FROM THE PRINCIPAL

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

I was recently asked by a parent who had received one of our parent surveys what the survey means when it asked about the range of extra-curricular activities offered by the school. I understand that some parents may find it difficult to really understand where the difference between the standard curriculum delivery ends and where these ‘extra-curricular’ activities are in place in our school. We follow the curriculum as defined by the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) and the Australian Curriculum (AusVels). Anything that we deliver outside of the ‘normal’ curriculum can be classified as ‘extra-curricular’ activities. These activities are ones that we do not have to deliver as part of the basic curriculum but choose to implement as ‘extras’ to enhance the curriculum. Many of these extra activities have been in place in the school for a number of years so can often be seen by parents and students as the ‘norm’. A short list that I have put together while writing this newsletter of the ‘extra-curricular’ programs that we have in place at Chatham include:

- All excursions and incursions
- Instrumental Music Program
- Vocal Ensemble
- Orchestra
- Musical Soirees
- Whole school concert
- Extension Art
- School Camps
- House & Swimming sports
- Interschool sport
- Hooptime basketball competitions
- Hockey 7’s & Netball round robins
- State team selection trials
- Bike Education
- Speaking with Confidence Program
- Rotary Speech Competition
- Year 6 Leadership Program
- Science Fair
- Day of the Notables
- Book Week activities
- Transition Conference for Year 6
- Buddy Program
- Peer Support
- Sustainability activities like Walk to School Day, National Tree Planting Day, Earth Hour, etc
- Study Tour to Japan
- Sports Clinics
- Maths Extension program
- NSW University Mathematics Exam
- Maths Olympiad
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Theme days – like Book Week Dress Up Day
- Craft Club – senior & junior students
- Chess Club
- Leadership Conference
- State Opera visit
- Book Week activities
- Life Education Van
- Grandparents & Special Friends Day

More information about the extra-curricular activities undertaken at our school can be found on our website under student learning.

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SPECIALIST OPEN WEEK

Next week all the specialists will be opening their doors and inviting parents to visit one or more of the specialist programs in operation. Everyone should have recently received an invitation and a timetable for your child’s grade so if you can find the time during these times this week, the teachers would very much like to welcome you into their classrooms. Due to the rescheduling of the House Athletics, only Art and Music classes will operate for Prep to Year 2 on Thursday 14th August.

SICKNESS TIME

Our school is focussed on providing the best learning environment possible for our students. Students are not in their optimum state of learning if they cannot concentrate because they feel off and are continually coughing. Often the change of season brings on the flu and other associated illnesses. Over the last few weeks we have had a number of teachers away and occasionally we have to ring parents and ask them to collect their child because they don’t feel well. Can I ask that parents be understanding about this in that, school is not the place to be if you have a cold or are feeling unwell. We feel for the child who is sent to the sick bay with a headache, a bad cough or an upset tummy, but we also need to ensure that these symptoms are not spread to others in the class. Classrooms can become toxic environments. They are warm in winter with students working closely with each other. A child who continually coughs, sneezes, has a headache or reports an upset stomach could easily be spreading these germs to others. We do understand that children can be sent to school feeling fine but can quickly turn to feeling unwell, but can I ask that parents monitor the health of their children and do not send them to school if they are sick. Can I also ask that parents please be understanding if and when you are contacted by school asking you to pick up your child, knowing that we only have the best interest of your child at heart and also the health and well being of everyone else in the class to consider.

ROAD WORKS

You may be aware that the workers have repaired the road work outside of our school and moved on further down the road. I have finally been able to have discussions with the council and clarified their ideas for their plans around our school. They will be putting in a new pipe line, re-instating the concrete guttering and fixing driveways. They have recently sent out a letter to our neighbours flagging the idea of creating cut in parking along Banool Road. This will mean the removal of several trees and cutting into the nature strip. This plan will move the cars over and hopefully assist with the flow of traffic down Banool Road. These road works are expected to take at least eight weeks.

BAMBOO DONATION

The Japanese garden is now nearly complete with all fencing and plants installed. It is certainly looking great. To finish this project off we would like to create a bamboo forest along side the ramp leading into the Japanese room. If you have any bamboo at home that you would like to get rid of then please dig it up and send it to school. We will pot it all up and start to create our forest walk.

Yo-Yo SALES

Tomorrow will be the last day for sales of the NED Show Yo-Yos. If your child would like to purchase one of the yo-yos for $9, $15, $20 or any of the accessories for $5 then please the send the money along with them tomorrow.

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 have been sent 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 tomorrow. 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 in helping us to identify our strengths and areas for further improvement.

HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS

Our Annual House Athletic Sports had to be cancelled today due to the wet weather. We have a back up day already booked for next Thursday, 14th August. All the same organisation will be in place, but if you were a parent helper on the day and will now not be able to attend then please contact Joe Doyle.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL

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| **Wednesday 13th August** | Hockey 7’s—Year 6 Students only  
Education Committee Meeting 3:45pm in the Library |
| **Thursday 14th August** | House Athletics—rescheduled due to rain  
Pie Drive forms due back |
| **Monday 18th August** | Prep Excursion to Scienceworks  
School Council |
| **Tuesday 19th August** | Year 6 Excursion to A.C.M.I.  
Year 5—Hands on Science Incursion |
| **Wednesday 20th August** | Book Week Dress Up Day—Come as your favourite book character |
| **Thursday 21st August** | Book Week Incursion |
| **Friday 22nd August** | Year 6 Excursion to the Shrine |
| **Tuesday 26th August** | Junior Hooptime—Nunawading Stadium |
| **Wednesday 3rd September** | Japanese Study Tour departs |
| **Tuesday 2nd September** | Senior Hooptime—Nunawading Stadium |
| **Thursday 4th September** | Year 2 ‘Hands on Science’ Incursion |
| **Friday 5th September** | District Athletics |
| **Monday 8th September** | Intensive Swimming Program commences—Prep to Year 4  
Life Education Van arrives |
| **Sunday 14th September** | Japanese Study Tour arrives home |
| **Monday 15th September** | School Council 7pm |
| **Thursday 18th September** | Swimming Program ends |
| **Friday 19th September** | Last day of Term 3—2.30pm Finish |
| **Monday 6th October** | Term 4 commences |
| **Wednesday 8th October** | Chess Clubs starts this week—Beginners and advanced classes |
| **Tuesday 14th October** | Prep Excursion to Chesterfield Farm |
| **Monday 3rd November** | Curriculum Day |
| **Tuesday 4th November** | Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday—No school today |

**Education Committee Meeting**

**When:** Wednesday 13th August  
**At:** 3:45 in the Library  
**Focus:** Chatham House System....  
Visitors to the School Policy (on school website)  
Final Draft of Updated Privacy Policy

If you feel you have something to contribute or are interested in the agenda items for this month’s meeting, then we would love to see and/or hear from you. Remember attending this meeting doesn’t mean you have to attend all future meetings. A small afternoon tea will also be provided for students of parents that attend.

Bronwyn Orr  
Assistant Principal
LIBRARY NEWS.
It’s hard to believe that we’ve turned over our calendars into August already which means there’s quite a few things happening in and around the library.

BOOK WEEK - Book Week runs from Saturday 16th August until Friday 22nd August and the theme this year is ‘Connect to Reading’. To celebrate and connect with books, especially those shortlisted by the CBCA, we are having an incursion on Thursday 21st August. Two performances will run in the Hall. Prep-Year 3 will enjoy a performance from 9:50 and Year 4—Year 6 will be watching at 11:30.

BOOK WEEK ‘CHARACTER’ DRESS UP
Dust off your wand, brush your wig and shine your shoes because on WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST you can come dressed as a book character. There will be a parade first thing at 9am to display the huge array of characters. This is always a favourite event for the teachers and students at Chatham.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Hopefully you have been busy reading and listing your books on the PRC website as there is just under one month left to do so. It is great to see that there are already a large number of students who have achieved their challenge amount and gone well above that, well done! If you are having any difficulty or have misplaced your username and password, please drop into the Library as I’m happy to help out.

Happy Reading
Melissa Hosking and Di Miller—LIBRARIANS

COME AND TRY DRAMA
The Drama School will be holding free ‘Come n’ Try’ Session tomorrow (Friday) lunch time. Prep to Year 2 at 1.45pm and Year 3 to Year 6 at 2.00pm in the old Japanese portable.

Discount week!
Because life is busy we’re offering an exclusive CPS discount that lasts for an entire week. So from August 8-15 spend $30 and get a FREE bag of chef-made Bolognese sauce and pasta. THAT’S DINNER SORTED!
Just mention you’re from the school and it’s all yours. Ben the Butcher is next to Woollies at 399 Whitehorse Rd and is open 7 days. We stock a fantastic selection of fresh, ethically sourced produce as well as delicious chef-made ready meals.
We look forward to seeing you.

CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

• SAVE TIME AND PURCHASE YOUR QUALITY SCHOOLWEAR ONLINE; www.surreyonline.com.au
• Register this week for your chance to win $20 Coles voucher!
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MON-TUES 9am-4pm, WED-THURS 10am-5pm,
FRI 9am-3pm. Open 1st Sat each month 10am-1pm
That's right! Our Specialist Teachers would like to extend a warm invitation to parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to visit our specialist classrooms throughout our Specialist Open Week.

We teach Art, Japanese, Music, Physical Education, Library and Science to our students and we would like to offer the opportunity to share in this diversity and join your child for their timetabled sessions.

Please find the times for the 'open' specialist lessons on the invitation sent home this week. If you happen to be free for any or all of these lessons we would love you to drop in for a visit or stay for the whole session.

We look forward to seeing you in our classrooms throughout the week.

The Specialist Team
Cathie Bradford  Japanese
Joe Doyle        Physical Education
Lisa Gilbert     Art
Deb Foster       Art
Gemma Belfrage   Music
Melissa Hosking  Library
Diana Miller     Library
Leslie Siebentritt  Reading Recovery
Sue Minshull    Science
Claire Osborne  Science
GIRLS PLAY FOOTY TOO!!!

The Canterbury Junior Football Club would like to invite all girls aged from Prep through to Year 12 to the inaugural “Girls Play Footy Too” evening at Canterbury Sports Ground.

The Cobras encourage all friends of the club, siblings, friends of friends, to come along for a great introduction to footy and fun...Give it a Go!!

We will be running skills and education for girls in all age groups and cater for all abilities!!! Let’s fill the ground. Everyone is welcome!!!

When: Monday 11th August 2014
Time: 5.30 – 7.15 p.m
Where: Canterbury Sports Ground
Guildford Rd, Canterbury
Dress – wear whatever you like – favourite footy team, your brother’s jumper!!!, boots runners.

Free sausage sizzle and random prizes.

FEATURING
- **DAISY PEARCE** – Captain Darebin Falcons – All Australian 2005, 06, 07, 09, 11; Captain Darebin Falcons, # 1 draft pick in the first ever AFL Women’s Draft
- **Dave Mirra and Liam Tobin** – VFL Box Hill Hawks – Current Players and 2013 Premiership representatives. Cobras Specialist Coaches
- **Current Junior Cobras Players and Coaches**

Engender Confidence, Encourage Participation and Develop Leadership – GO COBRAS

For information contact. No need to book, just come along!!
Peter Scott – 0400 117 104

RESILIENCE

What is resilience? Where does it come from?

- Do you want your kids to have ‘bounce-back-ability’?
- Can we teach our children to be resilient?
- Come share your ideas, skills and solutions at this workshop

Semester 1 Snapshots

- An incursion like no other! Navy helicopter landed on the oval as part of our Science program.
- Students splashed out at our first swimming carnival.
- Happy campers! Year 7 attended camp at Waratah Bay.
- Resilience Project presentation to students, parents, primary teachers and wider community.
- Thanks to the Parent Association for an enjoyable Welcome to Families evening.
- Celebrating student achievements reflecting our school values, Diversity, Achievement, Respect and Excellence.

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Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $200 for prep students (installment one $140, installment two $60).
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6 (installment one $105, installment two $45).
- $300 for year 7 students (installment one $210, installment two $90).
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16* (installment one $175, installment two $75).

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form* from the school office and return by 1 August 2014.

* Parents who received the first installment EMA payment through this school don’t need to lodge another EMA application form to receive the second installment payment.