FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2015 SCHOOL FEES
All families who are returning to Chatham next year will soon be receiving their fee schedule for 2015. This fee structure has been approved by School Council at the recent meeting. These fees need to be paid before collecting the student materials from school. Student materials will be available for collection from school on the day before students return, Wednesday 28\textsuperscript{th} January 2015.

Under Department guidelines we are required to break the fee structure up into three sections:
1. Essential education items which parents and guardians are required to provide or pay the school to provide for their child.
2. Voluntary financial contributions are those in which parents and guardians are invited to donate to the school to help supplement the wonderful programs and facilities that we offer at our school.
3. Optional extras are those items which are provided in addition to the “standard curriculum” but are essential items which are offered and available to all students. These may include excursions, camps, Swimming Program, Chess Club, etc. The costs of these events will be collected across the year.

At our last School Council meeting it was decided to employ a qualified school nurse at our school, starting in 2015, to attend to the increasingly complicated and widespread health-related issues presented by some of our students. Currently the first aid room is staffed during lunch time by a teacher or an aide, both of whom have level 2 first aid training. Throughout each day, our office staff or other teachers administer first aid as required, which often prevents them from undertaking their core responsibilities.

A qualified nurse would administer all first aid to students, complete reporting and accountability requirements, contact parents if necessary, provide professional development for staff and parents, conduct stock takes and ordering of first aid supplies and numerous other responsibilities related to this role. We have estimated that a contribution of $100 from each school family will cover the cost of employing a nurse for up to five hours a day, for each day of the school week. Other local schools have already employed a similar person and we believe our students and staff will benefit enormously through having access to a qualified nurse on a daily basis.

The school greatly values the generosity of the school community with its support in so many areas. It is essential that this financial support continues so that the school can continue to offer the high quality programs and resources into next year.
These fees need to be paid before book pick up day on Wednesday 28\textsuperscript{th} January. Please contact the school office if you have any difficulties with the payment of these fees. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CHANGES TO THE EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
Parents will no longer be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015. The final payment for the 2014 EMA was made in August 2014. From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.
The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.
If you are experiencing financial hardship, then please contact me about how you can access assistance from the State Schools Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

ELECTION DAY ASSISTANCE
All families have been issued with some plates for cakes and requests for support for our fundraising effort on Election Day this Saturday. 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 we 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 are asking that every family contributes at least 2 plates of cakes/biscuits/slices etc to help with this Parents’ Club fundraising activity. These can be dropped off at school on Friday afternoon 3:15 – 4:00pm or Saturday morning from 8:00 to 11:00am. Could I urge everyone to help out in some way with this fundraising event.

PREP ORIENTATION DAY THREE
Yesterday was the last Transition day for our 2015 Preps. They all settled in well but were still very excited to meet up with their older buddies again and visiting the specialist classes.
Tonight is the parents turn to attend an orientation session as part of an information evening for new parents.

WORKING BEE
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

WE KNOW IT’S NOT QUITE DECEMBER BUT WITH ONLY THREE NEWSLETTERS TO GO MRS DOHERTY WANTED TO USE THE THREE LOVELY CHRISTMAS MAST HEADS—THIS ONE BY JESS BOYD OF 2KM! THE FRONT PAGE ALSO SHOWS SOME OUR FABULOUS NUDE FOOD SUPER HEROS THAT THE STUDENTS DREW OVER THE PAST MONTH—GREAT JOB BY EVERYONE. THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY.

CANTEEN
FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER
Vicky, Karen and Lina—MORNING  Mal and Susy—AFTERNOON

WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER
Isabella and Mary-Anne—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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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.

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Suitable for young student
Erne Street Balwyn
98971482 (after 6pm)

FOR SALE
TRINITY GRAMMAR UNIFORM FOR SALE
Polos, tennis polo/shorts, school bag. Good condition. Phone Karen after Tuesday 25th November on 0434 225 322

Scholastic Bookclub
Brochures for the year went home this week, and orders are due tomorrow Friday, 28th November
Last chance to order for this year....
This issue has some great Christmas gift ideas:
The NEW Diary of a Wimpy Kid book
FROZEN books and activities
Anh Do ‘Weird’ collection
NEW Billie B Mystery
Joke books
5SOS fan book
Make your own Paper Lanterns

Plus the ever popular:
Minecraft
Starwars
Lego
Geronimo Stilton
Dear Dumb Diary
Rainbow Fairies
Tom Gates
Captain Underpants
And more!
Remember, we can keep books for you in the office if you want to order them as presents.
Any questions? Please ring Karen on 0400 833 975
Karen Winch & Kathy Magoutis

CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUMMARY OF PARENTS’ CLUB MINUTES
Tuesday 11th November 2014

We had a good turnout of parents for the Parents’ Club monthly meeting on Tuesday the 11th November. The meeting started with an analysis of the results of the Parents’ Club Survey that was conducted last term and then segued into a discussion around what the Parents’ Club could do to address the survey outcomes. A special thank you to those survey respondents who attended this meeting to provide further feedback – your input is greatly appreciated! We then heard briefly about the new School Improvement Process, a new planning process to prioritize and track projects as well as celebrate the success of those projects. Finally, we were updated on the progress of different Parents’ Club events that are coming up, including the Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall, Tears and Cheers in 2015 and the 2015 Progressive Dinner, all of which are progressing well. The next Parents’ Club meeting will be held on Tuesday the 2nd December at 7:30 pm in the Staff Room. All are warmly invited to attend.
CHATHAM PRIMARY
SCHOOL DISCO!!!

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Friday 12th December in School Hall

Come dressed in your favourite Christmas or White costume!!!
SEEKING DONATIONS FOR THE CHATHAM FAIR 2015!

We are seeking donations of plain white ceramic crockery - plates, mugs & bowls, simple in design, undamaged, looking brand new, so that they can be painted at the Chatham Fair craft stall. Any leftovers will be either used for subsequent Fairs, or will be donated to charity. So please check your cupboards, or think of us when you walk through Target, Big W or KMart! Also, we would love donations of new sharpies textas in any colour for decorating the crockery, and new/used bubble wrap for packaging. All donations will help us raise some great funds for the school, whilst giving children and adults a wonderfully creative opportunity in 2015. Drop off your donations to the office, or email: jodieinmelbourne@hotmail.com.

Jodie Harris (Bella-2KM), Craft Stall Co-ordinator.

BARISTAS NEEDED FOR THE FAIR

If you have had a little experience with a coffee machine and would like to do a two hour shift at the Cafe for the Fair, please contact Susan on sj_wilding@hotmail.com

Trash and Treasure....

Needs your STUFF!

Why not have a good clear out before Santa arrives...?

Please donate your unwanted toys, games, puzzles, arts and crafts, material, household goods, small furniture items, jewellery, sports equipment, baby goods, garden utensils, cutlery, platters, vases, bric a brac ...(anything that is clean and unbroken please).

All money raised is donated to the school!

We collect and sort donations on Fridays at 8.45 – 9.15am or 3 – 3.30pm. However if this time does not suit you then just call Evanne on 0432 443 801 to arrange an alternative time.

Thank you!

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 and 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!!!!
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 items and alcohol cannot be included.
PLAYBALL BASKETBALL
TRAINING AQUALINK TERM 1&2
FRIDAY YEARS 1-5

BASKETBALL TRAINING
Playball is now taking registrations from current PREP to Year 3 Boys & Girls to commence training in Term 1 or 2 at Aqualink & Camberwell High. 40 minute weekly training by Playball Coaches prepares children for Friday competition in Terms 2 or 3.

REGISTER FOR TERM 1 or 2 2015
Register a training team at www.playballbasketball.com under ‘Registration’ Tab.
Individual children can be registered online, teams guaranteed commencement.

TERM 1 or 2 FRIDAY TRAINING TIMES & DATES
TERM 1 4:00-7:00PM February 6 - 7 March (6 weeks)
TERM 2 4:00-7:00PM April 24 - June 19 (10 weeks)

TERM COST
Approx $100 per child (based on team of 8. Training Team Invoiced $800 for 10 week Term 2)

COACHES WORKSHOP
By Melbourne Junior Tigers Sunday in Term 2 & 3
At Aqualink in Term 3 - for Playball Parent Coaches register online.

CONTACT
9585 6123 info@playballbasketball.com
www.playballbasketball.com

PLAYBALL BASKETBALL 9585-6123
SUMMER CAMP FOR 10-15YO
ACCELERATE YOUR TEEN 2015

Team Holiday

WHEN
6 weeks away from Mon 19th - Fri 23rd Jan, the week before school returns.

WHERE
By the ski resort across from Melbourne and will be staying at Phillip Island A-Adventure Resort.

WHO’S INVITED
Any child 10-15. Everyone welcome!

WHAT’S INCLUDED
All AEIOU 5 to 12 hours 24/7 from Apr 1st & School

IN WHAT ARE WE?
Team Holiday is a multi-award winning Holiday Program that provides amazing days and camps throughout the holidays to more than 30,000 children every year.

ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES
- Surf lessons from Island Surf School, Inc. lesson, board and all equipment
- Windsurf - Sailing - Kayaking - Snorkelling - Rock Pools
- Canoeing - Paddling - Team Building Activities

ACCELERATE SESSIONS FROM VALUES FOR LIFE:
- Force Field - A workshop that promotes building resilience & positive behaviour
- Lead The Way Summer Program / Call for entries

CHECK OUT TEAMHOLIDAY.COM.AU FOR MORE DETAILS OR CALL 03 9532 8366

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Jan 2015 School Holidays
4 day Intensive Social Skills Programs

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

Dates
Group 1 - Tues 6th to Fri 9th Jan 2015
Group 2 - Mon 12th to Thurs 15th Jan 2015
Group 3 - Mon 19th to Thurs 22nd Jan 2015
Time: 9.00am - 11.00am

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

Dates
Group 1 - Tues 6th to Fri 9th Jan 2015
Group 2 - Mon 12th to Thurs 15th Jan 2015
Group 3 - Mon 19th to Thurs 22nd Jan 2015
Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Literacy Programs

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

Dates
Mon 5th Jan – Thurs 22nd Jan 2015
Duration: 1.5 hour group or 1 hour individual

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

Dates
Mon 5th Jan – Thurs 22nd Jan 2015
Duration: 1.5 hour group or 1 hour individual

www.robynstephen.com.au

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

Dates
Group 1 - Tues 6th to Fri 9th Jan 2015
Group 2 - Mon 12th to Thurs 15th Jan 2015
Group 3 - Mon 19th to Thurs 22nd Jan 2015
Time: 9.00am - 11.00am

*Our experienced Speech Pathologists will help you to find the program that best meets your child's needs. Days and times subject to change.