FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WELCOME EVERYONE

On behalf of Stephen who is away on the Year 6 Camp and myself, we would like to welcome all our families back for 2015 to what promises to be another exciting year. Our 64 Preps officially started at the beginning of the week and what a seamless transition they had to ‘big’ school. Speaking at the Prep parents’ Tears and Cheers, which this year was hosted by Belinda and Peter Dalton, I commented how quickly they had settled in on that first day which highlighted, in part, the success of our Transition Program, along with how well the parents had prepared the children over the holidays and how ready the students themselves are for school.

While many of our Prep children this year have a sibling at already here or one who has gone through Chatham, we would like to give an especially warm welcome to all our first time families to Chatham, whether their children are starting in Prep or have entered into another grade level across the school. It is important to remember that we are not just welcoming your child into the school but your family. There are many opportunities to meet other families and become involved in the school from joining Parents Club, to volunteering at the canteen, to helping in classrooms or attending Working Bees, to the biggest Parent driven event this year – the School Fair, which is incidentally only 23 days away! We look forward to developing a Partnership with all of you.

SAD NEWS

As many of our families have heard by now the holidays did mark the sudden passing of one of our most dedicated teachers, Mr John Wennan. John retired at the end of 2013 after 45+ years of service to government education, of which 20 years were here at Chatham. Over this time John helped in educating and shaping the lives of hundreds of students, and he certainly made a significant contribution to the life of our school. While John was relishing spending many happy days and hours with his daughters and much loved grandchildren since his retirement, his sudden death was all too soon and he will be sadly missed and fondly remembered for his deserved reputation of being an excellent teacher, especially in the area of Mathematics, and for entertaining many of his students with his quirky and dry sense of humour.

On a more joyful note, the holidays also marked the birth of Laura-Jean Susan Basto to one of our teachers, Fiona Henderson and her partner Rod Basto. They were overjoyed with her arrival and could not be happier. We wish them all well. The holidays also saw another one of our teachers getting married on New Year’s Eve. We congratulate Jessica, formerly Boyd, and Sam Wilson and wish them happiness in their future life together.

WELCOME NEW TEACHING STAFF

And while we are getting used to calling Miss Boyd Mrs Wilson, we do have a number of other classroom teachers who, like their students, are settling into their new grades at Chatham. I would like to welcome Miss Kirstie Briggs in Year 5, Mr Clinton Bowe in Yr 4, Miss Katherine Geake in Yr 3, Miss Jennifer Tran in Yr 2 and Miss Siobhan Johnson in Prep.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

You may have noticed that over the summer holidays we have taken advantage of having some work completed around the school. We have had an arborist in, work has been done on the garden at the front of our OSHC House, and there is new sand in the sandpit and tanbark for the gardens.

A number of Year 6 parents also attended our first Working Bee last Thursday night making a contribution to the school environment in readiness for the first day of school. So thank you to those families that came along and gave a hand.

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CURRICULUM DAYS

Staff officially started back at school last Wednesday 28th January. Over this day and next, teachers undertook training in Allergies and Anaphylaxis, as part of our annual Epi-pen training, as well as Professional Learning on Diabetes. Teachers also had time set aside on both days to do a thorough ‘hand over’ of student information from last year’s class teacher to the next as part of our Transition Program. A handover was also done with specialists. Stephen presented staff with an overview of our school data from 2014 and how it linked to goals and targets in our School Strategic Plan. Teachers also spent time planning for the term and getting their classrooms ready for the year ahead.

ALLERGIES & ANAPHYLAXIS

We have a number of students across the school that have allergies that can cause anaphylaxis. **Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening.** These students can have severe or life threatening reactions to a variety of triggers. Photos and information of every student who fall under this category have been placed in each classroom and specialist area. All students have an action plan and Epi-pens are placed in a secure and central location. Teachers monitor all students at eating times and we constantly review the items on sale at the canteen and other products in use around the school, as well as discouraging any swapping of food by students at eating times. All of these students are also very good at knowing what they should not eat or touch but we can all help them by limiting the types of food (especially any nut products) that you allow your own child to bring to school. Thank you for your understanding and assistance with this matter in helping to ensure the continued well-being and safety of all our students.

ILLNESS

A reminder that if your child is unwell we ask that in their best interests, as well as the interests of others within our school community, that they do not attend school. Some illnesses as we all well know can spread quickly through one’s own family, as well as any class or year level grouping. There is also always some percentage in our community who are more susceptible to picking up bugs and fighting infection than others. So, please consider seriously keeping children at home before sending them back to school too early if they have been unwell or if they complain of feeling unwell on the morning before school.

As we have just started another new year I would like to make mention and remind all families of a few of our protocols and rules that we have in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all.

SUPERVISION AND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL RULES

A reminder that teachers are on duty from 8:45 in the yard. Students preferably should not be at school before this time. For the safety of all, once the bag bell has rung at 8:50, students have been asked not to play with sports equipment of any kind anywhere in the school grounds. In the past there have been a number of minor incidents involving balls connecting with members of the community both up on the asphalt areas and on the oval. The same applies at the end of the day where we ask that students or younger siblings do not start playing with balls or riding bikes and scooters until after the school yard has cleared of heavy congestion. A bell will now be rung at 3:45 to signal to students who are involved in training or are staying up at school for an afternoon play that the period has now lifted. We thank you for your support in keeping the school grounds safe for everyone.

DOGS AT SCHOOL

Many parents like to walk up to school with their dogs. Please remember that all dogs must be on a leash and under your control and supervision at all times. Parents need to be aware that some children are frightened of dogs while others have limited exposure and do not know how to approach dogs safely. Tying them up in the yard as you visit the classroom is not really acceptable as students may approach your dog without you being there to monitor their reaction. Leaving them tied up at any of the school gates unattended is also not acceptable. I am sure that the last thing you would want is your dog to bite or snap at a student. If you bring your dog to school also please ensure that they do not leave any deposits behind in the school yard. Please pick up after your pet and monitor them and keep them under your supervisions at all times whilst in the yard.

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FRONT DOOR ENTRANCE
A reminder to everyone about the use of the front door entrance to the school. We would prefer that students and parents do not use the front door to enter the school in the morning or to use it to leave the school at the end of the day. We have instructed students that they may use this entrance during the day if they need to come to the school office or sick bay with an urgent matter, otherwise they must walk around the school at either end of the building. If parents also do not use this entrance, then it will help cut down on the congestion around the school office during these busy times of the day.

TRAFFIC
Please remember to obey all parking restrictions and road rules when dropping off or picking up your children. If entering Banool Road, enter from the Weybridge Street end and travel right through to Whitehorse Road. This will help keep the traffic moving. Do not try to do a U-turn to come back against the traffic.

FIRST ASSEMBLY FOR 2015
With Stephen and the Year 6 students returning from a week long camp late tomorrow and the Preps finishing school at 1:30, the first school assembly for Years 1-6 will be on Friday 13th February. Prep students will join us for the following assembly on Friday 20th February.
We hope to see as many of our parents as possible attending our assemblies. Assemblies allow the school community to recognise and celebrate students’ achievements in any given week, as well as promote what else is happening around the school and in classrooms. Our assemblies are also hosted by our Yr 6 leaders and are an integral part of the Leadership Development and Speaking Programs we have at Chatham. Everyone is welcome to join us on a Friday afternoon and this term assembly will start as close as possible to 2:40pm. We hope to see you there.

UPCOMING EVENTS
It has already been a busy start for our Year 6s who are currently on camp down at the Gippsland Lakes and return tomorrow. On next week’s calendar on Wednesday 11th February, all Year 4 – 6 students will participate in the School’s Swimming Carnival from 12:30pm to 3:00pm at the Doncaster Aquarena Recreation Centre. While we will be running a variety of 50m swimming races for students who are capable of swimming the length of the pool and collecting times for students to qualify for District Swimming Carnival, there is also the opportunity for all students to participate in a variety of novelty races on the day.
And have I already mentioned that the School Fair is only 23 days away?!
Instrumental lessons are due to start next Monday 9th February for 16 lesson semester. Enrolment forms can be collected at the office if your child is interested in learning an instrument.
A reminder that the school canteen will not be operating until after the School Fair.

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## Dates for the Diary

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Come and enjoy the game of a Lifetime!
The Science program at Chatham was an initiative started in 2014 in order to promote science as an important area of learning. We value science as it is not only a source of great interest for students, but it promotes and develops lifelong skills such as predicting, questioning, inquiry, reasoning, evidence gathering and interpreting data.

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.

Term 1 at Chatham...

Preps are exploring Biological Sciences through a unit of work called ‘Staying Alive’
Year 1 is investigating Biological Sciences through a unit of work called ‘Schoolyard Safari’
Year 2 is investigating Earth and Space Sciences through a unit of work called ‘Water Works’
Year 3 is investigating Earth and Space Sciences through a unit of work called ‘Night and Day’
Year 4 is investigating Physical Sciences through a unit of work called ‘Smooth Moves’
Year 5 is investigating Chemical Sciences through a unit of work called ‘What’s the Matter?’
Year 6 is investigating Earth and Space Sciences through a unit of work called ‘Earthquake Explorers’

This week...

The Year 4s began their Physical Science investigations with playing a game of kickball. Through this game, students identified what they knew about push and pull and how this affects the movement of objects and their bodies. The students made annotated diagrams of the game to record their observations and understandings of push and pull.
WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF LEMONS FOR THE FAIR—WE ARE HAPPY TO COME AND COLLECT AND PICK IF NECESSARY. Please contact Sue in the office.

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Classes commence: 6th Feb
Classes conclude: 27th March
Time: 8.00-8.45am
Venue: Chatham Primary School
Cost: $111/student per term

When: Thursday Term 1 2015
Classes commence: 5th Feb
Classes conclude: 26th March
Time: 8.00-8.45am
Venue: Chatham Primary School
Cost: $111/student per term

School: ____________________________
Year level: _________________________
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