certainly try our very best to accommodate all issues with the aim of making the best possible decision in the best grade placement for your child.

If you have any important educational issues regarding your child’s class placement next year, please write to me personally and outline your concerns. I would appreciate all letters reaching me by next Friday 30th November.

Unless circumstances are exceptional, I will not be prepared to accept letters after this date as teachers have already started their planning for next year. Please mark these letters ‘Confidential’ and address them to me personally via the school office.

PROPOSED CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2013

Student enrolments for next year are predicted to be just a little lower than for 2012 with 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:

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The school's staffing profile is based on the projected enrolment each year. The Department of Education provides each school with a Global Budget based on their February Census enrolment figure. This Global Budget provides us with our staffing allocation and monies for programs, maintenance, utilities, cleaning, etc. Locally raised funds enable us to provide the extra resources, materials and programs that have helped to make Chatham such a great school. Each year the grade structure is based on the number of staff we can afford and how many classrooms we are entitled to have based on our enrolment figure.

We are confident that this proposed grade structure for 2013 will work well and provide the best possible educational outcomes for all students. This grade structure will enable us to meet the Department guidelines and initiatives, to meet our own school's Strategic Plan priorities and allow us to continue with our exemplary specialist programs in Physical Education, Library, Music, Japanese and Art.

We are currently starting the process of organising student grade placements as well as staffing positions for 2013. Parents will be notified of these arrangements in the last week of term.

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.

2013 SCHOOL FEES
All families who are returning to Chatham next year will be soon receiving their fee schedule for 2013. This fee structure has been approved by School Council and is slightly higher than this year's amount. These fees need to be paid before collecting the student materials from school. Student materials will be available for collection from school on the day before students return, Wednesday 30th January 2013.

Under Department guidelines we are required to break the fee structure up into 3 sections:
1. Essential education items which parents and guardians are required to provide or pay the school to provide for their child.
2. Voluntary financial contributions are those in which parents and guardians are invited to donate to the school to help supplement the wonderful programs and facilities that we offer at our school.
3. Optional extras are those items which are provided in addition to the “standard curriculum” but are essential items which are offered and available to all students. These may include excursions, camps. Swimming, chess club, etc

The school greatly values the generosity of the school community with its support in so many areas. It is essential that this financial support continues so that the school can continue to offer the high quality programs and resources into next year. These fees need to be paid before book pick up day on Wednesday 30th January. Please contact the school office if you have any difficulties with the payment of these fees. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

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 and a number of working bees 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.

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PREP ORIENTATION DAYS
At yesterday’s orientation day the new Preps met their buddies from Year 4 who will be looking after them for the next 2 years at Chatham. This buddy system develops strong relationships and our Year 4 students were certainly just as excited about this meeting as were the new Prep students. The final orientation session is next week on **Wednesday 28th November**. There will also be an Information session for Prep parents starting at 7:30pm in the school hall on this evening.

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

CHATHAM GOLF DAY
Entry forms were due in last week but there are still places available for those who would like to come along and join us for the mornings round of golf. This is a great day on the social calendar for 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 and 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 place you into a team.

WORKING BEE
The next working bee is scheduled for Year 1 families on Saturday 8th December. Please make some time during the morning to come along and help us complete some of the many tasks that we have planned for the big clean-up day before the holidays.

HOOPTIME STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Good luck to the Year 6 Boy’s team that will compete in the Hooptime State Basketball Championships early next week. Results will be published in next week’s newsletter.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

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 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 on Wednesday 5th December at 1.45pm in the school hall. 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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER
CHATHAMS GOT TALENT SIGN UP IN HALL AT 1.45PM

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

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER
INSTRUMENTAL SOIREE—SCHOOL HALL

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 OF SCHOOL—1.30PM DISMISSAL

2013
WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY
BOOK COLLECTION

THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY
YEAR 1—6 COMMENCE SCHOOL

FRIDAY 1ST FEBRUARY
PREPS COMMENCE
TEARS AND CHEERS

CANTEEN ROSTER

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 21st
AM & PM: Steph and Maria

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

Wednesday 28th
AM: Rochelle and Deb
PM: Susan and TBA

Friday 30th
AM: Nicole, Malini and Justine
PM: Viv, Celeste and TBA

Sarah Andrews Canteen Manager (0403 866 156)
**FREE TO A GOOD HOME**

Free: 3 bedroom roller blinds from Edwardian-style home. Cream colour, 2 with scalloped hem with braided cord pull. Also 2 wooden curtain poles with turned ends. All in good condition, all brackets and fittings included. Call Merrilyn 0419 513 173

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**GRADE 2 PARENTS & CARERS**

Please join us to celebrate the end of Grade 2

Date: Friday 7th December
Time: 7.30pm onwards
Location: 17 Norris Street, Surrey Hills
What to Bring: BYO drinks & a plate to share (sweet or savoury)
Cost: A gold coin (for the school's social services)

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**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

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**SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB**

The last brochures for 2012 were sent home this week. Orders are due next Friday, 30th November. No late orders can be accepted.

If you want your books kept for collection in the school office, please write ‘Hold at Office’ in the ‘due back at school by’ space on each order form.

There is a special ‘Extra’ catalogue that has some great Christmas Gifts Ideas, including books for under $5.

There is also the usual popular stuff like Diary of a Wimpy Kid, One Direction, Lego, Magic School Bus and lots of cute puppies and kittens!

Any questions? Ring Karen on 0400833975

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

**THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH ORDERS AFTER THAT DATE.**

**THANK YOU**

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

> Bank at school from Monday 19th November to Friday 14th of December
> and you could win 1 of 12 Apple Ipad Mini’s valued @ $369 just in time for Christmas!
> This competition runs for all schools participating in the School Banking Program.
> Your entry is automatic once your deposit is made through the school banking program:
> · Dig out your deposit wallets if they have been hiding.

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**CHATHAM COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP**

The Chatham Community Prayer Group will be meeting in the Out of School Hours building next Wednesday 28th November, straight after school drop off.

This group meets each month to pray for and support the school program, students and staff, any particular needs as requested and the CRE program. It is comprised of a number of Chatham parents and CRE teachers. Newcomers are always welcome.

Morning tea will be provided and pre-schoolers are welcome. This will be the final prayer group for 2012.

Enquiries to Melissa Rule on 0418 359 732 or Rosalie Milne on 0402 114949

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**DON'T FORGET! BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE DUE:**

**Friday 30th November**
Trash and Treasure for the School Fair
2013
We welcome all donations
every Wednesday during Term 4
from 3.00 – 3.30pm

Drop off location is at the portable by Banool rd basketball court.

We accept pre loved and new items such as… buttons china soaps candle holders
cups picture frames shoes belts jewellery baby items bikes vases baskets pots
hats watches stationery toys serving trays garden tools office goods lamp
shades furniture goggles cutlery linen fabric scarves children’s clothes ornaments
dvds tupperware cushions cds
games videos mirrors puzzles sports gear
salad bowls scooters baby items hand-bags wallets costumes platters crystal
musical instruments old wares
sunglasses fishing gear etc.

Thank you so much to those who have already donated.
Margaret & Evanne
**CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**WHOLE SCHOOL DISCO**

**FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 2012**

“Hippie Days”

Dress relaxed, some long hair, headband, flares, beads and flower power.

Groovy man!

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1. **PREPS** will be given a lolly bag and drink at the end of their disco and do not need to order food.
2. **GRADES 1 to 6**: Please Order Food on the form below. There will be no food for sale on the night.
3. **PARENTS**: Students must be collected on time by an adult at the end of their session.

**DISCO ATTENDANCE AND FOOD ORDER FORM** (Please tick)

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Family Ticket (3 or more children) is $12. Please list each Child’s Name & Class above.

**TOTAL** $ 

**ADULT HELPERS FORM**

MUMS, DADS, CARERS ... WE NEED YOU TO HELP OUT ON THE NIGHT!!

Please indicate below when you can help and we will contact you:

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RETURN this Form plus Payment (cheques payable to CPSC Parents Club Fundraising) to your class teacher by Monday 3rd of December.

(No food orders will be accepted after this date)
OSHC NEWS

Well hello there Chatonians, I hope that everyone is enjoying the start of the warmer weather. The OSHC house is also heating up as we work our way into the end of the School year. The AASC on Monday and Tuesday is going fabulous, with the kids really improving on their fencing and also having heaps of fun with Multi-sport. The OSHC windows are complete with the kids selecting their theme of Christmas, so please come down and have a look.

This week’s Secret action requires a kids to be the first person to attempt a handstand at the OSHC house.
Thanks, Rhett

REMININDERS

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

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD... This week our award goes to Daniel Bolch. Daniel is a really big help at the OSHC house as he is always ready to get involved in every different activity. Daniel also takes care of the OSHC house and all the equipment inside. Daniel remembers his manners and help younger kids to get involved. Thanks Daniel.
CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 Holme
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

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

Medical Conditions:

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

☐ Go to afreere ☐ Out collected

☐ $99 early bird discount

Book before 21st December to receive the discount

☐ $10 Big 5 Sports T-shirt

To order please tick this box and add $10.00 to the term fees

Credit Card Payment: [Please tick]
☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Card Number: ___________ ___________ _________ ________
Expiry Date: ___ / ___

Card Holders Name: ________________________________

Amount: $__________

Big 5 Sports is a registered child care provider.