FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As this will be the last school newsletter for 2014 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for all their support over the year.

The highlight for the year would certainly have to be our wonderful School Concert. Once again this was a highly entertaining night of singing, dancing, performing and acting. It is great to see students performing up on the big stage and those that flourish through this experience. This event certainly brings the whole school community together and even though it is a lot of hard work, it is an exciting and uplifting event in the life of the school.

This year we have continued to introduce a number of new initiatives in Literacy and Numeracy and have had a much stronger focus on delivering a differentiated curriculum to our students. We have seen continued improvements in all forms of student achievement data thanks to these initiatives.

Our students continue to perform exceedingly well in national competitions in Literacy and Numeracy. They excelled in their music, art and sporting pursuits and continued to support the less fortunate through wonderful social service efforts. We have had fantastic excursions, musical items and concerts, special days, school camps and involvement in many competitions and events. Our Instrumental Music Program continues to flourish and we have in place some excellent initiatives to support any students at risk and to challenge our more able students.

Our parents have had a great year in organising many social and fundraising events as well as helping out in so many ways around the school. We could not operate without your support.

I could go on and on listing the wonderful achievements of our current students and highlighting the exciting activities and events we have participated in this year. Each week at our assembly we celebrate these achievements and reward the positive things that students do around the school.

Everyday, in some little way, every student in our school is experiencing success. Whether it be in producing their best letter formation in writing, reading books at the next level, finally understanding the difficult concept of fractions, playing that very first tune on the recorder, or eventually getting that basketball through the middle of that far away ring. As life long learners we are challenged everyday and how we meet those challenges shapes our lives. At Chatham we aim to assist our students to be risk takers, resilient and to meet new challenges with confidence and enthusiasm.

I would like to personally thank the staff at Chatham. They are an exceptional group of teachers and assistants who work so well together and provide your children with such a caring, supportive and engaging learning environment.

Thank you also to the parents for all your support, assistance and drive in maintaining that very important partnership that exists at Chatham.

We wish our Year 6 students of 2014 all the best for their secondary education as they prepare to leave through the gates of Chatham for the last time tomorrow. We are confident that their time at Chatham has prepared them well for the many challenges and experiences that lay ahead for them. They have all been excellent role models and leaders of our school and, on behalf of the whole school community, I would like to congratulate them on being such an outstanding group of Year 6 students this year.

Thank you to everyone for such a wonderful and productive year. I hope that everyone has a restful and happy break over the upcoming holidays and that we return refreshed for what promises to be another exciting year at Chatham.

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Each year I am provided with a Global Budget from the Education Department which is based on our projected student enrolments. This Global Budget determines the number of staff I can employ. The staffing profile of these teachers and support staff then determines the class structure that I can put into place each year. With our current numbers at Chatham, we are extremely lucky with our mix of staff in that our profile of teachers range from graduates through to the more experienced staff members. We are also fortunate to have a good mix of male and female staff, as well as Leading Teachers at the top of the scale, dedicated part-time staff, quality specialist programs and a full time Assistant Principal role. This mix includes the majority of teachers on permanent ongoing rights and some employed on a contractual basis for short and long terms. These arrangements allows for some flexibility as well as taking in future enrolment predictions and work force planning.

In line with this, throughout the year, we have teachers who retire, take leave, seek promotion or move to other locations for personal or professional reasons.

There will be some changes to our staffing profile for 2015.

- Amanda Hume has been granted 12 months leave as she intends to take extensive travel overseas with her family.
- Fiona Henderson is due to have her baby in just a few weeks and will be starting her family leave next year.
- Nikkii Cordia has accepted a position at Beacon Hills College which is an area where she and her husband are intending to build their next family home.
- Daniel Hunt has always had a passion for open plan learning environments so he will also be leaving us to take up a position with a multi-age and open plan school.
- Deb Foster has been working in the Art room every Friday but will not be continuing in this role next year.

We wish all of these teachers all the best in their futures, whether it be in the next few months, the next 12 months or beyond. Thank you for all your outstanding contributions to our school.

We have finalised our staffing profile for 2015 and beyond. Each year, I also like to make some changes with our staffing in moving teachers into different levels across the school as well as attempting to maintain the exemplary specialist programs that we currently offer at Chatham.

I would like to welcome some new teachers to our school for 2015. Katherine Geake, Kirstie Briggs, Clinton Bowe and Siobhan Johnson have all had an association with the school over the last 12 months & Jennifer Tran has been teaching at a nearby primary school. They will all be taking up classroom positions across the school and I know that we will make them feel welcome into our school community.

The students visited their new classrooms yesterday and met their teachers and classmates for 2015. A great deal of time and effort by staff has gone into the formation of the grades for next year. Please remember that your class teacher is a professional educator who has been with your child for the last 12 months and when all the available information is considered, we 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. I would ask that you support these decisions and remain positive about your child’s grade placement and new teacher for 2015. The following is the proposed teaching profile for 2015:

- Principal – Stephen Rothwell
- Assistant Principal – Bronwyn Orr
- Year 6 – Georgina Kirwan
- Year 6 – Chiara Colombo
- Year 6 – Zac Barry
- Year 5 – Amanda Lenon
- Year 5 – Hannah Matheson
- Year 5 – Kirsty Briggs
- Year 4 – Claire Osborne & Sue Minshull
- Year 4 – Samantha Roger
- Year 4 – Clinton Bowe
- Year 3 – Miranda Price
- Year 3 – Tim Clarke
- Year 3 – Katherine Geake
- Year 2 – Glenda Kelly & Diana Miller
- Year 2 – Jessica Boyd
- Year 2 – Jennifer Tran
- Year 1 – Madeline Burgess
- Year 1 – Sam Norris
- Year 1 – Lorraine McLean

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STAFFING FOR 2015 CONTINUED...

- Foundation – Michelle Owens
- Foundation – Sarah Morris & Melissa Hosking
- Foundation – Siobhan Johnson
- Art – Lisa Gilbert & Di Miller
- Music – Gemma Belfrage
- Library – Zelema Levy
- Phys Ed – Joseph Doyle
- Japanese – Cathie Bradford
- Reading Recovery – Lesley Siebentritt
- Science – Claire Osborne & Sue Minshull

A reminder that book pick up day is scheduled for Wednesday 28th January with Years 1 – 6 due to commence school on Friday 30th January. The new Preps commence on Monday 2nd February.

GOODBYE TO KEIKO

It is with much sadness that we are also saying goodbye to our Japanese Teaching Assistant, Keiko Kawasaki. She has been working at our school for the last 2 years and has been a great asset to our school and a wonderful teaching assistant to Bradford Sensei. Keiko has been working in a shared role between Chatham and Canterbury Girls SC. We have really appreciated the way that Keiko has fitted into our school and joined in so well with all activities. It has been a delight to have her as part of our team for the last 2 years and she won’t be travelling too far away as she has been lucky to get another position for 1 year at a secondary school and small primary school in Gippsland, so we might see her from time to time. I want to also thank the many Chatham families who have hosted Keiko over her time at our school. I know that she has really appreciated your hospitality, friendship and generosity in accepting her into your families. We are all going to really miss Keiko but we wish her all the best in her new position.

YEAR SIX GRADUATION

Tonight is the Year 6 Graduation evening. This year’s class have been an outstanding group of students and role models to the rest of the school. They will enjoy a sit down dinner together with the teachers and invited guests. They will all then move to the hall to give their speeches, sing their songs and receive their graduation certificates. Each year special presentations are made to some of our Year 6 students. This is a very difficult process each year but this year was particularly difficult to short list with so many worthy candidates. The selected students will be presented with their awards at tonight’s ceremony. I will also announce the names of these students at tomorrow’s final assembly.

**The Grummet Award** is presented by Mr Grummet who is an ex-student of Chatham having graduated as dux of the school in 1938. Over the past 18 years he and his sister have kindly presented the Grummet Award at our Year 6 Graduations in memory of their mother and father. This award is presented to a boy and girl in Year 6 who have shown outstanding academic achievements in all areas of the curriculum.

**The Thornton Award** is presented by Mr Keith Thornton, another of our valued ex-students who was dux of the school in 1937. He places some of the responsibility for his wonderful successes in business and life to the opportunities given to him by the Chatham School Community over 70 years ago. Over the last few years he has been a very generous supporter of our school and has established this award for students who have displayed talent in certain areas of the curriculum, determination to succeed, resilience and a keen spirit for school.

**The Principal’s Award** is presented by me. The students selected for this award have demonstrated overall excellence in all areas of the school life, especially in the areas of citizenship, achievement and caring for others. The recipients of this award have consistently demonstrated the values of the school of Learning, Respect, Resilience, Partnership, Honesty and Responsibility and have been outstanding role models to all students.

We would like to present awards to each and every one of our Year 6 students as they have all had an outstanding year and should be proud of their achievements.
BOOK COLLECTION

The fee schedule for 2015 was sent home a few weeks ago with all returning students. Payments for these fees can be made now. There are also four options for making payments cash/cheques, payment at the bank, internet banking and the use of our EFTPOS. It is essential that after making the payment that we receive the payment option form for each child so that these payments can be allocated to each child’s account accordingly. This form and a copy of the transfer of funds notice should be handed to the business manager, Bev Gardiner when collecting your student supplies on Wednesday 28th January. These supplies can be collected from the school library between 10:00am and 2:00pm on this day.

We certainly rely on the fantastic generosity of parents as these contributions form a very important part of the school budget, helping us to maintain the exemplary programs and resources that we currently have in place at Chatham. Excursion and SRI levies will be settled early next year.

SCHOOL DISCO

The students had a wonderful time last Friday night and really enjoyed this end of year celebration. Thank you to all the parents who helped organise this event, who readied the hall with decorations, who helped out on the night and stayed around to clean up at the end. On behalf of our students – thank you.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulation to Hamish Bolton (Yr 6) who competed in the Sail Melbourne Regatta over last weekend. This is a very prestigious event that attracted the best sailors from around the world. Hamish won 7 out of his 7 races and received a gold medal and a new watch for his efforts. Well done Hamish

LAST DAY ASSEMBLY DETAILS

Tomorrow will be our last assembly for the year. I would like to congratulate all our Year 6 students on the wonderful job they have done each week in running our assemblies throughout the year. They have all been fantastic. Our last assembly will include;

- Welcome
- Musical item
- Thank you
- Year 6 Graduation Awards
- Roll call of Year 6 students
- Year 6 songs
- Song of Farewell
- Ringing of the school bell and walk through the Guard of Honour

It is the tradition each year that our Year 6 students ring the school bell from the S.S. Edina, which is located near the office. I would ask that parents not block this area. It is important that this area remains clear so that the students can walk freely through the hallway, out the front door and through the student Guard of Honour. Parents and students are quite welcome to return to the bell at the end of the day to ring it again whilst photos are taken without the crush from others.

The first day of school for Years 1 to 6 is Friday 30th January with our new Preps commencing on Monday 2nd February 2015. Teachers will be on duty with two curriculum days from Wednesday 28th January.

YEAR 6 CAMPS 2015

At last Monday night’s School Council meeting the council approved the camps for Year 6 students for 2015. The Year 6 students will be travelling to Lakewood Park on the Gippsland Lakes from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th Feb.

YEAR 6 WORKING BEE

The first working bee for the 2015 year takes place on Thursday 29th January. This working bee is for all of next year’s Year 6 families and helps to prepare the school in readiness for the students’ arrival on the following day, Friday 30th January. This is a twilight session with work due to commence at 5:00. Please put this in your diary for next year.

I hope that everyone has a restful and happy break over the upcoming holidays and that we all return safe and refreshed for what promises to be an exciting 2015 at Chatham.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL
Chatham Parents and Carers Please Consider........

A number of roles on the Parents’ Club Committee have become available for 2015.....
The Parents’ Club is a very important group in our school community – co-ordinating our fundraising and social activities across the year as well as providing a vital communication link between families and the school.
Due to people in executive positions leaving the school or stepping down, we are able to offer the opportunity for YOU to take up one of these important roles.
We are attempting to be a bit more proactive in seeking Expressions of Interest for the executive positions for 2015 so that we can have everything in place before the March AGM.

All activities for 2015 are already organised with most having their coordinators already in place.
Parents Club coordinates the Class Reps and looks after many events on behalf of the school including, Grandparent’s Morning Tea, School Disco, welcoming new families into the school, hiring of crockery and glassware for social events, first aid room linen roster, etc.
I would strongly encourage you to consider supporting and joining this very important group by nominating for one of the executive positions that are now vacant.

These Roles are available for 2015
- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer

If you are interested in nominating for one of these or any other role, I encourage you to review the job descriptions on the website (under ‘Parents’) or speak to the current role holders about their experience to gain an understanding of what is involved.
In the past many of these roles have been successfully shared between 2 people and this may be an option for you to consider.

We urge you to support this very important group in our school. The expectation is that you make these roles work for you and in doing so, help to maintain the events that make Chatham special. If the feedback from parents who are or have been involved is anything to go by, you will find it very rewarding AND your children will appreciate it.

* Please fill in and return this slip to the office. Thankyou

Yes, I/we _______________________________(names) would like to nominate for the following position on the Parents Committee for 2015
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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Thursday 18th December**
Year 6 Graduation

**Friday 19th December**
Last day of school—1:30pm finish

**2015**
**Wednesday 28th January**
Teachers back to school and book collection day

**Thursday 29th January**
Curriculum day—no students

**Friday 30th January**
Year 1 to Year 6 students return to school

**Monday 2nd February**
Prep students commence school
Year 6 camp

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**Another Successful School Disco**

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who helped organised the School Disco, the event was a great success and enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Miss. Twisty who donated gorgeous "Alof" balloon creations.

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**Art Room News**

It is with great pleasure that I accept a very generous gift, a pottery wheel, from the Gower family for the Art room. Will Gower is in 6CC. Thanks on behalf of Chatham primary.
Lisa Gilbert—Art Teacher

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**FAMILY SELECTION**

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To all Chatham students, parents and staff!!

Thank you so much for having me about one and a half years!! I’m sure I’m the luckiest Japanese assistant in the world because I could work at beautiful school called CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL!!

I can’t imagine I’m not working at Chatham anymore. I don’t know how many times I wished to be Australian. However, I couldn’t come here as an assistant if I’m not Japanese.

I’m so sad I have to leave from here. BUT! Fortunately, I could participate in assistants program in VIC next year. It means I can stay in VIC one more year and visit to Chatham!!!

I’m so looking forward to seeing you soon.

I enjoyed every second at Chatham. I love working with Bradford sensei. I love all staff. I love all Chatham kids. Well, I just love Chatham so much!!!

Thank you to all staff!
You are just amazing! You are so friendly, kind and funny!! You always took care of me and made me feel comfortable. I’m sure Chatham has the best teachers! Especially, thank you so much to Mr. Rothwell and Ms. Orr for accepting me. And, of course, thank you so much to Bradford sensei. I studied lots of thing from you. It was so much fun to work with you. I want to be a Japanese teacher like you!

Thank you to all parents!
Thank you so much for being positive about Japanese learning. I was so happy to have Japanese lessons with your kids. Especially, thank you so much for being my host families to Marcun family (Matthew 3HM, Sarah 3MP), Spicer family (Sammy 5ZB, Rory 3TC) and Godfrey family (Aden 4DH, Elise 1SN, Freya 1HL). I really enjoyed staying at your place and making lots of lovely memories!! You are my Australian family forever!

Thank you to all students!
You are awesome!!!!!!! I love your ideas, your passions and your smiles! And, your Japanese is absolutely fantastic!!! I was so happy when you talked to me or said to me Konnichiwa. You always made me smile and happy. I think I know all of your names now because everyone is different and special for me. Thank you so much for giving me lovely time. I’ll miss you.

From Keiko Kawasaki

Thank you so much again. Chatham is my second home. I will miss you all. However, I will see you soon! Probably at school fair? haha ARIGATOU!!!!!
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

Sue Tresidder & Fiona Vlahos - Plant Stall Co-ordinators (Both C/O Grade 3TC & 1LM)

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

DO YOU LOVE MAKING HOMEMADE SWEETS AND TREATS?
If so, the Chatham fair 2015 lolly stall needs your help! Each year to date the lolly stall has had a wonderful array of homemade sweets and treats such as fudge, coconut ice, toffees etc etc. This has only been possible because people have willingly volunteered to make these goods. If you would be interested in making a batch or so of these sorts of treats or one of your favourites please call Kyla on 0411058449 to discuss.
Thank you!

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!
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NEW CLASS = Grade 2 & 3 - 1:45 - 2:30

Saturdays - School Hall
9:30 - 10:00  Kinder Ballet (3 & 4 yrs)
10:00 - 10:45  Jnr Ballet (Prep and Grade 1)
10:45 - 11:30  Jnr Jazz (Prep and Grade 1)
11:30 - 12:30  Intermediate Funk/Hip Hop (Grade 3 - 6)

Tuition Fee: $140 per term

Annual Concert:
Annual Performance at The Madeleine Centre (Kew) in October
- No costume making. Costume Hire Fee of $35 x 2 costumes added to term 3 fees
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- No separate photo day - photos taken on concert night

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