FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WALK OR RIDE TO SCHOOL

A recent survey conducted by the Heart Foundation has shown some alarming results about the physical activity of our children. It found that 10 years ago only 16% of students were driven to school. Ten years later, in 2012, this survey showed that 63% of students are now being driven to school. Over the years we have made our roads & cars safer and have also seen the introduction of lower speed limits around schools. Statistics show that the road and accident tolls are declining each year but people still believe that walking & riding to school is unsafe. If you need to drive to school then I would encourage parents to park that little further away and walk the last 100 metres with your child. As well as teaching them some road safety along the way, you would be modelling good road sense as well helping to ease the traffic congestion around the school. It was National Ride to School Day yesterday and it was great to see so many students riding their bikes, scooting their scooters or using their feet to come to school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Next Monday, 24th March will be our next School Council meeting. This will be the first meeting of our new councillors and where we will elect the executive for the next year. Parents are always most welcome to attend any School Council meeting as observers.

LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER....

At Chatham our philosophy for all of our students is to help them grow as individuals and develop their own sense of identity. Our Prep students are becoming more confident each day as they establish friendship groups and feel more settled in their new school environment. At the beginning of the year they are paired up with their Year 5 buddy at playtimes to help them feel safe and secure in the yard, which for a little person can seem very big and overwhelming at times. These Year 5 buddies have now taken a step backwards in seeking out their little charges each day as they realise they have become more independent and need less encouragement to join in with their peers. This is equally as important for older siblings to model when younger siblings seek them out in the yard to play. We strongly encourage all students to play with peers within the same grade level who have similar interests, skill levels and physicality.

At Chatham we also have a number of twins throughout the school. It is important that twins are able to enjoy the unique relationship they have with their sibling, whilst still being able to choose to do some things the same as their twin and some things that are different. This also applies when making friends. Many of us choose our friends based on similar interests. It is important that twins are able to establish these friendship groups independent of each other. At Chatham there are many extra-curricula programs that we offer our students which are based on students’ needs and interests. While twins may share some things in common, if they have a particular friendship group it is okay to invite only the child with whom your child is friendly over for a play.

If you are having a party then I would like to remind all our families that any handing out of invitations should be handled discreetly. We realise that it is not always possible but would encourage parents to attempt to invite all members of the class to any party and to reflect on the situation on how upset your child would be if they were one of the students not invited to someone else’s party. It is also the policy of the school that teachers do not hand out invitations as this might cause some public upset to children who are not invited.

EXCURSION LEVY

All families will shortly be receiving the excursion levy for their child, which outlines the planned activities and costs for the year. We would encourage all families to make this one off payment which is due by the end of term.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to two of our Year 5 students Xander Taylor and Jed Rule who competed in the District Tennis round robin championships. Both boys won all of their matches and will now progress to the Division championships. Well done.

HEAD LICE

With the change of seasons we also usually experience an outbreak of head lice in the school. The Department of Human Services (DHS) website provides useful resources for schools and parents regarding head lice. Information found in the Scratching for Answers information kits, including the Treating and Controlling Head Lice pamphlet can be obtained from: http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/ Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice and given the chance head lice move from head to head without discrimination. Head lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps;

1. Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair and crawl around.
2. Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb
3. Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue
4. Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs
5. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times

If lice or eggs are found, then the child’s hair should be treated. Head lice eggs are small (the size of a pinhead) and oval. A live egg will ‘pop’ when squashed between fingernails. Remember, children should not be sent back to school until their hair has been treated.

When treating head lice you should;
- Concentrate on the head
- Repeat treatment after seven days as no treatment kills all of the eggs.
- Apply the product to dry hair if using lotions.
- Treat all members of the family who have head lice.
- Launder the pillowcase, either wash it in hot water (at least 60 degrees centigrade) and dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.

There is no product available that prevents head lice. Using the conditioner and comb method once a week will help you detect any head lice early and minimise the problem. Tying back long hair can prevent the spread of head lice. It is important that everyone regularly monitors their child’s hair and immediately treats the infected hair otherwise infestation will continue to occur. Please report any infestation to your class teacher. Lynda Gould will conduct head checks of all students who have been given permission and letters are sent home to all families of that grade when lice are found. Remember children should not be returned to school until treatment has been undertaken. More information about head lice control can be found on the home page of our school website.

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROJECT

Work is progressing well down at the OSHC house and the Japanese room. New stumps have been put in under the old caretaker’s house, and new doorway knocked through the wall inside and the old chimney has begun to be demolished. In the Japanese room all wall linings have been removed and the work is commencing on the installation of sliding doors from the Japanese room into the garden area.

CAMP

The Year 5 students returned to school last Friday after four wonderful days at the Derby Hill school camp at Maldon. This is a bike riding camp with the students riding around the historic town and surrounding areas accompanied by a police car escort. The children visited the local BMX track, Mount Tarrengower and a local gold mine: travelled on a historic steam train, visited the Maldon CFA headquarters, ice creamery and lolly shop as well as a range of activities on site. They all hopped off the bus very exhausted but full of wonderful memories of their camping experience. I would especially like to thank all the staff who accompanied these students. They volunteer to go on camp, often leaving their own family at home to look after and supervise the students in their care.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL
(THANKS TO JESSICA POWNE OF 6CC FOR THIS WEEKS’ MASTHEAD)
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**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

Thank you to all students who have returned the consent form. We are just waiting for a few more to come in to begin the processing of usernames and passwords. This information will be given to students who have completed the consent form by the end of term so you can start to record book information online. In the meantime keep a list of any reading you are doing somewhere handy. Happy Reading!

Melissa Hosking and Di Miller—School Librarians
HELP
We are asking for any old keys that you don't want. Please drop them off at the office.
Thanks Parents’ Club

SAVE THE DATE
Chatham Primary School Parents’ Club Gala Night
Date: 17th May, 2014
Venue: The Boulevard, Kew
Time: 7:30-12:00
Start organising your babysitters, it’s a great night out.
More details to follow….

SAVE ANOTHER DATE
THE LOVELY MOTHER’S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH MAY.
DETAILS COMING SOON

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2FM DINNER
Please come along to a dinner for 2FM parents/carers, on Wednesday 26th March, from 7pm at One Thai, 346 Belmore Road. (BYO wine.)
Send me a quick email to let me know if you can attend, by Monday 24 March.
Hope to see you there.
Katie (Rowan’s mum)

2JB DINNER
2JB dinner on Thursday 27th March at Between Us in Maling Rd.
Please RSVP to Susan on sj_wilding@hotmail.com

PREP SM MORNING TEA
When: Friday 21st March 2014 at 9.15 am (after drop off)
Where: Cocco Latte coffee shop
111-113 Union Road, Surrey Hills
Siblings welcome. We hope to see you there,
Michelle, Jane and Belinda

2KM Wine & Nibbles Night
Thursday, 20th March at 7.30pm.
Faversham Rd, Canterbury
BYO drinks and a plate of food to share.
Email: jodieinmelbourne@hotmail.com for more details, and to RSVP.

CANTEEN ROSTER—MARCH
FRIDAY 21ST
AM: Melody, Philippa and Justine
PM: Claire and Mary-Anne

WEDNESDAY 26TH
Vicki, Kirsty, Cath and Kate—all day

YEAR 4 PARENTS/CARERS WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT
At the home of Sam and Fariba Abbasi
Union Rd, Balwyn.
Friday the 28th of March from 7pm
BYO DRINKS and a Plate to Share
Email your Class reps for more info and to RSVP by the 26th of March
Mal, Claire, Cherry, Lina, Kate, Julie, Joanna and Amanda.

2JB DINNER
2JB dinner on Thursday 27th March at Between Us in Maling Rd.
Please RSVP to Susan on sj_wilding@hotmail.com

Save the Date
5AL Dinner
Thursday 3rd April

5NC MORNING TEA
Join us after drop off on Thursday 27th March at Mr Hendricks
469 Whitehorse Road Balwyn

Chatham Community Prayer Group Meeting
We’d love you to join us for a cuppa, a chat and some prayer for our school community. Our next meeting is Friday 28th March at 9.15 at 2A Weybridge Street. Newcomers and toddlers warmly welcome. Enquiries or prayer requests – Kate Wansbrough 0417137509
Yesterday was National Ride2School Day and it was great to see so many of the Chatham Community actively making their way to school on bikes, scooters and foot. On the day, 105 students rode to school and 177 walked. That’s a total of 282 students who were looking after themselves and the environment by participating in the national event. That is also another 66 students than last week when we collected data. Well done, everyone. I know the House Captains and teachers had fun surprising students on their way to school. This is what Lucy and Aedean, Nugent House captains, said about the morning. “It was fun handing out stickers, giving high fives and telling everyone they were doing a good job travelling safely to school. Lots of kids were coming to school excited.”

As a student in Year 5, Georgia is allowed to ride a bike to school and is following the road rules wearing a helmet.

A big thank you to Anderson in Year 6, for doing a great job organising the parking of scooters on the day.

A great way to catch up with friends, Imogen and Jessica rode together on their way to school.

Bronwyn Orr
5ZB are ready for Clean Up Australia Day

Cleaning up the streets

If it goes down the drain it will end up in the ocean and could hurt the marine animals

And the local park

Next stop Balwyn Community Centre

‘Clean up Australia’ day is so much fun

Done and exhausted
Holiday workshops for tweens and teens aged 8 - 14
Monday 7th of April through Thursday 17th April in Camberwell
* Figurine Painting, * Jewellery Making, * Plasterkraft
* Scale Modelling, * Stitchery, * Kumihimo
Two sessions each week day
Birthday Parties also available during term
patricia.plumb@kraftworks.com.au

You’re invited to be the first to see The Lego Movie, at a special advanced screening on Sunday March 30, 2014
10.30 am
Palace Cinemas Balwyn
231 Whitehorse Rd Balwyn
Kids Tickets are $14.50
Adult tickets are $19.00
There is a lego door prize to be won!
All proceeds are going to Oxfam
help buy clean water, education and other necessities for those less fortunate than ourselves.
Please book and make payment via TryBooking:
http://www.trybooking.com/EONW
Tickets will be available for collection at the cinema on the morning.

BOROONDARA COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOPS
The Council offers Boroondara residents free workshops and events relating to sustainable living. Led by experienced presenters, Living for our Future workshops, talks and events are informative and practical. Delicious locally made organic refreshments are supplied at most events, as well as giveaways, door prizes and resources to support you on your sustainable living journey.
Hi Chatham

We have had a great week down at OSHC, with the children having lots of FUN with active games, playground area, quiet time, arts and crafts, ongoing projects.

We have been mixing up the sports play in before care with the kids playing cricket, footy, basketball and American football. Kids are having loads of Fun and we have both girls and boys involved in playing. Kids have also been having an awesome time with AASC basketball and soccer program which ends in a fortnight and we have Multi-sports and Athletics starting for next term.

A healthy start to the day for breakfast we have cereal, toast, jaffles and pancakes with milo. For the afternoons we have sandwiches, salada biscuits and fruits snack in keeping the kids appetites satisfied.

The designs of the card board cubby houses have come up really well. The kids have been painting them with all different colours and are now starting on the inside. The next phase is to build a bridge between the two houses. Construction ongoing.

It is great to see the kids having fun and building there friendships and working together whether it’s building a lego set, painting, making a necklace or playing sports. They are forming great social skills, teamwork, sharing, being able to be creative and responsible.

Attention Parents: We have a new contact number for our Camp Australia service at Chatham. 0402 521 853. So if you need to call for anything please do so on this number.

Also need your childs enrolment information forms to be updated and signed. If you have any particular questions please come in to the service between OSHC hours. CHATHAM OSHC : 0402 521

REMEMBER keep hydrated, slap on sunscreen, wear your smart hats.

Chatham Team: Michael  Sarah  Shirin

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**HOW TO GET STARTED**

Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

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Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

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Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

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Holiday Clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays.

Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

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Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily.

Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs.

Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit.

Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

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We make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au

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LIGHTS OUT FOR THE REEF

8.30pm Saturday 29 March

Use your power at earthhour.org.au