FROM THE PRINCIPAL
CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2015
I am inviting families to submit to me in writing, any important information that they feel might help in the student placement for our Year 2015 class arrangements. Your knowledge of your own children is important to us in the placement process. All requests will be confidential and considered by me in light of the very thoughtful and thorough arrangements that are in place for class placements by teachers. Please remember that any requests regarding particular teachers will not be considered and cannot be accepted.

In writing any information, parents should remember that the class teachers know your child very well – they have been with them for 6 hours a day for the past 36 weeks. As professionals, teachers know who your child’s friends are and which children they work well and socialise with. All teachers have the best interest of your child at heart and using their professional judgements, will consider all areas (educational, social and emotional) when placing your child in a class for next year. We follow a very detailed procedure for class arrangements each year and the teachers will take into account the following considerations when placing your child:

- ability balance
- gender balance
- avoidance of volatile combinations
- suitable friend where possible
- classroom dynamics
- varied grouping over different years
- maturity balance
- consideration of teacher element eg male/ female

Students are also surveyed on who they consider to be their friends and who they think they also work best with (most times these are not the same people). This information is used to ensure that each child is placed in a class with at least 1 of their selections. Parents need to remember that it is often best for children to spread their wings and to develop new friendships & working buddies. At Chatham, we like to move teachers about across year levels, which means that some teachers may also moving to a new year level.

In providing parents this opportunity to write to me each year about any education or social concerns regarding their child’s placement, often very sensitive issues will emerge that makes it difficult to place individual students. We will attempt to accommodate these requests wherever we can, but there are many issues to consider in making up these grades. As well, teachers will make very definite recommendations about a particular student’s needs. We endeavour to have each class as balanced as possible by using the criteria stated above. Please remember that your class teacher is a professional educator and when all the available information is considered, we will certainly try our very best to accommodate all issues with the aim of making the best possible decision in the best grade placement for your child.

If you have any important educational issues regarding your child’s class placement next year, please write to me personally and outline your concerns. I would appreciate all letters to reach me by next Monday 24th November.

Unless circumstances are exceptional, I will not be prepared to accept letters after this date as teachers will have already started their planning for next year. Parents need to understand that teachers need to look at the whole grade dynamics and making late changes after grades have been put together often will have implications for other students and whole grade’s structure. Please mark these letters ‘Confidential’ and address them to me personally via the school office.

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PROPOSED CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2015

Student enrolments for next year is predicted to be between 445 – 450 students which means that we will be adding another grade. We will have three grades at each level with a total of 21 classes overall. The proposed grade structure with approximate numbers is:

- Prep x 3
- Year 1 x 3
- Year 2 x 3
- Year 3 x 3
- Year 4 x 3
- Year 5 x 3
- Year 6 x 3

The school’s staffing profile is based on the projected enrolment each year. The Department of Education provides each school with a Global Budget based on their February Census enrolment figure. This Global Budget provides us with our staffing allocation and monies for programs, maintenance, utilities, cleaning, etc. Locally raised funds enable us to provide the extra resources, materials and programs that have helped to make Chatham such a great school. Each year the grade structure is based on the number of staff we can afford and how many classrooms we are entitled to have based on our enrolment figure.

We are confident that this proposed grade structure for 2015 will work well and provide the best possible educational outcomes for all students. This grade structure will enable us to meet the Department guidelines and initiatives, to meet our own school’s Strategic Plan priorities and allow us to continue with our exemplary specialist programs in Physical Education, Music, Japanese and Art. We are currently starting on the process of organising student grade placements as well as the staffing positions for 2015. Parents will be notified of these arrangements in the last week of term.

We usually have a number of new enrolments that arrive either at the end of the year or before the start of the new school year. Due to a lower cohort of boys in this year’s Grade 5 we established an “all boys” grade and 2 mixed grades. We believe that this structure has worked extremely well for all students in this year level. I have asked for feedback from the current Grade 5 parents around their reflections of the year and how they feel about this structure continuing into next year for these students. If you are a Year 5 parent and have not responded to this feedback opportunity, please do so ASAP so that can start our planning for 2015.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

All families will be soon issued with some plates and requests for support for our upcoming fundraising effort on Election Day. This is a great opportunity to collect funds from outside the school community as a large number of people pass through our hall to vote. On this day we will be holding a cake stall and sausage sizzle so will need your support to help staff both of these areas, so please put your hand up to help out for some time over the day. We also need over 800 cakes to meet the expected demand from the voting public. Last time we had this event at our school we quickly ran out of cakes and could have sold much, much more. We asking that every family contributes at least 2 cakes/ biscuits/ slices etc to help with the Parents’ Club fundraising activity.

OUR WONDERFUL NEW BIKE SHED

Last term we held a wonderful Market Night at school and the money raised from this evening was directed to refurbishing the shelter shed into a more attractive and workable bike shed. We have had a small hard working parent committee who have been driving this project. Over the last holidays we had new roofing installed, new weatherboards and internal lining board placed in this area. The whole shelter shed complex is in the process of being painted inside and out and new re-cycled bike and scooter racks have been installed. Some signage will be put up to help students place their bikes, scooters and skate boards correctly in the right spots around the walls and our school House Captains will be there over the next couple of weeks to help students place and retrieve their “wheels” each day.

It has been a great community project that has certainly produced a wonderful result for our students. Thank you so much to all who have helped in the initial clean up and restoration of this shelter shed. A special thankyou to the hard working committee of parents who have had a vision for this area and kept driving this project to the end result.

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PREP ORIENTATION DAYS

Yesterday, our little foundlings started the next step of their schooling as they arrived at Chatham’s gates ready to enter into the world that is Primary School. With a large group of siblings in this cohort, the group were really settled.

The morning’s program was designed to give students and their families a positive experience and introduction to school, as well as the opportunity to start making connections with others. We were entertained by the school choir and orchestra, had some current Preps model our school uniform. We watched some entertaining videos that were produced and starred some of our Year 6 students and the highlights of this year’s Study Tour to Japan. It was also a great opportunity to meet current and new parents over a cup of tea and delicious treats. Thank you to Parents’ Club for providing morning tea for our new Prep parents to enjoy.

Next week the Prep students will meet their buddies, a much anticipated meeting by both younger and older students alike, I am sure. This time it will be the students who will enjoy the tradition that is the honey joy morning tea together.

ART SHOW

This event was a great celebration of the wonderfully creative work that our students produce as part of our Visual Arts Program. I enjoyed walking around, viewing all the magnificent art work, matching works with different students and wondering about the themes, techniques and high level thinking that went on behind each piece. Thank you to everyone who came along to Friday night’s official opening. Thank you to our community choir, “Re-choired”, for their performance on the night – they sounded great and to the people who were lucky enough to purchase one of the magnificent pieces of student art work on offer for each grade as well as some of the pieces from our community artists.

Thank you also to everyone who came along to the hall on the Saturday. I hope that everyone enjoyed and appreciated the wonderful quality of students’ work. A special thank you to our Art teacher, Lisa Gilbert for all her hard work in putting this show together and to the Parent’s Club helpers who assisted in the setup, the catering on Friday night and the clean up on Saturday afternoon.

WORKING BEE

Thank you to everyone who was able to turn up and give some of their time at the Year 3 Working Bee last Saturday morning. It was certainly a great effort as we cleaned up the school and started on a couple of projects. Thank you to everyone.

The last Working Bee for the year is scheduled for Year 4 parents on Saturday the 6th of December. Please put this date aside to come along and help ready our school for the upcoming school break.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL

CANTEEN

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER KATRINA, SARAH AND JODY—Morning
FIONA AND STEPH—Afternoon

WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER EMMA, BIANCA AND ANDREA—All Day

Thanks for all your support throughout the year. The last day for canteen will be Friday 5th of December.

Steph Reid—Canteen Manager
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THANKS MADDIE IN 2FH FOR THIS WEEKS MAST HEAD - WE AGREE THAT MR ROTHWELL RULES!
ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE
On Election Day we will be running a sausage sizzle across the day. It's a fantastic fund raiser and who can resist a sausage in bread with sauce!!!
If you can help out for an hour or two during that day or if you would be prepared to co-ordinate the sausage sizzle, please contact Cathy Elliott on 0408535547
Cathy@elliottonline.com.au
Thanks :))

2014 Election Day Cake Stall
Saturday 29th November is the date of the next State Election. Cake stalls at past elections have raised thousands of dollars for the school. They are one of the simplest ways to generate funds to provide extras for our children.
We are asking every Chatham family to get into the kitchen and prepare 2 delicious home-made treats - anything from honey-joys to your favourite cake. Cakes, slices etc must be home-made (not bought) and the ingredients must be listed on the labels provided.
Whole cakes are the most popular items sold at previous Chatham Cake Stalls, so if you’re not sure what to cook, we will be including 2 simple ‘whole cake’ recipes in your ‘cake packs’.

Other suggestions for popular items are:
Chocolate Cakes, Lemon, Banana or Orange Cakes, Muffins (sweet or savoury), Honey Joys, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Lemon Slice, Chocolate Fudge Slice. Allergy-free products have also been very popular.

Due to Health Regulations, please NO CREAM, CUSTARD, CHEESE or other fillings requiring refrigeration as we will not be able to sell these.

Cake packs will be coming home in your child’s school bag on Friday 21st November – 1 week prior to the election. If you have any questions, please contact Cate (0417 101 252) or Nicole (0425 799 083)
Cate Sharp & Nicole Powne

FOR SALE

4 Chickens and mobile coop
My chickens are 3 Pekin Bantams (small with feathered legs) and 1 bantam Wyandott. They are all currently laying, and have been vaccinated against Mareks disease. The near new coop is fox proof as it has chicken wire on the floor, and is on wheels so can be moved around the yard.
I am selling the lot (reluctantly, as am moving house with a smaller yard) for $450, ONO.
If interested, call Kristen Hood on 0407 842 008

Help Ben the Butcher support CPS
EVERY FRIDAY UNTIL CHRISTMAS
Shop at your local, free-range butcher EVERY FRIDAY UNTIL THE END OF Term 4 and we’ll donate 20% of your sale back to your school.

GRADE 6 PARENTS DRINKS NIGHT

When: Saturday 15 November
Where: Mal & Paul Inlander’s (Shayl 6CC) home
108 Croydon Road, Surrey Hills
Time: From 7:30pm
B.Y.O. DRINKS
RSVP to your class reps by Wednesday 12th November
Calling all Green Thumbs and “Would Be” Green Thumbs:
the 2015 Fair Plant Stall needs your plant donations!

Over the next few months while you are gardening; dividing up those clumping plants, buying potted colour, sowing seeds, dividing your succulents and striking new herbs, think of keeping extras aside and potting them up for sale at the Fair.

Keep any pots you may have left over from purchases past or future too as I am happy to collect them for other Chatham family and friends who have plants to donate but may not have pots for them.

If you have a suggestion or a query about something linked to the Plant Stall or generally about something you would like to donate to the Plant Stall, don’t hesitate to email Sue at deanandsue@optusnet.com.au

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Silent Auction is looking for donations of any Aussie Farmer's Fruit & Vege Black BOXES. Please hand them into the office, we are after 20. Thanks Bianca.

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Chatham Primary Fair
Lucky Dip Prizes
We are seeking donations for the Lucky Dip stall at the School Fair in Feb 2015. Items don’t need to be expensive (between $2-$5 each) although they need to be new (preferably in original packaging) & non-perishable. Suitable for boy or girl (preschooler or school-aged child).

Suggestions include:
- Bracelets / necklaces / rings
- Hair ties / hair clips / headbands
- Games / bouncy balls / yo-yos / spinning tops
- Party favors / novelty items
- Stationary items / rubbers / stickers / pencils / pens
- Activity sets / craft items

If you assist by donating any items, we will be collecting in Term 4 at the School Office.
If you have a small business who is willing to donate or have access to bulk items, please contact Andrea Briffa on 0411770669 or email me at andreabriffa@bigpond.com.
THANK-YOU!

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SECONDHAND BOOKS-DONATIONS REQUIRED.
The School Fair will once again have its Secondhand Book Stall. The success of this stall relies entirely on donations from the school community. We raise several thousands of dollars from this stall but it is also a stall that attracts people outside the school community to our fair.

We are now able to collect books (along with Trash and Treasure) in the school portable. Drop off time for books will be from 3pm on Fridays. If you need to make alternative drop off arrangements, please contact Ann Brennan at ann.brennan@me.com. Limited drop offs may be able to be accommodated at other times at the school office.
Free up those bookshelves now before Christmas!!!!
Christmas
CRAFT MARKET

Sunday 30th November
10.00am - 1.00pm

Canterbury Primary School
Molesworth Street Canterbury

A fun morning for all the family with quality handcrafted gifts,
delicious homemade produce, coffee cart, raffle prizes and sausage sizzle.
Write a letter to Santa and send it express post with our special ‘Santa’ stamp.

Proudly supporting

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You're invited this Saturday to the ASANTI Dance Workshop & Performance at Chatham Primary

Australia's leading African Dance Company are coming to Chatham Primary! An amazing opportunity for students to witness a performance and then participate in an African dance workshop! ASANTI display an extensive skill set that will leave you speechless. Incredible strength, flips through rings of fire, raw energy, exhilarating dance moves and phenomenal athleticism are just some of the elements you can expect from a performance by ASANTI Dance Theatre.

Then students get to learn from these incredible artists in a 45 minute workshop!

Where: Chatham PS Hall
When: The Saturday 15th Nov 1.30pm
Cost: Only $15

To Register: Text Ellie (Dance Fitness Victoria) on 0400121911 to register your child’s place. Parents can stay and view the spectacular too!

Program organised by resident dance school www.dancefitnessvictoria.com.au

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Aussie kids: START AND END YOUR DAY WITH DAIRY

Dairy Australia is encouraging kids to vote for whether we prefer dairy at the 'start' or 'end' of our day - and we stand to win some great prizes!

How it works:

- Choose a product to vote for - milk, cheese, yoghurt or ice cream
- Visit www.dairystartend.com.au and vote online
- Tell your friends and family to vote too
- The vote closes on 30 November
- A winner will be announced on 1 December

Why get involved?

Students and teachers alike can get involved to help make this a fun activity and get your voice heard!

Prizes include:

- A school one hour nutrition session
- A case of your chosen dairy
- A prize pack

School competition closes:

30 November

PARENTS AND TEACHERS: WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOUR CHILDREN! For more information, visit www.dairystartend.com.au

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LEGENDARY

A Dairying Community Engagement Project in collaboration with Dairy Farmers of Victoria.

Bringing dairy product lids to school & help us win great prizes!

Talk to your teacher for more information.
**SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

The Chatham Christmas Outreach Program was set up to assist those families in Melbourne who need help to enjoy this special time of the year. As in previous years, we are continuing to work with the Salvation Army to provide families in need with food hampers.

A basket will be placed in each classroom and families are asked to provide one or two items for each basket - last day for donations will be **Thursday, 4th December**.

The baskets of food will be collected from each classroom, sorted and wrapped, ready to be collected by the Salvation Army on **FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER** and then distributed to families in need.

A list of suggested items is included below and a copy will also be placed in each classroom.

Chatham has been a generous provider over many years and we ask for your continuing support this Christmas.

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The above is a suggested list only – the aim is to provide each family with the basis for Christmas festivities and at least one whole meal that they may otherwise not have.

**SHOPPING TIPS & HELPFUL HINTS:**
- Ring-Pull Tins are Preferred! Tins with ring-pull lids are most helpful, as not all people receiving the food will necessarily have access to a can opener.
- Long Expiry Dates Please. Please ensure foods donated are non-perishable and their expiry dates are well into next year.
- Please Avoid “No-Name” Brands. Wherever possible, please refrain from purchasing no-name brands, as people will be receiving these goods as a gift. This is a simple way to make our “battling” Aussies feel a little extra special at Christmas.

**Perishable items, personal care and alcohol cannot be included**