FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our School

There are a couple of times over a school year when we have the opportunity to take time to reflect on our school. These past couple of weeks have been one of those times. It started off with our recent Curriculum Day where teachers were involved in undertaking a self-assessment of the last four years of our current Strategic Plan. One of the areas that the whole staff looked at was ‘what do we do well’ and ‘what can we do better’.

This week has also been another time of reflection. We have certainly had a very busy time as part of Education Week. It started off with the first of the three school tours on Monday. We then had our Grandparent’s/ Special friend’s day where we had over 300 visitors to 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. 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 great school.

Over the week I have had two more open tours for prospective parents and as I run through my ‘spiel’ about the various aspects of our school, it really reinforces the number of great programs and opportunities that we offer students 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. 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 Prep nearly seven years ago, about our fantastic specialist programs, outlining the wide range of extra-curricular activities we offer across the school year and how our Year 6s are currently feeling as they and their parents 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 school 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.

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 work, displays and art work to help demonstrate the great work our students do at Chatham.

Wednesday saw all the Year 5s set up in the hall as part of their Day of the Notables display and again our visitors were really impressed by the knowledge of our students and the amount of work they had put into presenting their notable person.

Friday saw Emily and Charli take on the role as Principal for the Day and after school we had the official opening of the garden area in front of the OSHC house in memory of a past staff member, Colin Pocklington.

It certainly has been a busy week and over this time it has enabled the school and its community to shine.

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. Emily and Charli had this opportunity on Friday. They started the morning with a staff briefing, organised a casual dress day, extended the play and lunch times by an extra 5 minutes, took a prospective parent on a school tour, did some maintenance work around the school, visited grades and gave out stickers to good workers, had morning tea with the staff and looked after the whole school assembly. They both did a great job, so much so, they could take over mine!!!

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Challenges

One of the questions that I sometimes get asked whilst conducting these tours is about the biggest challenge facing me and 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 its 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 in developing a caring school community. 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 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, foster 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, volunteer to help out in classrooms and with our activities in any way that you can, assist others who are in need (we already do this really well) and promote the qualities of our great school to the wider community.

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. If you are a parent or guardian holding a valid means-tested concessions card or you are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the School Camps, Sports and Excursions 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.

If you believe that you are eligible to receive this CSEF then contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download the form from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. 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.

Student Achievement

Well done to Jed Rule and Xander Taylor who have made it through to the School Sport Victoria Tennis State Championships. On Monday they competed in the Eastern Region finals and finished first and second in this competition. They will now progress to the State Championships tomorrow to compete against the two winners from the eight other regions across the state. This is an amazing achievement and we wish both boys all the best.

Thursday last week saw fifty 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 but our students ran very well with a number of them finishing in the top 10 places. This enables the students to progress to the next level. Well done to all students.

Day of the Notables

As mentioned at the top of this week’s newsletter, the Year 5 students did an absolutely marvellous job in their Day of the Notables presentations. These students chose a notable person, researched their achievements and life history and then created a presentation outlining all of this information. They dressed up as their notable person and had props to complement their display. Each student had generated questions for everyone to ask as the whole school and many parents visited the hall to meet these famous people. Well done to all the Year 5 students and a big thank you to the Year 5 teachers in helping to put this great activity together.

Year 2 Working Bee

Please note that we have changed the date of our next working bee scheduled for Year 2 parents. We have decided to move this working bee to the first week back after the next school holidays, Saturday 18th July.

School Tours

We held our school tours on Monday, Wednesday 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 regarding 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 our school, please encourage them to contact the school to organise a tour.

Enrolments are also now open to current parents who have siblings that are ready for school next year and these parents should collect an enrolment form from the office as soon as possible.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL
Dear Mr. Rothwell, Teachers and Students,

We would like to thank you all for allowing us to be your Principals for the Day last Friday. It was a wonderful experience.

We started the day with a staff meeting to discuss the day’s activities. That was a bit scary as we had to talk to the entire teaching staff in the staff room! Their gifts of Freddo Frogs made up for that though! Emily then took control of the position showing prospective parents around the school, inspecting the classrooms, a little maintenance painting the fence and stopping for hot chocolate and marshmallows with Mrs. Doherty!! (Tough work!!)

We allowed recess and lunchtime to extend a little longer than normal (not quite as long as we would have liked!) and insisted the yard be tidy for Saturday’s opening.

Charli took the assembly in the afternoon. It was a very long assembly with many awards, sports reports and the hotly anticipated kendama challenge. The students were first with some amazing results and then the teacher challenge with a special appearance from the new Principal Charli! Unfortunately Mr. Bowe was too good for her this time!

Thank you to everyone for their gold coin donations. We have decided to donate the money to our Surf Life Saving Club at Gunnamatta which is desperately trying to raise money to complete the repairs to their Clubhouse. We spend our summers there doing Nippers and the club is run purely by volunteers, who give their time and energy protecting the thousands of people the beach gets there each summer.

Maybe we will see you there one day!

Thanks and regards,

Emily and Charli Kerr
Principals Chatham Primary School

GUNNAMATTA SURF LIFE SAVING VICTORIA
Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club is a not for profit organisation that has been serving the community for 48 years (founded July 1966). Gunnamatta is considered one of the most dangerous surf beaches in Australia and we are a small group of just 98 volunteer patrolling members that provide lifesaving services.

Since 2002, our volunteer life savers have rescued 2,032 swimmers in difficulty and more than 5,000 people have been rescued since the club started operation in 1966.

Donations are critical to the operational and financial sustainability of Gunnamatta SLSC as we are required to cover maintenance and replacement of life saving equipment (including the clubhouse, inflatable rescue boats, motors, rescue boards, etc).
**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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**NIGHT MARKET AT CHATHAM—10TH JUNE 2015**

We need to borrow 4 slow cookers for the Night Market. If you have one and are willing to let us use it please email: sharongrosvenor@bigpond.com. Thank you.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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Thanks
Steph

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped make the movie night a success. From the fabulous people signing kids in and out, our wonderful lolly & popcorn stall helpers, those that helped supervise during the movie, our amazing pizza servers and those that helped us to clean and pack up afterwards - thank you so very much. Special thanks to Colombo's who gave us a great deal on all those delicious pizzas! And, last but not least, a massive thank you to all the wonderful kids who came and enjoyed the night. We hope you had a great time and we'll see you all again next year! Carly and Becky
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 4 is investigating soil and rocks through a unit of work called ‘Beneath our Feet’

**In Year 4...**

The Year 4s have been investigating different types of soil and what is underneath our feet. Students have explored how water effects natural structures in the environment.

A highlight of their studies included investigating how water behaves in the landscape. We built mountains in the sandpit to test this. Through our investigation we found that water erodes the landscape as it makes its way down slopes.
Exciting, exciting, exciting! I could not wait until I saw my grandparents. When I saw my grandparents I showed them my classroom. They loved my classroom. At the start I gave them a pair of flowers. I gave them a yellow pair of flowers. They loved the flowers.
Orlando.

Kiss hug! Kiss hug!

Today it is Grandparents/Special Friends Day. I was so excited when I got to give my grandparents a yellow flower. I showed them around the classroom. Then we did the Venn Diagram.
Tali.

Epic, epic, epic! I was so excited when I saw my grandma. My grampa couldn’t come because he had a stroke.
I really liked Jac’s Grandpa’s printing picture.
My Grandma really liked the flower. I felt really happy when I saw my Grandma because I don’t see her often.
James T.

Exciting, exciting, exciting.

I was so excited when my Grandma came. But she took a bit long. When she came, I was like she’s finally here, and then we did a Venn Diagram. After that we read a book and when she left my other Grandma came. We read another book. I read it with my friend Zoe. It was a funny book.
Renee.

Waiting, waiting, waiting! I was bored. Finally Grandy came. I got a white flower. My Nan brought in her first school bag. My grandpa brought in a really old printer. I got to hold the ones that fell out. I felt great because my Grandpa and Nanni came. It was awesome.
Jac.

We also did a Venn Diagram about olden day school life and our school life. Me, Nan and Pa got lots of words, in fact heaps! When we had done the activities, the grandparents had to go to the morning tea in the hall. Grandparents Day went so quickly it was sooo much fun!!!
April.

Waiting, waiting, waiting. I was waiting for my Grandparents to walk in the door. When they walked in, I was so excited to see them. They were excited to see me too. I did lots of fun things with my nana and pa. I did a Venn Diagram with my Nana. I shared my olden days object with my Pa, and I loved having my Nana and Pa in my classroom with me. I had a lovely day with my Grandparents. It was a really fun day all day on Grandparents Day.
Bella.
Awesome! Awesome! It was exciting when all the Grandparents came in. When my Grandparents came in I spent time with her and Bubba! Also went to my sister’s grade too. My mum also came in as well and she also had to go to my sister’s grade too. I went to see my sister’s grade too. It was awesome seeing them. Then Bubba and my mum went to morning tea.

Jamie.

Awesome!! Today it is Special Friends Day. I was looking forward to meeting everyone’s Grandparents and Special Friends. Everyone greeted them with a flower. My teacher read some books. We had lots of fun.

Ben.

Waiting, waiting, waiting! I was really excited. My special friends are Maree and Ray. I brought my Dad’s train Hornby, he is very old, but he still works. I really like him. I could put two Lego figures inside him. I liked the stories and the Venn Diagram with my friends. It was a great day!

Lucas.

Waiting! I was so excited when my mum came to school in the class. I gave my mum a flower. I was watching Ben’s Grandpa showing his football jumper.

Josh.

Watching, watching, watching! As I watched through the window I saw my Grandparents. When they came in I went to get a flower for my Grandma. When they saw my work they were amazed.

Angus.

Flowers, flowers, flowers. I was really excited when my grandparents arrived at Chatham Primary. I greeted them with flowers. We got to do a Venn Diagram. We wrote about the olden days and now. My Grandpa Pop brought in an old airplane. He built it himself with a friend. He painted it red. My Grandma brought in a crumpet warmer and a candle snuffer. I have never seen a crumpet warmer before. I have seen a candle snuffer at their house. I love my Grandparents a lot. I can’t wait until the next one.

Lauren.

Wait! Wait! Waiting! I was really bored waiting for my Auntie Sonja to come to my classroom. I was the very last person to get my Grandparent. My brother and sister were there too. First we had a photo altogether and then we all went to my brother’s classroom. Then we all went to my classroom and me and my Auntie shared what she brought in which was a thing that made your hair look like you had plaits in your hair all night. Then we all went to my sister’s class and Auntie Sonja, me and my brother all went up and shared. It was very fun. We had a very busy morning and fun.

Freya.
GRANDPARENTS DAY AT CHATHAM by 2KM

Waiting, waiting, waiting. When are my Grandparents going to be here? Look I can see them. They are at the Music Room Shelter. I gave them a flower. I gave them a yellow flower.

Marcus.

Waiting, waiting! Finally our Grandparents have arrived. Papa is here too. Papa brought in his footy jumper and how when he was young and he brought in a cartoon of him and his friends. I like Papa. Granny has come in as well. After when Papa left, Granny has brought in something as well. Then Mrs Kelly read us a story. It was the Shoes from Grandpa.

Ben H.

Exciting, exciting! My Grandparents are coming to 2KM. I gave my Nana and Papa a flower. My Nana brought in a photo and we did a Venn Diagram. It was about now and then. I liked everyone’s presentation. Freya’s auntie brought an old thing that crimped your hair. I really like Grandparents Day.

Zoe.

Happy, Happy, Happy!
I loved Grandparents/Special Friends Day.
I was so, so excited when my cousin and my Auntie came in my classroom. I gave my Auntie a white flower and I gave my cousin a yellow flower. My sister invited her Poppy. My Auntie brought in a doll that she got when she was born. My Auntie’s name is Catherine and my cousin’s name is Ella. I felt really excited as I saw Cath and Ella walk through the door. I loved seeing my family.

Amelia.

Awesome! Awesome! Awesome!
We are in the middle of Grandparents and Special Friends Day. My Nanna brought in a photo of her dad in a billy cart for Show and Tell. His name was Norman. I love my Nanna.

Oliver.

I can’t wait! My Auntie Lea is coming to school today for Grandparents and Special Friends Day. Here she comes! I better get some flowers for her. I chose yellow flowers. I showed her the paper flowers that we made at the back of the room and we did a Venn Diagram together. I loved it when Auntie Lea came to the school, but I was sad when she had to go. Happy Grandparents and Special Friends Day!

Charli.
THE 2015 JAPANESE
KENDAMA CHAMPIONSHIP

There was a lot of excitement at assembly last Friday!
The much anticipated Kendama Challenge for 2015 had finally arrived!

22 competitors from Years 4, 5 & 6 took their places and, on the
Japanese Captains’ count of ‘ichi, ni, san’, the ball catching race
began!

The crowd cheered, tensions were high and finally the minute was
up. We were delighted to announce that Justin had won and was now
the new Kendama Champion. He had an amazing score of 45.

But the fun didn’t stop there. Next up was the Teacher Challenge. Mr
Barry had been practising and thought he had it ‘in the bag’ but it
was newcomer, Mr. Bowe, who claimed victory with a fantastic score
of 43.

Keep practising everyone, because we are looking forward to
another great challenge in 2016.
Ganbatte! Good luck!

Arigatou,
Bradford Sensei

Kendama are a traditional
Japanese toy that has
become popular all around
the world. There are lots of
tricks you can try. Check out these tricks on
youtube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iIiIXkonsXY

Omedetou!
Congratulations Justin and Mr Bowe
Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care.

The well-being of humanity, the environment, and the functioning of the economy, ultimately depend upon the responsible management of the planet’s natural resources. Evidence is building that people are consuming far more natural resources than what the planet can sustainably provide. Many of the Earth’s ecosystems are nearing critical tipping points of depletion or irreversible change, pushed by high population growth and economic development. By 2050, if current consumption and production patterns remain the same and with a rising population expected to reach 9.6 billion, we will need three planets to sustain our ways of living and consumption.

The WED theme this year is therefore “Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care.” Living within planetary boundaries is the most promising strategy for ensuring a healthy future. Human prosperity need not cost the earth. Living sustainably is about doing more and better with less. It is about knowing that rising rates of natural resource use and the environmental impacts that occur are not a necessary by-product of economic growth.
Antiques, Retro & Collectables Fair

Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st
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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.

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All boys & girls welcome! Ages 6-13
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Special merchandise pack
Intensive camp with the
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Thu 2 June, 2015
190-192 Boundary Rd, Bentleigh East

BOORMANDA JUNIOR MODEL Course
Mon 6 & Tue 7 July 2015
27A, Boundary St, Elsternwick

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Thu 9 & Fri 10 July 2015
29 Oatley Rd, Coburg North

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Chase Basketball has partnered with Aqualink Box Hill to bring their highly successful brand of basketball holiday programs to Box Hill!!!

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• Advanced Cam - 1 & 2 July (8am-3pm) Boys & Girls 6-12yr
• Shoot 500 Clinic - 3 July (9am-3pm) Boys & Girls 6-12yr

The Chase Basketball Camps @ Aqualink Box Hill will be head coached by Coach Mike Spears former NBL & NCAA player. Every camper will receive a camp tee shirt and a basketball.

Contact: admin@gage.com.au | 9699 2204

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