FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This term has been a short one but has flown past very quickly. It has been yet another busy but productive term with the highlights being:

- Welcoming the new Preps and all the new families into our school community
- Year 6 camp to Camp Lakewood Park on the Gippsland Lakes. The students participated in water skiing, donuting, sailing, canoeing, raft making, hut building, initiatives course, archery, ropes course & stand-up paddle boarding.
- House Swimming Sports and having a number of students progress through to the District & Division Championships. We also had basketball teams competing in the District Championships and a number of students being selected to progress further for trials of various state teams.
- The Year 6, 5 & Prep working bees.
- Election of our Year 6 leaders.
- Year 5 bike riding camp at Derby Hill, Maldon.
- Various excursion and incursions related to concepts being studied across the school.

Certainly the biggest highlight for the term has been the school fair where the whole school community came together for what proved to be a wonderful day. The weather was kind and we had a steady stream of people through the gates all day, helping us to achieve our best financial result ever. Well done to everyone for a great term.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

At last Monday night’s School Council meeting the following members were elected as office bearers for 2013;

- President – Susy Montagner (Sarah McNulty 2JB)
- Vice President – Adam McInnes (Reef 5NC, Kalen 2KM & Alannah 1SN)
- Treasurer – Peter Gray (Marnie 5NC)
- Secretary – Bronwyn Orr

Parent Representatives:

- Paul Chester (Regan 6ZB)
- Matthew Hunt (Isabelle 1LM)
- Rita O’Donnell (Megan 6ZB)
- Louise Ross (Thomas 2JB & Ben 0MB)
- Justine Kiely-Scott (Angus 5YC, Jamison 3SM & Eliza 1SN)

Staff Representatives:

- Georgina Kirwan
- Bronwyn Orr
- Sue Minshull
- Glenda Kelly

Co-opted Member: Parents’ Club President

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, and Finance. If you are interested in joining one of these committees then please also contact the office. 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 13th May.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

At last Monday night’s School Council meeting I presented the school’s Annual Report for 2012. This document has been radically changed over the last few years with all Government schools in Victoria having exactly the same format and data presentation. This report will be available on the Department’s website early next term at www.education.vic.gov.au and will be posted on the school’s website www.chathamps.vic.edu.au in the upcoming months. This report draws on a wide range of data including our teacher judgments against VELS (Victorian Essential Learning Standards), NAPLAN results for Years 3 & 5, student attendance and teacher, student and parent survey information. This summary data is compared to ‘like schools’ based on our school’s socio-economic profile. In all areas we are working at a similar level to these schools, except for our Year 3 Writing results from last year’s NAPLAN test which were slightly lower than predicted. We have reviewed these results and put into place new strategies and programs in response. The overall student learning results for our school place us well above the State average and places Chatham in the top 10% or 20% of all Government schools.

The school is certainly aware of its strengths and also the areas for improvement and we continue to have a strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy and providing a differentiated & engaging curriculum to our students.

PARENTS’ CLUB

Earlier this week I sent home a personal letter to each school family asking for assistance from parents to consider nominating for one of the executive positions of Parents’ Club. At our recent Parents’ Club Annual General Meeting we were unable to secure nominations for four positions on the executive. We desperately need these positions to be filled otherwise this very important group in our school will not be able to operate.

Member of the past executive are available to talk to you about the role and will be around to assist the new executive with their transition. They have compiled a large resource folder of information and instructions and all events and coordinators for the year are already in place. A position on the executive is a very rewarding role and is necessary to ensure that all planned social and fundraising events continue this year.

After a very successful school fair and progressive dinner it would be a shame to have this group not operating in our school.

Since writing the letter, I have received some interest for the position of Treasurer so I am still asking that you please consider nominating for one of the vacant positions. Our next Parents’ Club meeting is scheduled for early next term and I would like to have parents in all of these positions before then.

Please contact the office if you are interested or would like some further information about any of these roles.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

From the beginning of next term we will be implementing a stronger focus on students wearing the correct uniform to school. Bronwyn Orr has been having conversations with students over the last few weeks about the correct times for the wearing of netball skirts and sports uniforms, nail polish, earings and make up. Students who have been wearing “non-school uniform tops” to school have also been approached. From next term, 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 will be areas that will be considered for exemption by the Principal. These exemptions will be found on the school website from next term. The list of endorsed school uniform can be found on the school supplier’s site at: http://www.surreyonline.com.au/catalogue/c27/c33. Please be aware that there are compulsory and optional items on this list and that there is a 3 year phase out period for any old items of Chatham uniform that are no longer on sale.

ATTACK ON OUR CHICKENS

We all had an exciting playtime on Tuesday when a stray dog entered the playground and took one of our chickens that free range around the school most of the day. The dog ran out of the school with the chicken in its mouth with many upset students watching on. The staff caught the dog and managed to retrieve the chicken and although there were signs of blood around its neck, it has rested all day and seems to be recovering well. The dog was collected by the Boroondara Council and taken to the pound.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Erin Hanson who has been selected from the recent trials to move onto the next stage of selection for the state netball team and to Ryan Simmons who has also been selected for the football selection trials.

2014 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 the past years, we will again open up the school to visitors where we will have tours of the school specifically for prospective 2014 Prep families. Usually we have a large number of families collect an information package and we intend to keep our 2014 Prep enrolments to approximately 60 – 65 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.

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY

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

EXCURSION LEVY

We still have a number of families from each grade who have yet to return this Excursion Levy for 2013. If you have not yet paid this amount for the planned excursion this year then please do this as soon as possible. Bev Gardiner will issue reminder notices to these families early next term.

LAST DAY

The last day of term is today 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 Monday 15th April.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL

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AUSKICK ROOKIE PROGRAM SEASON 2013

FOR ALL INTERESTED BOYS AND GIRLS FROM KINDER TO YEAR 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 and for those completing these by April 8th, 2013 you will receive two adult and two child tickets to a selected AFL game at the MCG. The cost of $80 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 13, 2013 at CSG between 10.00am and 12.00pm. Come along for some kick to kick and a sausage to kick our season off.

Clinics Commencement: Saturday April 20, 2013 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 Dads and Mums and the only pre-requisite is enthusiasm.

Canterbury Cobras Auskick News, including a Calendar for Season 2013 can now be found at: http://www.canterburyjfc.com.au/

Cameron Bain, Centre Coordinator 0428 173 049
DATES FOR THE DIARY

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
JAPANESE DRESS UP FUNDRAISING DAY AND MONTHLY MUNCHIES EASTER MORNING TEA
LAST DAY OF TERM — SCHOOL ENDS AT 2.30PM

MONDAY 15TH APRIL
TERM 2 COMMENCES

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL
CHATHAM FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT—5PM ON THE OVAL

MONDAY 6TH MAY
MOTHERS DAY WRAPPING SESSION—9AM MEET AT THE OFFICE

FRIDAY 10TH MAY
MOTHERS DAY STALL

MONDAY 13TH MAY
DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY—ANDERSON PARK

WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY
YEAR 4 CAMP—ARRABRI LODGE WARBURTON

MONDAY 20TH MAY
EDUCATION WEEK COMMENCES
GRANDPARENTS DAY—9.30AM TO 11.30AM

TUESDAY 21ST MAY
YEAR 5 AND 6 EXCURSION TO BOTANIC GARDENS AND IAN POTTER GALLERY

WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY
OPEN MORNING TOUR—9.30AM

THURSDAY 23RD MAY
OPEN MORNING TOUR—9.30AM

FRIDAY 24TH MAY
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART LAUNCH DAY—ASSEMBLY 2.30PM

SATURDAY 25TH MAY
OPEN MORNING TOUR—9.30AM

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART—JUMP OFF DAY—11.30AM - LAST DAY OF TERM—SCHOOL FINISHES 2.30PM

NOTICES GONE HOME THIS WEEK - MOVIE NIGHT

COME 'N TRY JUNIOR SPORTS PROGRAM
Primary aged children of all standards are invited to attend our ‘Come 'n Try’ Sessions during the April holidays. 
With all playing equipment supplied, all you have to do is wear sports clothes and runners and get set for some action!
Thanks to the support of SMASHGEARNZ, these sessions are FREE for children to attend.
Booking is essential, so make sure you call as soon as possible to reserve your child’s place!

BOX HILL INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE
3/9 CLARICE ROAD, BOX HILL VIC 3128
PH: 9890 7000
www.boxhillindoorssports.com.au

SECONDS AVAILABLE
Maximum 2 sessions per child

Proudly Supported By:
Walking School Bus
The Purple Route is walking on Thursday mornings. Please contact the co-ordinator, Nicole Powne on 0425 799 083 if you would like your child to join the bus.

The Red Route will start walking in Term 2 on Wednesday & Friday. Please contact the co-ordinator, Emma Ellis on 0421 340972 if you would like your child to join the bus.

We are always in need of new parent volunteers to keep this wonderful service running, please contact your route co-ordinators or myself if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

Walking School Bus Co-ordinator
Emma Ellis (0421 340972)

RED ROUTE
West end of Croydon Road, through the lanes to Empress, along Empress, Jocelyn and up Benson to school.

BLUE ROUTE
Mont Albert Road east of Union, up east end of Weybridge Street to school.

PURPLE ROUTE
East end of Guildford, up David Street, Surrey Avenue and east end of Empress, up Benson to school.

YELLOW ROUTE
Como Avenue to Thornton and up west end of Weybridge to school.

GREEN ROUTE
Faversham Road (Cnr Winson Green Road), along Mont Albert Road, up Benson Street to school.

ORANGE ROUTE
Banool Road (Yarrbat Ave), across Whitehorse Road at traffic lights, down Banool to school.

Walking School Bus Area Overview - Chatham Primary School
DO YOU OWN A STOKKE XPLORY PRAM?
My name is Hana Mitchell - mum of Eliska in 6CC. I run a small business called Pramskins and I make pram liners and snuggle bags for major pram brands on the market. Do you own Stokke Xplory? I would love to take measurements of your pram and will be happy to give you a free pram Pramskins liner for your pram. Feel free to contact me on 0408 312 446 or via email info@pramskins.com.au
Thank you :)

BASKETBALLERS NEEDED
The Chatham Atoms are looking for 1-2 female players aged 11-13 yrs to join their basketball team - includes Chatham Year 6 girls. If this appeals to your child or you know someone wishing to join a fun, energetic team that love playing basketball, then please contact me - Angela House 0408345945, angelahouse@bigpond.com

PARENT HELPERS COURSE
It was great to work with the twenty, enthusiastic parents who attended the Classroom Helpers’ Course on Tuesday, 26th March in the School Library. If there are any parents who missed the session please feel free to visit 1HM on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday for any information regarding helping in the classroom.
Thank you everyone.
Regards,
Mandy Hume
Year 1 Teacher.

PRAYER GROUP
The next Chatham Community Prayer Group meeting will be on Monday 15th April at 9:00am. We will be meeting in the Out of School Hours House at the bottom of the oval straight after school drop off. There will be morning tea provided and toddlers and newcomers are most welcome. We would love to see you there. Please contact Melissa Rule if you have any questions or prayer requests on 0418 359 732.

FOOTY FITNESS
FOR 35-45 YEAR OLDS
Rediscover your passion for AFL footy
Come and train with ‘Old Scotch Supers’
First class facilities
Wednesday nights, 6:30pm
Camberwell Sports Ground
420 Camberwell Rd
Camberwell
For more info and to register your interest contact:
Eamonn Mathieson:
emathieson@me.com
0412 664 232
or
Donovan Newton:
donovan.newton@me.com
0419 210 464

SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING (SEAL) PROGRAM
Year 7 2014
The Box Hill High School Year 7 SEAL Application link is currently open on our website. www.boxhillhs.vic.edu.au
To commence the selection process, parents of 2013 Year 6 applicants are asked to apply now. Places in the SEAL Program are for gifted students, currently residing in Victoria, who qualify for a government funded education, regardless of the location of their residential address.
For further information about the SEAL Program and Box Hill High School, we extend an invitation to our 2013 Open Afternoon 2.30 – 4.30 pm Tuesday 23 April.

CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO THANK BREADSTREET IN HAMILTON ST MONT ALBERT FOR THEIR VERY GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL CANTEEN EVERY WEEK. MAKE SURE YOU VISIT THEM OVER THE HOLIDAYS AND BUY LOTS OF DELICIOUS BREAD AND TREATS.

DONATIONS OF OLD FOOTY BOOTS
Jimmy Taylor a Year 3 student from OHR Surrey Hills is initiating a old footy boot donation to kids in aboriginal communities in conjunction with the MFC and Boots For All Organisation. A box will be left at the school office for your donations. Jimmy will then present them to the AFL the week of the 29th April. We thank you for your consideration for this cause.
Family Twilight Movie
Saturday 20th April
5.00pm
Picnic dinner on the lawn followed by GIANT outdoor screening of
Ice Age 4*

- Popcorn, sausage sizzle and drinks available for sale on the night
- BYO picnic rug, drinks and snacks

For bookings, return slip to school office with payment by Wednesday 17th April

Chatham Family Twilight Movie

Family Name: ______________ Child’s name: ______________ Child’s class: ___

TICKETS: Please supply _____ adult tickets at $15 each

_____ children tickets at $12 each

OR _____ family tickets at $50 each (must be from one family)

Please find enclosed payment of (please tick)

☐ Cash/Cheque (cheques are payable to “CPSC Parents Club Fundraising”)

☐ Direct deposit CBA 063-105 10202503 (CPSC Parents Club Fundraising account)
Please identify the payment Twilight Movie and include your name

☐ Credit Card: Please debit my Mastercard/Visa Expiry Date __/___

Card: ___________ Holders: ___________ name: ___________________________
Signature: ___________________________
Literacy and Numeracy are key to education in young children. Research shows that learning a musical instrument enhances brain development in these areas at all ages. This development is especially profound in kids under 7. It powerfully develops neural pathways in your child’s brain - all those amazing connections which in turn assist learning – especially numeracy and literacy – and the Ukulele is great fun!

The little Ukulele is quite possibly the very best introductory instrument for young learners.

We have been teaching in schools for 5 years now and the results are clear. Ukulele lessons offer quick success, inspiring eagerness to play often (which really is practise but don’t let on 😊).

- Our in-school lessons make it much easier for families, with one less activity they have to try and juggle after school or weekends.
- Small-group lessons create 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.
  - beginning student models are very inexpensive compared to guitars, keyboards etc.

Our program, while fun and engaging, is based on a solid theoretical foundation which puts kids in a great position if they want to go on to other instruments. As students progress, they are able to join our Ukulele Orchestra!

Ukulele lessons are great for students of all ages. Perfect for young learners, older kids get the hang of it all very quickly, and can soon play & sing along to all their favourite songs.

Our half hour classes create little disruption to day to day classes. We work closely with the school, timetabling classes around all specialist subjects.

Fees are inclusive of lessons, administration and school contributions and are $11.25 per lesson for concessions and multiple learners in one family, and $13.25 per term for full fee students. Ukuleles are available directly through our music school for $35. Materials are $22.

Preps can begin lessons from second term. It is a good idea to enrol now however as places fill quickly - we often have a whole bunch of friends want to join as soon as one of the group starts coming to classes.

To enrol your child, or for further information, call or email our office:
P: 0418 356574  E: info@uke4kids.com       View: www.uke4kids.com
SATURDAY APRIL 20th
8.00PM (DOORS OPEN 7.30PM)
SURREY HILLS MUSIC FESTIVAL PRESENTS

For those who missed the February gig, this is another chance to enjoy live music in Surrey Hills and support the festival. Bring some friends and make a night of it.

The Surrey Hills Mob

Tics $15 – at door (inquiries Leo 0418 537 591)
Fully licensed
Chandler Room and lawn

157 UNION ROAD, SURREY HILLS VICTORIA 3127
PHONE: (03) 9590 2467 FAX: (03) 9590 8905 EMAIL: enquiries@surrey-locals.org.au

This is a Fundraiser for Strawberryfields School of Music & Production, Inc. ABN 87 117 977 390
School Holiday Program!
For 5-12 year olds!
Government Registered Childcare Provider!

Activities Include:
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Art & craft
- Swimming
- Outdoor Games
- Ball Sports
- Building Cubby-houses
- Special Workshops
- Dress ups
- Performing plays
- Theme days
- And lots more!

Enrol at www.healthways.com.au!

PROGRAM DATES:
- Full day 7.45am-6pm, Regular day 9am-4.30pm, or Half day options. Days booked individually.
- Tues 2nd—Fri 5th April 2013
- Mon 8th—Fri 14th April 2013

Jazz, Funk & Hip Hop Dance!
Move your body... Feel the beat...
Dance like nobody’s watching...

Classes available for:
- 3-5yrs
- 6-8yrs
- 9-13yrs.

Our fabulous teacher, Matilda, has trained with well known performers and choreographers. No costumes or end of year concerts.

Prices: 3-5yrs $13.00/class,
5+yrs $16.00/class

Bookings now open for Term 2 (Apr-Jun 2013).
3 week ‘Come & Try’ for $55.00 OFFER NOW ON.

Try us today!
Phone 9895 2300.

Holiday Swim Intensive Classes!
- Use your holidays to learn!
- Max. 4 students per class!
- Qualified Teachers.

For 3yr olds to Junior squad level!
Private Lessons also available!

Classes run in the mornings for 5 consecutive days. This allows your children to consolidate and build on their skills every day. Weeks are booked individually.

Phone 9895 2300 to enrol.

PROGRAM DATES:
- Tues 2nd—Sat 6th April 2013
- Mon 8th—Fri 14th April 2013

Come TENPIN bowling!

Birthday Parties.
Social Events.
Celebrations.


What other reason do you have for a get-together?

- 8 lanes
- Adjoining Party Room
- Catering & Self Catering available
- Ample FREE parking
- Glow in the dark lights

Phone 9895 2300 to book a lane.