FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL FAIR

We were all just a little worried when it started to drizzle a little during the Saturday morning set up but the clouds cleared and the sun was certainly shining for Chatham, and what a wonderful day it turned out to be. The stream of people was constant, and at times it was hard to find a vacant spot in the school grounds as people moved around and enjoyed everything that we had on offer. There was a great buzz of excitement as it reached 1:00pm and the fair officially commenced.

It turned out to be another great Chatham Fair, with a constant flow of people walking through our gates all day. Everyone had a very enjoyable time that continued on into the night as we welcomed past and current families and those of the wider community into our great school.

I feel very proud as Principal of Chatham to see the school community working together on a common focus. The response from everyone was outstanding, whether it be the baking of cakes, donations of goods for the many stalls, assisting on a stall or helping to set up and clean up afterwards. The response from so many was very pleasing to see. Thank you to everyone for all of your efforts over so many weeks. With such a great community effort I am reluctant to highlight individuals but feel that the following people need a special mention.

- Sue Tressider and Linda Marcun, our wonderful Fair Coordinators – I think their planning commenced straight after our last Fair two years ago. They remained calm and focussed at all times and their attention to detail and communication/people skills ensured that everything ran smoothly. They are both exhausted but thrilled with the whole day. Thank you both for all your work and for bringing this big event together for us all to enjoy.
- Our Food Manager, Sharon Grosvenor, worked tirelessly through the canteen to ensure that all food requirements, equipment and procedures were in place, we met food safety handling requirements and we fed the hungry hordes all day.
- All the money collectors, counters and those who helped with the banking and security. Some of these people were locked up in the school, taking and counting money for hours.
- Sue and Bev in the office who not only helped count the money but have worked tirelessly for the past few weeks in assisting everybody to bring the day together.
- Stall Coordinators for working so hard to gather their helpers and producing such a fantastic array of stalls, goods, foods and activities for us all.
- A big thank you to all those who managed to get out of bed on Sunday morning to help get the school back to some normality before the students returned on Monday. The school looked great!
- Leanne Reichmann for coordinating our student entertainment. With so many acts to rehearse and manage she has been so supportive and encouraging of all our performers.
- Our wonderful students – for entertaining us with their songs, dances, and instrumental playing. The audience really appreciated the great array of wonderful student talent we have at our school. Thank you also to all of our students for the way you conducted yourselves, how you all behaved and for enjoying yourselves so much over the day.
- Susie McNulty and her team of helpers in the Wash Against Waste area.
- The school staff – for running a stall and assisting in many areas.
- I would like to make a special mention to two people – Lisa & Jason Boyle who have been parents at our school for the past 20 years. They have done their face painting stall at every school Fair and last Saturday was no different. Like many others, they worked all day without a break and were the last of the stalls to pack up with many children wanting their faces transformed into wonderful masks. Both of them have also been very influential in establishing and maintaining our concert costumes and have always worked tirelessly in ensuring the great success of our concerts. Thank you Jason and Lisa for all your hard work on Saturday and over the last 10 Fairs and 20 years at our school.
In thanking these people I also certainly acknowledge the efforts of so many people. There are far too many to name and we understand that you all give as much as you can in your own way to make sure that our school is a great school in so many ways. This day was such a great success thanks to you all.

We still have a little money to come in and go out but we expect to have a more accurate final figure for the day shortly. At the moment, our figures are showing a profit as being somewhere close or better than our previous figure from our last Fair. This is an unbelievable effort. This result is certainly due to the efforts of the whole community working together for a common goal...to provide all of our students with the best learning environment possible.

This is our major fundraising effort for the year with the majority of this amount going towards our commitment to service the Cooperative loan for our past major building works. We have just over 1 year to go on this loan commitment. This event brought the whole school community together with everyone - students, teachers, parents and local businesses - working harmoniously to ensure the success of the day. Once again thank you to everyone for all your efforts in making this day such a great success for us all.

There are still a number of items to be collected from the school including containers, plates and trays. They can be found outside the canteen or in the bike shed. Please try to collect all items as soon as possible.

We are still waiting on the last of the invoices and payments but all indications are that we will do much better in our fundraising amounts than any previous Fairs. Well done everyone.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations for the 4 parent and the 2 staff positions on our School Council are due in by tomorrow. Representation on School Council is a very rewarding experience and gives you a great insight into what happens around the school. We have had some interest for these positions so I would strongly urge all parents to consider nominating for one of the vacant positions. Nomination forms can be collected from the school office but need to be signed and returned by 4:00pm tomorrow.

PARENT’S CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for our school Parent’s Club is scheduled for this coming Tuesday 10th March. At this meeting all positions will be declared open as we look for a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary to lead this 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. The school has a commitment of $28,000 each year as repayment for the Cooperative Loan that we took out as part of our Stage 2 Building Works. The $200,000 borrowed by this school Cooperative provided us all with the wooden floor in the hall, the entrance foyer and toilets, store rooms, trestle tables & chairs, audio visual equipment and the extensive landscaping works out the front including the plants, large sandpit and playground equipment. As well as organising many social events, liaising with parents, assisting with school functions, Parents’ Club also has a significant role in raising the necessary funds each year to service this loan. Please support this very important group in any way that you can and attend the AGM if you are able.

SCHOOL NOTICES

In last week’s newsletter I listed all the forms that have been sent home recently

- Family contact List & Student Details were sent home to all families
- On Foot Excursion, Head Lice Check, Publication of Student’s work/photographs were sent home to all Preps & new families.
- Internet Usage & Agreement Form was sent home to all Year 2’s & any new families Years 2 – 6

Please contact the school office if you believe that you should have received one of these notices and haven’t and please return all notices as soon as possible.

EXCURSION LEVY

The excursion levy notice for each grade will be sent home soon. This notice outlines the planned excursions and activities for your child’s grade for the year. These activities are related closely to the concepts that will be covered in the year’s work for your child. Entrance fees and transport costs are always rising but we attempt to limit the costs of these events wherever possible.

To minimise the handling and administrative work carried out by the school office we would encourage all parents to consider paying the one off levy that covers the costs for these events for the year. We would like these levies to be returned by Friday, 20th March. If you choose not to pay the levy in full then you will need to pay per individual excursion or incursion activity that your child participates in throughout the year. Please contact the school office to discuss alternative arrangements if you have difficulty meeting these costs.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL UNIFORM

WE strongly encourage all students to wear the correct school uniform. Apart from ‘special days’, students should not be wearing any other form of uniform or ‘normal’ clothing to school. Students will be issued with a notice if they are found to be wearing any items of clothing not on the official uniform list. We are keen for our students to take a stronger pride in our school and wearing the correct uniform and wearing it proudly demonstrates this pride for our school.

The Year 6 students were issued with their new rugby tops just in time for the class photos yesterday. They look wonderful and set our senior students apart from the rest of the school. These tops are special for this year group and we would appreciate that students in younger grades do not wear this piece of uniform that may have been worn in previous years by brothers or sisters. A big thank you to Amy Steventon for organising these tops this year.

STUDENT WELFARE

Chelsea, Charlie and Harry the Dog are our 3 school mascots. The 2 dolls are dressed in Chatham uniforms and are used to reinforce our school values of Learning, Respect, Honesty, Friendship, Partnership and Resilience. If teachers observe students exhibiting behaviour related to one of our school values their names are written on a ticket which is then placed in a box near the school office. The students whose names are drawn out at our Friday afternoon assemblies can choose to look after Chelsea, Charlie or Harry for the week. They are also expected to present some piece of work that depicts their week with their chosen mascot in relation to their school value.

EVERY DAY COUNTS – SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss 4 full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with the teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws were introduced whereby parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason. If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

YEAR 5 CAMP

Next week I have the privilege of accompanying the Year 5 students on their 4 day camp to Derby Hill, Maldon. This is a bike riding camp where students have a police escort as they travel around the historic gold mining town of Maldon.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Every few weeks I would like to write about some operations that occur around the school. This week I would like to outline some of the service we offer to our school community. These services are operated by parent volunteers. All are optional, but all provide the school with some necessary funds that we put towards essential aspects of the school.

**School Banking** – students can open a student account with the Bendigo Bank through the school. The students can make deposits by bringing their money and bank books to school every Tuesday. A member of the Maling Road Branch comes up to school to collect the bank books and deposit the money. This is a good way in helping students to develop the good practice of saving some money each week. The school receives some generous support that goes towards the Parents’ Club fundraising efforts.

**Book Club** – this is provided through the Scholastic Book Company. Each month a flyer is sent home with students. Students can select some books from the list and submit their orders. Parents process these orders on line and after a few weeks the books arrive. Parents then sort through the delivery and distribute them to each child as per their order. Each month we receive a credit voucher from Scholastic Book Company which is based on the total amount of orders. This credit voucher is used by the school to purchase books for the library and reading schemes.

**Monthly Munchies** – these are held every month and generally alternate between a morning tea or lunch. Once again it is optional whether your child has a Monthly Munchies order. Generally these are seen as a treat and a change from the very healthy menu that we offer in the canteen. The money raised from these days goes towards paying the wages of our canteen manager and also helps keep our canteen prices down.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARKING
This still remains an issue around our school and no matter how many times I write about it in the newsletter we still have many parents who choose to do the wrong thing.

To help traffic flow I urge you to follow all parking signs, to obey all road laws and be very aware that at these busy times we have many children using the footpaths and roads too. These children are small, are often not paying full attention and can sometimes act in a unpredictable manner. Please remember to:

• Obey all parking signs and restrictions. The sections at the front of the school in Weybridge Street and along Banool Road are a 5 minute zone which should only be used for dropping off or picking up your children. Parents should remain in their car while they are waiting. These areas should not be used for long term parking while you come into the school to pick up children.

• Respect our neighbours and do not park across or into driveways. This includes keeping the school driveways clear as thoroughfares for parents and students.

To help keep the Banool Road traffic flowing I urge all drivers to enter this road from the Weybridge Street end, drop off or pick up your children and then continue down Banool Road to exit at the Whitehorse Road end.

Please consider other drivers, other students and your own children by obeying all rules and road safety around our school.

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Next Monday, 11\textsuperscript{th} March is the Labour Day holiday and students are not expected at school on this day.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL

HEALTH & WELL BEING

NATIONAL RIDE, WALK, SCOOT OR SKATE TO SCHOOL DAY
FRIDAY 13\textsuperscript{TH} MARCH

Next Friday the 13\textsuperscript{th} March we want to see hundreds of our students committing to active travel to and from school.

Make it a social exercise, by meeting and collecting friends and families on your route. You never know whose familiar face you might meet as you make your way to school! Remember part way is okay if you live too far away.

Remember to follow the road rules and wear a helmet when riding any wheeled device to school. And remember to dismount and walk or carry any wheeled devices along the school boundaries and Benson Street.

Bronwyn Orr
Assistant Principal
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If by any chance you can’t fill a shift please swap with someone. Thanks  
Steph Reid—Canteen Manager
Every week, in every grade, teachers are working together to prepare and deliver engaging science lessons that build students’ science knowledge and science inquiry skills.

Year 2 is investigating Earth and Space Sciences through a unit of work called ‘Water works’

In Year 2...

The Year 2s have been investigating water in our environment. Students have explored various aspects of water and its uses in our world. We counted 140 sources of water in our school!!!
Japanese Visitors

Last week we had a wonderful time with our 6 Japanese visitors from Tokyo’s Jissen Junior Ladies College. Our students really enjoyed hosting them in Japanese classes and the visitors really loved getting to know all of our children. In fact, they had such a great time they chose to spend their last day in Australia at the Chatham Fair! We look forward to hosting Jissen Junior Ladies College again next year.
DRAMA CLASSES FOR PRIMARY & SECONDARY STUDENTS

Come And Try First Class Free

The Drama School has been operating for over 10 years. We now offer drama classes in your area. Explore, create and take risks while building friendships, self esteem and confidence.

WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL
Chatham Primary School

Giving children the opportunity to be expressive in a vibrant, challenging and supportive environment.

Email: dramaco@optusnet.com.au
Sharon Foley 0401 902 886 | Carla Gilzean 0413 405 936
The Japanese Summer Festival is here again!

Sunday 8th March 12.00 – 5.00
Federation Square

There will be stalls, food, taiko drumming, Japanese dancing and much more!

For more information please check out http://jcci-jsm.org.au/fest/festival-info/
INDIAN FOOD STALL
A big big thank you to the lovely ladies and gents who helped on the Indian stall, Bronwyn, Maddie, Jo Cave, Kate, Caroline, Kristy, Mel, Paul, Justine, Kamlesh, Lucy, Eun joo, Danielle, Shelly Hanson, Andrew McCan. All your hard work was very much appreciated. And to some of you who stayed on longer than you needed too, thank you xx
Also wanted to give a very big thank you to Sharon Grovener who did a fantastic job of supporting all the food stalls and making sure that everything ran smoothly. Great job!
PROUDLY SPONSORED BY…..

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National Sports Museum
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Puffing Billy Railway
Simone Perele Direct, Brand Smart Nunawading
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Jump Factory
Lavish
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Apples & Sage Organic Wholefoods
Ferguson Plarre Bakehouse, Balwyn
CloudLift
Generations Photography
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
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Zimt
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Bakers Delight - Balwyn
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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
Petstock - Hawthorn
Clip ’N Climb
My Pet Warehouse
Basketball coach required for an Under 16 Girls basketball team Nightmares.

A mix of CGSC, MLC and MGS girls (Years 8 and 9) who have been playing together for over 3 years.

A strong and enthusiastic team who play really well together and have finals experience.

Training is currently on Tuesdays at 4pm in the CGSC gym however this is negotiable and games are on Saturdays late afternoons. (If required, a player parent can pick-up and drop home on game day).

Suit an experienced basketballer Year 11, 12 or above. To commence in Term 2. Pay is $300 per season.

If you’re keen or know someone who might be, and would like more information, please contact Sam Thompson samthompson00@outlook.com or 0417 117 073.

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**Come & Join... KEW HOCKEY CLUB**

**DATES:**
5 week programme - March 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 19th and 26th
Sundays 9.30am to 11am @ Elgar Park Hockey Ground

**WHAT IS IT:**
Skills sessions for beginners
Five a side game format on a quarter field for kids eligible to play U10’s or older in 2015

**WHERE:**
Elgar Park–Cnr Elgar & Belmore Road, Mont Albert North (47 B3)

**COST:**
$50.00 for program
Intro skills sessions and games
Club sticks sticks and shin guards available for use at sessions - Bring your own Mouthguard
Hockey stick packs available for purchase (Stick/Ball/Shin guard/Mouthguard)

**CONTACT:**
President.juniors@kewhockey.com or further information www.kewhockey.com

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**Come & Join..KEW HOCKEY CLUB**

**Teams:**
U8’s through to u18’s
Mixed and Girls only teams
Games Friday nights for U8, U14, 16, 18’s
Saturday Mornings for U10, 12’s

**WHERE:**
Home ground and training at Elgar Park–Cnr Elgar & Belmore Road, Mont Albert North (47 B3)

**Training times:**
U10’s Monday 5.30-6.30pm
U12’s Thursday 5.30-6.30pm
U14’s Tuesday 5.30-6.30pm
U16’s Tuesdays 6.30-8.00pm

Pre-season training on now Sundays 9-11am Elgar Park for U14’s and U16’s

**CONTACT:**
info.juniors@kewhockey.com
further information www.kewhockey.com
TENNIS FOR JUNIORS

- Boys & Girls aged 3 - 8 years
- Basic, skills based introduction to Tennis
- Indoor sessions
- Modified equipment
- Ideal for beginners
- Age appropriate programs
- Parent help for 3 & 4 year olds
- TENNIS RACQUET TO KEEP!

Where
Camberwell High School Gym, Prospect Hill Road, Canterbury

Starts
Sunday the 19th of April
3 year olds - 9.00am to 9.45am
4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am
5 and 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am
7 and 8 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm

Cost
$90 for 6 weekly sessions and a tennis racquet for you to keep!

To secure your place, you MUST register by one of the following methods:

- Email - rego@getactivesports.com.au
- Phone - 1300 772 106
- Website - www.getactivesports.com.au

To register, please let us know the location of the program and your child’s details as below. Once registered bring the completed, signed consent form and payment to the first session.

CAMBERWELL TENNIS FOR JUNIORS CONSENT FORM - TERM 2, 2015

Name: ____________________________ D.O.B: ______________________ Male / Female
School/Kindy: __________________________ Email: __________________________
Phone (Home): __________________________ Phone (Mobile): __________________________
Any relevant medical conditions/medication taken?
I acknowledge that I am required to stay with my child for the duration of each session and, if required, will administer any first aid. I hereby release Get Active Sports from any liability for injury incurred by my child at the Get Active Sports program.
Parent/Guardian Name: __________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________
Payment Method Cheque / Credit Card / Cash
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Please have correct money, make your cheque payable to Get Active Sports or complete card details above.