FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Reports

Teachers are currently working on the mid-year student reports. These should be ready to send home at the end of the 2nd last week of this term. Parent/Teacher interviews will take place during the last week of this term.

Along with the student’s Learning Journal, these student reports and interviews play the major part of our reporting requirements where students are assessed against the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) and for some areas, the Australian Curriculum (AusVels).

The development of the Australian Curriculum is guided by the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians, adopted by the Ministerial Council in December 2008. The Melbourne Declaration emphasises the importance of knowledge, skills and understandings of learning areas, general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities as the basis for a curriculum designed to support 21st century learning.

The F–10 Australian Curriculum sets out the core knowledge, understanding, skills and general capabilities important for all Australian students. It describes the learning entitlement of students as a foundation for their future learning, growth and active participation in the Australian community. It makes clear what all young Australians should learn as they progress through schooling. It is the foundation for high quality teaching to meet the needs of all Australian students.

This mid-year student report will see our teachers making judgments around student achievement levels in Mathematics, English, Science and History against the Australian Curriculum progression points. All other subject areas will be assessed against the current Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS). All ratings are “crunched” by the computer to give each student a rating from A to E for each subject area.

A reminder to everyone on exactly what the A – E ratings means

- A “C” rating means that a child is at the standard expected at the time of reporting and that his or her learning is on track. This is the expected standard for the year level and should be where most of the students in the grade are working.
- A “B” rating means that a child is above the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting.
- An “A” rating means a child is well above the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting.
- A “D” rating means a child is below the standard expected.
- An “E” rating means that the child is well below the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting.

A “C” rating does not mean achievement is “just adequate” - it indicates that a child has met the state-wide standard or national standard expected of children of their age at the time of reporting and that their learning is firmly on track.

Our assessments are based upon the recognition that student learning is a continuum from Years Prep (Foundation) to 10, and although all students develop at different rates, they broadly progress through three stages of learning from:

YEARS PREP (FOUNDATION) TO 4 – LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS

In these years the curriculum focuses on developing the fundamental knowledge, skills and behaviours in literacy and numeracy and other areas including physical and social capacities which underpin all future learning.
Years 5 to 8 – **Building Breadth and Depth**
In these years, students progress beyond the foundations and their literacy and numeracy becomes more developed. An expanded curriculum program provides the basis for indepth learning within all domains in the three learning strands.

Years 9 to 10 – **Developing Pathways**
In these years students develop greater independence of mind and interests. They seek deeper connections between their learning and the world around them and explore how learning might be applied in that world. They need to experience learning in work and community settings as well as the classroom. They are beginning to develop preferred areas for their learning.

Years 11 and 12 – **Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) & Various Learning Pathways**
VCE – end of Year 12
The Key characteristics of student learning at each level are:

**FOUNDATION**
- building a sense of belonging
- understanding classroom values and practices
- making connections between school and home
- building positive behaviours
- engaging behaviourally, emotionally and cognitively
- developing curiosity and intrinsic motivation
- expressing ideas and feelings through a variety of artistic forms
- mastering technical skills
- developing physical capacities and an awareness of their own health needs.

**YEARS 1 & 2**
- taking control of learning processes
- becoming an independent reader and writer
- developing basic computational skills
- using imagination and experience to create arts works
- learning to collaborate with peers
- beginning to organise ideas and share thoughts
- becoming more confident physically
- becoming aware of the local community.

**YEARS 3 & 4**
- broadening their knowledge and interest in a range of disciplinary domains
- developing an awareness of common values
- embodying resilient attitudes to learning and social behaviour
- transforming ideas into objects and systems
- applying independent thinking strategies
- discriminating between the quality of information when forming opinions.

**YEARS 5 & 6**
- assuming leadership responsibilities
- developing self-efficacy skills
- specialising and differentiating between domains
- managing new situations and solving problems
- learning deeply through extended projects to build flexible thinking and learning strategies
- exploring concepts that allow for several points of view
- demonstrating a preference for more specialised intelligences.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of a teacher’s registration it is a requirement that teachers must undertake at least 10 hours of professional development each year. This professional development can take many forms including professional reading and external courses. At Chatham we conduct many professional development sessions after school and during curriculum days. Teachers also have access to an array of professional development opportunities through a range of activities conducted through the Borondara Network of Schools.

Occasionally teachers also take up opportunities for professional learning outside of school that might occur during school times or even on the weekend. We always try to ensure that a couple of teachers undertake the same professional development, then return to share this with the rest of the staff and reflect on how this professional learning has influenced their own pedagogy and understandings around students’ learning.

CURRICULUM DAYS

Each year, schools are allowed to have four student free days to undertake professional learning and planning. We have already taken the first two days at the start of the school year and at last month’s School Council meeting the dates for the remaining two days were approved. These student free curriculum days will take place on;

- Monday 14th July, the first day of next term. Students are not expected to attend school on this day so the first day of Term 3 for students will now be Tuesday 15th July.

Monday 3rd November This is the last student free curriculum day for the year and is scheduled to take place on the day before the Melbourne Cup Day holiday.

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 roll. Absences are entered into the office computer by the class teacher on a daily basis. 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.

SCHOOL COOPERATIVE

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 are overseen by a Board of Directors who are all current or past parents at the school. Each year two or three of the directors need to be elected as part of the AGM. This year there will be 2 vacant positions coming up for election;

- The two retiring Directors are Paul Townsend and Egan Smith.

The three remaining Directors are Paul O’Grady, Cameron Ross and Stephen Rothwell. The Chatham Primary School Co-operative’s Annual General Meeting is to be held on Thursday 19th June, 7:30pm in the school’s staff room. All members of the school’s Co-operative are invited to attend this meeting at which the audited accounts and the President’s Report will be presented. Two positions on this board are declared vacant and nominations are hereby called for from this date to fill these vacant positions. If you are a co-operative member and are interested in nominating for one of these vacant positions then please collect a nomination form from the school office. All nominations are due back by 4:00pm, Thursday 12th June 2014.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

There is skipping happening everywhere at Chatham. The students have been enthused by the challenge of the Jump Rope for Heart campaign and have taken to practising and refining their “Tricks” in preparation for our big skip off day on Friday 27th June, the last of term. The money raised from this event goes to the Heart Foundation for research into this serious disease.

This week we were all entertained by the State Demonstration Skipping Team from Yea Primary School who thrilled us with their amazing skipping abilities. Mr Doyle has organised this great event which develops students’ co-ordination skills, endurance and team work. Our students are loving it!
### Dates for the Diary

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**From the Principal**

**Year 1 Working Bee**

The next working bee is scheduled for all Year 1 families and will be held on Saturday 21st June. The morning will be spent in undertaking some major tasks and cleaning up the school before the upcoming holidays.

**Queen’s Birthday Holiday**

A reminder that next Monday is the Queen’s Birthday holiday and students are not expected to attend school on this day.

**Stephen Rothwell**

Principal

Thanks to Max Evans of Prep MO for the masthead this week
Do you want your child to get fit, gain independence walking to school, while helping our environment?

The Walking School bus (WSB) is a great way for kids to get regular exercise, meet new friends and gain confidence and independence walking to school within a safe environment. It also helps to reduce traffic congestion around the school and reduce carbon emissions. The WSB program is a council initiative that is run by two trained parent volunteers – one is the driver (at the front of the bus) and the other is the conductor (at the back of the bus). Currently, we have two routes up and running at Chatham PS: The purple route (Thus – Starts at Guilford Rd, along David St, down Empress and along Jocelyn St to Mont Albert Rd)) and the red route (Wed and Fri – Starts at Canterbury Sports ground, down the lane way, up Empress and along Jocelyn St to Mont Albert Rd). There are various stops along the way where we can pick up passengers. If you are interested in joining the WSB, becoming a volunteer, or would like more information, please contact Andrea Briffa (WSB coordinator) on andreabriffa@bigpond.com.

Dear Chatham Families,

The **Night Market on Wednesday 11th June from 5-8PM** is going to be a fantastic night at school with all fundraising proceeds going towards upgrading the school bike shed. Please come along and support this event as there are stalls for everyone!

We have 50 stalls selling unique and locally made Arts & Crafts, Home-made Gifts, Hand Crafted Timber Products, Winter Woolies, Cards & Stationery, Kids Clothing & Accessories, Kids Activities, Gourmet Food, Wine Tasting, Hand-made Jewellery, Organic Skin Care, Fitness Products & Services, Home Decor, Plants, 2nd Hand Goods and Up-cycled Products and lots more! Feed the kids while you browse the stalls and take home some great home-baked goodies from the Chatham cake stall. All market goers please BYO shopping bags to make the Night Market more sustainable. Thank you!

We also need your help getting lots of people to come along so spread the word through your email list using the flyer attached and on Facebook with this link:

[https://www.facebook.com/NightMarketatChathamPrimary](https://www.facebook.com/NightMarketatChathamPrimary)

Hope to see you and your family there!
Sharon and Belinda

**Year 6 Graduation Dresses**

For the Year 6 girls, bring your Mum along and see the Graduation Dresses available at the Chatham Night Market.
AFL Victoria Holiday Programs is...
Inviting all boys and girls aged 5-12 to come and join us in a footy fun day this July!

No experience needed!
If you love making new friends, want to have a fun day out on your school holidays, want to test your football skills then come along to a venue near you!

Venues include: Bundoora, Mentone, Box Hill, Footscray and loads more...

- Day includes -
  Football skills and drills
  Inflatable fun!
  Games and loads of fun to be had

For more information or to register please visit http://www.aflvicholidayprograms.com.au/

The AFL Victoria School Holiday Program introduces boys and girls the basic skills of Australian Football. The program is a fun and inclusive program and includes skill development, fun activities, minor games and modified games.

School Holiday Fun at the RSPCA!

Calling all animal lovers!
If you go crazy for cats, dote on dogs or want to have some fun with farm animals, then the RSPCA Junior Holiday Program is the place for you!

Further details can be found through the following link:

Junior Holiday Program (ages 5 to 14)
http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/holiday-programs/junior-holiday-program

FREE children’s single mattress (as new) and a single bed. Needs to be collected before the 16 June.

Call Peter on 0488 903 896
DATE: Saturday, 14th June - 5.30pm to 7pm
WHERE: Chatham Primary School Hall
Cost: $5.00 per child including 2 slices of pizza
Movie: Free Birds (PG)

ALL CHATHAM STUDENTS, FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS WELCOME

Popcorn and Lolly Bags will be available on the night for $1.00 each. Pizza must be ordered and paid for prior and will be served after the movie. Can parents please arrive by 7.00pm to help organise their children & collect their pizza.

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PIZZA ORDER FORM

Please return no later than 9am Friday 13th June 2014

Child’s name ........................................... Grade ..............

Amount enclosed............................

Margherita .................................... Ham and Cheese ...........

Maximum two (2) per child. It does not have to be the same pizza, you can order two single slices of different pizza.

Parent name ............................................................

Contact number on the night.........................

Please note that tickets will not be given out – your names and pizza order will be on a list.
YEAR 4 DINNER
Thursday 19 June 2014
@ 7pm
Cantina Centrale
11 Hamilton St Mont Albert
www.cantinacentrale.com
$40 p/h 3 course set menu
Fully licensed - No BYO
Please RSVP with payment to your class rep
Mal (4MO), Lina (4 DH), Amanda (4SR)
By 17th June

Canterbury JFC Annual Gala!
***Come dressed as your favourite decade!***
$45pp
Includes food
(Includes curries!!!) & DJ
**drinks at bar prices**
awesome raffle prizes

When? 21st of June from 7:30pm until late
Where? Our Holy Redeemer Primary School Hall
(311 Mont Albert Rd.)
Why? To celebrate our little champions
& raise funds for our awesome club!
http://www.trybooking.com/FA2D

Canteen Roster
Friday 6th June       Sue, Fiona and Linda—All day
Wednesday 11th June  Jill and Steph—Morning and Hillary and Kellie—Afternoon
I need help on Friday the 13th in the afternoon from 11.30am until 2.00pm.
If anyone can help please phone me on 0401 865 440—thanks Steph.
CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SOCCER STARS

Come and learn how to play like your soccer hero’s. The Big 5 Sports Team will show you how to become a SOCCER STAR!

ENROL ONLINE AT WWW.BIG5SPORTS.COM.AU

Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.

big5sports

FOOTY STARS

Come and learn how to play like your AFL hero’s. The Big 5 Sports Team will show you how to become a FOOTY STAR!

ENROLMENT

SOCCER
When: Thursdays, Term 3 2014
Classes commence: 24/7/14
Classes conclude: 11/8/14
Time: 6:00am—8:45am
Year Levels: P-2
Venue: Chatham Primary School
The cost per student per term is $111

FOOTY STARS
When: Fridays, Term 3 2014
Classes commence: 25/7/14
Classes conclude: 12/8/14
Time: 8:00—8:45am
Year Levels: P-2
Venue: Chatham Primary School
The cost per student per term is $111

Chatham Primary School

Year Level: .................................................................
Name(s): .....................................................................
Address: ......................................................................
Date Of Birth: ............................................................
Phone (Home): ..........................................................
Mobile/Work: ............................................................
Email Address: ...........................................................

Parents Consent: I hereby authorize Big 5 Sports and Dance Oz to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Big 5 Sports and Dance Oz from any liability incurred by my child at a Big 5 Sports or Dance Oz Program.

Parents Name: ...........................................................
Parents Signature: ....................................................

Medical Conditions: ..................................................

At the completion of the after school class does your child:

Go to aftercare □
Cat collected □

$99 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
Book before 27th of June to secure discounted rate.

Credit Card Payment: (Please tick) □ Visa □ MasterCard
Card Number: ..........................................................
Expiry Date: ___ / ___

Card Holders Name: ______________________________________
Amount: $ __________________________ Card Security Code: ________

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