FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
As of next Monday the 17\textsuperscript{th} of December, the school will no longer be running its own uniform shop. This service has been outsourced to Surrey Clothing who will be the supplier of our school uniform needs. 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 online with all orders delivered to the school within 3 working days. You can also place your orders online via the following link: http://www.surreyonline.com.au/catalogue/c27/c33

MORNING TEA CELEBRATIONS
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 17\textsuperscript{th} December in the school hall from 10:45 to 11:30am.

STAFFING NEWS
In previous newsletters I have highlighted that there will be some changes in staffing for 2013. Some of the current teachers will be moving to new areas within the school, some taking on new roles and we have appointed 3 new teachers to Chatham for 2013. We welcome Chiara Colombo, Jessica Boyd and Samantha Roger to the Chatham school community. On Wednesday next week your children will be visiting their new classrooms with their new classmates to meet next year’s teacher. Can I ask parents to support their children with these transitions up the school and to be positive about the year that they will have in their new grades in 2013.

END OF YEAR REPORTS
Your child’s report will be sent home next week. 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 means

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 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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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A reminder that due to industrial action, the format for these December student reports will be different. The teachers at Chatham will be following the union’s direction and will not be making any comments in relation to student achievement in learning areas against the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. As a sub branch though, they have decided that they will be making a general comment about your child’s behaviour and working attitude. These reports will be sent home with the student’s learning journal on Wednesday 19th December.

SCHOOL DISCO

The Parent’s Association has organised the school disco for tomorrow 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 for all students.

This year’s Xmas 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

Parents should make sure that their child is marked off when they arrive and marked off when you come and collect them. Please ensure that this is done so that the parent organisers can keep a track of all students attending the disco.

A reminder to all students that they should dress appropriately and sensibly for dancing. Please remember that past students are not invited to this event as it is put on for current Chatham 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.

END OF YEAR EVENTS

We certainly have a busy 6 days to go until the end of the year. Please note the following happenings:

Friday 14th December School Disco
Monday 17th December Thank you morning tea – 10:45 – 11:30 – Library
Tuesday 18th December Class Parties
Wednesday 19th December Students meet their 2013 teachers & visit their new classrooms
   Year 6 “Big Day Out”
Thursday 20th December Class moving day
   Year 6 Graduation
Friday 21st December Last day assembly 12:30 – 1:30

LAST DAY DISMISSAL

The last day of school for 2012 is Friday 21st December. Children will still have their usual playtime at 11:00 to 11:30 but we ask that they eat a bigger playlunch as we will not be having the usual lunchtime break from 1:15 to 2:15. On the last day of each term schools are allowed to dismiss the students early as long as the students have had their 4 hours of “school time” for their last day. On this day we will hold our last school assembly from 12:30pm. We aim to have our last assembly for the year completed by 1:30 when students will be dismissed for home. Students who need care can access the Out of School Hours Care program from this time.

The first day of school for Years 1 to 6 is Thursday 31st January with our new Preps commencing on Friday 1st of February. Teachers will be on duty with two curriculum days from Tuesday 29th January.

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 things along was today. These baskets will be re-stacked and delivered to the Salvation Army next Monday.

NO CANTEEN

A reminder to everyone that the canteen is not operating over the last weeks of school. Please provide your children with lunch and snacks from home.

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LAST DAY ASSEMBLY DETAILS
We have changed the assembly times for this Friday due to the school disco and it will now be on Friday morning at 9am. I would like to congratulate all our Year 6 students on the wonderful job they have done each week in running our assemblies throughout the year. They have all been fantastic.
Our last assembly for the year will be held on Friday 21st December starting at 12:30. On this day we make a number of presentations to staff and students and say goodbye to this year’s Year 6’s. The following is the proposed timetable for the assembly:
- Welcome
- Musical items
- Farewell to staff and students who are leaving Chatham
- Year 6 Graduation Awards
- Musical item
- Roll call of Year 6 students
- Year 6 "silly song"
- Song of Farewell
- Ringing of the school bell and walk through the guard of honour

It is the tradition each year that our Year 6 students ring the school bell from the S.S. Edina, which is located near the office. I would ask that parents not block this area. It is important that this area remains clear so that the students can walk freely through the hallway, out the front door and through the student guard of honour. Parents and students are quite welcome to return to the bell at the end of the day to ring it again whilst photos are taken without the crush from others.
This year we are also going to reserve the front row of seats for Year 6 parents. This last assembly is always a crowded affair so please consider others when finding a space to be a part of this important event. We are hoping for good weather so that we can finish off the year with a happy send off for our wonderful Year 6 students.

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 or school property still at home can they please be returned as soon as possible.

All sports uniforms, including the Year 6 sports tops should also be returned to the Phys Ed office as soon as possible please.

BOOK COLLECTION
The fee schedule for 2013 was sent home a few weeks ago with all returning students. Payments for these fees can be made now. There are also four options for making payments: cash/cheques, payment at the bank, internet banking and the use of our EFTPOS. It is essential that after making the payment that we receive the payment option form for each child so that these payments can be allocated to each child’s account accordingly. **This form and a copy of the transfer of funds notice should be handed to the business manager, Bev Gardiner when collecting your student supplies on Wednesday 30th January. These supplies can be collected from the school library between 10:00am and 2:00pm on this day.**

YEAR 6 WORKING BEE
The first working bee for the 2013 year takes place on Wednesday 30th January. This working bee is for all of next year’s Year 6 families and helps to prepare the school in readiness for the student’s arrival on the following day, Thursday 31st January. This is a twilight session with work due to commence at 5:00. Please put this in your diary for next year.

**A reminder that the last day of school is next Friday the 21st December when students will be dismissed at 1:30pm**
**The first day of school for Year 1 to 6 students is Thursday 31st of January with new Preps starting on Friday the 1st of February**
EXCESS STATIONERY
We have access to a container going to a school in the Cook Islands so if you have any excess stationery, old pencils etc that may be useful please send them to the office. No texta's please unless they are new.

CHATHAM'S GOT TALENT
SCHOOL FAIR 2013
Thank you to all those who came along last Wednesday and "signed up" to perform at the school fair in 2013. Thank you also to the Year 5 helpers - I could not have done it without your help.

Please look out in your child's school bag for a letter informing you if your child has signed up to perform. It will include all the relevant details and also will let you know of the item they are performing as well as who they are performing with.

As the fair will be upon us in the few weeks back of Term 1, can I please ask that you remind your child to rehearse their item over the Christmas Holiday break. Items really need to be ready once we get back in Term 1. I will be holding "rehearsal" days in the first few weeks of Term 1 for final practices.

Any questions please contact me asap.

Thanks
Andrea Barker

FREE GUINEA PIGS
WE HAVE 6 GUINEA PIGS GOING FREE TO GOOD HOMES.
IF YOU'D LIKE ONE PLEASE SEE LYNDA GOULD IN 2C.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

Tuesday the 18th December will be our last Commonwealth School Banking Day. If you are eligible to order a reward please bring it to banking otherwise you will miss out.

The Bendigo Bank staff from the Canterbury Branch will be in the staff room on banking day from 9am to help with any questions about the new banking program. You can also bring in your completed application forms for the new accounts or drop them off at the office.

We hope you embrace the new banking program and the community minded support of the Bendigo Bank.

Thank you,
Louise and Sharon

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 Year 5 or 6 who would like to coach this enthusiastic team.
INSTRUMENTAL NEWS

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Congratulations to all of the students who took part in last night’s instrumental music soiree. A full and varied program of music was presented by students from across the school, on a range of instruments. The quality of the students performances continue to improve and were appreciated by a packed audience in the school Hall. It was a hot night in the hall and I congratulate all in attendance (including the students who were performing) on being supportive for each of the 30 items on the program.

I would like to thank the following Grade 6 students who performed last night for all of the wonderful performances that they have given over their time at the school – Miranda Dewer, Emma Burrows, Audrey Daley, Samantha Wong, Darcy Powne, Sarah Winch, Max Carollane, James McNulty and Jackson Birch.

INSTRUMENTAL ENROLMENT FOR 2013

The updated Instrumental enrolment forms for 2013 are now available from the office. I am sending the letter containing the terms and conditions to all of this year’s students to save on printing costs and so that you can keep it on file for future reference. Tuition will be available in Piano, Guitar, Flute, Violin, Drums, trumpet, trombone and Clarinet. We would appreciate it if the forms can be returned ASAP so that we can ensure that your child can secure a place in the program.

Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful instrumental staff, Dawn Gale, Barbara Pritchard, Roslyn Slater, Yanai, Morris, Lachlan Barratt, Lesley Bush and Cathy Narayan for the wonderful work that they have done with the students this year. We are sorry to say goodbye to Yanai, who is continuing to expand his Ukulele business and Roslyn who is having some time off to enable her to do some travel next year and wish them all the best.

Wendy Howes
Instrumental Music Co-ordinator

FOR SALE

9 MONTH OLD MALE BUDGIE
(BLUE WITH A WHITE HEAD)

INCLUDES CAGE, TOYS, AND FEEDING CONTAINERS
(but no steak knives)
A PERFECT CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR THE KIDS WHO HAVE EVERYTHING

$40 or we are open to negotiation
Please contact:
Nikki Ferguson 0413 886 390

Come And Ride
The Yarra Valley Railway
These School Holidays!
Enjoy a Ride on our Walker Railmotor though the historic tunnel
We operate Wednesday and Sunday throughout the school holidays
Rides depart Healesville station hourly 10am to 4pm
For more information visit our website at www.yvr.com.au

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)
All in excellent / very good condition
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OSHC NEWS
Hello ChathamLand.
Rhett has been away this week (Dragon Fighting) but we’ve still had lots of fun down at the OSHC house! I hope everyone is super excited about the end of term, we have lots of great games and activities planned at the OSHC house - our last week of the school year is sure to be a fun one!
This week we finished our active after care ‘multi-sports’ sessions with a huge water sports afternoon. I hope everyone enjoyed getting as soaked as I did!
The big item for Parents to remember is that CA run Holiday Clubs during January. Rhett 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 Rhett’s new ringtone is? If you can, you will be rewarded.
Thanks, Shin

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD...
This week our award goes to Lily Douglas. Lily is great to have around the OSHC house, she always tries her best and gets involved in activities. Lily shows good listening skills and helps others around her do the same. Thanks Lily!
1. Buy good quality decorations that can be reused year after year, or make your own.

2. Set up a recycling station for your workplace Christmas party and make sure the signage is clear so that no matter how much fun everyone is having, they know where the recycling goes. Download signage from BusinessRecycling.com.au.

3. Give gifts with a lower environmental impact. Experiences like movie or show tickets and practical, durable items that meet a need are great options.

4. Use paper wrapping and reuse or recycle it afterwards. For extra points, choose recycled content paper.

5. Plan ahead to prevent food wastage. For tips on serving sizes, the best way to store food, and recipes that use leftovers, visit LoveFood-HateWaste.nsw.gov.au

6. Compost or worm farm your unavoidable food scraps. Fruits and vegetables and their peels, pits and seeds are all perfect for composting.
Most of your drink packaging is recyclable, including aluminium cans, juice cartons, and glass and plastic bottles. Check what’s recyclable in your area at RecyclingNearYou.com.au.

Flatten aluminium cans, milk and juice cartons, and cardboard boxes to save space in your recycling bin. If your bin is too full, store the excess until your next collection, drop it at a recycling facility, or find out if your council offers additional collection services.

If you give or receive a mobile phone, make sure you recycle the old one through MobileMuster. Visit RecyclingNearYou.com.au to find out what to do with other unwanted electronics like old printers and cartridges.

If you’re giving a battery-operated gift, include a battery recharger and rechargeable batteries too - it’ll save the recipient money! For information on battery recycling, visit RecyclingNearYou.com.au.

Reduce the impact of your holiday travelling and fuel costs by making sure your tyres are inflated to the correct pressure and your engine is tuned. Remember to recycle old car oil, tyres and batteries - to find out where, visit RecyclingNearYou.com.au.

If you choose a live Christmas tree, ask your council if they have a special collection or a mulching service, or if you can take the tree to your local recycling facility.

Do even more for the environment this festive season by sharing this factsheet with others and visiting 12dos.planetark.org to download social media graphics and other resources.
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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:

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- $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.

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phone 9836 9466

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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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(536478) (12/13)
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.

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E-Mail linda@kellytennis.com.au
Or visit our website at
www.kellytennis.com.au
SunSmart Update

1. Sun protection is only needed during Terms One and Four.
   BUSTED: Sun protection is needed whenever UV levels reach three and above. In Victoria average UV levels are above three from September to the end of April.
   Check the SunSmart UV Alert for sun protection times. It is available as a free SunSmart app, online (sunsmart.com.au or bom.gov.au/weather/uv), in the weather section of newspapers, or as a free widget you can add to your school's website.

   SunSmart members: Add the SunSmart UV Alert widget to your school website and go into the draw to win a Star Outdoor shade marquee for your school
   1. Add the SunSmart UV Alert widget to your school’s website (follow the instructions at the bottom of the blue widget at sunsmart.com.au)
   2. Send a link to the school’s website page that features the SunSmart UV Alert widget to Justine.osborne@cancervic.org.au
   3. Entries close at 5.00pm on Thursday 28 March, 2013.
   4. The winner will be notified on Tuesday 16 April 2013.

2. A hat is all the sun protection we need.
   BUSTED: A wide brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat will protect the head from direct UV but UV is also reflected and scattered so the face, neck, ears and all other parts of skin not covered with clothing need sunscreen applied.

   SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen should be reapplied throughout the day. Get each child to bring their own sunscreen and store with hats and lunchboxes. Try sunscreen buddies or monitors to help remind children to reapply sunscreen before going outside to play in the shade.

NEW SunSmart Electroboard interactive whiteboard curriculum resources
To help children understand why they need to SLIP on sun protective clothing, SLOP on sunscreen, SLAP on hats, SEEK shade and SLIDE on sunglasses, SunSmart and Electroboard have developed a number of free IWB lessons suitable for P-6. Start the year in a SunSmart way by learning about UV, the sun, skin, sun protection and vitamin D and why the school community wear hats and sunscreen as part of their daily routine. Available from mid-December.

Follow the link from: http://www.sunsmart.com.au/protecting_others/at_school/e6_p6_schools/