FROM THE PRINCIPAL
OUR SCHOOL
There are a couple of times over a school year where I have the opportunity to take time to reflect on our school. This past week has been one of those times.

It started off with our Grandparent’s/ Special Friend’s Day where we had over 300 visitors in our school. It was great being able to walk around to each classroom seeing the “older” generation working with the children and having them all join us for a wonderful morning tea in the hall. Our school Vocal Ensemble and Year 3 students sang magnificently and it was fantastic to see so many parent helpers who volunteered to help set up the hall, make the morning tea, serve all those cups of tea and coffee and then clean up afterwards. The feedback from our visitors was one of appreciation for having this opportunity to come to Chatham and many positive comments were passed on about our school.

Over the week I have also held School Tours for prospective parents and as I run through my “spiel” about the school it really reinforces the number of great programs that we have at Chatham. Our visitors have been impressed by our Sustainability program, our high calibre specialist programs and how engaged, calm and happy our students are. Once again there were many positive comments about what a great feel there is at our school.

The school is looking really good at the moment. We recently had a Prep Working Bee where a number of parents and students worked tirelessly to get the school looking great for Education Week. The teachers have been working hard in putting up student’s work, displays and art work to help demonstrate the great work our students do at Chatham. Many of these visitors have also commented on our student leaders. Our school captains and vice captains started off these tours by outlining the School’s Vision Statement and our 6 School Values. They had also written some reflections about Chatham; their memories of starting Preps nearly 7 years ago, about our fantastic specialist programs, outlining the wide range of extra-curricular activities we offer across the school year and how Year 6’s are currently feeling as they and their parents also choose new schools for them as they move into secondary school next year. They then accompanied everyone on the tour of the school and answered many questions about life at Chatham.

Many of our visitors commented on how confident, friendly and well mannered these four Year 6 leaders were and how they came across as great ambassadors for our school.

CHALLENGES
One of the questions that I sometimes get asked on these tours is about the biggest challenge facing the school moving into the future. The one issue that we all need to be aware of is maintaining the ethos of our school community within a changing family culture. When I came to Chatham in 1995 as a new Assistant Principal I was part of a growing school population and community. The Principal at that time was Mrs Jan Morris and she was an outstanding leader as she shaped and developed the school and its community. She was very strong on developing a caring school community that supported the school and each other. Her legacy has seen the school become the central hub of the local community. When I returned to Chatham as Principal in 2005 I was pleased to see that this community feel was still strong.

Over my years as Principal though, I have seen the family profile change as we have more and more families moving into the area with both parents working and everyone’s lifestyles changing and becoming even busier.

The challenge for me as Principal is to maintain this strong community feel in our school, to maintain the strong partnership that exists between school and home, and ensure that parents are communicated with, feel connected to the school and have the opportunity to become involved in their child’s education at Chatham.

This is a challenge for us all. Prospective parents tell us of the wonderful reputation our school has in the wider community. They state that they love coming to our fair and seeing the whole school community working together. They love the feel of the school and they want to become a part of it. If we value this feature of our school we all need to work at keeping informed about what is happening at our school, to volunteer to help out in classrooms and with our activities in any way that you can, to assist others who are in need (we already do this really well) and promote the qualities of our great school to the wider community.

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SCHOOL TOURS

We held our School Tours on Monday, Thursday and Saturday morning last week as we opened up our school to prospective parents. We had large numbers through for each tour and the feedback from our visitors was very positive about what they saw and heard. 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, please encourage them to contact the school to organise a tour. Enrolments are now open to current parents who have siblings that are ready for school next year and should also collect an enrolment form from the office as soon as possible.

TRANSITION

During our School Tours this week I have often talked about transition. For new Prep parents this includes the programs and strategies we use to transition our new Prep students and their parents into the school and its community. We have 3 student Transition Days at the end of the year and an Information Evening for parents to help ensure that the move into our primary school setting is a smooth one. This transition actually occurs in many other ways across the school.

New Prep students are assigned a Grade 5 buddy who looks after them not only in the first few weeks of settling in but also as their personal contact into the next year of a Year 1 and Year 6 relationship.

This year all teachers visited each Prep classroom to introduce themselves and also to get to know our new Prep students.

Year 6 students visit our main feeder kindergarten to read and play with the kindergarten students. This is a good way for these younger students to feel safe and secure around older students that occurs in a primary school setting. Students are involved in a number of cross-age activities throughout the year that involves them working with older and younger students on common tasks. Students get to know what is happening across the school through assembly information and their visits to other classrooms.

Students are able to play in any area in the school grounds, so get to know other students from other grades.

Students find out their new grades at the end of the year – this does not always happen this way at other schools. The students get to visit their new classrooms, meet next year’s teacher and their new classmates.

Teachers have “hand-over” sessions in the first days of the new school year when they meet with last year’s teachers to discuss the strengths and areas for improvement of each student in their grade.

Parent’s Club have established a Parent Liaison Officer who, along with each class rep, catches up with all new families to welcome them into our school, ensuring that any questions are answered, that they have settled into the life at Chatham and make certain that they meet other parents from their child’s grade. Each year your child’s teacher works hard to ensure that your child is academically, socially and emotionally ready for the challenges of the coming year.

Feedback from past parents and students who have moved onto secondary school is that we always prepare our exiting Year 6 students well. They all seem to settle in well to life at a secondary school with many of them taking on leadership roles in Year 7. Over the last few years we have held a Year 6 Transition Conference where students spend the day talking about, role playing and reflecting on this important move into the next phase of their educational journey. At Chatham, we believe that we do a good job with our transition, in that we prepare our students well for the next phase of their education. Each year we are always really pleased on how smooth the beginning of the school year is, as all students are settled, happy and ready to work hard in their new grades.

OUR WONDERFUL YEAR 6’S

Recently we have had a number of staff and parents commenting on what a wonderful group of Year 6 students we have as our school leaders this year. They have taken on new tasks and responsibilities with a minimum of fuss and bother. At last week’s School Tours our school captains assisted me by giving a little speech to the new families and with showing prospective parents around our great school. Our Friday afternoon assemblies have run really smoothly with all students fully prepared and giving excellent presentations. The House Captains have helped greet new families at our Grandparents and Special Friends Day last week. The leaders of Art, Library, Music, Science and Japanese are highlighting the excellent work and activities carried out by the students in these areas. The Environment Leaders have been wonderful ambassadors for our school in promoting our sustainability initiatives. Our Junior School Councillors have helped to organise a number of very successful fund raising days for social service activities. Our Peer Support leaders are working with Year 3 students and by all reports from the teachers involved in this program, are doing an exceptional job as mentors of these younger students. Overall, they are a very conscientious, studious and mature group of students who are excellent role models for the rest of the school. Well done Year 6’s.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL SECURITY

By now you may have realised that the Police have called off their investigation into an incident that supposedly occurred at Glenferrie Primary School just over 2 weeks ago. The focus of their investigations has changed but this was a timely matter that allowed us to reflect on our own practice at Chatham. A targeted reminder to students about Stranger Danger and a stronger awareness by teachers on duty have all been in place since this supposed incident. Part of our reflection has also resulted in a review of the use of student toilets by parents at our school. Can I please request that parents not use the student or staff toilets unless directed by a teacher or office staff. The toilets in the foyer of the hall are always available and never used by students. Please consider using these facilities instead.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Jed Rule and Xander Taylor who made it through to the Regional School Sport Tennis Competition. Unfortunately, both boys were knocked out of the competition but both are in Grade 5 and will have the chance to progress further next year.

Thursday last week saw 60 of our students from Years 4, 5 & 6 competing in the District Cross Country Run. This is a very hard course with many hills, both up and down. Our students ran very well with a number of them finishing in the top 10 places that has enabled them to progress to the next level. Well done to all students.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL

PRINCIPAL

THANKS TO GINNY WALKER OF 3TC FOR THE MASTHEAD THIS WEEK

The following link is to the governments “stay smart online” site regarding a security issue with apple IDs that will concern anyone who has an iphone/ipad or mac device (or uses iTunes, iCloud or any of the other various apple cloud apps). Please take a moment to read through it and at a minimum change your apple ID password online. Also, please consider implementing 2-factor authentication on your account. (http://support.apple.com/kb/ht5570)


Any questions feel free to come and chat to me at school J

Cheers
Jonathan Truscott—ICT Specialist Technician

Lost hoodie—If anyone has found a size 8 hoodie clearly marked James ALDWORTH could they please return it to the office or to James in Prep SM.
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"A casting call for all musically talented students, past students and parents."
If you would like to volunteer your time and talent and busk at our upcoming Night Market, June 11 5-8pm then we would like to hear from you.
We are offering 20-30 minute time slots.
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Drum Kit for Sale:
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While we’d love to have just those businesses with a link to Chatham so we support our own community, to ensure the success of the Fair we will soon be open to offers from companies external to the school – so get your business in first!

Interested and want more details? Contact Sue Tresidder on 0417 586 459 or via email on deanndsue@optusnet.com.au

KARATE AT CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Winged Dragon are holding karate lessons in the school hall every Friday night from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. If you would like to give it a go the REST OF TERM 2 IS FREE!!! Just come along on Friday night at 6.30pm.

BTween the pages
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