FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Grandparent's / Special Friend's Day
Tuesday was once again a wonderful day at Chatham as we opened up our school to well over 300 Grandparents and Special Friends for the morning. It was a fantastic scene when walking around the school to see the adults sitting with their grandchildren, working on activities and sharing in their learning. There were many stories and items from our visitors about the ‘olden days’ that were really interesting for our students. Many students also took their visitors for a tour showing them all the Specialist programs and features of the school. Our chooks and the vegetable garden were a big hit and we finished the morning off with a big morning tea in the school hall where it was shoulder to shoulder eating and drinking. Thank you to everyone who came along, the students and teachers enjoyed having you visit the school.

A big thank you to the many parents who contributed the food for morning tea and the many helpers, who prepared the hall, served the tea and cleaned up afterwards. It was a big effort that could not have happened without so much help.

Principal for a Day
As part of last February’s School Fair I held an auction to allow a student to take a turn as Acting Principal of our school. It was very enthusiastic bidding with the eventual winner having two children to take up this offer. As part of Education Week activities, Charli (Yr 6) and Emily (Yr 2) will be Principal for the Day tomorrow. They will be running the school (with me in the background). One of their first decisions is to allow the students to wear casual dress tomorrow. They are also asking that everyone brings a gold coin donation and Charli & Emily will choose a worthy charity to donate the money raised. The girls will start the day with a staff briefing and have a number of activities planned over the day with Charli finishing her time by running the whole school assembly.

School Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund
One of the new State Government’s election promises was to assist eligible families to cover the costs of excursions, school camps and sporting activities. As a parent or guardian and if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or you are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the School Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF). The allowance of $125 for primary school students will be paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.
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You need to lodge this CSEF application form at the school by 26th June 2015.
For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

2015 Enrolments
We held our first school tour on Monday and conducted our second tour yesterday morning. The last tour is happening this Saturday 23rd May starting at 9:30. We are hoping to inform all interested families by early September of their successful application for a place in next year’s Prep classes at our school. Please tell others about this and if you have a child due to start school next year then please get your enrolment form in as soon as possible.

Year 1 Working Bee
A big thank you to all the parents who came along to the Year 1 Working Bee last Saturday. We had a small number of helpers but managed to get everything done. The school has looked really good for the school tours and open days this week. Thank you everyone for all your efforts on the day. The next working bee is scheduled for all Year 2 parents on Saturday 20th June.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 4 Camp
Our Year 4 campers returned to school last Friday, very tired but full of wonderful experiences, stories and memories of three great days away at Camp Arrabri, Warburton. It was a little cold and wet over the three days but we all enjoyed the activities including the flying fox, rock climbing wall, ropes course, giant swing, damper cooking, sensory trail, initiatives course, orienteering, mini golf course, lawn bowls, games room, bush dance, and mini olympics. A big thank you to all the teachers who had to leave their own family to volunteer to accompany these students on their outdoor experience.

Walk Safely to School
Tomorrow, Friday the 22nd of May is National Walk to School Day. We would encourage all students and all families to walk to and from school on this day. If you have to drive, then please consider parking a block or two away and getting out of your car and walking those extra steps to school. This event is part of a national campaign that encourages primary school children to walk and commute safely to school. The main objective of this day is to encourage parents and carers to walk to school with their primary school-age children to help reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour. Walk Safely to School Day also promotes the healthy benefits of walking and helps create regular walking habits at a young age. The benefits of regular walking are not just limited to child pedestrian safety – there are important associated health issues. Walking is good for children’s health and by walking to school they arrive happier, relaxed and ready to perform better at school. In the current environment, where childhood and adolescent obesity has reached epidemic proportions, regular walking to school encourages active behaviour earlier in life so children may become healthier adults.

Absence notes
It is a requirement that all student absences are recorded for daily attendance records. These records are kept as part of the class role. Each week the absences are entered into the office computer. This attendance data is collated for the whole school and forms part of our annual reporting. It is a requirement that the reasons for all absences are recorded and that these reasons should be outlined in some form of written correspondence. It is also a requirement for schools to keep these absence notes for a number of years as part of our official archiving. In line with these requirements I would like to remind parents/guardians to please remember to write to the class teacher via letter or email outlining the reasons behind your child’s absence.

Whole School Photos
We will be taking all the Year 6 Leadership, Band, Vocal Ensemble and Whole School photo next Monday, 25th May. Students should come dressed in their correct uniform on this day.

Boroondara Principals’ Conference
Bronwyn Orr and myself will be attending the Boroondara Principals’ Conference on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week. Glenda Kelly, Georgie Kirwan and Cathie Bradford will take on the role of Acting Principal over these three days.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL COOPERATIVE AGM
The school’s Cooperative was formed in 2005 to enable the school to borrow $200,000 for additions to our Stage 2 major building works. 150 past and present families opted to join this Cooperative to become notional guarantors for this loan amount. The Parents’ Club do an outstanding job each year of reaching and exceeding the loan repayment figure of $28,000. The operations of the school’s Cooperative is overseen by a Board of Directors who are all current or ex-parents of the school. Each year two or three of the directors need to be elected as part of the AGM. This year’s AGM is due to take place on Tuesday 16th June. This year’s nominations for the three vacant positions are: Stephen Rothwell (Principal), Paul O’Grady (ex-parent) and Cameron Ross (Ben 2 & Tom 4). The other two remaining Board members are: Paul Townsend (William 5) & Egan Smith (Riley 6, Jamison 3 & Annabelle 2).

The AGM is due to commence at 8:30pm in the school’s staff room with any current Cooperative members invited to attend. The auditor’s report will be tabled, new directors appointed and an annual report presented by the chairman. If you are a current member of the Cooperative and are not able to attend on the night then we encourage you to pass your vote onto one of the directors. I have included a proxy form in this newsletter that needs to be filled in with the relevant details and passed onto the director concerned or to the school office.
TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING UPDATE

Last term I highlighted some of the Professional Learning that our teaching and integration staff had been undertaking. I thought another update was timely being Education Week to once again promote what we have been doing as part of our Professional Development. It was also one of the questions asked of Stephen by a prospective parent during one of our school tours.

As part of every teacher’s annual Performance Appraisal, teachers set a number of goals including a School Goal, Year Level Team Goal and a Personal Goals. Below is a quick snapshot of recent Professional Development staff have undertaken in addition to the recent Curriculum Day.

Since the start of this term Cathie Bradford has been in high demand speaking at two separate Language Conferences, as well as being invited to deliver a presentation at a third conference. Both conferences involved Cathie presenting her workshops over two days on the Friday and again on the Saturday.

Earlier this term Miranda Price and myself were involved in two days of Restorative Practice Training as part of looking at introducing this into our school. Glenda Kelly and myself also had the opportunity to attend the Boroondara and Manningham School and Community Welfare Expo which I had attended last year. This year’s guest speaker was John Marsden who has opened his own school and spoke of the importance of developing relationships. Glenda attended two separate workshops on Child Anxiety and Mindfulness while I participated in workshops around Protective Practice and School Refusal.

Last week all teachers signed up to attend a Boroondara Network Meeting from a plethora on offer. Some of the foci of these meetings included:

- an OT’s perspective helping teachers understand sensory processing and how to cater for students’ needs in the classroom to enhance learning and attention
- investigating the common language of wellbeing used in schools, building resilience and relationships with students
- looking at strategies and support for students with English as an Additional Language-differentiation in the Maths classroom
- exploring innovative learning ideas using robotics and digital technology that promote learning through making
- how to cater for students’ different learning styles in the language classroom
- a workshop on dry and wet felting
- listening to a Reading and Dyslexia Specialist visiting from the US, speak about evidence based approaches to addressing dyslexia in the classroom.

And lastly but by no means least, even Sue and Bev in the office have undertaken a day of Professional Development around making improvements in the operation of our computer admin system!

Bronwyn Orr
Assistant Principal
FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I, .................................................................
   (name)

of ...............................................................  
   (address)

Being a member of CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL CO-OPERATIVE LTD

appoint ............................................................
   (name of proxy holder)

of ...............................................................  
   (address of proxy holder)

being an active member of that Co-operative, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the annual/special* general meeting of the Co-operative to be held on

   16th June 2015

and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against* the following resolutions:

   That Stephen Rothwell be elected a director of the Cooperative.

   That Paul O'Grady be elected a director of the Cooperative.

   That Cameron Ross be elected a director of the Cooperative.

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Signed

Date:

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**Canteen Roster**

Friday 22nd May
AM: Vicky, Karen, Lina
PM: Mal and Susy

Wednesday 27th May
All day: Cath, Carly and Katie

Thanks

Steph

**Walk Safely to School Day**

TOMORROW—FRIDAY 22ND MAY
Every week, in every grade, teachers are working together to prepare and deliver engaging science lessons that build students’ science knowledge and science inquiry skills.

Year 6 is investigating Biological Sciences through a unit of work called 'Marvellous Micro-organisms'

**In Year 6...**

The Year 6s have been investigating the micro-organism, yeast. Students engaged their prior knowledge through an exploration of bread and the bread-making process, and are now exploring what yeast needs to be active. They experimented with different combinations of yeast, water and sugar to discover that yeast requires food for energy (sugar), is activated by liquid (water) and produces carbon dioxide given the right temperatures and conditions.
Year 4 Camp
Arrabri Lodge, Warburton
May 13th – 15th, 2015
Night Market
at Chatham Primary

Wednesday 10th June 2015
5pm - 8pm

FUNDRAISING FOR: School Hall Multi-purpose Room Upgrade

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!
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

**How to Apply**

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

**Closing Date**

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

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Antiques, Retro & Collectables Fair

Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st May 2015 10am - 4pm daily

Mont Albert Primary School
Barloa Rd Mont Albert Mel Ref 46 J8

Over 30 dealers: a wide range of retro, antiques & collectables available to view and purchase.

Market appraisals of your treasures available by: David Freeman

Sunday May 31st - 11am to 2pm
$5 per item or 5 items for $20.
Enquiries: 0450 472 723

Adults $5
(accompanying children free) Refreshments available
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 – 11:30am

Entertainment I Yummy food I Activities I Enrolment Information

St. Paul's Anglican Kindergarten

Open Day
Saturday 23rd May 2015
10am - 12noon

3/4 and 4/5 year old programs
4/5 year old long day sessions (19.5 hours per week)
see our kindergarten room and playground
meet the teachers and parents – bring the children

learning for life

Cnr Highfield Road & Church Street Canterbury
Enquiries Welcome 9830 1117

Florence Road Pre-School
OPEN DAY

You are invited to join us at Florence Road Pre-School Open Day

Meet the EDUCATORS
See our NEW PLAYGROUND
Learn about BUSH KINDER
Hear about the MUSIC PROGRAM
Talk to PARENTS
See our FACILITIES

Just turned 3 year old
One half day session during fourth term

3 year old Kindergarten
Emus: Two half days
Kookaburras: One full and one half day

4 year old Kindergarten
Wombats and Echidnas
Two full days and one half day of bush kinder and music across the year.

SATURDAY 23rd MAY
10am-12noon

Florence Road
76-78 Florence Road
Surrey Hills
Melbourne VIC 3127
Florence Road Pre-School

enrolment: 0403 250 977
3 year old enrolment: 0478 791 885
4 year old enrolment:

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