FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

At Chatham we certainly value the partnership that exists between the school and home. I have said it many times; “that many of our programs could not operate without the support from our parent community. If you get involved with the school it has positive results on your children in that they see that you also value the school and want to be a part of their life and achievements. If you speak positively to your children about the school then they also have a positive attitude in their learning and in attending school each day.

There is plenty of research that clearly demonstrates that when families are involved in their children’s education in positive ways, children can achieve higher academic results, better attendance at school, complete more homework, demonstrate more positive attitudes and behaviour and establish the desire for further education.

Research demonstrated that on one level parents can improve their children’s academic performance by:

- Reading to younger children on a regular basis, listening to them read and providing a variety of reading materials at home. The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children
- Supervising homework
- Monitoring absenteeism
- Monitoring television viewing and playing of video and computer games
- Having high but realistic expectations of achievement
- Encouraging participation in extracurricular activities

On another level parents can:

- Be involved in the classroom
- Be an active participant in parent-teacher relations
- Keep in touch with the school
- Generally, parents can help their child’s attitude to school by showing that the school is an important part of their lives as well. If children see that parents value education and the school community so will they.

Parents can display this by:

- Spending time at school in a voluntary capacity
- Being involved in parent associations
- Setting limits and exercising discipline at home and out in the community
- Encouraging an attitude of respect to teachers and to others in general
- Talking! Studies show that frequent family discussions are associated with higher student achievement.

Importantly, parents benefit as well. Involvement at a school level can increase social networks and can bring about a sense of self-worth.

Teachers and schools also benefit from the positive involvement of parents. They are encouraged to raise their expectations for both children and parents. Once teachers are comfortable working with parents, the benefits, particularly at primary levels, are substantial.

Children who are connected with their school have much happier and more successful experiences of school life. Parents are vital in making that connection and the partnership that exists between home and school.

Student Free Curriculum Day

The next planned Curriculum Day, Monday May 4th, will be used by staff to conduct our School’s Self-Assessment where we will analyse the goals and targets of our current Strategic Plan, reflect on all the targets that we have achieved and explore all the strategies that we have put into place over the last 4 years to enable us to achieve these results. We will look at what we do well and what we can do better and attempt to compile some ideas around future areas for improvement that can be developed as part of our new Strategic Plan.

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WORK AROUND THE SCHOOL

Over the last week there have been a couple of project works undertaken with the help of teachers and students. Three new garden beds have been constructed outside the Year 2 & 3 portables. The school maintenance man and myself built these 3 raised beds. The students in these portables will plant up these beds with a variety of plants.

Yesterday was a busy day as we received the new garden bench and had an after school “working bee”. We had over 20 teachers planting new plants, spreading soil and mulch in the new garden beds at the front of the OSHC house. This is planned to be a memorial garden to commemorate Colin Pocklington, who was an integration aide and Out of School Hours Coordinator for many years at our school. We intend to hold a “special” opening of this garden area with members of Colin’s family soon. More details to follow.

ABSENCES and LATE ARRIVALS

Each morning class teachers mark student attendances online. It is important that students arrive at school on time or they will be marked as being late to school. The music plays at 8:50am and students are expected to be at school by this time so that they can enter the room and get ready for their day. The start of the day at 9:00am is often the time when teachers outline the daily timetable and what the expectations are for the day. They may also spend this time explaining the first lesson of the day. Many students are consistently wandering into class at 9:05 or later which means that they are really already at least 15 minutes late for school. Everyone should be making a concerted effort to get to school on time each day.

Whenever a child is away it is a legal requirement for teachers to receive and keep a written note for the explanation of this absence. All absences need to be followed up with a written note (letter or email) from a parent. Even if you are leaving a voice message through the school’s phone system it is important that this is also followed up with a written note provided to the teacher as soon as possible.

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

A reminder that next Friday May 1st is the Mother’s Day Breakfast. This will be held in the school hall with the first sitting from 7:45 – 8:30 and the second sitting running from 9:00 – 10:00 am. It has been suggested that this second sitting might be a nice opportunity for parents to bring their own mothers up to the school to share in an array of tasty pancakes to eat.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

The Mother’s Day stall will be held on Thursday 7th May. Students should “raid” their money boxes for some money to buy a present for their special mum.

NEW 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 where we will have tours of the school specifically for prospective 2016 Prep families. Usually we have a large number of families collect an information package and we intend to keep our 2016 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 to arrange a personal tour or to attend our Open Day tours. Information also being sent to our local Early Childhood centres.

The school Open Day Tours are :-

- Monday 18th May – 9:30am
- Wednesday 20th May – 9:30am
- Saturday 23rd May – 9:30am

School tours can be arranged out of these times with the Principal by contacting the school office.

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NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is due to take place right across Australian schools for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. These tests will take place with Language Conventions & Writing on Tuesday 12th May, Reading on Wednesday 13th May and Numeracy on Thursday 14th May.

Working Bee
The next working bee is scheduled for families of Year 1 students and will be held on Saturday 16th May. We have a number of major projects to complete as well as cleaning up the school in readiness for the Open Day tours during Education Week. Please mark this date in your diary and find some time to come along and help out for the morning. A letter will be sent home to all Year 1 families before this date.

STUDENT FREE DAYS
Please note that as ANZAC day falls on a Saturday this year there is no public holiday and so students are expected at school on Monday.
Students are not expected to attend school on Monday May 4th as this is a student free Curriculum Day. Our Out of School Hours Care will be running a full day program on this day to care for your child. Please book in for this day via Camp Australia.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
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ANZAC DAY
Our School Captains attended the schools’ service at the Shrine today. The 4 Captains & Georgie Kirwan made some wreaths this morning and placed these at the Shrine as representatives of our school.

On Saturday morning they will also be a part of the Dawn Service at the Surrey Gardens starting at 5:45am. They will be a part of the Surrey Hills ANZAC service by reading some bios of World War 1 service men and women who lived in the local area.

Stephen Rothwell
Principal

Surrey Hills Progress Association and Boroondara Council invite residents to our community

ANZAC Day Dawn Service
to mark the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli

Saturday 25th April, 2015
6:00am sharp
The Shrine, SURREY GARDENS,
88-90 Union Rd. Surrey Hills

FOUND
A PAIR OF PERSCRIPTION SUNGLASSES AND A BLACK WATCH—SEE SUE IN THE OFFICE
WANTED - MOTHERS’ DAY AND FATHERS’ DAY CONVENORS FOR 2016
Amy Steventon and Susan Wilding have co-ordinated the stalls for the past three years. We are keen to find some enthusiastic friends who would like to take on this fabulous and fun role next year. It is such a lovely way to be part of our fabulous Chatham community, providing the students with the opportunity to purchase a small gift that involves all important decision-making skills and ... love!
If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to email Susan on sj_wilding@hotmail.com
If you would like to see how we run these events, you could be involved with us this year. We are very happy to mentor and provide any ongoing support you may need!
Many thanks
Amy and Susan

LOST
One pair of PRADA sunglasses. Charcoal-blue coloured, squarish shape, distinctive scroll arms.
One watch, MARATHON by TIMEX, purple band, digital.
Please contact Lisa Carr 0418 564 656
Alex (5AL) & Nicky (5HM) Anderson
With thanks for their return if found.

VICTORIAN PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The Reading Challenge has begun and it’s great hearing of the variety of books that students are reading. If you have returned a form, your information has been entered and you can now log your books online. It’s easy to log on: Simply use your Mathletics username and password with the addition of ‘prc’ to the end of your password.
Good luck and happy reading!

CHATHAM PRAYER GROUP
All Welcome
Monday April 27th at
2pm in the OSHC house
Come and join us for fellowship and prayer
Young children are welcome
Further information or prayer requests

CHATHAM PARENTS’ CLUB
The Chatham Parents’ Club have their own facebook page - great way to communicate with others. We would love everyone who is on Facebook to join - here is the link
https://www.facebook.com/groups/118750551532641/

MOTHERS DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
There are still spots in the 9:00am session. Come along for a delicious pancake breakfast—why not bring your Mum or a friend. There will be stalls with lovely gifts to buy as well as raffles and prizes.
FRIDAY 1ST MAY IN THE SCHOOL HALL

SUSTAINABILITY
Chatham Primary is proud of its achievements in introducing and maintaining more sustainable practices when it comes to energy and water usage, waste generation and level of plant biodiversity across the School. We are also seen as leaders in this area within our wider community, such that our children are being given some extraordinary opportunities to participate in activities that they would not otherwise have received, e.g., tree-planting day at the author Paul Jennings’ farm in Warrnambool. These achievements have only been possible due to the drive and commitment of the School leadership team, including School Council (via the Sustainability and Environment sub-committee), teaching and other staff, we well as our School families.
The Sustainability and Environment Committee now finds itself at somewhat of a crossroads in that some key members are coming to the end of their time at Chatham. In addition to that, the School needs to reapply for certification of 3 modules, in order to maintain its 5-Star rating under the AuSSI Vic Resource Smart programme – a journey that began more than 5 years ago.
This is a great time to join the Committee as the School is about embark on developing its next 5 year strategic plan (starting from 2016). This Strategic Plan will set targets for the academic, physical, and emotional development of our children. As part of this process, the Sustainability and Environment Committee will be proposing a number of School-wide objectives to build on the great work that’s already been achieved in this area.
To have a say about the direction of the School’s Sustainability and Environment initiatives over the next 5 years, you are invited to come to the Committee’s next meeting which will be held in the School library from 7 – 8.30pm on Thursday 30th April. If you can’t come to the meeting but still want to have a say OR if you have any questions or suggestion in the meantime, please contact Susy Montagner, parent coordinator for the Committee via the School Office.
Night Market
at Chatham Primary

FUNDRAISER

Wednesday 10th June 2015
5pm - 8pm

FUNDRAISING FOR: TBA

WHERE: Chatham Primary School Hall
Weybridge Street, Surrey Hills

COST: Gold Coin donation at the door

UNIQUE & LOCAL STALLS INCLUDING:
Arts & Crafts, Cards & Stationery, Hand-made Jewellery,
Clothing, 2nd Hand Books, Organic Skin Care, Winter
Woolies, Kids Stuff, Cake Stall, Gourmet Food and more!
Thursday 23rd April 2015

**Chess Club**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

Chess provides children with an opportunity to develop cognitive skills including problem solving, concentration and memory.

Chatham’s Chess Club will begin the first week in Term 3. The program accommodates both beginners and students with more experienced chess skills. Chess Club is facilitated by an experienced instructor and sessions involve both theory and application of chess skills.

Chess Club is very popular, and in previous years the response from interested students has exceeded the number of places available. To accommodate as many students as possible, this year Chess Club will be organised as follows:

**Students from Years 2 - 6** are invited to join either the Beginners Group at lunchtime on Mondays or the Experienced Group at lunchtime on Thursdays.

**Beginners:**
Monday 13, 20, 27 & 31 July; 3, 10, 17 & 24 August; 7 & 14 September.

**Experienced:**
Thursday 16, 23 & 30 July; 6, 13, 20 & 27 August; 3, 10 & 17 September.

Both groups will meet in the Library during lunchtime, from 1:30 to 2:30pm.

Please complete the attached form and return to the box labelled “Chess Club Notices” located at the front office by 10:00am Friday 5th June. If you have any queries, please contact me in 5HM’s classroom before or after school.

**Hannah Matheson - Chess Club Co-ordinator**

Return to the box labelled “Chess Club Notices” located at the front office by 10:00am Friday 5th June.

My child (Name) ____________________________ in (Grade) _____ would like to participate in the Chess Club Sessions

Yes, I acknowledge that a cost will be involved and that further details will be forwarded to me.

Parent Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________
Night Market
at Chatham Primary

FUNDRAISER

Parents Club is running another fabulous Night Market in June.
We are looking for people interested in having a stall to sell their creative wares or promote their small business or local service.

Stall examples might be: Knitters, Home Craft, Cards & Stationery, Kids Stuff, Jewellery, Clothing, Artists, Interior decorators, Gourmet Food, Parents with small business/service they would like to promote.

DATE: Wednesday 10th June 2015, from 5pm - 8pm

WHERE: Chatham Primary School Hall
Gourmet BBQ, Sausage Sizzle, Dutch Pancakes, Cake Stall
All proceeds to fund new parent club projects around school!

COST: $55 per stall, $45 student stall (prize for best dressed stall)

CONTACT: Email Belinda at belindadalton@me.com to find out more or submit your application for a stall before May 15th, 2015.
2015 CANTERBURY art EXHIBITION
At Canterbury Primary School
Molesworth Street Canterbury
MAY 1-3

Opening Night
Friday 1 May 8pm-11pm
Tickets $50 per head includes wine, beer, gourmet food, catalogue and weekend entry (No stilettos please)

Weekend Exhibition entry $5 (children free)
Saturday 2 May, 10am-5pm
Sunday 3 May, 10am-4pm

For further information and purchase of Opening Night Tickets go to www.canterburyart.com
HELP OUT ONE OF OUR LOCAL KINDERS....
We have forms at the office and happy to accept them here as well.

Support Canterbury & District Pre School’s fundraising and put $$$’s in your pocket

The Entertainment™ Book is one of our favourite fundraisers at Canterbury & District Pre School. The memberships sell for $65, and we keep $13 for every one we sell.

The Entertainment™ Book gives you access to thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for Melbourne’s best restaurants, cafés, attractions and the theme parks. Plus it has best in market prices for over 1,500 hotels and resorts that you can use whenever you like until 1st June 2016.

And it’s not just the fun stuff... You can also get 5% off on your groceries and petrol all year with WISH eVouchers sent directly to your phone, and this year 10% off at David Jones!

The Entertainment™ Books are available as a book (with a gold card and vouchers) or as a Digital Membership that puts all the offers on your smartphone to redeem at the touch of a button. Pre-order yours before the 15th of April 2015 and you will receive $120 in Early Bird Offers that you can use straight away!

To order your Book or your Digital Membership securely online visit: www.entbook.com.au/1860w10

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Narelle Egan on 0414 255 764

Thank you for supporting Canterbury & District Pre School fundraising

Canterbury & District Pre School – Pre-Order Payment Form

If you can’t purchase online, please complete your details below and we will process your order:

Childs Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________

Melbourne Edition $65 including GST:

# _____ Book(s) # _____ Digital Membership(s)

Payment type: □ CASH □ VISA □ MASTERCARD

Credit Card number: __________ / __________ / __________ / __________ Expiry date: __________ / __________ CVV*: __________

Cardholder’s Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

Thank you for your support! 20% from each membership sold contributes to our fundraising!
UKULELE CLASSES
@ Chatham PS
Preps to Grade 6 - Enrol NOW to secure your child’s place. Preps classes run at lunch or after school (depending on numbers)

“Instrumental Music lessons combined with singing are key to Literacy and Numeracy in children” - Richard Gill

Extensive research shows that learning a musical instrument, combined with singing, powerfully develops lots of neural connections in your child’s brain - all those amazing connections which in turn assist learning. This development is especially profound in kids under 7.

Uke4Kids’ ukulele program makes this possible for more kids than ever. We have been teaching in schools for 6 years now and the results are clear - our lessons offer early success which is really important for young learners.

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 program, while fun & engaging is based on a solid theoretical foundation which puts kids in a great position if they want to go on to other instruments. Lots of U4K students go on to play other instruments & kids and parents really value their experience with our program.

Accessibility is Key. The Ukulele combined with the Uke4Kids program is quite possibly the very best instrumental music program for young learners in Australia.

What makes the Uke4Kids ukulele program so accessible?

In-school lessons make it much easier for families, with one less activity they have to try and juggle after school or weekends
Contemporary and traditional songs
Small-group lessons are cheaper and also create opportunities for social development, communication, team skills, respect for others, co-operation............

There is also space for each child to find their own “shine”, their particular thing they excel at
The tiny size of the ukulele offers many benefits to young learners, including:
fits in their back pack
easy to hold and play
small fingers can manage chords well
beginning student models are very inexpensive

ALL THIS AND THE UKULELE IS GREAT FUN!

Thursday Half hour classes avoid all specialist subjects and literacy for grades 1 and 2. Fees from just $11.50 per class.

To reserve a place for your child, or for further information, call or email our office:
P: 0418 356574 E: info@uke4kids.com View: www.uke4kids.com
Do you have a spare cot?
St Kilda Mums needs your help!

Please help us ensure that no child goes without a safe cot to sleep in

How to donate a pre-loved cot

Confirm it complies with the Australian/New Zealand Safety Standard AS/NZS 2172-2003 by looking at the sticker on the base of your cot.

Please email the make, model, country and date of manufacture of your cot (also on the base) to donate@stkildamums.org so that we can confirm we can rehome it.

We can also rehome:
• Your matching cot mattress, as long as it has no marks or stains and is less than 10 years old.
• Cot linen including sheets, blankets and mattress protectors.
• Bassinettes and Moses baskets.

About St Kilda Mums

St Kilda Mums aims to share the joy of motherhood and save the earth’s precious resources by joining with support agencies throughout Victoria to meet the material needs of families with young children. We collect, sort and distribute essential nursery equipment, clothing, books and toys for babies and children.

Please see our website for a full list of everything we can rehome www.stkildamums.org

Thank you for supporting Cots for Tots 2015.

St Kilda Mums

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