FROM THE PRINCIPAL
DIANNE BEARDALL & MIRANDA MILASZEWICZ
These two teachers have officially retired from the Department of Education from the end of February after many years as educators in Victorian Government schools.

Dianne Beardall has been a teacher at Chatham for 24 years and before that she was also a parent. Both of her children have attended our school. During the early 90s the school only had about 180 students and Di started her time at Chatham as the Physical Education and Art teacher. Over the time she has taught in every grade except Preps and Year 4 and been our Literacy Coordinator, Numeracy Coordinator, Level Coordinator, Leading Teacher and Acting Assistant Principal and Acting Principal for short times. She is an outstanding educator who easily builds strong relationships with parents and their children. She always has the best interest of the students in her care at the forefront of all decisions. She has ‘gone that extra mile’ to help and support her students and provide them with the best education possible. She has been a valuable member of the school leadership team and an outstanding mentor and role model to younger teachers. On behalf of the Chatham school community I would like to thank Di Beardall for all that she has done for our school over many years and wish her all the best in the next phase of her life in retirement.

Miranda Milaszewicz started at Chatham in 1994 in a part-time role and has managed to maintain this great mix of home and work over her 21 years at Chatham. She has also had a wide range of roles over her time including as our Physical Education teacher and our Maths guru organising Family Maths sessions and taking our Extension Maths groups. She has worked in different grades sharing this role with other teachers and most recently was working as the school librarian. Although she has great plans to sail around the seas with her husband, she has agreed to come back one morning a week to continue with her Maths Extension Group. Miranda is a great staff member, well organised and always calm and positive. I also would like to thank Miranda, on behalf of the school community, for all her work at our school over the last 21 years. She is an outstanding educator and we wish her best in her retirement.

We will be having a special assembly tomorrow to say thank you and farewell to these two fantastic Chatham teachers. I would encourage any parents who have had either of these teachers for their children to come along tomorrow at 2:40 to say goodbye and thank you to Di and Miranda.

SCHOOL VALUES and PARTNERSHIP
It was fantastic to see our latest recipient of the Charlie and Chelsea award at last week’s assembly, Charlotte in 4MO, receiving our school mascots for displaying not one of our school values, but all six! It is timely then to remind everyone in our community that we all have a vested interest in the School Values. As a school community all parties - staff, students and parents - were consulted and engaged in reviewing the school values at the culmination of our last Strategic Plan. After many discussions and reflection, five of the original values - Learning, Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, and Partnership remained, while the sixth value of Self-Worth was replaced with Resilience. The school community therefore has ownership of these values and with that a responsibility to ensure that these values are being instilled within our children.

But this responsibility does not fall on school staff alone. It is the responsibility of all members of the school community, parents included, to hold these values up to their children. Every day there will be opportunities to highlight these values to your child, whether it be ensuring they are taking responsibility for being at school on time to reinforcing the rules we have at school. The Classroom Rules, Outside Rules and Rules for Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards are there to ensure everyone feels and is safe at school.

CONTINUED ON
In recent weeks, Bronwyn Orr and I have noticed an increasing number of students who are not following our rules regarding bikes and scooters, particularly after school. After the success of a day such as Ride2School Day and other similar initiatives planned for the remainder of the school year, including Walk and Wheel Wednesdays next term, it is important that children are following established rules not only on their way to and from school but also within the school grounds. These Bike, Scooter and Skateboard Rules are set down for the school grounds so we would also ask that siblings, older or younger, also not ride their bikes, skateboards or scooters in the school grounds during these set times (8:45 – 9:00am & 3:30 – 3:45). It can also be difficult for a teacher to ‘talk to a student’ not following these rules if a parent is standing nearby and allowing them to ride. I am therefore asking all parents to work in Partnership with the school and remind their child of the rules if needed. By ignoring a breach of the rules, we are giving children the message at the same time that an inappropriate behaviour ignored is a behaviour condoned. On Tuesday night, classroom teachers undertook Professional Development on goal setting. Teachers will be making contact with parents of students they feel would benefit from an Individual Learning Plan in the first week back next term. Individual Learning Plans are a Partnership between teachers, students and parents that focus on a specific area of additional need.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2014
Last Monday night’s School Council meeting was the first with the new make-up of councillors with the following members elected as office bearers for 2014;

- President – Susy Montagner (Sarah McNulty 3MP)
- Vice President – Adam McInnes (Reef 6GK, Kalen 3HM & Alannah 2FH)
- Treasurer – Peter Gray (Marnie 6CC)
- Secretary – Bronwyn Orr

Parent Representatives:
- Justine Kiely-Scott (Angus 6CC, Jamison 4DH & Eliza 2JB)
- Andrew Stamper (William 3TC)
- Steve Kynoch (Georgia 3TC)
- Brenda Wilkinson (Emma 3HM)
- John Doyle (James 1LM & Thomas 5NC)

Staff Representatives:
- Georgina Kirwan
- Bronwyn Orr
- Cathie Bradford
- Glenda Kelly

Co-Opted Member: Matthew Hunt (Isabelle 2FH) and Parents’ Club Presidents – Cathy Elliot (Abby 6GK) & Alison Burrows (Sophie 6GK)

School Council has a number of sub-committees who are always looking for new members from the school community. These committees include; Education, Sustainability & Environment, Canteen and Finance. If you are interested in joining one of these committees then please contact the office. At this meeting the School Council approved the upcoming Year 4 camp to Warburton reviewed the school’s Annual Implementation Plan, discussed new funding arrangements for next year’s school fair, and passed the updated Cycling Policy and Parent Participation Policy. School Council meetings are open to all members of the school community to attend as observers. The next meeting for School Council will be on Monday 19th May.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
On Monday we had a Year 6 boys’ and a Year 6 girls’ basketball team competing at the District Championships. The girls played well but the boys’ team made it through to the final without a loss, only to lose a tight game in the Grand Final. Congratulations to Luke Spurling who was selected to move onto the next stage of State team selection.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CRE SERVICE
The CRE Easter service is scheduled for the last day of term, Friday 4th April. This year we will be taking all CRE students, Prep to Year 6 to the service at the Balwyn Baptist Church at the corner of Whitehorse and Paring Roads. All CRE students will be walking to and from the church at 11:30am. Parents are most welcome to attend this service.

EXCURSION LEVY
All families have now received the excursion levy for 2014 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 Friday 4th April.

GRANDPARENT’S DAY
Once again we will be holding Grandparent’s Day during Education Week. The actual day to visit our school will be on Tuesday 20th May. Please let Grandparents or Special Friends know and put this date in you diary and onto your calendar. More details will follow next term.

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROJECT
Both buildings, the OSHC house and Japanese room have been gutted in readiness for new plaster and painting. The chimney in the OSHC house is being demolished and a new sliding door installed in the Japanese room.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
It is important that all students and their parents are aware of the correct uniform to be worn at Chatham. Students who have been wearing ‘non-school uniform items’ to school will be approached and given a reminder to wear the correct uniform. If this non-compliance continues then students will be handed a warning letter asking for parent support to ensure that students are wearing the endorsed uniform at all times. If parents have an objection with this letter then there are areas that will be considered for exemption by the Principal. These exemptions can be found on the school website. The list of endorsed school uniform, along with other uniform information, can also be found on the school website under the Uniform tab. Please be aware that there are compulsory and optional items on this list and that there is now a 2 year phase out period for any old items of Chatham uniform that are no longer on sale.

PLANNING WEEK
Next week all teachers will be involved in Planning Week. Over this week we have restructured the normal timetable so that the teachers from each Professional Learning Team have time to plan together for next term’s work. By providing this time, we are able to ensure consistency across year levels and across the whole school.

2015 ENROLMENTS
We have started to receive telephone calls and email enquiries over the past few weeks from families with prospective student enrolments. While we appreciate it is a very important decision to make and we are always encouraging of the community interest in our school, we prefer to give everyone the same opportunities and access to information about the school. As we’ve had in past years, we will again open up the school to visitors and will have tours of the school specifically for prospective 2015 Prep families. Usually we have a large number of families collect an information package and we intend to keep our 2015 Prep enrolments to approximately 60 – 66 students. If you know of any new families who live nearby, or if you have relatives, friends or neighbours who would like information about the school, then encourage them to contact the school next term to arrange a personal tour or to attend our Open Day tours. More information will follow in next term’s newsletters with information also being sent to our local Early Childhood centres.

LAST DAY
The last day of term is Friday 4th April and students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. Camp Australia will operate the After School Care program from this time. The first day of next term is Tuesday 22nd April.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL
Teacher Profiles

Take a look at this week’s Teacher Profile which features Lorraine McLean who teaches one of our Junior classes in Year 1, as well as Cathie Bradford who is our Japanese Sensei and school’s ICT Co-ordinator. This year she and Stephen are undertaking an ICT Course at Bastow.

Konnichi wa! My name is Bradford Sensei and I am the Japanese teacher at Chatham Primary School. I love teaching at Chatham and I love going to Japan! We have lots of fun in Japanese. We play lots of games that help us to learn. Each year we cook Japanese food and we use chopsticks to eat it! There are lots of other things I like too. I really like going to the football with my family to see the Geelong Football team, the Cats!! I also have a pet cat and her name is Chillie.

Hello. My name is Mrs McLean. Let me tell you a bit about myself. I like the colour burgundy, some of my favourite foods are the summer fruits like mango, raspberries and bananas. I like all sorts of exercise particularly bush walking, gym and bike riding. I used to play the flute and originally was a music teacher. I have two children Rosie and Liam who are teenagers and Rosie enjoys babysitting. Over the holidays I enjoy playing with our puppy Bentley and hopefully going to Queensland.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

At last week’s Education Committee meeting, we reviewed the school’s Cycling Policy which is now a CYCLING POLICY FOR BIKES, RIPSTICKS, SKATEBOARDS AND SCOOTERS. It was then approved at School Council on Monday night and can be found on the school’s website under the Policies tab. School Council also approved the reviewed Parent Participation Policy. So, please take a look.

BRONWYN ORR

Chatham CRE Easter Celebration

Friday 4th April 11:40am

This year we have an exciting CRE Easter Celebration planned that will be slightly different to previous years due to some changes with curriculum. This year we will be holding just one CRE Service at 11:40am, at Balwyn Baptist Church (corner of Whitehorse and Parring Roads, Balwyn), for students from Prep – Year 6. The Service will include a PowerPoint presentation by Chatham students called, ‘What is Easter all about?’, as well as a fantastic children’s speaker who will teach the students some songs which should be lots of fun. Parents are welcome to join us as we celebrate Easter together.
DATES FOR THE DIARY

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH  YEAR 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT—AUBURN SOUTH PS
SATURDAY 29TH MARCH  EARTH HOUR
THURSDAY 3RD APRIL  MONTHLY MUNCHIES EASTER MORNING TEA
FRIDAY 4TH APRIL  YEAR 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT—ST JOSEPHS PS
CRE EASTER SERVICE COMMENCING AT 11.40AM
LAST DAY OF TERM 1—2.30PM FINISH
TUESDAY 22ND APRIL  SCHOOL RESUMES FOR TERM 2
FRIDAY 25TH APRIL  ANZAC DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL  YEAR 4 EXCURSION TO C.E.R.E.S.
WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY  YEAR 2 EXCURSION TO RIPPOLEA
THURSDAY 8TH MAY  PANCAKE BREAKFAST 9AM TO 10AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL
MOTHER’S DAY STALL
TUESDAY 13TH MAY  WHOLE SCHOOL AND YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP PHOTOS
WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY  YEAR 4 CAMP TO ARRABRI LODGE
FRIDAY 16TH MAY  CAMPERS RETURN
SATURDAY 17TH MAY  PARENTS’ CLUB GALA NIGHT
MONDAY 19TH MAY  EDUCATION WEEK
SCHOOL TOUR 9.30AM
TUESDAY 20TH MAY  GRANDPARENTS’ DAY
WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY  CROSS COUNTRY
THURSDAY 22ND MAY  SCHOOL TOUR 9.30AM
SATURDAY 24TH MAY  SCHOOL TOUR 9.30AM

THANKS TO WILLIAM MACLEAN OF PREP MO FOR OUR FIRST EVER ‘PREP MASTHEAD’

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To add, delete or edit your payment cards from the ‘Settings’:

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7. To add a new card, tap the icon on the top right of your screen (an image of a card with a ‘+’ symbol on Android devices or the word ‘Add’ on Apple devices)
   To add another card from the check out screen:
   1. Tap on your registered card
   2. Tap ‘Add Card’ option
   3. Provide card details
   4. Tap the ‘Done’ button (Apple devices) or ‘tick’ icon (Android device) on the top right of your screen to save changes
STOP THE PRESS - PARENTS’ CLUB HAVE A NEW ROLE AND YOU MIGHT BE PERFECT FOR IT!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO FILL THE ROLE BELOW

Communication Officer’s Role
- promote Parents’ Club events on Facebook, newsletter and any other school communication sites
- maintain noticeboard content outside music room
- put out blackboard easels for communication to parent community in the morning and then bring them in, in the afternoon at 3:45pm
- update fundraising thermometer

PLEASE CONTACT BIANCA HUNT biancahunt76@gmail.com FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

MOTHER’S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST THURSDAY 8TH MAY
SCHOOL HALL 9AM TO 10AM — FORMS COMING HOME SOON.

3HM DINNER
Come and join us for a casual meal and catch-up before the Term ends!
Cantina Centrale
11 Hamilton St, Mont Albert
on Thurs 3rd April
at 7:30pm.
RSVP’s to Louise Ross by Fri 28th.
Hope to see many of you there!

Jen, Louise, Amanda and Sharon.
3HM Reps

DON’T ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE STEPPED UP TO VOLUNTEER….’cos they didn’t....
We are still looking for enthusiastic people to join our Chatham Primary School Donations Committee. This group would be responsible for sourcing items for the raffle and silent auction events for the 2015 Fair.
You will be supported by the Parents Committee as well as the Fair Committee.
You and your friends may like to join together to form this team of 2, 3, 4 or more!!
Get together over coffee (or wine) and at the same time do something to benefit the Chatham students and community.
If you think this is you and your friends, then we look forward to hearing from you.
Please contact Cathy Elliott or Alison Burrows, Co-Presidents of the Parents’ Club.

DON’T ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE WILL DO IT.............
WE NEED YOU :)}

5AL Dinner on 3rd April.
Cantina Centrale, 8 pm.
Please RSVP to sj_wilding@hotmail.com

CANTEEN ROSTER—MARCH/APRIL
FRIDAY 28th
AM: Karen, Vicki and Lina
PM: Mal, Susie and Sarah

WEDNESDAY 2nd
AM: Pamela and Isabella
PM: Mary Anne and Angela

HELP
We are asking for any old keys that you don't want. Please drop them off at the office.

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.
CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS’ CLUB
PRESENTS

PUTTIN’ ON THE RITZ

ROARING 20s
GALA NIGHT

$85ph COCKTAIL DINNER
(SUBSTANTIAL FINGER FOOD & DESSERT)
INC. BEER, WINE, SOFTDRINKS & DJ

SATURDAY
May 17
7.30pm

THE BOULEVARD
121 Studley Park Road
KEW

R.S.V.P
by April 28
(Pay by CHQ, CASH, EFT or Card see attached slip)
Hi Chatham!

We are having great fun down at the OSHC house this week, with lots of sport, fun and games!

We have had another big week with sports and had our last sessions with our AASC sports program playing basketball and soccer for term 1. Kids have been active in the mornings with playing sports and enjoying themselves and having so much FUN. What has been great is that everybody has been involved from preps to 6 with boys and girls involved. It’s great to see them organising teams and playing together and working as team. Good to see all having a fair-play attitude. Also great to see the older students helping the younger ones. This is helping all to build their social skills and good friendships.

With Easter coming up we have a competition running in drawing the best and most colourful Bunny rabbits and the winner will be receiving a Pancake parlour voucher. There have been some really good drawings so far.

Brekky has been really good. Great to see kids eating healthy and a great start to the day. We have started having jaffles on Wednesdays. Afternoons have been awesome, with the kids eating everything put on their plates. I must say we have a really healthy bunch of kids at OSHC, they love their fruit.

Just another REMINDER to parents about updating your child’s information form, when your in next one of our OSHC staff will remind you. Also if any medical changes or updates please notify us asap.

Remember – Holidays are just around the corner – book in for holiday clubs today! Michael will be working at Hartwell; come join the fun!

The Chatham Team  Michael-Shirin-Sarah

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

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.

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.campaustalia.com.au/holidayclubs

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.


we make kids smile
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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 to 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.

CANTERBURY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

FOR ALL INTERESTED BOYS AND GIRLS FROM KINDER TO GRADE 3
CANTERBURY SPORTS GROUND (CSG), GUILDFORD ROAD, SURREY HILLS

Online registrations are now open at www.aflauskick.com.au (look for Canterbury Cobras Centre and follow registration or re-registration prompts). This will be the only method of registration and payment. The cost of $83.12 includes all clinics for the season, a Rookie bag full of goodies and end of season presentation medals/trophies.

Rookie Bag Pick up Day and Sausage Sizzle: For those that have registered AND paid only bags can be collected on Saturday April 5, 2014 at CSG between 9am and 11.00pm. Come along for some kick to kick and a sausage to kick our season off.

Clinics Commencement: Saturday April 26, 2014 from 9.00am to 10.30am at CSG

Coaches are required to assist with our programs this season so please indicate your interest when registering or contact the Centre Coordinator. This is for Dad’s and Mum’s and the only pre-requisite is enthusiasm.

Canterbury Cobras Auskick News, including a Calendar for Season 2014 can now be found at: http://www.canterburyjfc.com.au/

Cameron Bain—Centre Coordinator 0428 173 049

FREE SOCCER TRY-OUT
10.30AM TO 12.00PM
SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2014

Girls (aged 6 to 11* years) & boys (aged 5 to 7* years)
A chance for new and existing players to participate in pre-season skills training. Meet some of the club coaches and other players, sign-up for the 2014 season.

Register your place at http://www.trybooking.com/EOBC
(closing date - Friday 28 March 5.00pm)

Please contact Faith Anderson on 0414 327 771 with any queries
* age at 1 January 2014

LIGHTS OUT FOR THE REEF
8.30pm Saturday 29 March
Use your power at earthhour.org.au
SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOT SHOTS TENNIS CLINIC AT
Canterbury Tennis Club
Croydon Rd, Canterbury
Monday April 7th to Wednesday April 9th
9.00am to 11.00am
Cost $95.00
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www.kellytennis.com

TOUCH TENNIS TOURNAMENT
WEDNESDAY April 9th
10.00am to 11.30am at
Canterbury Tennis Club
ALL JUNIORS 6-12 yrs (Must be able to rally over a modified net)
Modified balls/nets/racqs with easy scoring for younger players
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Come along, challenge your friends and play your best
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