FROM THE PRINCIPAL
OUR BIG FAIR DAY
Only 9 more sleeps to go!
Everything is in place and ready to go for what promises to be a fantastic day. If you haven’t already done so, please make sure that you volunteer to help set up in the morning, help out on a stall, do some kind of job on the day or help clean up the school after the event. This day is a big event for the school and depends on everyone’s help to make this major fundraiser such a success. Make sure that you invite all your neighbours, friends and relatives to what promises to be another outstanding day for the community. This event is also fantastic in bringing the whole school together as students, teachers and parents work towards making this day a memorable one for us all.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
In last week’s newsletter I provided the school community with information on the upcoming School Council elections for 2013. School Councils provide the vital link between the implementation of the government’s policies and the needs of local communities. School Council members have a number of roles and responsibilities and I would encourage all parents to consider nominating for one of the upcoming positions.

If you decide to stand for election then please collect a nomination form from the school office and make sure that it is returned by the due date.
If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect will be made calling for further nominations.
If the number of nominations equals the number of vacancies, then those nominated will be elected to the vacant positions on School Council.
If the number of nominations is greater than the number of vacancies, a ballot will be conducted to elect the required number of candidates to School Council.

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From tomorrow, nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged with the Principal by 4 pm, Friday 1st March 2013. The following time line will be followed for these elections:-

DATE
Friday 22nd February
Friday 1st March
Monday 4th March
Monday 4th March
Tuesday 12th March
Tuesday 12th March
Monday 18th March

ACTION
Nomination forms available from school office
Closing date for nominations – 4:00pm
List of candidates displayed
Ballot papers distributed (if needed)
Close of ballot – 4:00pm
Vote count & Declaration of ballot
School Council Meeting

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YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR 2013
The Year 6 students have been working hard in preparing and delivering speeches and nominating and voting for the student leadership positions for 2013. I will announce all of these positions to the students by the end of today and present them to everyone at tomorrow afternoon’s assembly.

SCHOOL VALUES
With the school and class rules being sent home soon it is also timely to remind everyone of the agreed values that we have in our school that are used to underpin all that we do. They form the basis of our school and class rules and the way we treat each other and behave at our school. These school values are:

- **Learning** – developing critical, creative and reflective thinking skills and knowledge to maximise each child’s potential as independent, motivated and lifelong learners in a global world.

- **Respect** – valuing the differences, beliefs and abilities of others by displaying tolerance, good manners, compassion and care. Having regard for oneself and others, as well as the community and our environment.

- **Resilience** – having a belief in yourself and your own unique abilities and recognising that you are valued by others. Developing self-worth, flexibility, initiative and persistence.

- **Partnership** – embracing the development of cooperative, inclusive and supportive relationships between students, parents, teachers and the wider community to achieve common and shared goals.

- **Responsibility** – displaying self discipline, being accountable for the decisions you make and the actions and words you use.

- **Honesty** – being reliable, truthful and fair, while being true to yourself and others.

YEAR 5 WORKING BEE
This next working bee will be for the Year 5 families and will be held this coming Saturday the 23rd of February. These working bees are essential to help maintain our school grounds in a safe and secure condition. This one is also special as we need to prepare the school for the upcoming fair. Please find some time during the morning to come along and help out.

PARENT NOTICES
Some very important notices have or are being sent home to all the Preps, new families and some to the whole school. Some of these notices remain valid for the whole time your child is enrolled at Chatham whilst others need to be updated each year. These notices provide us with essential information and permission to undertake planned activities with your children so please ensure they are returned in a timely manner.

These notices include the following:-

**Enrolment details – all students**
It is important that our school’s database is kept up-to-date with all the necessary information for each school family, especially in relation to all relevant contact information and emergency telephone numbers, i.e. mobile telephone numbers, work details and medical details. If you are in a separated family, please include main family details and any additional family details.

**“On Foot” Local Excursions form – Preps and New students only**
This form requests permission for your child to participate in any “on foot” local excursions for the coming year. A separate permission form will be sent home for every other planned excursion, especially those requiring students to use transport as part of their excursion. Students will not be able to participate in any of these excursions if a signed permission form is not received by the teacher in charge.

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HEAD LICE CHECK PERMISSION FORM – PREPS AND NEW STUDENTS ONLY
Head lice can become an annoying problem in schools at any time throughout the year. Chatham Primary School has a head lice management program in place, but it is still important that detection and treatment of this problem is commenced as soon as possible.
This form gives the school permission to undertake visual inspections and to conduct a screening procedure undertaken by the nominated staff member on this form. Students should not attend school with untreated head lice. Only those students whose parents/guardians have consented can be inspected at school.

PUBLICATION OF STUDENT WORK/ PHOTOGRAPHS – PREPS AND NEW STUDENTS ONLY
At Chatham, we are very proud of our students’ numerous achievements and often celebrate these by publishing the details in the school’s newsletter, school promotional material, local newspaper or school website. Publication may take the form of students’ work, photographs or videos. Whenever possible, group photos will be used and only the students’ first name published. Parents will be contacted for permission prior to individual photographs being taken for publication.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT – PREPS AND NEW STUDENTS ONLY
At Chatham we value the support from parents and the great partnership that exists in the school. This agreement is based on the school’s Privacy and Parent Participation policies and on the understanding that parents need to respect the teacher and student confidentiality. It is a great privilege and opportunity to work in schools. Along with this privilege is the expectation that parents are there to assist all children, support the teacher, programs and school, and that judgements should not be made or communicated to others. A copy of both the Privacy and Parent Participation policies can be found on the school website, under the “About Us” tab and under the School Council policies heading.

FAMILY CONTACT LIST – ALL STUDENTS
Due to privacy information laws we need to have written consent to distribute these limited family details within the school community. This information is to be used so that families can contact each other for social and school activities and should not be used for any other purposes.

CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PERMISSION
These forms have been sent home to all Prep families and any new families in the school. On this form parents can nominate for their child to attend or not attend CRE classes each week. If you agree to your child attending CRE you also need to send $8 to school to cover the costs of CRE materials. If you do not agree for your child to attend CRE classes then they will be accommodated in another equivalent grade at the same level for the ½ hour session. CRE classes will commence for all year levels during the week beginning Monday 4th of March.

INTERNET / TECHNOLOGY USE AGREEMENT – YEAR 2 & NEW STUDENTS ONLY
It is important that we all know about the responsible use of Information & Communications Technology (ICT) such as computers, email, the internet, social networks, cameras and telephones etc. As part of this understanding we will be sending home an agreement around responsible use of ICT at school and an information brochure for families.

Please make sure that you return all notices by the due date.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS
Any adults working with children in the school environment or going on excursions where they are not directly under the supervision of the teacher must have a Working with Children Check for volunteers. We would encourage all parents to obtain this check to enable them to undertake and be a part of activities that involve children. If you are new to the school, have not already obtained this check, or need to update your details then please visit a local post office to collect a form for volunteers. Please contact the school office once the check has been received so that our records can be maintained.

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Swimming Sports

We held our annual swimming sports at the Doncaster Aquarena Centre last week. From this event those swimmers who were able to swim at a standard time were selected to represent the school at the District swimming sports. After all the races the students finished off the morning with a couple of rides down the water slides.

Last Friday we had 29 students competing in the District swimming sports at the Balwyn Leisure Centre.

Well done to all the following students for their wonderful swimming efforts.

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

ACCIDENT INSURANCE
The school does not have its own insurance. For example, if windows are broken, carpet damaged by rain or our playground vandalised, then the school needs to find the money within its own budget to pay for these items to be repaired or replaced. This also goes for any items that teachers, students or parents bring to school. If there is ever a need to bring valuable or important items to school then they should be related to the topic being covered and handed to the class teacher at the start of each day. Accidents will happen, so students should be aware that if they play with things and let others play with their valuables then they may get lost or broken.

A school is a workplace and we take steps to minimise any accidents, but with up to 430 people in the school grounds at any one time, sometimes accidents do happen. We have very few serious accidents at our school as students are generally very good at following the school rules and acting & behaving responsibly in the yard. In saying that, the school does not have medical insurance for students, so if your child is injured in any way you will need to rely on your own health insurance to cover the costs of any medical/dental treatment. This includes ambulance cover. Without endorsing any particular company, there are insurance companies that do provide extra cover for students at school if parents wish to choose this option.

DOGS AT SCHOOL
At the start and end of the day many parents like to walk up to school with their dogs. Please remember that all dogs must be on a leash and under your control and supervision at all times. Parents need to be aware that some children are frightened of dogs while others have limited exposure and do not know how to approach dogs safely.

Tying them up in the yard as you visit the classroom is not really acceptable as students may approach your dog without you being there to monitor their reaction. I am sure that the last thing you would want is your dog to bite or snap at a student. If you bring your dog to school then please ensure that they do not leave any deposits behind in the school yard. Please pick up after your pet and monitor them at all times whilst in the yard.

REMINDEERS:
- **Teacher communications:** First thing in the morning is usually not the best time to have a long discussion with teachers. Before school is planning/preparation time for teachers as they welcome the students and get ready for the day, so if you need to talk to them about an issue it is probably best to make a scheduled time that is more convenient.
- **Supervision:** Teachers officially begin their day at 8:45 and this is the time in the morning when a teacher is on duty in the school yard. At the end of the day a teacher is on duty in the yard until 3:45pm. There is no supervision of students before or after this time. If you need to drop children off early or will be late picking them up after school then they should be booked into our Out of School Hours Program.
- **Traffic:** Please remember to obey all parking restrictions and road rules when dropping off or picking up your children. If entering Banool Road, enter from the Weybridge Street end and travel right through to Whitehorse Road. This will help keep the traffic moving. Do not try to do a U-turn to come back against the traffic.
- **Newsletter:** The weekly newsletter can only be accessed on line. Please register on the school website to receive an alert each time the school newsletter is posted.

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FOOT, HAND & MOUTH DISEASE
We have recently been made aware of a case of Foot, Hand and Mouth Disease from one of the Year 2 classes. The following is some information about this disease.

What is hand, foot & mouth disease?
Hand foot and mouth disease is caused by a virus (usually coxsackie virus A16). It causes blisters on the hands and feet, in the mouth and often in the 'nappy' area. It is generally only a mild disease that lasts seven to ten days. It is more common during warmer weather and tends to spread easily between children. This infection is spread by direct contact with fluid from the skin blisters, nose and throat discharges, droplets (sneezing, coughing) and faeces (stools). Good personal hygiene is important to prevent spread of the infection to others. There is no connection between this disease and the foot and mouth disease that affects cattle and some other animals.

Who gets hand, foot & mouth disease?
Most people have been infected with the virus which causes this disease by the time they are adults. So it is generally just a small percentage of children who get features of disease after infection.

Signs & symptoms
People usually develop symptoms between three to seven days after being infected. The most common signs and symptoms are:
- a high temperature (fever)
- a sore throat
- small, blister-like lesions that may occur on the inside of the mouth, sides of the tongue, palms of the hands, fingers, soles of the feet and 'nappy' area.

How long is it infectious?
The skin blisters of hand, foot and mouth disease are infectious until they become crusty and there is no fluid in the blisters. The virus may also be shed in the faeces for several weeks after the blisters resolve. Good personal hygiene is essential to prevent the spread of hand, foot and mouth disease to others, both for those infected and their carers. This includes:
- washing hands carefully after contact with the blister-like lesions, after handling nose and throat discharges, and after contact with faeces such as with nappy changing
- allowing blisters to dry naturally. Do not pierce blisters, as the fluid within is infectious
- using separate eating and drinking utensils.
Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from school and child care centres until all the blisters have dried.

How do you treat hand foot & mouth disease?
There is no specific treatment for hand, foot and mouth disease. Use paracetamol (not aspirin) as directed for fever and any discomfort. The disease itself is generally mild. If a child with hand, foot and mouth disease complains of severe headache, if fever persists, or if there are any other worrying symptoms consult your local doctor immediately.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL
DATES FOR THE DIARY

FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
Year 6 Interschool Sport St Josephs 9.00am

SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
Year 5 Working Bee

TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY
Year 5 Camp to Maldon – returning Friday 1st March

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH
Year 6 Interschool Sport Balwyn PS 9.00am

SATURDAY 2ND MARCH
School Fair commencing 1.00pm

MONDAY 4TH MARCH
Canteen opens
CRE commences

TUESDAY 5TH MARCH
Prep Info Afternoon—How to read with your child 3.45pm—4.30pm

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH
School Photos

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH
Year 6 Interschool Sport Canterbury 9.00am

MONDAY 11TH MARCH
Labour Day Holiday - No School

WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH
Year 3 Excursion to Ceres – All day

THURSDAY 14TH MARCH
Year 4 Excursion to Ceres – All day
Year 2 Excursion to Ricketts Point 9am to 12.30pm

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH
Year 6 Interschool Sport Auburn South 9.00am
Year 1 and 2 Excursion to Ricketts Point—9am Year 1 and 2JB—11.00am 2KM and 2FH

MONDAY 18TH MARCH
Responsible Pet Ownership 9.30am—Preps

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH
Year 6 Interschool Sport – Deepdene PS
CRE Service – times TBA

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH
Progressive Dinner

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH
Parents Helpers Course – Library 9.15am to 10.15am

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
Last Day of Term – School ends at 2.30pm
This course is designed to support parents who assist in the classroom.

On Tuesday, 26th March in the School Library, from 9.15am – 10.15am there will be a literacy course for parents called ‘Classroom Helpers’.

This course is designed to support parents who assist in the classroom and is linked to the classroom literacy program.

The course will:
- Develop in participants an increased understanding of the development of literacy skills.
- Demonstrate various learning situations to participants so they can act as role models for students in classrooms.
- Train participants in how to provide support for small groups of students.

If you have participated in a previous Classroom Helpers Course it is not necessary to attend again.

It is necessary to attend the course before you offer to help in any of the classrooms. If you can’t attend the course but wish to participate in the classroom, please speak to your classroom teacher.

Please complete the form below if you wish to attend the course and return to the school office by Tuesday 19th March, 2013.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

AMANDA HUME - 1H/M CLASS TEACHER

Please complete and return to the school office by Tuesday 19th March.

CLASSROOM HELPERS

This course is designed to support parents who assist in the classroom.

I, ____________________________ would like to attend the Classroom Helpers Course in the School Library on Tuesday 26th March, 2013.

Signed: _______________________________ Date: _______________________________

Child/ren at school: ________________________________
Cake Stall

Remember it is only 2 Weeks to go to the Fair!. We are asking you to bake 2 delicious home baked treats to sell at the Cake Stall. Today (Thursday 21st Feb) you will be receiving in your child’s bag 2 plates, 2 plastic bags, 2 labels, 2 ties and detailed instructions on how to pack your baked goods.

All you need to do now is bake something delicious and deliver the baked goods to the Library on Friday March 1st between 3.00pm – 4.00pm or straight to the Cake stall on Saturday March 2nd, anytime after 11.00am. We will be located in the hall.

So start thinking of what you can make. Some suggestions include Chocolate, Orange, Banana, Apple cakes, Brownies, Fudge, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Lemon Slices, Muffins (sweet or savoury) Cupcakes and all types of slices are popular and sell well.

Thankyou and happy baking!

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

Thankyou and happy baking!

Final Trash and Treasure drop off this coming week!!

We are running out of time (and space). Please ensure all your donated household goods and clothing is clean, small toys packaged in snap lock bags or tied together and puzzles sorted etc (please no electrical goods).

Please feel free to pre-price your donations to help us out in the final week.

Final drop off this Wed afternoon 3-3.30pm at the Banool Rd portable- just look for the colourful bunting.

Thank you to all the families who have donated such wonderful items over the past 8 months. Both portables are full of good quality treasures thanks to you.

Many thanks, Evanne and Margaret
WANTED - 3 MANNEQUINS
The Silent Auction Stall requires 3 mannequins, please contact Bianca Hunt on bianca-hunt76@gmail.com if you can help us with this request.

LUCKY DIP STALL
WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF DONATIONS FOR THE LUCKY DIPS. WE WILL HAPPILY ACCEPT ANY SMALL OBJECTS SUITABLE FOR GIRLS OR BOYS. LOLLIES, PENCILS, HAIR CLIPS, TOYS, JEWELLERY ETC.
PLEASE LEAVE DONATIONS AT THE OFFICE. MANY THANKS

BOOKS
Secondhand books urgently needed for school fair. Stocks are low for adult fiction: crime, chick lit, classics etc etc. Please drop any donations direct to: 8 Chatham Road and leave on verandah.

CHATHAM’S GOT TALENT
FINAL REHEARSAL - MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY
Thank you to all those students who have come along to rehearse their item for the school fair over the last two Monday’s. Next Monday will be our final rehearsal during school time - this rehearsal is for ANY-ONE who needs some extra practice time. Don't forget to bring along your IPOD, IPOD dock or CD. Can parents who have children performing, please ensure they are practicing at home over the next week.
Next Monday you will receive a letter through the classroom advising you of the time of your item on the day of the fair.
All items are looking great and it will be a great day of entertainment provided by our students. Thanks for all your support.
Andrea Barker

CHATHAM SUMMER FAIR SILENT AUCTION
We have some fabulous items for our ‘Silent Auction’ - stay tuned for details on how to bid for:

- Professionally signed and framed current 2013 Collingwood guernsey valued at $1100 reserve $ 450
- Professionally signed and framed current 2013 Hawthorn Guernsey valued at $1100 reserve $450
- Signed by some players 2012 Richmond guernsey valued at $650 reserve $300
- Professionally signed and framed current 2013 Carlton guernsey valued at $1100 reserve $450
- Halcyon Lake Rugs 100% Pure Wool Rug Hand Knotted Reversible (200 x 300) valued at $1200 reserve $450
- AFL Clinic Run By Darren Jolly at your child's birthday party, 1Hour for maximum 25 children (subject to player’s availability) reserve $250
- 2 x Maxwell Williams Fine Bone China Cashmere 20pc Dinner Set valued at $300 each reserve $80
- Maxwell Williams Cosmopolitan 58pc Cutlery Set valued at $340 reserve $120
- Andrew Whyte Landscape Design for a consultation and concept garden design to the value of $2200 reserve $550
- On-site Design Consolation from Ian Barker Gardens to the value of $300 reserve $100
- Hermon&Hermon white coco bead lamp valued at $785.00 reserve $450.00
**3SM Mums Dinner**

ROCCOCO ITALIAN RESTAURANT
CNR HAWTHORN GROVE & GLENFERRIE RD,
HAWTHORN
MONDAY 4TH MARCH @ 7:30

RSVP BRONWYN phillips.tim@bigpond.com
by Friday 1st March.

See you there !!!

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**1LM PARENT GET TOGETHER**

Thursday 7th March
8pm
Please BYO drinks & a small plate of nibbles
Address: 17 Thornton Ave, Surrey Hills
(Bianca & Matt’s House)

Attention all Year 6 parents

SAVE THE DATE
Year 6 Parents drinks and Nibbles
Evening April 27th 7.30PM

At Ange and Rob House premises
2 David Street
Surrey Hills
MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW IN A FEW WEEKS.

1HM will be having a morning catch up at
Churchill cafe on Hamilton St, Mont Albert,
on Monday the 25th,
after drop off around 9am..

All welcome to come for a coffee..

Leda, Emma and Jane
Class reps

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**Prep and Year 5 Families save the date!!**

Buddies’ Picnic on the school oval
on Sunday 17th March from 4 until 6pm.

Come and meet your child’s buddy and
their family at a BYO picnic.

More details to follow.

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Leda, Emma and Jane
Class reps

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**Don't forget!**
Book Club orders are due: Friday 22nd Feb

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**LOST**

ON TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, A WHITE IPOD TOUCH
WITH A JELLY BEAN COVER. IPOD WAS LOST IN 6ZB.
IF FOUND PLEASE RETURN TO MR BARRY OR TO THE OFFICE.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
UKULELE CLASSES @ CHATHAM PS

Preps commencing Term 2 – enrol now as places are limited.

There is still room for students from all grades, including returning students who have learned with us before and may want to come back. It’s not too late to enrol for Term 1. Pro rata fees will apply.

The humble 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 powerfully enhances all those amazing connections in the brain which in turn greatly assist learning numeracy and literacy – it is especially valuable in kids under 7. And the Ukulele is great fun! 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 offer 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. The instrumental 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. Singing is very much part of the fun.

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.

We timetable classes around all specialist subjects. Classes are on Thursdays. 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.
P: 0418 356574        E: info@uke4kids.com        View: www.uke4kids.com

Heads up – the Melbourne Ukulele Festival is on in just one week! Lots of free events, and 3 fabulous evening concerts.

The Uke Group & Uke4Kids is staging an all ages workshop on Saturday 2nd @ 10am, followed immediately by – Ta Dah! - Our very own Uke4Kids Orchestra. Some of Chatham’s students will be on stage with a bunch of other great uke students – and a few parents – playing some terrific tunes with great arrangements.

For all details go to www.muf.org.au

Would you like to help earn $2000 in educational supplies for Chatham?

In 2012, Chatham received over $1000 in school supplies and over $800 in new books for the library from Scholastic Bookclub. To help Chatham get bonus school supplies, all you need to do is order books through Scholastic Bookclub.

In 2013, Scholastic will again be offering an excellent range of books at discount prices. Catalogues will be sent home twice a term with each child (each child gets their own set of brochures, as some brochures are age specific). All orders will generate points that then translate into new educational supplies for the school. In addition to helping the school, you get to own discounted books for your home libraries, or those of friends and family. It’s a win-win situation!

To order your book club books, please ensure you write your child’s name and class on the top of each form.

There are 3 payment options:

Cash
Cheque (made payable to Scholastic Australia)
Credit card - follow the instructions on the brochures and write the receipt number on the form.

Once brochures are distributed, you have until Friday of the following week to place your orders. The due date will be advertised in the newsletter.

When the orders arrive (usually within 2 weeks of orders closing), they will be delivered to your child’s classroom. If ever you have a ‘surprise’ order (eg for birthdays or Christmas), please write a note on the top of each order form ‘Hold at office’, and the orders will be held at the office for collection.

If you have any questions, please give Karen a call on 9836-2612.

Karen Winch and Kathy Magoutis — BookClub Coordinators 2013
The SONIC Study at Chatham PS in 2013!

Are you interested in helping improve our understanding of the associations between children’s health and diet?

Thank-you to all the parents who has completed both SONIC study forms in 2012. The Plain Language Statement (PLS) and the Health Questionnaire, and returned them to the school office. If you would still like to joins us this would greatly assist with our research. Please complete the forms available by e-mailing Manuela on m.rigo@deakin.edu.au or collecting a copy from the school office.

Through this study your child will begin to understand the link between what they eat and what happens in their body. His or her contribution will help determine the salt levels in Victorian primary school children and from which foods this salt is coming from.

If you would like further information on the SONIC Study please call Deakin University on Ph: 9244 6380 – Manuela Rigo, view the ABC News Report on You Tube:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIoYdUGuFuE, visit our Facebook page.
http://www.facebook.com/SONICstudy or the Parent Jury website:
Calling all young musicians:

We invite all brass, woodwind and percussion players to play with us in:

The John Mallinson Youth Band (= AMEB 4-6)
or the Wilf Dyason Wind Ensemble (= AMEB 2-3)

Time: every Saturday afternoon
Venue: Forest Hill Hall cnr. Canterbury & Springvale Rds. 62 E2
Email: melaniebennetts@optusnet.com.au

GRADE 3 NETBALL PLAYERS WANTED

NETTA PROGRAM - MODIFIED RULES
10 week skills clinic followed by 6 x weeks matches (non competitive) = 16 sessions
VENUE: Boroondara Netball Centre, Macleay Park, Belmore Rd, Nth Balwyn
TIME: Friday afternoons, 4.00pm to 5.00pm (outdoor courts)
DATES: April 19 - August 30 (no sessions long weekends or school holidays)
COST: $180 (includes State Membership/Insurance + Participant Pack)
Please contact Vicki Hamilton if your daughter is interested.
Mobile: 0438661049
Email: rvsmhamilton@bigpond.com

CHATHAM & DISTRICT NETBALL CLUB
AGM & REGISTRATION DAY REMINDER

Our Annual Registration Day & AGM is being held at the school hall on Sunday 24th February from 4 to 5pm. We are encouraging all parents and players to attend. The meeting will be brief, with the presentation of the Club Service Award, and opportunity to purchase uniforms and hoodies, as well as register for the Winter Season.
OSHC NEWS

Well hello everyone, the year has started well and the preps have started coming to the OSHC house and 8 square is in full swing. The OSHC house received a lot of new and exciting equipment to start the year off. We got some cricket helmets and pads, juggling clubs, new face masks and heaps of cool paint. Also the AASC is going well with Rugby Union on a Monday and Multi-sport on Wednesday. The kids also get the chance to do some cooking on different days as well. If any parents want to know more about how the OSHC house or Camp Australia programs, please come down and speak to Rhett.

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 ANDERSON SULEHSKI
I love coming to OSHC it’s so much fun we have things like 8 square and computers and Rhett’s always up for a game. But my favorite thing to do is 8 square.

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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.