FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TRANSITION

In a few weeks the Year 6 students and their families find out which Government secondary school they will be heading off to in 2015. This can be a stressful time for families as they move onto the next phase of their education.

Transition in a school is not all about the move from Kindergarten to Preps or from Year 6 into Year 7 though. Transition in a school setting is also about the move from one year level to the next or in some cases helping new students and their families settle into our school community.

At Chatham we attempt to make these transitions as smooth as possible by supporting students and their families, setting them up with positive and welcoming experiences, as well as providing them with useful and relevant information.

New Prep students and their families attend 3 transition days in November where they visit the school, meet their Year 5 buddies and get involved in some specialist programs and classroom activities. We also conduct a Prep Parent Information Evening where we provide families with a great deal of information about the daily operations at our school. Parents and their children are encouraged to visit the school on the weekends and holidays to explore the school grounds. Our Prep teachers keep in regular contact with our feeder kindergartens and once enrolments have been confirmed, liaise with the kindergarten teachers about each student coming to our school. These teachers are also invited to come up to our school to observe a Prep class in action. For the last few years we have been able to organise a time where some of our Year 6 students visit our local kindergartens for story time where they read their favourite picture books to the kindergarten students. The Transition booklet that is passed from families and their kindergarten teachers to our Prep teachers also provides us with useful information on our new Preps. The new Preps receive a letter from their teacher over the summer holidays welcoming them into our school and the families into the Chatham community. The Preps commencement is staggered at the start of each year to help with their transition into the busy life of a school setting.

Each student’s class placement into their next class is worked on by teachers with great diligence to ensure that the student’s needs are met and that new class structures operate smoothly. At the end of the year students are told about their new class. They get to meet next year’s teacher, to be with their new classmates and visit the room for next year. Students also receive a Teacher Profile of their new teacher to take home over the holidays. Student work files are passed onto the new teacher at the end of the year, ready for them to look through in readiness for the new school year. At the beginning of each year, teachers sit with last year’s teachers & specialists to discuss each student’s strengths and weaknesses. In the first few weeks of each year, teachers undertake a series of assessments to gather an accurate picture of a student’s level of achievement. Across the school, we start the school year with Parent Information sessions to outline the routine and expectations for your child’s class and learning for the year. Parent/ Teacher Interviews are conducted soon after this and each term parents receive at least one grade newsletter outlining the term’s programs and activities.

Students get to know other teachers well and visit all specialist teachers and programs. Thanks to a strong focus on a differentiated curriculum, our students are often involved in work above their expected level and all students are supported and ready for their move to the next stage in their learning. Across the year, we always have a number of activities where students are mixed up with other students from Prep to Year 6 to work together on specific projects. Our Buddy and Peer Support programs strengthen the links of older students working with younger students and their teachers.

Teachers visit other classrooms, take peer observational visits and hold joint level meetings so that teachers have a better understanding of the level of work that occurs before and after their own current level of teaching.

New families into the school receive some written information about the school and are contacted by the Parents’ Club Parent Liaison Officer, as well as the parent class representative to welcome them into our school community.

Year 6 students are provided with information sessions by our Year 6 teachers around what to expect in their move to secondary school. They undertake a visit to their new school next term as part of a Transition day program. For the last few years we have held a Year 6 Conference that is facilitated by an outside consultant. The daylong session focuses on transition into secondary school with the aim of preparing our students for this next big move. A number of secondary schools also send current Year 7 students and/or teachers to meet the students from our school and share their experiences. Our Year 6 teachers also liaise with Year 7 coordinators to assist with class placements.

That same evening, our presenter delivers a talk to parents about how they can ready themselves and support their children with their transition into secondary school, including the transition into the realm of becoming a teenager.

At Chatham, we believe that our students are well and truly ready for all transitions in their learning. They are resilient and equipped to meet new challenges with confidence.

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PROJECTS UPDATE

The School Council has established a small working party to gather information around the oval refurbishment and the future of the excess portables. This group consists of Matthew Hunt, Mark Medwell, Susy McNulty and myself. We have explored the options for the portables and gathered quotes for work on the school oval. At the moment, no decision has been made one way or another but the group is hoping to make a presentation to School Council at their next meeting in August with the aim of starting on this work as soon as possible. Some information around the options are;

**Synthetic Grass – basic quote of approximately $120,000 plus extra costs for colour additions or lines.**

**Pros** –
- 7 - 10 Year Guarantee
- Provides a surface that requires very little maintenance
- Provides a surface that should be useable all year round
- Provides a safe playing surface
- It will look better all year round
- Less water needed
- No mowing or fertilising

**Cons** –
- Cost - $120,000 plus. The school does not have this money at the moment.

**Options for funding** –
- Hold off and once Co-Op loan is paid off in March 2016 direct all fundraising efforts towards this project. Not really an option as it would take at least 2 years to gather these funds. What happens to the oval in the meantime?
- Establish a new Cooperative. This is the only way that schools can borrow funds. This would mean that fundraising efforts again are directed towards the payment of this loan, probably over a 10 year period.
- No one would give a guarantee that driving trucks or putting big rides on this surface would not damage the base.
- The surface can get very hot and also cause friction burns if you fall on it.
- Regular maintenance needed to blow away leaves, cleaning up any substances as they do not “flush” away as easily and a “brush” clean up needs to happen at least twice a year.
- Over the life cycle of artificial turf – natural grass is more cost effective
- Synthetic grass is made of plastic and rubber and at the end of use the matting and underlay will end up in landfill

**Natural Grass – quotes received range from $18,000 to $22,000.**

The group has also explored the cost of developing a maintenance plan that would entail regular maintenance of this area – i.e. fertilising, aerating, replacing worn areas, etc. This maintenance regime has not been in place in the past so it hoped that by having regular maintenance, the surface will last longer.

**Pros** –
- Much more affordable. We have money already set aside meaning that we could start this project immediately.
- At this cost we could do the oval again in 5 years and still be ahead of overall costs.
- No impact on future fundraising efforts. No need to establish a new Cooperative and take out a loan.
- If this option was chosen, fundraising money could be available to direct towards other projects across the school.
- Provides a soft, cool surface.
- 120,000lt underground tank installed to enable regular watering of the grass and timed sprinkler system already in place.

**Cons** –
- This surface has a constant pounding of children’s feet and play. This surface may deteriorate again and may need to be replaced after 5 – 7 years.
- It needs mowing & fertilising, although we already have a mowing contract in place.
- With so many children constantly playing on this surface it can get compacted and regularly damaged.

**Some Facts** –

**Why do other schools already have synthetic turf?**

Some schools received grants to install synthetic turf in their school. This usually occurred when there were Sustainability Grants for schools available from the last Federal Government. As we were developing our own Sustainability Program we chose to install solar panels, a large underground water tank and place other water tanks around the schools as well as a number of other small sustainability projects. Some schools have been able to direct their fundraising monies towards the purchase of synthetic turf while we have had a Co-operative loan to pay off over this period.

**The oval has already been done before and have a look at it now?**

The school oval was done about 5 years ago and it was looking wonderful for about 3 months until we were informed that we would be receiving a new building. The builders fenced off half the oval and put a roadway and work sheds across the top as they constructed the double storey Junior School building. Meanwhile the students continued to play on the remaining half for over 12 months. Both areas were not maintained and have never fully recovered.

This group will present all information to School Council including some plans for the 2 black portables on the far side of the oval and the 2 portables on the basketball side. At this next meeting it is hoped that a decision can be made around these projects so that we can commence work as soon as possible.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

A reminder to all parents that if you would like to volunteer at the school, whether it be working in the classroom, going on excursions, etc, that you need a current Working with Children Check. If you already have one, please check the expiry date and make sure that the school office has a photocopied record of your current card.

PARENT SURVEY

Each year we conduct a number of surveys across the year. Our Year 5 & 6 students are surveyed around their attitudes to school, all staff undertake a survey around their working conditions and each year we seek feedback from parents as part of an annual survey. All of the data from these surveys is presented to School Council and form part of our accountability procedures in our Annual Report and School Review process.

Around 60 randomly selected families will be shortly receiving a parent survey form. Please answer the questions on this form in relation to the name of your child that is written on the outside of the envelope. The completed survey should be returned to the school office in the enclosed envelope by the due date. These surveys are collected by an independent company with all answers remaining confidential. All collated results are sent back to the school next term. This feedback from parents is important to us in helping us to identify our strengths and areas for further improvement.

HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS

Our Annual House Athletic Sports is happening on Wednesday the 5th of August. All students in Years 3 to 6 will be travelling to the Box Hill Athletics Track to compete in the Standard Athletics Day. On this day students compete against themselves and the standards for their age group across a number of athletic events. Students are awarded 1, 2 or 3 points towards their House depending on the standards that they reach in each event. Points are also awarded to each House for their sportsmanship and behaviour during the day with the winning House being awarded the Annual Athletics Cup. Parents are most welcome to attend and we always require plenty of assistance at each event in measuring, timing and recording. Please see Mr Doyle if you can assist us during the day.

SUPERMARKET PROMOTIONS

After a year’s absence, the Woolworth’s Earn and Learn program has once again returned to schools. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box near the school office. Once the program is finished we will then redeem these Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for education resources for the school. In previous years we have used these stickers to purchase resources for our Investigations Program operating in Prep and Year 1.

YEAR 2 WORKING BEE

Thank you to all the parents and students who were able to come along to last Saturday morning’s working bee. We constructed a new sleeper wall to try and stop the sand from the sandpit from falling onto the Banool Road footpath, spread some mulch, cleaned up the vegetable gardens and chook shed, cleaned drinking troughs, pruned some branches, removed some wire fencing from along the end walkway near the Art room and generally cleaned up the school. Thank you to everyone for your assistance. The next working bee is scheduled for Year 3 families. More information will follow shortly.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL

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CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 31st July
AM: Kate and Viv
PM: Kate, Susan and Cathy

Wednesday 5th August
AM: Margaret and Isabella
PM: Fiona and Mary Anne

Save the date……
Father's Day Breakfast Friday
11th September,
7:15am in the school hall.
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Are you interested in taking a more active role in the school? Do you have an interest in finding out more about the curriculum and programs on offer at Chatham? Then joining the Education and Policy Committee may be the perfect solution. Currently, we have more staff than parent members so we really need your voice and your numbers.

When: Thursday 6\textsuperscript{th} August at 9am, 2:45pm and 3:45. Take your pick!

Where: in the school Library

Focus: Student Engagement and Well-Being Policy (Student Anti-Bullying Policy)

If you feel you have something to contribute or are interested in the agenda items, then we would love to see and/or hear from you. Attending this meeting doesn’t mean you have to attend all future meetings.

Bronwyn Orr
Assistant Principal
Prep Investigations

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday the Prep children come in excited about starting Investigations. There are 3 roles that each student is allocated throughout the term—Focus Investigator, Reporter and Photographer. Teachers plan Learning Intentions each fortnight and Prep students have got very good at making links between their investigations and our class Learning Intentions. Here are a few reflections and photos to share with you.

MR ROTHWELL HAD A BUSY DAY ON WEDNESDAY....HAIR DONE, MANICURE AND ITALIAN LUNCH!!!!

“I love tinkering and pulling apart pieces of metal. My favourite think to tinker was a phone.” Otto

Sara likes going to the craft table. “I make things about our number or letter Learning Intention.”

“My favourite thing about investigations is when I’m the focus person.” James
Ruby likes Investigations because she can “do lots of stuff”. Today she was making the letter E.

Michael was working at the Block construction. He said “I like what new Learning Intentions you can use.”

“I like Investigations because it’s fun. The best part is learning with people.” Jake.

“I like investigating at the craft table. The learning intention I use if the reading one.”

“In Box Construction I usually make something that starts with our letter-sound Learning Intention.”
Visit from Takakura High School in Japan

On Thursday 23rd of July the year 4 students were visited by students from Takakura High School in Japan. Year 4 students were involved in 1 hour sessions of Japanese cultural activities.

- Japanese games
- Origami
- Traditional Japanese tea
- Japanese calligraphy

The Takakura High School students spent their break times interacting with students in the school yard, including the school Japanese leaders. Chatham and the year 4 students were very lucky to have this opportunity to experience Japanese culture in this way.

**Arigato** Bradford Sensei and The Takakura High School students.

“Playing the game with the fans was fun”

“We made Samurai hats and swords out of newspaper”

“The tea was bitter, but the sugar was the best part”
Chatham celebrated Schools Tree Day on Thursday the 23rd of July.

A big thank-you to Suzette Hosken for generously donating her time and effort to work with 4SR and 4MO, planting a variety of indigenous plants in the Koorie Garden on the oval.

These lucky grades learnt how to plant and care for indigenous seedlings.

Celebrating Schools Tree Day was a special opportunity for Chatham’s students to plant and care for native trees and shrubs, improving our community’s environment and reconnecting our school with nature.

Thanks also to 4SR who get their hands dirty every Wednesday afternoon when they help Miss Rodger and Mrs Doherty keep our veggie patch and gardens neat and tidy.
Chatham Primary | 29th July 2015

Hi Chatham,

Last week our theme was “Under the Sea”. You can see our wonderful aquarium!! Grade 1’s were experts last week because they were lucky enough to visit the Aquarium in the city.

This week our theme is Christmas in July! Students have started to make decorations and we’ll also be writing a letter to Santa and cooking some Christmas inspired recipes.

The OSHC kitchen is always very busy. We are serving brekkie every morning. Thursday morning is pancake morning but there is always toast and cereal available. We are open to any new ideas for our menu. On Friday afternoons we serve jelly or popcorn!

So far this term cricket seems to be very popular. We are all looking forward to the warm weather so we can play more sports outside.

Important – Please remember to update all of your child information forms and medical plans. Just ask one of our friendly staff to help. Thanks for your cooperation.

Stay warm and take care…

Chatham OSHC Team: Hannah, Sarah, Clara, Nick and Eli.

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

HOW TO GET STARTED
Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

we make kids smile www.campaustralia.com.au
Autism information workshop

For interested families, potential therapists, volunteers or supporters

We have invited staff from the Learning for Life Autism Centre to present this free workshop at Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre. Learn more about autism and some of the programs offered to support both children and their families:

- Teaching your child to learn
- Intensive in-home therapy
- Supporting the transition to kinder or school
- School Behavioural Support Program (SBSP)
- Secret Agent Society Social Program

Wednesday 9th September 2015
7.30 - 9.00 pm

Please register to attend this free workshop.
Limited places available. p: 9890 2467
e: enquiries@surreyhillsnc.org.au

Jewellery upcycling

with Emma Grace

Learn the basics of jewellery making while up-cycling vintage pieces into a new charm bracelet, necklace and a pair of earrings!

First, we will cover the techniques, terms and tools of fashion jewellery making. Emma Grace will then guide you through an exploration of your personal style and the design and creation of your very own bespoke jewellery to take home.

Enjoy light refreshments, the company of other creative people and create your own bespoke pieces.

Friday 11 September, 6.30 - 9.30pm, $60

Enrolments
There are limited places in this workshop, so please enrol early to secure your place & avoid disappointment.
Details & bookings: 9890 2467 enquiries@surreyhillsnc.org.au www.surreyhillsnc.org.au

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