FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 across Australia are due to sit their national tests in Literacy and Numeracy in the coming weeks. The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will involve students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from all States and Territories. In Victoria approximately 260,000 students from all Government, Catholic and Independent schools will participate in the program.

The NAPLAN will be administered at the school level for our Year 3 & 5 students on the following days:

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* Language Conventions comprises spelling, grammar and punctuation.

The results from the NAPLAN tests provide an important measure of how Australian schools and students are performing in the areas of reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is taken for a short time over 3 days early in Term 2. It is a snapshot of a child’s performance on the given day and time. These results do not reflect on the individual journey of learning that each child takes over the year. The results from the NAPLAN will be used in conjunction with a myriad of other ongoing assessment strategies that each teacher collates for each individual child across the year, for individual student reporting to parents, school reporting and aggregate reporting by States and Territories against national standards. Please contact your class teacher if you have concerns around this testing program.

STUDENT FREE CURRICULUM DAY

The next planned Curriculum Day is this coming Monday, May 4th. It 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. Students are not expected to attend school on this day. A full day program has been organised by our Out of School Hours Team with bookings able to be made through Camp Australia.

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 morning. 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 a 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.

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MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
A reminder that tomorrow 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 is 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.

STUDENT FREE DRESS DAY
Today our Junior School Council organised a student free dress day and asked for a gold coin donation to assist with supporting students and schools in the ravaged countries of Nepal and Vanuatu. Both of the countries have been “hit hard” by natural disasters that have left much of their infrastructure, buildings, homes and schools totally levelled to the ground. Our school community has once again been wonderful in their response with over $1200 being donated today to support the children in both of these countries. Well done everyone on such a fantastic effort.

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.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
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**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

**Missing**

Two Chatham hoodies with ‘Harrison Keighley’ written in large letters on the inside of the hood.
We’d be very grateful for return to Harrison in 4MO or to lost property.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday 1st May
All day: Sue, Linda, Fiona and Sharon

Wednesday 6th May
Margaret and Isabella—morning
Fiona and Mary Anne—afternoon

**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, in such that our children are given some extra-ordinary 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, as 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 tonighton 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.
We would like to warmly thank our the following businesses for their very generous donations for the
Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast

Fibre Fashion Agency is a wholesale boutique fashion agency
www.fibrefashion.com.au

Jewellery handmade with passion on the nsw south coast

www.thesupplyhub.com

BED BATH N’ TABLE

BEN THE BUTCHER

Your Grocer .com.au
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:

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<td>Experienced: Thursday 16, 23 &amp; 30 July; 6, 13, 20 &amp; 27 August; 3, 10 &amp; 17 September.</td>
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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

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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: ________________
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.
Canterbury District Kinder
Families Past, Present & Future:

Join us to celebrate
53 Years of Canterbury Kinder
at
The Kinder Open Day!

23 May 2015
9:30am – 11:30pm

Entertainment I Yummy food I Activities I Enrolment Information