FROM THE PRINCIPAL

OUR BIG FAIR DAY

Only 2 more sleeps left!

Everything is in place and ready to go for what promises to be a fantastic day. If you haven’t already done so, please make sure that you volunteer to help out in some way in this very important event in the life of the school. We have over 600 parents in the school and yet we still need volunteers for:

- Staffing many of the stalls
- Helping to set up on Saturday morning 9:00am onwards
- Cleaning up at the end of Saturday night
- Cleaning up the school on the Sunday morning – 10:00am onwards.
- Baking some cakes, biscuits, etc for the cake stall *(information and plates have been sent home)*

Make sure that you invite all your neighbours, friends and relatives to what promises to be another outstanding day for the community. This event is also fantastic in bringing the whole school together as students, teachers and parents work towards making this day a memorable one for us all.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

I hope that the Information sessions and the Parent/Teacher interviews have been informative and worthwhile. Thank you to everyone who logged in online to book their time for interviews. We are trialling this application for this year so would appreciate any feedback about how you found this process.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

In last week’s newsletter I provided the school community with information on the upcoming School Council elections for 2015. School Councils provide the vital link between the implementation of the government’s policies and the needs of local communities. School Council members have a number of roles and responsibilities and I would encourage all parents to consider nominating for one of the upcoming positions.

If you decide to stand for election then please collect a nomination form from the school office and make sure that it is returned by the due date.

- If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect will be made calling for further nominations.
- If the number of nominations equals the number of vacancies, then those nominated will be elected to the vacant positions on School Council.
- If the number of nominations is greater than the number of vacancies, a ballot will be conducted to elect the required number of candidates to School Council.

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YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR 2015

At last Friday’s assembly I had the great pleasure of announcing our Year 6 Leadership positions for 2015. All of the 63 students in Year 6 have been awarded a position of responsibility. Every one of our Year 6 students are school leaders and understand the importance of these positions in setting the tone of the school and in becoming the acceptable role models for all our students. The previous two weeks have been a busy one of nominations, speeches and voting. The School Captains were voted for by the Year 6 students themselves whilst the Year 5 and 6 students voted for the House Captains. All other positions were decided upon after preferences were submitted by the students and after consultations with teachers. I am confident that this year’s senior students will be outstanding leaders of our school. Congratulations to everyone.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

The main responsibilities for these students is to read and hand out our weekly awards at assembly, welcome guests & visitors to our school and undertaking tours and other tasks as they arise in representing our school. Congratulations to the following 4 students for being elected as our School Captains & Vice Captains for 2015:-

School Captains
Jasmine Hosken
Riley Smith

Vice Captains
Emily Ford
Max Yakubowski

HOUSE CAPTAINS

This group of students will organise their House teams at our athletic sports, assist at other sporting events and assist Mr Doyle with the physical education equipment and P.E. program. Well done to the following students on becoming House Captains for 2015:-

Corbett – Blue
Laura Sharrock
Christian Rogan

McEvoy - Yellow
Mia Scott
Jed Rule

Fenton - Red
Thomas Doyle
Maddie Smyth

Nugent – Green
Holly Smith
Ingo Dammersmith

PEER SUPPORT LEADERS

The school really values this program where our Year 6 leaders work as mentors for a small group of Year 3 students across the year. Our Year 6 leaders work through a structured program that involves them in talking to their Year 3 group about such things as teamwork, relationship building and listening skills. This helps them develop leadership skills and the necessary strategies of teaching others new skills. Our Prep Buddy Program and this Peer Support Program allows younger and older children to work together, to get to know each other and, we believe, drastically cuts down on cross-age bullying issues in the school. These Year 6 students will undertake a training day and then work with their Year 3 group across the year. Congratulations to the following students who will be excellent role models for their Year 3 buddies.

Gerry Sheldon
James Growse
Callum Rutledge
Mick Corcoran

Michael Sahinidis
Dean Bithavas
James Pittard
James Lay

Eliza Gleeson
Saskia Kronenburg
Harrison Kimmitt
Xander Taylor

Kevin Huang
Austin Petersen

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ART LEADERS

The following 6 students work with Ms Gilbert in the Art room putting up displays, working with other students and handing out Special Awards each fortnight at assembly. Congratulations to:

Joshua Bramich  Thomas Cronin  Bridget Casey  Emma Wood
Thomas Steventon  Lachlan Maddern

MUSIC LEADERS

The following 4 students work with Ms Belfrage in the Music Program as well introducing student performances at assembly, school concert performances and musical evenings throughout the year. Congratulations to:

Max Efron  Tim Carre-Riddell  Adam Winch  Connor Jones

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ENVIRONMENT LEADERS

These 6 students will be looking after our rubbish free lunch days, composting, saving water & energy initiatives, vegetable gardens and other important sustainability projects across the school. They will also be teaching the younger students all about sustainability and representing our school at a variety of events and forums. Congratulations to:

Lachlan Brain  Matthew Baird  Declan Minett  Ellie Dalton
Mietta D’Intini  Maelaani Boyle

SCIENCE LEADERS

These two students will assist our Science specialists with lessons, the Science Fair and promoting Science across the school. Congratulations to:

Oscar Dutton  Alister Klarica  Samuel Ukich

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Junior School Council members organise our special fundraising and social service days. The school supports a child in Africa and also has links with a sister school in East Timor. As well as these two important causes these Junior Councillors will organise events for other worthy causes across the year. Congratulations to:

Sammy Atfeh  James Thomson-Hicks  Matthew Dougan  Connor Magoutis
James Bush  Anthony Servos  Zac Davidson  Baxter House
Noah Alevras  Ava Stone  Zoe Andric

Our Leadership Program is very different to what operates in many other schools in that we ensure that all students obtain a position of responsibility. This year we have 63 Year 6 students who have taken on these roles across the school. We value each of these roles and are proud of the benefits gained by our students in taking on these positions. Each year we receive very positive feedback from secondary schools who state that our students are certainly well prepared for Year 7 with many of them stepping smoothly into leadership roles in their new schools. Congratulations to all our Year 6 students. We are confident that they will be fantastic leaders and fine role models to the rest of the school in 2015.

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PARENTS’ CLUB

The Parents’ Club is another very important group in our school. This association is certainly an integral part of our school community – co-ordinating our fundraising and social activities across the year. Each year the Parents’ Club holds its Annual General Meeting in March to elect its new executive for the year. All activities for 2015 are already organised with all having their coordinators already in place. This group organises many of our social and fundraising activities across the year with the understanding that we raise at least $28,000 each year to cover the loan repayments of the School’s Cooperative. This loan only has just over one year to run on its 10 year lease arrangements. This group also coordinates the Class Reps and looks after many events including Grandparent’s Morning Tea, School Disco, welcoming new families into the school, hiring equipment, first aid room linen roster, etc. I would ask that you consider supporting and joining this very important group and even consider nominating for one of the executive positions that are vacant this year.

2015 EXECUTIVE POSITIONS FOR CHATHAM PARENTS’ CLUB

We are seeking people to nominate for all positions on the Parents’ Club Executive for 2015. These roles can be job shared and there is a great deal of information around the roles developed over the years and plenty of support in the school for the people in these positions. If you are interested in nominating for any of these positions, I encourage you to review the job descriptions on the website or speak to the current role holders about their experience to gain an understanding of what is involved. I urge you to support this very important group in our school. Anyone wishing to nominate can do so via the Parents’ Club Executive Committee Nomination Forms available on the website and submit it directly to me. Even if you do not want to be a part of the Parents’ Club Executive please support this very important group in our school and make a time to come along to their morning and/or night meetings this year.

The Parent’s Club AGM will be held on Tuesday 10th March at 7:30pm in the school staff room. Please come along to support this important group in our school.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

Any adults working with children in the school environment or going on excursions where they are not directly under the supervision of the teacher must have a Working with Children Check for volunteers. We would encourage all parents to obtain this check to enable them to undertake and be a part of activities that involve children. If you are new to the school or have not already obtained this check, or need to update your details then please visit http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au. Please contact the school office once the check has been received so that our records can be maintained.

DIVISION SWIMMING SPORTS

On Monday we had 22 students attend the Boorondara Sports Centre to compete in the District Swimming Carnival. Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us with heavy rain, rolling thunder and many lightning strikes. After waiting over an hour for things to clear it was decided to call these sports off. With only a limited time before the next level of event it was decided to choose the swimmers to represent our district from their original qualifying times. We managed to get 3 individual swimmers and 2 relay teams chosen. These swimmers competed at the Division Swimming finals this morning. They all swam really well against some tough opposition. Unfortunately none of our swimmers finished with the top two times so will not be progressing onto the Regional Finals. Well done to :-

- 12 Yr Girls Freestyle – Charli Kerr /12 Yr Boys Breaststroke – Ingo Dammersmith/12 Year Boys Butterfly – Declan Minett
- 12 Yr Girls Relay - Charli Kerr, Bridget Casey Mia Scott & Saskia Kronenburg
- 11 Yr Boys Relay, Beau Besley, Rupert Quinn, Lackie Ross & Rory Spicer.

CAR PARKING

I have had a number of complaints from many parents about the state of parking around our school. Please remember to obey all parking signs around the surrounding streets. There are designated drop off and pick up zones that have limited stays whilst you sit in your car. **You should not be parking in these areas and coming into the school to collect your child.** Please consider all our neighbours when parking that will allow them easy access into their own properties. When using Banool Road please remember to travel right through to Whitehorse Road without doing a u-turn or driving into other people’s driveways before driving back into the oncoming traffic – this just causes traffic jams. Parking Inspectors do visit schools during their busy times and obeying parking signs and road rules will make our school footpaths and roads safer for our children. Please be considerate of others and always remember the safety of our students and your own children at all times.

MORNING SUPERVISION

This is a reminder that students should not be arriving at school before 8:45 in the morning as this is the time that we officially have teachers on duty out in the yard. If you need to drop your children off at school earlier than this then they should be booked into Before School Care.

VISITORS

It has been a busy week at Chatham. We have had 6 Japanese students undertaking work experience with Bradford Sensei as part of her Japanese program and this morning we have hosted a group of Japanese University students via Monash University. They looked at our Japanese program and spent some time in classrooms.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL—PRINCIPAL
## Dates for the Diary

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Year 5 Camp Notices Due Back  
No Assembly Today Due to Fair Set Up |
| **Saturday 28th February** | Chatham Summer Fair |
| **Monday 2nd March** | Preps Commence Full Time |
| **Tuesday 3rd March** | Year 5 Olden Days Games  
**Wednesday 4th March** | School Photos  
Canteen Opens - Menu on Website in Notices Section |
| **Thursday 5th March** | Prep Incursion—Responsible Pet Ownership @ 9:00AM |
| **Friday 6th March** | Year 6 Interschool Sport at Balwyn PS |
| **Monday 9th March** | Public Holiday—No School Today  
**Tuesday 10th March** | Year 5 Camp to Maldon  
Parents’ Club AGM 7:30PM in the Staff Room |
| **Friday 13th March** | Campers Return at 3PM |
| **Thursday 19th March** | Beatboxing Incursion—Year 4 and 5 |
| **Friday 20th March** | Beatboxing Incursion—Year 4 and 5  
**Monday 23rd March** | Year 1 Excursion to Museum and IMAX  
School Council—7PM Staff Room |
| **Friday 27th March** | Last Day of Term 1—2.30PM Finish |
| **Monday 13th April** | School Resumes for Term 2 |
| **Tuesday 14th April** | Year 5 Excursion to the Chinese Museum |
| **Wednesday 13th May** | Year 4 Camp to Arrabri Lodge Warburton |
| **Friday 15th May** | Year 4 Campers Return |
| **Monday 18th May** | Open Morning—Tour 9:30AM |
| **Tuesday 19th May** | Grandparents Day |
| **Wednesday 20th May** | Open Morning—Tour at 9:30AM  
**Saturday 23rd May** | Open Morning—Tour at 9:30AM |
| **Friday 26th June** | Last Day of Term 2—2.30PM Finish |
| **Monday 13th July** | School Resumes for Term 3 |

## Canteen
Welcome back! The canteen will open next Wednesday—the menu is on the website in the Notices section.

**ROSTER:**
- **Friday 6th March**: Linda, Sue and Fiona—All day
- **Wednesday 11th March**: AM—Jill and Steph  
PM—Amanda and Caroline

If by any chance you can’t fill a shift please swap with someone. Thanks

Steph Reid—Canteen Manager
CAKE STALL 2015

The cake stall is a popular drawcard to our Summer Fair, and is an effective way to generate funds for our school. We are asking each Chatham family to get baking and provide us with two plates of home-made goodies to sell at the fair. You can make anything from honey-joys, slices, whole cakes, muffins, cupcakes or biscuits - but please no items containing cream, custard or cheese that require refrigeration. Allergy friendly products are also very popular. All items must be home-made.

On Friday 20th your child will be bringing home a pack for the cake stall which will contain 2 plates, 2 plastic bags and 2 labels along with an instructions sheet. If you would like individual bags for cookies, balls or smaller items, these can be picked up from the school office. If anyone would like extra plates, these can also be obtained from the office.

Drop off times for baked goods are:

Fri 27th Feb between 3.00 - 3.45pm (to library)
Sat 28th Feb between 10.00am - 1.00pm (to cake stall in hall)

Thanks for your help - Happy baking!!

WASH AGAINST WASTE AT THE FAIR

At the Fair we are using a Wash Against Waste trailer. Working at the trailer are lots of helpers (including student volunteers from Carey and MLC) washing up plates, bowls, and cutlery so that we can reduce the amount of the “plastic” variety going to landfill from the Fair. This is consistent with Chatham’s philosophy to re-use, reduce and recycle as much as possible. When you finish with your plates, bowls and cutlery, please place them in the baskets provided around the food court – there’s one underneath the friendship tree and they’ll be washed up and returned to the food stalls in no time! Remember that there are a lot of bins around the school for the rubbish and recyclable material that won’t be washed so please do the right thing and choose the right bin. Thank you

PLANT STALL

If you have been potting up plants or have some produce of fruit, veges or herbs in your garden to bunch up and donate to the Garden Stall, we are collecting all donations from Friday 27 February between 8.30am and 4.30pm in the Hall Lobby off Banool Road and Saturday from 7.30am until the Fair commences.

Feel free to bring them in at any time!

Thank you for your effort!!
Sue and Fiona
(Garden Stall Co-ordinators)
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- Ferguson Plarre Bakehouse, Balwyn
- CloudLift
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- Mind Games - Hawthorn
- One Thai
- Kunyit
- My Favourite Things
- Wonderland Fun Park
- Funch
- Lulu & George
- Salon de Amigos
- Purvis Cellars
- Anne’s Pantry
- Colonial Fruit Market, Doncaster
- Westfield
- Rybazoid
- Cantina Centrale
- DKB Transformations
- Eureka Skydeck
- Zimt
- Fibre Fashion
- Maple Homewares
- Robert Vitale

- Bakers Delight - Balwyn
- Funtastic Parties - Balwyn
- Sweet As - Doncaster ShoppingTown
- Officeworks - Doncaster
- Inspiration Paints
- Signorelli - Balwyn
- Hello Sailor - Hawthorn
- Red Flair Photography
- Hip Kids
- Hotel Agencies
- Mr Hendricks Café
- Bed, Bath and Table
- Balwyn Leisure Centre
- Style Right
- Enchanted Adventure Garden
- BMW
- Betty McDowell, Hawthorn
- Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre
- Murphy Brothers
- Susan Wilding
- Karen Winch
- Light Space Yoga
- Monte Bello Emporium
- Firechief - Hawthorn
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