FROM THE PRINCIPAL

JAPAN STUDY TOUR 2014

Late next Wednesday night I will be accompanying Bradford Sensei, Michelle Owens and 20 selected Year 5 & 6 students on a study tour to Japan for 12 days. This group has been working hard during their lunchtimes over many weeks in preparation for what promises to be a memorable experience for all those involved. The group will be landing at Osaka airport early Thursday afternoon and will travel by train to Kyoto. This city will be our base for the next five days as we undertake a full day bus tour of shrines & temples in the city and travel to outlining suburbs and nearby towns to visit other castles, temples and national treasures. We will be visiting a Ninja village and walking through some of the many 1000s of red torii gates as part of the Fushimi Inari Shrine, participating in a dyeing workshop, hiring some kimonos, and eating out at local restaurants.

The highlight for us all will be the visit to our sister school, Fuzoku Elementary School where we will meet the buddies that many of our students have been corresponding with. We will also be visiting a new school this year, Yoshimi Elementary School, where we will be spending our first morning. At both schools we will join the Year 5 classes, share lunch together, exchange gifts, sing them an ‘aussie’ song and try to teach them some of the games and activities that children play in Australia. After leaving Kyoto we travel by train to Hiroshima where we will visit the A-bomb dome, the Hiroshima Peace Museum and place our 1000 origami paper cranes at the base of the Children’s Peace Memorial. Students at Chatham have been working hard in Japanese classes and their lunchtimes to make these 1000 paper cranes so this will be an offering from all students in our school.

From here we will travel by train and ferry to Miyajima Island where we will see the beautiful red torii gate that seems to float above the water in front of the Itsukushima Shrine. For two nights we stay in a traditional Ryokan hotel where will eat at low tables while sitting on the floor and sleep the night away on a tatami straw mat. The highlight of our stay at this hotel is the traditional Japanese banquet with an array of over 20 dishes of interesting delicacies. During the stay on the island we catch the cable car up to the top of Mount Misen where we will see some wild deer and monkeys and get great views of the island and surrounding waters. On the way down we will stop to take a cooking class and make a traditional Japanese pancake. From here we catch a bullet train to Osaka where we stay for two nights and will do some last minute shopping and travel to the top of the Hep 5 Ferris wheel to see the bright lights of Osaka at night. We spend a fun filled day at Universal Studios and will also visit Osaka Castle, the Earthquake Education Centre and participating in takoyaki cooking. Late on Saturday afternoon we travel to Osaka airport for the flight home arriving back in Melbourne on the Sunday.

We have set up a Study Tour website that the travelling students will add to each day as a diary and reflections of their day’s activities. The students back at Chatham will be accessing this website and blog to see what we are up to and some of the teachers will be asking the travelling students some questions around the similarities and differences found to Australia. Bronwyn Orr will be Acting Principal for the time that I am away on this trip.

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READING AT HOME

With busy working lives, parents are finding it more and more difficult to find the time to read to their children. Recent re-
search shows that 83% of parents with children aged between one and four read to them at least once a week, but it seems
to be a different story once children reach school where that figure drops to 36%. Dr Sarah Ohl from Deakin University writes
in this article that bedtime stories help a child’s reading, critical thinking, listening and speaking skills. “It is not just the read-
ing of the book, but it’s actually the interactions and the language that takes place between the story,” she said.

We all know that this routine can be harder to maintain as children get older but is no less important. A reading together time
need only be for 10 minutes and it is a quality time spent with your child. It is important to hear your child read to you and it
is just as important for you to read to your child. A story should be read, discussed and analyzed. Start by looking at the title
or the front cover and get your child to guess what the story might be about. As you read to your child ask them to predict
what might happen on the next page, discuss what they see in the picture, ask them why the character said that or behaved
in that way. At the end of the story ask them what might happen next, ask them to verbalise a different ending to what was
written or try to analyse the actions of the main character. Remember your child is never too old to read to.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Research shows that “strong and loving family relationships are a sign of a supportive home environment, which helps chil-
dren to learn positive behaviors and impacts on their wellbeing.” The basis of building strong relationships is communication.
It is important to make time to talk and listen to your child. Let them have a voice, let them make decisions with the
knowledge that they will learn from their mistakes and let them be involved in the daily running and routine of your house-
hold. In line with this though is the setting of boundaries and having agreed consequences that are consistent and fair for all.

CYBERSAFETY

Last week we held two information sessions for parents and their children from the Kidproof Organisation. The main focus for
these presentations was the online protection of your children. This seminar gave parents a basic understanding of the inter-
net and the various ways that it is used in our everyday lives. Catherine Gerhardt, the presenter from Kidproof outlined the
variety of online activities that children of various ages will access as they progress through their school life. She presented
the various dangers associated with the world wide web, social media, chat rooms and gaming. She gave the parents practical
ideas to try and limit these dangers and practical advice to assist parents ‘upskill’ their knowledge so as to keep pace with
their children.

Some things to remember as parents are;
1. Parents should arm their child with the knowledge and awareness to make safe, informed choices in today’s changing
world.
2. The Internet is a place and not a thing. It should be seen as a large public place that holds several billion people at any
one time. Children should be taught to ask themselves would I do or say this in a real public place?
3. Parents should negotiate with their child the rules, guidelines and consequences when using the internet. Manners
and protocols should always be the same as when you are meeting with someone face-to-face.
4. Work with your child to develop critical thinking and analysing skills. Everything that is found on the internet is not
always accurate or correct. Children should be taught to think critically about the information they are accessing.
5. Parents should keep the lines of communication open. Ask the right questions, look for signs of unusual behaviour and
have plenty of open discussions about their child’s internet habits and use. Let children know that you will regularly be
checking their history and look at what they have been using and viewing.
6. Resist pulling the plug. The internet has taken over our lives and we have all become dependent on it and cannot be
disconnected from what it provides us. It has become our life line to friends, our education, our shopping portal and
delivers our access to the world. We must teach our children to think critically and to act sensibly, appropriately and
safely to enable them to get the best from all forms of technology that exists in our daily lives.
7. Safe kids have safe families.
8. This is not a school problem. This is a parenting problem but schools are there to work with you and assist you.

Thank you to the Parents’ Club for helping to organise these very informative and useful seminars for parents and students.

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SWIMMING PROGRAM
The notice for the upcoming intensive swimming program was recently sent home. This program runs for all students in Prep to Year 4 for nine days over the last two weeks of this term. Swimming is a part of the Physical Education curriculum and we would encourage all students in these grades to attend this program. Please return the form and money to school by the due date.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
A reminder that Parents’Club will be holding a Father’s Day Stall next Thursday. Students should bring some of their pocket money to purchase one of the great gifts for the special ‘man’ in their life. Wrapping time is next Monday morning so if you have a couple of hours free your assistance would be much appreciated.

WORKING BEE
The next scheduled working bee is for Year 2 families. This will be held on Saturday 13th September, the last weekend before the term holidays. The main work on this day will be cleaning up around the shelter sheds before work is to commence on refurbishing the bike shed. Other work will be cleaning up around the school in preparation for the upcoming holidays.

THE SCHOOL COW
A few weeks ago we picked up a fibre glass cow from the Dairy Board. As part of the arrangements for receiving a free cow were to paint it up and have a Dairy Week of school activities that highlights the concept of paddock to plate. Groups of students have been busy over the last few weeks painting little pieces of the cow and undertaking classroom sessions around the produce from our farms that go to make up our healthy diets. Today’s Monthly Munchies and dress up day was to highlight the involvement of the whole school in this project. The cow will soon be driven into Federation Square as part of the Dairy Board promotion and then returned to our school where we intend to place her into an area near the vegetable garden. Thank you to Lisa Gilbert, Steph Reid and Sue Doherty for helping to organise this great activity.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS
Junior HoopTime – Last Tuesday we had over 120 Year 3 and 4 students competing at the Nunawading Basketball Stadium in the Junior HoopTime Competition. The students were playing the All Stars, Future Stars and Rookies competitions with our Year 4 Girl’s Basketball team winning their grand final. Well done to all students on participating in such an enjoyable day.

Hockey 7s – the Year 6 Boys’ Hockey team played off at the Regional Finals at the Doncaster Hockey Ground on Wednesday. They won 1 and lost 2 games, but with a team made up on mainly non-hockey players they showed great enthusiasm and improvement.

Snow Skiing – congratulations to James Horsey (Yr 4) and Matthew Wilby (Yr 2) who have just competed in the All School Skiing Competition at Mt Buller. Well done, boys.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL

THANKS TO EMMA GOOLD IN 3TC FOR THIS WEEK’S MAST HEAD CELEBRATING LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK.
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Don't forget! Book Club orders are due: Friday 29th August
**PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

Well done to all the students who have already met the requirements and have completed the challenge. Just a quick reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge finishes in September. If you have haven’t logged on lately to record books read, please do so this week. Students should have their books recorded online by next Friday 5th September.

If you need assistance please pop into the library next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Melissa Hosking

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**FATHER’S DAY STALL WRAPPING**

Do you have a spare hour or two on Monday 1st September, after school drop off? Come and help Amy and Susan prepare for the Father’s Day Stall by helping us wrap some of the delightful pre-sents! It’s a great opportunity to catch up with the wider Chatham community!! Coffee, tea and something homemade provided!

When: Monday 1st September
Time: 9am - Ish
Where: meet at the office-venue to be confirmed
Bring: yourself and scissors

Looking forward to a fun morning!

Amy and Susan

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**CANTEEN**

FRIDAY 29th AUGUST
MORNING: VIV, AMY AND KATE
AFTERNOON: SUSAN AND KATHY

WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER
MORNING: PAMELA AND ISABELLA
AFTERNOON: JILL AND ANGELA

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**WANTED PLEASE**

A car seat suitable for a toddler, clean and in good condition. Happy to pay a reasonable price.

Please contact Jacqui 0415 327 418
jacmac055@gmail.com

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**SCHOOL UNIFORM NEWS**

In December 2012, the School’s in-house uniform shop closed and Surrey Clothing, in Union Road, Surrey Hills, was awarded the contract to sell our School uniform items from Jan 2013.

Since then, all prices for uniform items were kept at pre-contract levels...until now. From 1st September:

These uniform items are going to cost less, e.g.,

- Track pants were $26, now $21
- Skorts were $33, now $30
- Summer dresses were $29, now $25

School bags will cost an extra $2; but the rest, will remain unchanged!

Please go to the School Office, pop into the Surrey Clothing store or go online at www.surreyonline.com.au, to get the latest price list.

ALSO, we’ve noticed that a lot of uniform items that end up as lost property are not labelled. This makes it really hard for us to return lost items or for you to claim them.

To help solve this problem, Surrey Clothing now sell blank iron-on name tag kits complete with laundry pens for just $6.10, both on-line and in-store.

You can also order custom-printed labels through Surrey Clothing from $19.95 for a packet of 50.

To shop online with Surrey Clothing, you will need to enter this activation key chat2012 when you sign up/register for the first time. After that all you will need is your user-id and password. Remember, there is no delivery fee if you opt to collect your on-line orders from the School. Surrey Clothing, located at 161 Union Rd, in Surrey Hills, is open Monday to Friday from 8.30 til 5.00, and on the 1st Saturday of every month from 10 til 1.00.

Don’t forget, you can continue to buy second hand uniform items that are in excellent condition from the Office. We encourage departing families to donate their second hand items (as long as they are compliant with the Uniform List) back to the School. The money raised through selling second hand uniform items goes directly back to the School, as well as helping families with some of the costs associated with sending their children to school, and helps us achieve 2 of our 3 Rs (in sustainability goals) –Recycling and Re-using.
National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2014 – Information for parents

About the week
National Literacy and Numeracy Week aims to raise community awareness of the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all Australian students. Throughout this week we recognise and celebrate the achievements of parents, teachers, principals, and members of the wider community who are making a difference to the development of literacy and numeracy skills in our students.

Engaging in your children’s education and getting involved
Parents can have a big impact on their children’s education. Over 40 years of research tells us that how well children do at school has a lot to do with what happens at home. Parents are the first and most important influence on a child’s attitudes and values toward school and learning. By creating a home environment that encourages a continuous love of learning from an early age, you can help your child to achieve positive outcomes throughout their schooling and beyond. Being excited about National Literacy and Numeracy Week and engaging with your child as they take part in the week’s activities is one way to foster this love of learning. Through National Literacy and Numeracy Week, parents can join with their children and teachers to participate in some fun activities.

Numeracy activity: Reach for the Stars
This year the numeracy activities are all about water. In the classroom, students will discuss topics such as:
- What is the major source of drinking water in your school?
- How many water bottles does your class have today?
- How many of each type are there and what is their capacity?
- Is there any water available in your classroom, other than that in drink bottles?

Activities for parents
You may like to extend the Reach for the Stars activities by:
- Talking about water sources in the house
- Discussing different types of water containers (e.g. glasses, bottles, jugs, etc)
- Investigating the different volumes of containers
- Finding out how water gets to your house (e.g. do you have a water tank? Do you re-cycle water?)

How you can stay up to date
The National Literacy and Numeracy Week website (www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au) has a range of information and resources for parents on how you can get involved in the week’s activities and how you can extend that engagement at home. You can also follow what is happening on Facebook and Twitter.

Georgina Kirwan - Numeracy Coordinator
SUNSMART REMINDER

NO HATS NO PLAY

Slip, slop, slap, seek and slide

That’s right, in line with our SunSmart membership, it is compulsory to wear hats from 1st September. That’s next Monday which also marks the first day of Spring. Any UV level above 2 requires sun protection. Between the 1st September and 30th April the daily UV factor is likely to be 3 or above, which already has proven to be the case.

DID YOU KNOW?

Today’s Maximum UV Level was a 4

Protection required from 10:40 to 2:00pm

So mums and dads hunt out those school hats, including yours and model SunSmart practices. And don’t forget your shades. School approved sunglasses in metallic black or green are available at Surrey Clothing for $12.50.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 10th September at 3:45 in the library.

Focus: Transition Policy and Student Anti-Bullying Policy (both can be found on school website).

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
29-31 AUGUST 2014
Annual Charity Weekend

The BIG idea: Individuals working Together
- One weekend
- Individual activities, fundraising ideas
- Raising money for Cancer Council Victoria

In the last weekend of August, students, families, and staff will be helping to raise much-needed funds for our 2014 Annual Charity Partner, Cancer Council Victoria.

Activity: Fun Kids Stall
Organised by Megan O’Donnell (former Chatham student) and Jasmine Lu.
[Year 7 Social Service leaders]

Time: 10am - 12:30pm
Date: THIS Saturday, 30th August 2014
Location: Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre
Front courtyard (facing Union road)

Make a donation
You can make donations at:

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER 2014

- PIZZA MAKING
- CUP CAKE MAKING
- CREATIVE DANCE AND MUSIC
- SESSIONAL CHILD CARE
- CHILDREN'S ART and CRAFT

Assorted items for sale including:
- Lolly Bags
- Loom bands
- Party items
- Baked Treats (including cupcakes)
- Choc-toss
- Second-hand books

Pizza Making – primary school aged
9:30am - 11:30pm

Cup Cake Making – Primary school aged
9:00am - 12:00pm

Creative Music and Dance
10am - 11:45am Aged 3-5
11am - 11:45am Aged 6-12

Pre-school Music with Caroline
11am - 11:45pm
Free trial session! Essential to call to book in

Sessional Chilcare
7:00am to 2:30pm

Creative Kids Art Workshops
9:30am to 12:30pm
1pm to 4pm

www.frilled-lips.wordpress.com

Pediatric speech Pathology

Playing with Friends!
Developing listening skills and understanding of typical playground language & interaction. Suitable for 4 to 6 year olds.

Building buddies!
Developing successful understanding of peers through play interactions. Suitable for 7 to 9 year olds

Hanging out!
Developing flexible thought and behaviour for group dynamics through collaborative projects.
Suitable for 9 to 12 year olds.

September 2014 School Holidays
4 day Intensive Social Skills Programs

www.robynstephen.com.au

Spelling demons!
A fun way to turn spelling demons into spelling jewels. 4 day intensive program.
Suitable for Grade 2 to 4

Spelling solutions!
Using your spelling toolbox to crack the code of word creation. 4 day intensive program.
Suitable for Grade 5 and above.

Cellfield

Programs held at our Practice: 834 Canterbury Road, Box Hill South, 3128. Places are limited.
Contact Megan or Marietha to register your interest:
9890 1062 or info@robynstephen.com.au

Literacy Programs

*Our experienced Speech Pathologists will help you find the program that best meets your child's needs
This year Matthew Wilby (2KM) and James Horsey (4MO) both competed in the 2014 Subaru Victorian Winter Snowsports Interschools competition currently being held at Mount Buller. Both boys competed in Division 5 (up to Year 4) and acquitted themselves very well. It was Matthew’s first experience at competing in Giant Slalom and SkierCross and he loved it! A fantastic learning experience for him and his skiing experience in a field of more than 214 competitors.

James is a seasoned competitor and it showed! He performed well in all three disciplines (Giant Slalom, SkierCross and Moguls) and was a whisker away from Nationals selection in both Giant Slalom and Moguls!

Congratulations to both boys and a big thank you to Tracey Horsey (James’s mum) and her family who acted as Chatham’s team manager and were very generous with advice and assistance both before and on the day. Next year’s comp is already being planned!

Mums & Dads do you want to enjoy the fun & benefits of team sport?

**Boroondara Sports Complex has the answer!**

**Tuesday Night Senior Men’s Futsal**
- Games between 8pm – 10pm
- 2 x 18 minute halves per game

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Basketball**
- Games from 9:30am
- 2x18 minute halves per game
- Suitable for any skill level
- Crèche facilities available

**Thursday Morning Ladies Netball**
- Games from 9:30am
- 4 x 10 minute quarters
- Suitable for any skill level
- Crèche facilities available

Seasons runs over 2 school terms with no games during school holidays.

New season starting first week of term 4.
Register your interest as an individual or team now;
bsc@ymca.org.au or 9851 0444

KOONUNG CELEBRATES 50 YEARS
29th – 31st August

**Friday 29th August**
Koong Day for all current students
8:30am – 3:30pm
Free Music Concert
Past and current students performing
open on the soccer pitch
Bring your picnic rug, hot food and drinks available.
Fireworks 9pm

**Saturday 30th August**
Open Day 10am-4pm
Walk around the school and look at all
the displays and photos.
Enjoy souvenirs, music and great food.
Saturday Night Revue/Ent
Cocktail event from 7pm in the Senior Centre
$10 per head, drinks at bar prices
Same-Formal dress code. Tickets from
http://www.trybooking.com/EUM

**Sunday 31st August**
Displays in the Library open 9:30am-12noon

Inquiries
98909662 | 50th@koonung.vic.edu.au | www.koonung.vic.edu.au
The Year 3 students and Teachers raised $165.00 selling chocolate balls last week.
All the money raised will go towards sponsorship of our Orangutan in Borneo.

WHAT A FANTASTIC EFFORT!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED OUT DURING ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK AND A REALLY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO DID A FABULOUS JOB BEING WASTE WARRIORS. I HOPE YOU ALL NOTICED HOW LOVELY THE SCHOOL GROUNDS LOOKED WITH NO RUBBISH FLYING AROUND.