FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to everyone, and especially to our new families, to what promises to be another busy term at Chatham. This term has the school completing the year’s work whilst organising many important aspects in planning for 2016.

STUDENT ABSENCES

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Whilst ensuring student attendance at school is a legal obligation of parents, supporting students to attend school each day is the shared responsibility of all parents, students, the school and the wider community.

Parents are required to ensure their child attends school and to provide an explanation for their child’s absence from school, and the principal must record in writing the reason (if any) given by the parent. The principal must be able to determine from the records if the excuse given was reasonable in terms of the parent meeting their legal obligations. These records are retained by the school and should be a written note or email outlining the reasons for your child’s absence. This note should be given to the class teacher who then enters these reasons onto our school management system.

In light of this, I was a little alarmed to receive some data about the number of days missed through family holidays this year. I always say that your child will gain a lot from the experience of travelling, but up to this date, we have had 1354 absences recorded as family holidays with 300 of these occurring in the last 2 weeks of Term 3. This is a timely reminder that if you are considering/ planning an extended holiday then you do need to seek approval from the Principal for this absence. This should be a letter in advance of travelling to inform the school of the dates. You should also make contact with the class teacher to discuss any work that may need to be organized for your child while you are away from school.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

Yesterday we had 5 students competing at the Division Athletics competition at the Burwood Athletics Track. Congratulations to the following students for their efforts:

- Holly Smith – 12 Yr Girls – 100m & 200m
- Matthew Dougan – 12 Yr Boys – 200m & Long Jump
- Will Townsend – 12 Yr Boys – High Jump
- Ava Stone – 12 Yr Girls – Triple Jump
- Saskia Kronenburg – 11 Yr Girls – Shot Put
- Lexie Versase – 11 Yr Girls – 200m
- Annabelle Phipps-Parsons – 10 Yr Girls – 100m & 200m
- Rory Spicer – 10 Yr Boys – Triple Jump
- Will Stamper – 10 Yr Boys – Discus & Shot Put
- Sarah Watson – 10 Yr Girls – Triple Jump

All students performed really well against some strong competition with Matthew and Annabelle coming first in their events and now progressing onto the Regional Finals next week. Good luck to these two athletes.

PREPARING FOR 2016

As we start the countdown until the end of this year we need to finalise student numbers for 2016. We have finalised our Prep numbers and so that we can start to organise classes and teachers for next year we also need to confirm student numbers in all other year levels across the school. If you are not intending to return to Chatham in 2016 could you please put this information in writing and send it to me via the school office by the end of next week, Friday 16th October. This important information will enable us to start planning our class structure for next year as well as organising our staffing profile.

CURRICULUM DAY

Our last student free curriculum day for the year is scheduled for Monday 2nd November. This day will be used by teachers to commence work on consolidating all student assessments and beginning the student reporting process. This day is the day before the Melbourne Cup day holiday and students are not expected at school on this day.

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Grade 3TC has three baby guinea pigs available for adoption.
There are two males and one female.
Don’t pay $50 at the pet shop - get them here for free!!
Please contact Mr Clarke in 3TC or via the Office.
Walk to School October 2015

It’s back for another year with some great incentives for schools. And this year marks the 10 year anniversary of the VicHealth initiative encouraging primary students to walk, scoot or ride to school. In the past Chatham has been very successful in winning some awesome prizes on offer from the Boroondara Council such as the Bike and Blend Smoothies, recreational passes and sports gift cards. And this year is no different - Boroondara Council has created some wonderful incentives and competitions for local primary schools as part of the Walk to School campaign.

At the end of last term students brought home a colouring in competition to complete over the school holidays which also outlines some tips about how they may be able to walk, scoot or ride to school this term. There are five prizes on offer. We will be looking for enthusiastic colouring and imagination. So bring them back in the first week of next term and you could be walking away with a $20 Rebel Sports Voucher!

The Blender Bike is again on offer as a weekly prize for the school with the highest number of walks. The Bike will be in the school for five days! I will post our weekly tally in next week’s newsletter.

And last but not least is the prize that I would LOVE for our school community to win. The primary school in Boroondara with the highest percentage of walks over the entire month of October will receive the “Foot Prints” to School prize, which has an approx. value of $1500. These will be marked out from a location that is appropriate all the way to the school gates!

So come on Chatham, please embrace this great initiative which encourages active walking to and from school. See you on the footpath!

Bronwyn Orr
Assistant Principal
Chatham Primary | 8th September / 2015

Hello Chatham,

Welcome to term 4! Can you believe it's October and we are in term 4 already? We can't believe it.

We hope you are well rested and ready for another exciting term of activities. We are excited to hear what everyone got up to over their holidays. This week our theme is Australian Animals. We are making face masks, having a drawing competition and painting our pop up puppet show.

With this wonderful warm weather students will have the opportunity to play group games outside such as football, cricket, basketball and tiggy. This term we have allocated our front music room for reading and/or homework. Students are able to ask for assistance from the team leaders so they can complete their homework at OSCH.

Please note on Monday 2nd November it is a student free day and the service will be closed.

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.

Chatham OSHC Team: Hannah, Sarah, Nick, Katie, Eli and Sofia.

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.

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au

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
TRIVIA NIGHT AND AUCTION

Friday 23rd October at 7.00pm
AT Our Holy Redeemer Hall
311 Mont Albert Rd, Surrey Hills

BYO Nibbles & Drinks
COST $20 per person
Tickets Available at Bread Street
22 Hamilton Street, Mont Albert
Or Contact: Patt 0425 725 899 or David 0438 833 917

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**Balwyn Cricket Club**

Are you ready for the Cricket season? It’s just around the corner. For boys and girls aged between 5 and 8, come and join the Balwyn Skills in Cricket Program.

**WHAT: **

Our fun and relaxed practice, every Monday

**WHERE: **

Gateway to the Dandenongs, rear of Balwyn Fresh

**WHEN: **

 Starts Thu 7th to Sat 13 Dec, becomes Sat 8 Feb to Sat 27 Feb

**TIME: **

Saturday mornings 10.30am to 11.30am

**CONTACT: **

Chris White, (even: 0411 232 355)

**How to register: **


Click on ‘where can I play’ and select option ‘Balwyn CC’

**ANZ Tennis Hot Shots in schools.**

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Each new student will receive a FREE tennis racquet & Hot Shot t-shirt on enrolment

**Time: **

8.00am – 8.40am

**Date: **

Wed and Fri mornings Term 4 2015

**Venue: **

Chautham Primary School Hall

**Cost: **

$59.00 per term

**Contact: **

Linda at Kelly Tennis: 1300 559 303

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**RESILIENCE, SELF-ESTEEM AND INDEPENDENCE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN**

Parent information session


We now recognize the importance of developing children’s social and emotional resilience. The ability to deal with difficult situations and issues in a constructive way, coping with challenges and changes and developing a bank of personal emotional strength are essential to a happy and healthy life.

The session focuses on what resilience is, and its close links with self-esteem and independence. It also explores the importance of supporting our children as they work through everyday issues of school, friends and family. The session emphasizes the positive powerful impact of working through challenges with children, in a safe and secure way, as a means of teaching life skills. It examines how parents can help develop resilience through encouragement, and enhance self-esteem, by using everyday problem solving experiences. Through this, children develop a sense of confidence, competence and capability, to tackle the bumps in the road of life.

Jo Lange has worked for 16 years as a behaviour specialist, after a career of over 30 years as an educator in a diverse range of settings. Jo has taught many children in the TAFE sector, as well as developing, writing national curriculum. For 13 years, Jo was also a primary school teacher, and then integrated her experiences to co-ordinate and teach with at-risk youth programs.

You can book online at [https://resilience-jo-lange.eventbrite.com.au](https://resilience-jo-lange.eventbrite.com.au) or scan the QR code. For more information, contact Clare Yip 9726 4495 or clare.yip@boroondara.vic.gov.au

When: Tuesday 10 November

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Where: Parkview Room (next to Camberwell Library)

346 Camberwell Road

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ONLY $65 Earlybird for the whole term at Chatham Primary School

**Running Rugby**

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Become a champion at Passing, Running, Sidestepping and Scoring Tries!

**Bouncing Basketball**

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Dribble, Pass, shoot hoops these are the skills you will learn to master

Cost: $80 per program. The program consists of 8 sessions.

To receive the Earlybird price of $65 you need to pay before 2nd October 2015

ENROL ONLINE AT [WWW.BIG5SPORTS.COM.AU](http://WWW.BIG5SPORTS.COM.AU)
Alternatively, circle the sport, complete the form and return it via post or email. Please do NOT leave enrolment forms at the school office.

**School:** ____________________________  **Medical Conditions:** ____________________________

**Year level:** ____________________________  **At the completion of the after school class does your child:**

**Name:** ____________________________  **Go to Aftercare** □  **Get Collected** □

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**Email:** ____________________________  **AMOUNT:** $ ____________  **CCV (3 digits on back):** ____________________________

**Parents Consent:** I hereby Authorise SportingKids Pty Ltd and its coaches to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, I also release SportingKids Pty Ltd and its coaches from any liability incurred by my child at a SportingKids Program

**Parents Name:** ____________________________  **Parents Signature:** ____________________________  **Date:** ____________________________
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