FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last Monday night’s School Council was certainly a long and busy one with a number of important issues to discuss and decide upon. We looked at the Student Management and Wellbeing procedures/initiatives that we have in place in relation to our new policy and appendices. We also discussed the refurbishment of the school oval and portables and also the long term plan for the school grounds, School Review update and reports from the various sub-committees.

SCHOOL OVAL DECISION

School Council reviewed both proposals put forward by the sub-committee – laying synthetic turf at a cost of $120,000+ and relaying natural grass at a cost of $20,000 - $25,000. The pros and cons of each option were thoroughly discussed and considered. The biggest factor against the synthetic turf is obviously the cost – the school simply does not currently have $120,000+ at this point in time, so the options were to put this project off until our fundraising covered the figure (probably a 4 – 5 years) or forming another school cooperative and taking out another loan (locking our fundraising money in to a set period again as funds are used to pay off this loan).

The following decisions were made:
We would lay natural turf again. This would be done as soon as possible as we have the necessary funds to cover this smaller amount and the current state of the oval requires urgent attention.

Put in place a rigorous maintenance plan that would fertilise, aerate, repair and patch any worn areas on a regular basis.

Press the Department to have the black portables on the far side of the oval removed or demolished before the oval refurbishment takes place.

Retain and refurbish the 2 portables on the asphalt side of the oval for future use.

Develop a school Ground Master Plan that will set the direction for future developments of our school grounds. This plan will set out priorities which might include the future laying of synthetic grass and re-designing the pathways and playground areas.

School Council has made an informed decision based on the fact that

We have the necessary funds to lay natural grass at the moment and that this is an urgent priority

We are hoping that a rigorous and regular maintenance program will ensure that this surface has a longer lifespan than in the past when this regime was not in place.

Future planning may include synthetic turf, allowing for a more strategic plan to be established and funded for.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Many prospective parents ask about how we cater for children at risk or those that may need some extension with their work. The art of teaching is to cater for each child as an individual – to challenge them and to provide that extra assistance when needed. Over the last few years at Chatham we have had a very big focus on presenting a differentiated curriculum to our students. At Chatham we provide activities that cater for individual needs and interests. Students are constantly working at their own level around activities that build on prior learning and challenge them to extend themselves in their learning.

Out of the classroom, we have Lesley Siebentritt who works with Year 1 students on a one-to-one basis in Reading Recovery. As well as teaching Japanese, Cathie Bradford also works with many of our EAL students (English as an Additional Language) and with small groups of students for extra assistance. Glenda Kelly has also been assisting some selected students with their Literacy skills.

This term we have many students participating in Chess Club. We have Extension Art and many opportunities for talented students to be extended in the specialist areas of Music, Japanese and Physical Education.

Other programs that students can get involved in include the upcoming Science Fair, Speaking with Confidence program, Rotary Speech competition, Day of the Notables and our WiseOnes extension programs. Miranda Milaszewicz has also been working with selected students in Years 4, 5 & 6 in Extension Maths activities including the Maths Olympiad.

Students are monitored and their performance tracked as they move through the school and each grade has a number of students on Individual Learning Plans. We believe that we provide a stimulating and caring environment for our students. One that has high expectations and provides our students with a variety of opportunities for them to be challenged, experience success and reach their potential.

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I'M BORED
I don’t really like this phrase. If someone is using it, it usually means that they are not self-motivated, energised or taking some responsibility for their own learning. Often it can be made as a throwaway line if a child is finding some work challenging and for these children it is just a way of them saying, “I don’t want to do this”. Teachers have a strong focus in their teaching and learning in putting in place a differentiated curriculum that builds on prior knowledge and challenges students in the next stages of their learning. They individualise their teaching and know each child’s interests, needs and preferred learning style. Teachers set clear learning intentions for lessons and students work towards individual learning goals in their work. Classroom activities and specialist programs are very hand-on and engaging and encourage everyone to be self-motivated, cooperative and collaborative. So the next time your child comes home and tells you that they are bored, dig deeper and really try to find out what is really happening to make them say this phrase.

ROTARY SPEECH COMPETITION
Over the last few weeks our Year 6 students have been writing, composing, editing and practising their speeches in readiness for the Mont Albert Surrey Hills Rotary Club (MASH) Primary School Speech Competition. This event has been operating for the past 11 years with our school being one of the first group of schools to join. The students are provided with a list of topic starters with the students choosing one to write about and deliver as a speech.

The Year 6 student gave their speeches to their classmates who voted on the best speeches for each grade. These students then presented their speeches to the teachers and Year 5 students with the teachers choosing the best 2 students to represent our school.

At last Friday’s assembly, Jasmine Hosken and Xander Taylor presented their speeches to everyone in the school. Jasmine’s speech was entitled “ Homework is……..Pointless” and Xander delivered his speech entitled “It is always a good time to ……..Whistle”

We hosted this Rotary Speech Competition at our school on Tuesday night and welcomed representative and their families from 6 other local primary schools.

The standard of the speeches was very high and as always, the students amazed me with their confidence, articulation, delivery and audience engagement. It must have been a very hard decision for the 4 judges. Both of our students gave outstanding speeches with Jasmine being awarded a third place. She was presented with a certificate and a book voucher and will also be delivering her speech to the next Rotary Club meeting. Well done to Xander and Jasmine on being selected as our school’s representatives and for delivering such wonderful speeches.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS
Our Annual House Athletic Sports had to be cancelled last week due to the wet weather so used our back-up day last Monday to run our House Athletic Sports for students in Grades 3 to 6. This day is run as a standardised athletic format where students are awarded 1, 2 or 3 points depending on how fast they run, how long or high they jump and how far they throw. It turned out to be a great day with all students busy in beating their standards and gaining points for their house. The final placings for each house will be announced at this Friday’s assembly. A big thank you to all the parents who came along to help and support the children. A thank you also to the House Captains and teachers for all their work and especially Joe Doyle for all his hard work and organisation in helping to make this day such a great success.

SCIENCE WEEK
Next week is Science Week and we have a couple of special events happening in our school. Next Wednesday we will be presenting a Science Fair in the school hall where students from all year levels will present their displays, experiments and information about their chosen field of science. The rest of the school will spend time exploring these displays and parents are most welcome to visit the hall to see the wonderful work our students are doing in science. We will also be welcoming 2 University students from Monash University who will be working with our students from 6GK. They will be assisting these students with their science education as part of their course at Monash

NEW JAPANESE TEACHING ASSISTANT
I would like to welcome Kanako to Chatham. Kanako will be working with Bradford Sensei for the next 4 weeks. Please make her feel welcome to our school community over this time.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL

CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUMMARY OF PARENTS’ CLUB MINUTES – TERM 3
Tuesday 28th July at 9:15 am & 7:30 pm
We had a good turnout at our Term 3 Parents’ Club meetings on Tuesday the 28th of July. At both meetings, which had the same agenda, we discussed the new proforma project sheets and folders, the current priority list under the School Improvement Plan, the Hall storeroom fit out as well as upcoming school events including the 2015 Chatham Primary School Trivia Night, the Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast, and Sex Education Night for Years 3 to 6. We also discussed the future projects for which we are still seeking coordinators. They include the 2017 School Fair, the 2016 Mother’s Day and Father’s Day Stalls as well as the 2016 Mother’s Day and Father’s Day Pancake Breakfasts. If you are interested in coordinating any of these events please let someone on the Parent’s Club Leadership Team know. For further details please see the full meeting minutes which you should receive via email from Sue Doherty.

Robyn Stephen & Associates
We will once again be running our Social Skills Programs and Literacy Programs in September 2015. We have received enthusiastic feedback from both children and parents who have been so engaged with these groups, and our Speech Pathologists are really looking forward to meeting the children for the September Programs.

Social Skills Programs - Monday 21st Sept to Friday 25th Sept 2015 / Monday 28th Sept to Friday 2nd Oct
* Ready for school - Suitable for 4-6 year olds. Developing listening skills and understanding of typical playground language
* Building Buddies - Suitable for 7-9 year olds. Developing successful understanding of peers through play interactions
* Hanging Out - Suitable for 9-12 year olds. Developing flexible thought and behaviour for group dynamics through collaborative projects

Literacy Programs – Monday 21st Sept to Friday 2nd Oct 2015.
* Wired for Reading – Suitable for 5-6 year olds. Turning speech sounds into letters for reading and writing. This intensive 4 day program is for children who are beginning Prep in 2015 or have completed Prep this year and need to consolidate what they have learnt.
* Spelling demons - Suitable for Grade 2 to 4. A fun way to turn spelling demons into spelling jewels.
* Spelling solutions - Suitable for Grade 5 and above. Using your spelling toolbox to crack the code of word creation.

Cellfield: Reading Intervention - suitable for all types of reading disorders & difficulties; ideal for adolescents; fast results - two week intensive Phase 1 program.

Bookings are essential. To make a booking or find out more information call the team at our Practice on 9890 1062.
### Dates for the Diary

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| **Thursday 13th August** | Life education program begins prep to Year 4 only  
World vision workshop Year 6—11:30am to 1:00pm  
Year 6 graduation meeting—3:45pm in 6Gk         |
| **Friday 14th August** | Year 3 beatboxing incursion                                                              |
| **Saturday 15th August** | Parents’ club trivia night in the hall                                                   |
| **Monday 17th August** | Science week                                                                              |
| **Wednesday 19th August** | Science Fair—school hall all day                                                          |
| **Friday 21st August** | Book week incursion prep to Year 3 @ 9:30am                                               |
| **Monday 24th August** | Book week begins                                                                          |
| **Wednesday 26th August** | Senior hoorp time—Year 5 and 6  
Vocal ensemble and band excursion to the Lion King                                      |
| **Thursday 27th August** | Richard Galbraith cartoon incursion—Year 4 to 6  
Family sex education night—details and notice to come                                   |
| **Friday 28th August** | Book week parade                                                                          |
| **Monday 31st August** | Father’s Day stall wrapping at 9:00am                                                     |
| **Tuesday 1st September** | Monthly munchies lunch—details TBA                                                         |
| **Thursday 3rd September** | Junior hoorp time—Year 3 and 4                                                            |
| **Friday 4th September** | Father’s Day stall                                                                        |
| **Monday 7th September** | Intensive swimming program commences prep to Year 4 @ Kew YMCA                             |
| **Tuesday 8th September** | 5aL speaking with confidence—6pm to 8pm                                                   |
| **Wednesday 9th September** | 5hM speaking with confidence—6pm to 8pm                                                   |
| **Thursday 10th September** | 5kB speaking with confidence—6pm to 8pm                                                   |
| **Friday 11th September** | Father’s Day pancake breakfast—details TBA                                                 |
| **Friday 18th September** | Last day of Term 3—2:30pm finish                                                          |
| **Monday 5th October** | Term 4 commences                                                                          |
| **Tuesday 13th October** | Parents’ club meeting 9:15am and 7:30pm                                                   |
| **Monday 2nd November** | Curriculum day—no school for students                                                     |
| **Monday 9th November** | Book fair all week                                                                        |
| **Wednesday 11th November** | Prep transition—1st session                                                               |
| **Friday 13th November** | Japanese day—whole school                                                                 |
| **Wednesday 18th November** | Prep transition—2nd session                                                               |
| **Wednesday 25th November** | Prep transition—3rd session                                                               |
| **Thursday 26th November** | Prep 2016 parent information night—7:30pm                                                 |
| **Thursday 17th November** | Year 6 graduation—school hall                                                              |
| **Friday 18th December** | End of term 4—1:30pm dismissal                                                            |

### Canteen Roster

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Over the next few weeks we have some exciting activities in the school relating to Book Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week.

Friday 21st August        Book Incursion for Years Prep-3
The Bremen Town Musicians.

Thursday 27th August     Book Week Incursion-Years 4-6

Friday 28th August       Book Week Dress Up Parade
Come dressed as a book character- Gold Coin Donation

This year as part of the Book Week Dress Up Parade we are asking all students to make a gold coin donation. The money raised is going to be donated to:

**Indigenous Literacy Foundation to buy books for children in remote Indigenous communities.**

Further information about activities around the school will be advertised over the next few weeks.

Glenda Kelly- Literacy Coordinator and Georgie Kirwan- Maths coordinator
Chatham Science Fair!

WEDNESDAY THE 19TH OF AUGUST

Chatham is celebrating National Science Week with a Science Fair. The Fair will be held on Wednesday the 19th of August, from 9am to 1:30pm in the Hall.

All grades are invited to attend from 9am to 1pm to see our student scientists’ dazzling displays and engrossing experiments. Chat with our scientists as they explain scientific concepts and phenomena that have captured their curiosity and imagination.

Parents and families are invited to attend from 1pm to 1:30pm.

Fair set up will commence on Tuesday the 18th of August, 3:30pm to 4:30pm and will continue through Wednesday morning from 8am to 9am.

Pack up will take place at 1:30pm to 2pm on Wednesday, as well as after school.

We would appreciate any parent assistance at these times!

Science Week is a national celebration. Check out the website below for all sorts of wonderful family events happening around Australia:

http://www.scienceweek.net.au/events/
Chatham Primary | 12th August 2015

Hello Chatham,

Last week our theme was Transport. Students were able to build their own form of transport using household recyclables. Our chefs were also cooking in kitchen and made some beautiful banana and chocolate cupcakes.

This week our theme is Food. There will be lots of cooking, we have a scavenger hunt organised and we'll even be making some edible worms!

Over the next few weeks we will be fundraising for The Smith Family's Back 2 School fundraiser. We'll be having a couple of events with a gold coin donation. We welcome any suggestions, just let one of friendly team know.

Congratulations to Emma Jordan in grade 5 who is our first Better Buddies Leadership program award winner!!

Important – Please remember to update all your child information forms and medical plans. Just ask one of our friendly staff to help. If one of the OSHC Leaders has not sighted your child's Health Record, could you please bring it to the OSHC House so one of the team can sight it. Thanks for your cooperation.

Enjoy your week from the OSCH crew Hannah, Sarah, Nick, Clara, Eli and Danielle.
Track Youth Theatre presents

Rumpelstiltskin

Renaissance Theatre
826 High St. East Kew
Friday Sept 4
7.30pm
Saturday Sept 5
2.00pm and 7.30pm
Tickets (only at the door)
$15 and $10 (conc.)

Written by
Ed Bailey
Directed by
Sophie Jevons

Enquiries:
9818-3811
www.trackyouththeatre.com

Track Youth Theatre is a not-for-profit group

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Box Hill Little Athletics

Season 2015 - 2016

Who can do Little Athletics?
- As soon as your child turns 5 years they can start and go until they attain 15 years in their final season.

Who does my child compete against?
- Themselves really as the athletes aim to achieve Personal Best performances (PB’s) as those PB’s help to strive for self improvement.

Is it fun?
- Absolutely because Centre competition is conducted in age and gender groups. E.g., if your child is an U8 girl she will compete solely with U8 girls.

Why is it fun?
- The athletes get to contest different events each week whilst catching up with friends and making new friends along the way, all conducted outdoors in nice weather while being active. It’s also very social for the parents as well.

What if they think their not good enough and come last in races?
- Winning is not the focus. PB’s are what our Centre is about. As long as there is improvement in fitness, character and confidence then they are a winner. In fact our awards are based on PB’s. So the ‘guts’ athletes is not necessarily the one receiving the trophies at season’s end. The kids always have a smile on their face when their result ticket has the PB stamp.

We haven’t done athletics before, is there instruction & guidance?
- Yes, each age group and gender has an Age Group Manager and helpers to assist at events and to keeping athletes organised so they don’t miss any events. Detailed coaching is available at mid week training.

This seems really worthwhile as my child can have fun and improve their fitness which will also carry through to their winter sports!!
- Now you’re thinking ‘that’s absolutely right.’

What do I do next?
Keep an eye on our website as there will be notices placed alerting when the On-line Registration Portal is open.

In the mean time go to our website, click on the Parents tab, then click on Handbook. Open up the Season 2014—2015 booklet and you will find plenty of info about Box Hill Little Athletics.

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