FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Help Needed

We are running another market night again this year and the organising committee have been working hard to organise the stall holders and to bring all of this together. This was a very successful event last year which was well attended and raised some funds that went towards the refurbishment of the new bike shed. We are predicting that this is going to be even more successful and would encourage everyone in the school community to come along next Wednesday evening, from 5:00 to 8:00pm. There are many great stalls, food and drink.

We once again need the whole school community to get behind this fundraising by baking/ cooking/ making some yummy cakes and treats for sale on the night. Plates have been sent home to each family and other packaging has been prepared for biscuits/ slices if you require this. We ask that every school family contribute something but if you cannot, to please return the empty plates well before next Tuesday so that they can be distributed to others who are prepared to make more.

We also need helpers:

- to help set up from 3:45
- to staff the stalls, especially for a shift on the food stalls
- to help clean up at the end of the night. This will start to happen just after 8:00pm and should take about an hour.

If you are able to help in any way then please contact Sharon or Belinda.

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 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.

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.

Transition

During our school tours over the last couple of weeks 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 three 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 Year 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.

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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 where they get to know other students from other grades.

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. 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 the 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.

Parents’ Club has 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 to make certain that they meet other parents from their child’s grade.

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 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 6s**

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 our recent 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 days. The leaders of Art, 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 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 6s.

**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 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 Wednesday 17th 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 on the next page that needs to be filled in with the relevant details and passed onto the director concerned or to the school office.

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Student Achievement

Well done to Jed Rule and Xander Taylor who were the two representatives for the Eastern Region at last week's State Tennis Finals. There were 2 two reps from each of the nine sporting regions from right across the state competing in these State Championships. The boys were placed in two different pools with Jed winning all of his round robin games and progressing to the semi and then the grand final. Jed was beaten in the grand final but came second in the state. Xander only lost one of his round robin games and this was against the eventual winner who went onto beat Jed. This is an amazing effort by both boys to make it to the State Championships and congratulations to Jed for coming 2nd in the State.

These two boys are also off to the tennis trials this week to try to make selection for the School Sport Victoria State tennis team which is due to play in Hobart later in the year.

This week we have also had two boys, Ingo Dammer-Smith and Lachlan Maddern trying out for the Eastern Region Basketball trials. This is the 2nd last step for selection into the State Basketball team. Both boys trialled really well but in a field of over 100+ players were not selected to progress to the next level.

Japanese Visitor

Last week the Year 5 & 6 students had a visit from a Samurai who told the students about the life of a Japanese warrior and then demonstrated to them the ancient art of sadō – the Japanese tea ceremony. The Japanese tea ceremony, also called the Way of Tea, is a Japanese cultural activity involving the ceremonial preparation and presentation of tea. Each action in sadō - how a kettle is used, how a teacup is examined, how tea is scooped into a cup - is performed in a very specific way, and may be thought of as a procedure or technique. These procedures are called temae.

The students really enjoyed the presentation from a modern day Samurai and he certainly passed on some compliments to us when he commented on the wonderful behaviour, interest and enthusiasm exhibited by our students during his presentation. He also stated that he has presented in over 300 schools from Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne and ours was the best Japanese classroom he had been in. He complimented the garden setting, the classroom itself and the quality of work and resources that Bradford Sensei and our students had produced.

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 26th June, the last day of term. The money raised from this event goes to the Heart Foundation for research into this serious disease.

Mr Doyle has organised this great event which develops students’ coordination skills, endurance and team work. Our students are loving it!

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.

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.
### Dates for the Diary

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### Canteen Roster

**Friday 5th June**
- Linda, Sue, Fiona and Sharon

**Wednesday 10th June**
- AM: Jill
- PM: Amanda and Caroline

Thanks
Steph

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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.
Homestay For a Special Visitor

We are delighted to announce that Chatham has been invited to host a Japanese university student as part of the Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language (TJFL) program managed by the Department of Education & Training. The assistant will be placed at Chatham for one month. The dates will be from 15th August until 12th September. It is expected that we find a homestay arrangement from within our school community. A contribution of $200 per week will be paid to host families through the TJFL program. Being a host family can be an enriching and rewarding experience for families. If your family might be interested, please contact me via the school office as soon as possible.

Arigatou

Cathie Bradford

YOU NEVER KNOW WHO OR WHAT MIGHT VISIT THE OFFICE ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY!

OR WHAT YOU MIGHT FIND LYING AROUND THE CORRIDORS....

THANK YOU TO OSCAR COLLINGS IN 1MB FOR HIS LOVELY DRAWING AND WRITING ABOUT WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.
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

17th 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:

* delete if not applicable

UKULELE CLASSES AT CHATHAM PS

The ukulele is now the preferred introductory instrument for Primary Schools in Australia. Uke4Kids has been teaching ukulele to Chatham students for 7 years. In school small group classes on Thursdays. Enrolments from grades Prep - 6 are being taken for new classes starting soon. Enquire now for more information, or to enrol your child.

P: 0418 356574 E: info@uke4kids.com W: www.uke4kids.com
Samurai & The Tea Ceremony
Year 5 & 6 Incursion

Last week a samurai came to visit our Japanese classroom. One would think we were going to learn about samurai swords, castles and armour, but, no!

Instead, Adam, who is a Tea Ceremony Master, taught us about something very different - the importance of tea to the Samurai. We learnt the etiquette for bowing and drinking tea like a Samurai and the values of harmony, respect, purity and tranquility that are central to the tea ceremony. Our lovely, newly refurbished Japanese room was the perfect setting. The students were spell bound during Adam’s presentation, in fact, you could have heard a pin drop! Here’s what some of the Japanese Leaders thought.

‘I learnt that being calm is more powerful than being angry.’
Sammy

‘He taught us lots about samurai and their history and he had a really cool haircut.’
Charli

‘If you were a samurai you had to be calm and enjoy the beauty of nature.’
Georgia

‘I really learnt a lot.’
Nicky

‘He served us some important looking tea with lots of care and patience.’
Victoria
Year 2 is investigating Physical Sciences through a unit of work called ‘Push-Pull’.

In Year 2...

The Year 2s have been investigating how the forces of push and pull affect how an object moves or changes shape. Students have explored forces in their home, at school, outside and in water. They have discovered that people use science in their daily lives for so many different tasks, from pulling their shoe laces tight to pushing their chairs in.

A highlight of the Year 2s studies was investigating the effect of the pull of gravity through the construction of paper helicopters. Students then conducted an investigation into how changing the wing length of the helicopter changes the speed that the helicopter falls.

Further to this, the Year 2s have explored how both air and water can ‘push’. Finally, the students have learned to use force-arrow diagrams to represent push and pull forces of different sizes and the direction in which they are acting.
Night Market
at Chatham Primary

Wednesday 10th June 2015
5pm - 8pm

FUNDRAISING FOR: School Hall Multi-purpose Room Upgrade

WHERE: Chatham Primary School Hall
Waybridge Street, Surrey Hills

COST: Gold Coin donation at the door

UNIQUE & LOCAL STALLS INCLUDING:
Art & Crafts, Curtis & Stansistry, Hand-made Jewellery,
Coggings, Gold Hand Broke, Organic Skin Care, Winter Woolies, Kids Stuff, Oasis Bags, Gourmet Food and more!

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Financial Assistance
Information for Parents

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 positive experiences in the great outdoors, meanwhile encouraging a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All aspects of a healthy curriculum.

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

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Please “Save The Date” for Chatham Primary School's Biennial

Trivia Night!
Saturday 15 August 2015
7:30pm

Come along to this FUN event – packed with loads of laughs, trivia and rivalry, and then dance the night away!

So... start thinking about recruiting a team of 10 and choosing your Table Captain NOW!

Watch this space for the exciting Theme reveal before the end of Term!