FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CHANGE OF ASSEMBLY TIMES
Due to the school disco taking place next Friday we will have to move our Friday afternoon assembly time to first thing in the morning. So, for next week, Friday 14th December, our school assembly will be taking place at 9:05am. The last assembly for the year will be on December 21st starting at 12:30pm.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION
The State Government has been negotiating with the Australian Education Union around the teachers’ next agreement for well over 18 months. These negotiations have not been resolved and the Australian Education Union has been introducing new forms of industrial action over the last 6 months. Some of these actions have included not completing Departmental surveys, not responding to Department emails, ceasing the introduction of the new Australian Curriculum program, not attending Department briefings, walking out if any Government Minister should enter the school grounds, only attending a certain number of hours of after school meetings per week and taking full and half day stop work actions. Due to the recent breakdown of these negotiations, the industrial actions carried out by teachers are planned to escalate.

As part of a new range of industrial action all union members will not be completing the usual format for the end of year student reports. All teachers at Chatham are union members. The union has directed its members to only include the teacher judgements against the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) graph. This means that there will be no comments made against the VELS in any of the key learning areas. The union sub branch at Chatham has decided to be a little flexible about these reports though and have agreed to write a general teacher’s comment for each child outlining their behaviour and attitude to work. The specialist teachers will also be making similar comments against their learning area but there will be no comments made against the learning outcomes for your child.

I know for a fact, that the great majority of schools across Victoria will be following the directive made by the Education Union. Chatham’s union sub branch has decided to take their course as professionals who value the strong relationships we have with our families as well as valuing the students that they have had in their care for the last 10 months, whilst still attempting to make a stand as part of the Union. It is usual for teachers at Chatham to spend well over 40+ hours of their own time, at night and on weekends, to complete student reports. This is equivalent to two extra week’s work. So, this action will mean that reports from Chatham this year will be different.

- They will display the progression points graph of student achievement against VELS
- There will be no comments made about student achievement against VELS
- Teachers at Chatham have decided to write a general comment for each student in relation to class behaviour and work attitude.

Your child’s report will be sent home on Wednesday 19th December. Along with their learning journal, this plays the major part of our end of year reporting requirements where students are assessed against the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS).

A reminder to everyone on exactly what the A – E ratings mean
- A “C” rating means that a child is at the standard expected at the time of reporting and that his or her learning is on track.
- A “B” rating means that a child is above the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting.
- An “A” rating means a child is well above the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting.
- A “D” rating means a child is below the standard expected.
- An “E” rating means that the child is well below the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting.

This means that a “C” rating does not mean achievement is “just adequate.” It indicates that a child has met the state-wide standard expected of children of their age at the time of reporting and that their learning is firmly on track. These reports will clearly indicate via the graph the progress made and current areas of achievement at, above or below the expected standard against the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. Not all students will make significant progress or meet all of the standards expected for their year level all of the time. It is not unusual for students to make better progress in some areas than in others or to “plateau” in their learning over some stages of their schooling. Some students may not be achieving at the standard yet but have made significant progress since the previous year.

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INDUSTRIAL ACTION cont....

Another proposed industrial action, that may certainly affect our school, will be the work to rule action that is planned to commence at the beginning of next year. This will mean that teachers will work only to their designated hours of employment. This means no meetings will be attended after 4:30pm. This may include parent information evenings and interviews. The biggest issue for us may be its effect to our camping program. Our Year 6 students are due to head off on their school camp in the first full week of the new year and the Grade 5s are booked to attend their bike riding camp at Maldon a couple of weeks after this.

When teachers volunteer to join the students on camp they are on duty for 24 hours of the day for 5 or 4 days of the week. I am continuing to plan for both of these camps including putting in contingency arrangements to staff these camps to their correct ratios. Notices have recently been sent home to parents of next year’s Grade 5 & 6 classes. At this moment it is still my intention to proceed with these camps. Next year’s 5 & 6 parents and students will be kept informed about the planning for these camps.

More stop work days are planned and the union has flagged other industrial actions that could be introduced in the New Year.

STUDENT BANKING FOR 2013

Over this year our Parents’ Club have developed a strong relationship with our local Bendigo Bank. This is a community bank and part of its charter is to support the local community. The Canterbury Branch has already started to do this through donations to Parents’ Club and generous support for our upcoming fair. The Canterbury Branch has also put in a number of incentives for any school community member who opens an account, organises a credit card or loan. Parents’ Club have decided to transfer their own account to this branch and to strengthen this relationship we have decided to offer student banking services through the Canterbury Branch. I understand that this may inconvenience many families who have student banking accounts with the Commonwealth Bank. You might like to continue this account but we have decided not to process the student banking for the Commonwealth Bank from the beginning of 2013 and switch this service to the Canterbury Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Each family will receive an information pack about this service and the benefits to the school in undertaking this relationship with the Bendigo Bank. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this decision may cause but believe that this change of policy around this new relationship with the Bendigo Bank will have very positive outcomes for the school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

The school has been running its own uniform shop for many years now but over the last 12 months it has become less viable in staffing it with volunteers, in maintaining its opening hours and in maintaining the supply and uniform stock. It has always been a significant service that the school has been able to offer our community.

After an exhaustive process around the various options of operations of this uniform shop, School Council has decided to outsource this service to an outside provider.

As of the 17th of December this year the Surrey Clothing Company will take over the supply of our school uniform to Chatham families. The Surrey Clothing store is located at 161 Union Road, Surrey Hills. This shop is open every week day, Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm, and on the first Saturday of every month from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Orders can be submitted on line with all orders delivered to the school within 3 working days. The benefits of this decision are varied but include;

- More available hours for parents to shop
- Taking away the large amount of stock on hand, freeing up funds and space currently used by the school uniform shop
- We are no longer dependent on the good will of our parents to volunteer their valuable time to run and manage this shop
- This will be a much better shopping experience for parents and students, especially having the opportunity for children to try on the uniform
- The school will be dealing with 1 supplier and not the current 4 suppliers
- Prices and quality will remain relatively unchanged to current stock
- Online shopping and ordering service will now be provided.

We understand that this decision takes away the long history and culture of this service being provided by the school. Family situations have changed greatly over the last few years at our school and we are finding it harder and harder to staff and manage this service. School Council believes that this decision will benefit everybody and have placed some performance measures in place to ensure quality, reliability and value for money for our Chatham families. The uniform clothing list has been modified to delete items that have not been popular or selling as well as clearly defining the Chatham uniform. With this understanding we have allowed 3 years to phase out any articles of the old uniform that are no longer part of the approved standard uniform.

I have posted a FAQ’s section on the home page of our school web site. These questions and answers have been compiled by Louise Ross (1Mc) who has also agreed to act as a point of contact for anyone with further questions or concerns.

In light of this change of provider we have also reviewed our School Uniform Policy. This can also be found on the school website. This revamped policy reflects our commitment to Surrey Clothing as our preferred supplier and places a stronger emphasis on all students wearing the prescribed uniform to help instil a sense of pride in our school. Please visit the Uniform tab on the school’s home page to find information about the changes of our school uniform service.

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STAFFING FOR 2013
Some of the school community may already be aware that Melissa Hosking (PH) is pregnant. She will be returning to Chatham for a few weeks at the start of 2013 before taking family leave so will not be taking a grade next year. Amanda Lennon has 12 months leave so will not be at Chatham for all of 2013. She plans to travel the world over the year. We hope to receive some wonderful post cards and photos of her trip and hope to see her back again at Chatham for 2014.

2013 SCHOOL FEES
All families who are returning to Chatham next year have received 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 2012. 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 1st February. 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.

BIKE EDUCATION
The Year 4 students have been bringing their bicycles to school over the last few weeks as part of their Bike Education sessions. This program is also conducted in readiness for our Year 5 bike riding camp at Maldon early next year. On Monday, Ms Price took the students from 4M out on their street ride up to the Maranoa Gardens. This ride is the culmination of several lessons that had taken place in our school grounds.
Unfortunately, coming down the Parring Road hill, the brakes on Ms Price’s bike failed and she travelled across the road, down a driveway, colliding with a parked car in the driveway. She was taken to hospital to have her broken wrist put into plaster.

There was a parent supervisor with this group who did a wonderful job in gathering the students, walking them along the footpath to cross with the pedestrian lights on Whitehorse Road. At no time were these students at risk. The parent alerted the school and I was able to meet this group of students within a couple of minutes to see the rest of the group across the road and walk with them safely back to school.

It is anticipated that Ms Price will return to work shortly but in the meantime Mrs Townsend has been taking Phys Ed lessons. We have undertaken this Bike Ed training for Year 4 students for well over 10 years now, which means that 500+ students have developed their knowledge, skills and confidence in riding a bike and road safety awareness. A risk assessment is always undertaken prior to these types of activities as it is a constant challenge to balance risk factors along with the opportunities to provide experiences that extend and challenge children’s skills and confidence. We will undertake an analysis of this accident and review the program with the aim of mitigating any future risks. We all wish Miranda a speedy recovery.

WORKING BEE
The next working bee scheduled for Year 1 families is on this 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.

SPEAKING WITH CONFIDENCE PROGRAM
Over the last few weeks our Year 5 students have been involved in their Speaking with Confidence Program. This involves students presenting speeches in a very formal setting including student educators, time keepers, etc. The program culminates with a parent night where the students present their speeches to their parents. By all accounts these sessions have been very good and highlight the fantastic public speaking skills our children have developed.

SCHOOL CANTEEN
Our current canteen manager, Sarah Andrews has done a great job in managing the canteen service this year but has decided, due to work commitments, that she cannot continue this very important role in our school. One of our parents, Steph Reid has offered to take on this role next year. Steph already has some exciting plans and would really welcome your support in maintaining this great service to our students in 2013. Please make sure that you sign up on the roster and support Steph in any way that you can in 2013. **Tomorrow, Friday 7th December will be the last day for the school canteen.** Any leftover stock will be available for sale from 3pm on this day. From next week all students should bring their own lunch and play lunch from home each day until the end of the year.

CRE SERVICE
The Christmas service for CRE will take place tomorrow, Friday 7th December at the Balwyn Baptist Church. The senior school, Years 3 to 6 will be going to the church first from 9:10 to 9:55am and the junior school, Prep to 2 from 10:00 to 10:45am. Parents are most welcome to join the school for this end of year celebration of CRE.
MORNING TEA CELEBRATION
The partnership between the school and home is a very strong feature at Chatham and we would like to celebrate a great year and say thank you to all parents who have helped out at the school. Many of the school’s programs and activities could not operate without the fantastic support of our parents. Whether it be helping in the classroom, canteen, book club, uniform shop, sick bay, school banking, with excursions, covering books, working bees, on committees, etc, etc, etc. Your work is much appreciated by all the staff so we would like to thank you and celebrate the year with a special morning tea. This will take place on Monday 17th December in the school hall from 10:45 to 11:30.

SCHOOL DISCO
The Parents’ Association has organised the school disco for next week, Friday 14th December. This is a great way for all students to celebrate the end of the year and promises to be an enjoyable night.

This year’s disco has a “Hippy” theme and kicks off with the:

- Preps from 2:30 – 3:30
- Years 1 & 2 - 4:15 – 5:30
- Years 3 & 4 - 5:45 – 7:15
- Year 5 – 7:30 – 9:30
- Year 6 – 8:00 – 10:00

A reminder to all students that they should dress appropriately and sensibly in their “Hippy” gear for dancing and that this event is only organised for current Chatham school students. I hope that everyone has a great night. Thank you to all the parents for organising this event and for helping out on the food stalls, decorations, clean up and security.

SALVATION ARMY HAMPERS.
Baskets have been placed into each classroom for children to bring suitable items that can be passed onto the Salvation Army to distribute to needy families over the Christmas period. Thank you everyone for your donations, the last day to bring items along is Thursday 13th December. These baskets will be re-stacked and delivered to the Salvation Army on Friday 14th December.

RETURNS
A reminder that all library books and take-home readers should have been returned to the library or classroom. If the students have any books still at home can they please be returned as soon as possible. All sports uniforms, including all basketball singlets and Year 6 sports tops, should also be returned as soon as possible please.

LAST DAY DISMISSAL
The last day of the year is Friday the 21st of December. We will be holding our last assembly for the year commencing at 12:30. This will last an hour with the students being dismissed at 1:30pm.

END OF YEAR EVENTS
We certainly have a busy 10 days to go until the end of the year. Please note the following happenings:

- Friday 7th Dec  CRE Service 9:30 – 10:45 / Vocal Ensemble and Band excursion to the VCA
- Tuesday 11th Dec  Year 6 to 7 Transition Day / Parent’s Club meeting
- Wednesday 12th Dec  Instrumental Music Soiree – 7:00pm in the hall
- Friday 14th Dec  School Disco
- Monday 17th Dec  Thank you morning tea – 10:45 – 11:30 – Library
- Tuesday 18th Dec  Class Parties / Year 6 “Big Day Out”
- Wednesday 19th Dec  Students meet their 2013 teachers & visit their new classrooms
- Thursday 20th Dec  Student Reports & Learning Journals sent home
- Vocal Ensemble and Band performance at Box Hill Centro
- Friday 21st Dec  Last Assembly 12:30 – 1:30 dismissal

STEPHENV ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL
**PARENTS CLUB CORNER**

**THANKS**
A big thank you to Mick Burnett for holding the very successful 2012 Chatham Cup on Friday at the Box Hill Golf Club. Everyone had a great time.

Thank you too to Andrew Marcun for again donating commission from Chatham family purchases at The Works VIP Shopping Event.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER**
We have an offer of a dessert host for next year’s Progressive Dinner and so we are now looking for entree and main course venues. The dessert will be held at the Chatham Road end of Empress Road. If you think you would like to host a course or know of anyone who might be interested, please let me know!

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE CO-ORDINATOR WANTED**
Next year we will need a new Xmas Gingerbread House Co-ordinator. This lovely event has been run very smoothly and beautifully for many years by Maddie Long and Steph Reid who will be able to run you through the steps. Please have a think about whether you would like to take over and if you are interested, please contact Steph Reid or myself.

Shima Ibuki -President

**LIBRARY BORROWING**

This week has been the last for library borrowing for 2012. Please have a good search at home and return all books to school ASAP. Books can be placed in the large timber ‘Returns’ box just inside the Library door at any time.

Thank you.
Miranda Milaszewicz and Morven McKinnon

Chatham Cheetahs are looking for a basketball coach for Term 1 only of next year. The Cheetahs will be Year 4 boys in 2013 who ended up winning their 2nd and 3rd place play-off at the end of 2012. Please contact Emma Parmenter or Shima Ibuki if you know of anyone or an enthusiastic Grade 5 or 6 who would like to coach this enthusiastic team.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday 7th
AM: Malini, Ida and Amanda
PM: Mary-Anne, Ida and Clare

A reminder that Friday 7th December is the last day of canteen for this year and that any remaining stock will be for sale from 3pm.

Sarah Andrews  Canteen Manager (0403 866 156)

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**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  
VOCAL ENSEMBLE AND BAND EXCURSION TO VCA

**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

**THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER**  
MONTHLY MUNCHIES—BBQ LUNCH  
HAMPER DONATIONS DUE

**FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER**  
SCHOOL DISCO

**MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER**  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7PM  
PARENTS HELPERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA

**TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER**  
CLASS PARTIES  
YEAR 6 BIG DAY OUT

**WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER**  
VOCAL ENSEMBLE/BAND PERFORMING AT BOX HILL CENTRO

**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

**MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY**  
YEAR 6 CAMP COMMENCES

**FREE GUINEA PIGS**

WE HAVE 6 GUINEA PIGS GOING FREE TO GOOD HOMES. IF YOU’D LIKE ONE PLEASE SEE LYNDA GOULD IN 2C.
FOR SALE:
1 single bed painted white with 2 drawer bed side table as pictured - $135 (ONO)
1 single bed original staining with 2 drawer bed side table - $135 (ONO)
   (mattresses available if required, no additional cost)
1 Ikea desk 150cm x 75cm - $70 (ONO)
1 Spalding NBA basketball ring - $125 (ONO)
All in excellent / very good condition

Contact Lynn Ellis on 0402 053 344 or 9830 1874
lpellis@optusnet.com.au

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)
RSVP:     26/11 - please reply to your class rep

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN WILL BE FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER.
THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH ORDERS AFTER THAT DATE.
THANK YOU

YMCA
Camping Adventures
What will you be doing these school holidays?

YMCA Victoria – Youth Services
What?
YMCA Camping Adventures program is a residential camping program held every school holidays for children aged 8 to 16 years old. We run junior and senior programs at a 1:4 staff-child ratio with trained and enthusiastic youth leaders.

Where?
The upcoming camp will be held at Camp Manyung in Mt Eliza.

When?
Monday 14th – Friday 18th January, 2013.

How?
To register your child, contact:
YMCA Youth Leadership & Development Unit
Ph: (03) 9246 6022
Email: ymcavictoriayouth@ymca.org.au
Or
anjana.vbinks@ymca.org.au

www.vicyouth.ymca.org.au
SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Chatham Christmas Outreach Program was set up to assist those families in Melbourne who need help to enjoy this special time of the year.

As in previous years, we are continuing to work with the Salvation Army to provide families in need with food hampers.

A basket will be placed in each classroom and families are asked to provide one or two items for each basket - last day for donations will be Thursday, 13th December.

The baskets of food will be collected from each classroom, sorted and wrapped, ready to be collected by the Salvation Army on FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER and then distributed to families in need.

A list of suggested items is included on the back of this sheet and a copy will also be placed in each classroom.

Chatham has been a generous provider over many years and we ask for your continuing support this Christmas.

ENQUIRIES: ROSALIE MILNE

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The above is a suggested list only – the aim is to provide each family with the basis for Christmas festivities and at least one whole meal that they may otherwise not have.

SHOPPING TIPS & HELPFUL HINTS:

- Ring-Pull Tins are Preferred! Tins with ring-pull lids are most helpful, as not all people receiving the food will necessarily have access to a can opener.
- Long Expiry Dates Please. Please ensure foods donated are non-perishable and their expiry dates are well into next year.
- Please Avoid “No-Name” Brands. Wherever possible, please refrain from purchasing no-name brands, as people will be receiving these goods as a gift. This is a simple way to make our “battling” Aussies feel a little extra special at Christmas.

Perishable items, personal care and alcohol cannot be included
Bank with us and Chatham Primary School Benefits

Support the branches that support you

You can help us make a difference by simply doing your banking.

Canterbury, Ashburton, Surrey Hills and Balwyn Community Bank® branches will contribute the following amounts to Chatham Primary School for the following products:

- $1000 for every Bendigo home loan over $250,000
- $250 for every Bendigo home loan up to $250,000
- $50 for every approved and funded Bendigo personal loan
- $25 for every approved Bendigo Credit Card application
- $10 for every new business or team deposit account (opened & held for 3 months)
- $5 for every new Piggy or Ultimate account opened

These offers benefit both you and our local organisations and is one way that we can deliver to our customers and our community at the same time.

There are many ways that we can assist you whether it be personal or business banking, investment or insurance needs.

If you’d like to find out more call in and see your local branch’s team at:

**Canterbury**
Shop 2, 143 Maling Road,
phone 9836 9466

**Ashburton**
241 High Street,
phone 9885 2666

**Surrey Hills**
107 Union Road,
phone 9890 7188

**Balwyn**
411 Whitehorse Road,
phone 9836 8029

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At the Bendigo it starts with U. www.supportingourcommunity.com.au
Ukulele Classes @ Chatham PS  Back for 2013

Ukulele is quite possibly the very best introductory instrument for young learners. It offers quick success, inspiring eagerness to play often (which really is practise but don’t let on!)

Research shows that learning a musical instrument is especially valuable in kids under 7. It powerfully enhances all those amazing connections in the brain which in turn greatly assist learning numeracy and literacy - and the Ukulele is great fun!

Our in-school lessons make it much easier for families, with one less activity they have to try and juggle after school or weekends. Our half hour classes are small-group lessons, which offers further 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. Our program, while fun and engaging, is based on a solid theoretical foundation which puts kids in a great position when they go on to other instruments. We timetable classes around all specialist subjects.

While perfect for Preps, our classes are great for students of all ages. Older kids get the hang of it all very quickly, and can soon play & sing along to all their favourite songs.

Fees start from as low as $11.25 per lesson, and ukuleles are available directly through our music school.

For an enrolment form, or if you would like to know more, just call or email.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

AT

Canterbury Tennis Club
Croydon Rd, Canterbury

Monday Jan 14th to Wednesday Jan 16th
2013

9.00am to 11.00am

Cost $88.00

Beginners Most Welcome
Improve your tennis with lots of helpful hints and supervised games
Enjoy new activities and have fun in a relaxed, friendly environment.
Prizes awarded on the last day to all players.

To enroll please contact Kelly Tennis on:-
1300 558 303
E-Mail linda@kellytennis.com.au
Or visit our website at
www.kellytennis.com
OSHC NEWS

Hello ChathamLand.
I hope everyone is really excited about the end of year disco, which a theme of the 60’s it look like it will be a lot of fun.

At the OSHC house we have dancing days and as the year comes to an end the kids are doing a great job of shaken their tail feathers.

The big item for Parents to remember is the CA runs Holiday Clubs during January. I will be running the HC at Trinity. Please look on the CA website for all the information.

For the remaining part of Term 4 there is a Secret Sound? Can you guess what is Rhett’s new ringtone? If you can you will be rewarded.

Thanks, Rhett

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STAR OF THE WEEK Award... This week our award goes to Rory Spicer. Rory is great to have around the OSHC house as he always wears a big smile and helps other kids wear a smile as well. Rory really gets involved in lots of different activities and does a great job of cleaning up his mess and other peoples. Thanks Rory.