

CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 13 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
Tuesday 14 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School Development Information Evening 7:00 - 8:00PM (School Hall)
Wednesday 15 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">P1M Excursion to Balwyn Library 1:30 - 2:30pm
Friday 17 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Yr 5 & 6 Interschool Sport CPS v Balwyn PS2nd Hand Uniform Shop open 3:15pm
Monday 20 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parent Teacher DiscussionsSchool Council Meeting 7:00pm
Tuesday 21 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parent Teacher Discussions
Wednesday 22 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 2 Excursion to Como HouseParent Teacher Discussions
Thursday 23 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Yr 1 & 2 CHESS demonstration 2:30pm
Friday 24 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Term 2 Concludes, students dismissed at 2:30pm
Monday 11 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Term 3 Commences
Monday 25 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">House Athletics Years 4 -6 (Box Hill Athletic Club)
Wednesday 27 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AFL Girls Boroondara Division
Thursday 25 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">District Athletics - selected students only
Friday 26 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Curriculum Day - No Students



In recent days I have sought feedback from parents regarding this newsletter. I have become increasingly aware that many parents are choosing to read this on their phones and the format creates some challenges. We will give some thought to this in the coming weeks along with other matters.

Given the public holiday on Monday 13th June the newsletter will be provided to you on Friday this week.

The following is provided for your interest

Recently as Principal I was pleased to attend the *Education State Conference* that was held on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st May. Our Assistant Principal kindly attended on the Monday whilst I attended on the Tuesday. Without any doubt, the priorities for all schools going forward are in relation to three main areas: The development and ongoing focus of Literacy and Numeracy; the health and mental wellbeing of all students as we emerge from Covid and the building of social connectedness and belonging of children and families in their communities. For a school that has strong community connections and traditions, this third dimension is well understood. I am hopeful that we can enable our students and parents to engage increasingly as a community as events are brought back into the life of our school.

At the beginning of Term 3 I am hopeful that we are in a position to enable our Class Representatives and Helpers to provide targeted support for students in Preparatory to Year 2. Together with our Literacy Leader Ms Kirstie Briggs and Assistant Principal Ms Georgina Kirwan, we hope to provide an induction experience for this to be expedited.

School Development Information Evening – 7pm Tuesday 14th June 2022

Please be advised we look forward to this evening occurring and we would encourage parents to join us in the school hall to be informed about the facilities developments ahead for our school, and importantly, the decanting arrangements and stages thereof. In recent days, I have been in communication with senior officers from the *Victorian School Building Authority* and our architects at *Williamsboag* to discuss the order of the evening.

We are very aware that there have been delays in the construction industry concerning the resourcing of materials including steel and timber. We are hopeful that the builder selected by *Victorian School Building Authority* will be able to source these materials and proceed with works in a timely manner.

Whilst much of the works will not impact our students directly, there are changes to arrangements that I would like our community to be informed about. In the main, the works to be conducted could commence as early as July and will involve changes to the western side of the main building in the first instance.

Importantly, there are two matters that will be of immediate attention. The music room which is currently housed in a modular five portable will move to the upper corner of the first storey of the main building. This was previously the classroom of Mr Fernandez and Year 6RF. Currently the items and materials of the Parents Club and 2nd Hand Uniform Shop are housed in the Parents Pavilion. These items and materials will be relocated to the current music room. This will then free up this space for the builder to determine the appropriate time for this area to be demolished.

Again, to assist with adult focused catering arrangements, we would ask that parents RSVP via email to chatham.ps@education.vic.gov.au no later than 12pm on Tuesday, 14th June if they would like to attend.

Covid, Influenza and Staffing Matters

Recently I advised parents about the ongoing risk we manage in preserving the health and wellbeing of students and staff. In recent weeks, we have experienced significant student and staff absence because of Covid or Influenza. Unlike most schools, we have been able to replace teachers who are ill. That is only because we have a small band of retired teachers who choose to exclusively work at our school. However, in the event of a significant outbreak, it will not be possible to staff our classes in the usual manner. We are doing everything we can to mitigate this risk.

On Monday 6th June we chose to conduct a School Assembly. It was wonderful for our students to be recognised through their awards, to provide written reports and to have our Year 3 choir perform along with students on instruments. We will endeavour to conduct School Assemblies every Monday however, if I become aware of an outbreak of Covid or Influenza, I may change these arrangements to preserve the health of students and staff. Where possible, I will advise you in a timely manner. I am grateful that we can do this at all at this time.

Parent Teacher Discussions

These will be conducted by our teachers through Webex over Monday 20th June, Tuesday 21st June and Wednesday 22nd June. Depending upon their days of availability, teachers will structure times to engage with parents over these days.

By 4:00pm on Friday 10th June, parents will be able to make a booking for a discussion time with their child's class teacher. At this stage we expect that Student Reports will be accessible to parents on Compass by 4:00pm on Friday 17th June.

Canteen

These are indeed exciting times for the Chatham Primary School Canteen and all those that benefit from this service. On Monday 6th June, I advised parents regarding an *expression of interest* for a Canteen Manager at Chatham Primary School. The details were provided on Compass and involve a person or persons being sought to provide a contract for services. At this stage, our Canteen continues to operate on Fridays through the leadership and support of Mrs Belinda Dalton, President of the Chatham Parents' Club, the Services Committee of the School Council and many volunteers. We understand this service is greatly appreciated and valued by our students, staff and parents.

Recently we had 200 orders on a particular Friday. Please encourage interest in our desire to see a contractor for services and/or if you have an interest in this area, please contact the Principal directly via email at christopher.cotching@education.vic.gov.au

It is envisaged that the successful contractor would ideally commence in early Term 3. As an aside, we are also pleased to advise that we have drawn up exciting plans to redevelop and enhance our Canteen facilities. The successful incumbent will of course have an active role in the development of this facility. The funds for these developments will be funded from the Tax-Deductible Building Fund that have been contributed to by parents and staff.

Staffing Matters

Whilst these remain relatively stable, I am aware that members of the teaching service always have the capacity to move and seek a sea change in their lives and location. This is happening with great regularity across schools in Boroondara and elsewhere.

Mrs Jessica Wilson will be taking approved leave from the beginning of Term 3 and will be away for the remainder of this year. Consequently, we are in the process of observing Department of Education and Training requirements having advertised for her replacement. This will involve a teacher working in a 0.4 capacity with Ms Tanya Dolence in Year 3DW. A further person is being sought for a 0.6 effective full-time role of Physical Education and Sport. I hope to be able to advise the community prior to the end of Term 2 regarding the replacements for Mrs Jessica Wilson.

Junior School Council

We are delighted with the work and leadership being provided by some of our Year 6 students who comprise the Junior School Council. These students who comprise Ella McPhee, Rose Clayton, Tim McGregor, Reece Middleton, Alex McDonald, Ryan McLean and Jack Oswin have reviewed and researched various cancer causes and have decided to write and seek the approval of the School Council to conduct a Free Dress Day on Thursday 21st July. Additionally, they have sought approval for a similar type of day for Thursday 15th September to raise funds for the Fight MND Foundation. I commend the efforts and organisation undertaken by this group of students to research these social service initiatives and bring them to fruition. All students in Year 6 enjoy a Leadership role and are supported by a particular teacher in the school. Mr Zac Barry coordinates and encourages the work of the Junior School Council.

Tax Deductable Library Fund and Tax Deductable Building Fund

I raised this matter previously and conveyed my appreciation of the parents who use this opportunity to support our school. Given the end of the financial year is looming on the 30th June, it is perhaps timely to remind parents of the splendid opportunity to donate to one of two funds: a tax deductible Library Fund or a tax deductible Building Fund.

Please be advised that these funds are used in our school consistent with the provisions of the Australian Tax Office. The expenditure is overseen by the Finance Committee of School Council and thereafter, School Council. Importantly these funds are used for projects that are not funded by Department of Education and Training but are important in enabling improved facilities for school programs.

I would encourage you to make the most of this opportunity.

Kitchen Garden Precinct

I am pleased to advise that the structure for this area is almost complete. In recent days the plumbing was completed, an asphalt apron was laid at the entrance and final roofing completed. We are however awaiting installation of seating to the front of the area which we hope will be done in the coming weeks. This is all contingent upon the builder being able to access the seating and timber required.

The major challenge ahead of us of course is the development of planter boxes to grow the produce. We are looking forward to the involvement of parents in perhaps warmer weather working to construct and facilitate this wonderful opportunity. Our Parents' Club, led by Mrs Belinda Dalton and our Services Committee lead by Ms Renae Hanvin, have provided a wonderful commitment to construct and develop this precinct. We expect that in time there will be opportunities for working bees to facilitate these developments.

A Compass communication on Wednesday 8th June was provided seeking expressions of interest from parents to join a working party to further our objectives in this area.

Again, we look forward to progressing our school as we come to the end of Term 2.

Christopher Cotching
Principal

COLLECTING YOUR CHILDREN DURING SCHOOL HOURS

If you are collecting your child during school hours for appointments, etc, please email your child's class teacher and the school office prior to 8:30am.

Teachers do not access emails during class time. Please avoid collecting students during recess and lunchtime.

When you arrive at the school to collect your child, please call the school office to arrange collection.

Morning recess: 11:00 - 11:30am

Lunch: 1:30 - 2:30pm

chatham.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Ph: 9830 1933



ANZAC DAY APPEAL

Late last term, the Junior School Councilors sold badges, wristbands, bag tags and pens to raise money for the Returned Services League as part of the ANZAC Day Appeal.

The RSL is an organisation that supports men, women and their families who served in the Australian Defense Force.

Thank you to everyone who purchased any of these items, or donated money to this amazing cause.

Due to everyone's contribution, we were able to raise \$730.40.

That is an amazing achievement on behalf of everyone who brought in money for this amazing organisation.

Tim and Alex
Junior School Council Members

Please note, we deliver to school every Thursday.
Use code **DEL2SCHOOL** at checkout page for
free delivery

Uniform Shop- Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 9am- 5pm

Open Saturday 4th June 10am-1pm

Public Holiday Closure: 13th June

Order online or in store for school delivery and Click & Collect
www.surreyclothing.com.au

School Login: CPS Password: CPS

 **Surrey Clothing**

424 Station Street Box Hill 3128
admin@surreyclothing.com.au
98903487

Calling our handy parents

As part of Year 5 & 6 Music we run a **Marimba Ensemble** program, students are given the opportunity to learn to play the marimbas, whilst improving their ensemble and listening skills as well as improving a myriad of other wonderful skills and having some fun along the way!



To play these engaging instruments we use marimba **mallets** that are not sold in regular music stores. These are, however, easily made at home and could be a fabulous holiday project for any (older) student who wants to learn the use of tools and practise their measurement, planning and lacquering skills.

Here is a photo of a **very proud student** from my previous school who wanted to help, so (with the guidance of a parent) practised his handiwork and made seven new sets of **mallets** for our school – what a legend!

If **you or your child** would be happy to **donate** your time and the cost of some dowl, a few stoppers and some glue, the Year 5 & 6 students would be **extremely grateful**.

We would loan you one of our mallets to use as a prototype.

Please contact Ms Tanya Dolence tanya.dolence@education.vic.gov.au if you would be willing to help the Music Program. Thank you in advance.



CHESS INCURSION AT CHATHAM PRIMARY

On Thursday 23 June
Year 1 and 2 students will be learning
to play chess. No registration required

REGULAR CHESS CLUB

For all interested students
from Prep to Year 6

- Tuesday lunch times 1.40 to 2.30pm
- Starts Tuesday 19 July for 8 weeks

CHESS

is the original and enduring "thought sport" played throughout the world and has many benefits for young people. These include improved cognitive skills as well as self confidence and resilience. With coaches who rank among the best players in the country our chess programs are tailored to suit the needs of all abilities.

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Chatham Primary School: Term 2, 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			2:30 - 3:00pm <input type="button" value="+ Add"/> <input type="button" value="Chess Trial Session"/>	

FOR ENROLMENTS AND TRIALS CONTACT US:
1300 424 377 | info@kidsunlimited.com.au | kidsunlimited.com.au

Learn Music

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play piano, keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, drums or trumpet here at Chatham Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$24.30 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 3.

Interested parents should contact Swee during office hours on 9818 2333 or via email: swee@creativemusic.com.au

 Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au



CHATHAM CHALLENGES

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN COST OF THE PROGRAM.



Coming up
Term 3, 2022 . . .

DINOSAUR DYNAMICS



Chatham Primary School

Students, by handling models, will find out what sort of dinosaurs existed, identifying and classifying them. Using wooden models, they will learn about fossils, where they are found and about carbon dating. Students will discover geological timelines and use some of the skills of palaeontologists. There will be constructions, art and craft activities. Senior students, will increase their knowledge and understanding of "Aussie" dinosaurs.

Chatham Challenges Application for 3rd Term, 2022

This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 6 children who have qualified

The unit for third term commences week beginning Monday 18th July.

The unit will run for 8 weeks commencing: **Monday 18th July, 25th July, 1st Aug, 8th Aug, 15th Aug, 22nd Aug, 29th Aug and 5th Sept.**

Teacher: Noel Blacker: Mobile 0409 435 396

X.....
I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Dinosaur Dynamics" starting week beginning Monday 18th July 2022..

Child's Name _____ School: Chatham Primary School

Date of Birth _____ Class (2022) _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

Phone: BH _____ AH _____ Mobile _____ Email: _____

My child has already qualified for Chatham Challenges YES/NO

I would like a free test for my child YES/NO.

I would like my child to be tested with a fuller assessment (assessment cost \$500 inc GST).

The cost of the program is \$276.10 (fees \$251 plus GST of \$25.10).

NB: Due to the Government increase of teachers' wages, please note the new cost of the program.

To access the Chatham Challenges program for 2nd Term 2022:

Please send the Enrolment form to Noel Blacker; email: noelblacker@bigpond.com by Thursday, 14th July 2022.

Payment of \$276.10 (inc GST) also needs to be received by Thursday 14th July 2022.

Payment: Access Re-Ed Services Pty Ltd, BSB 083218 Account No. 516636659 (Please include your Child's name, Grade and School so I know who the payment is for)

Please contact me, Pat Truscott, on mobile 0407 313 657 if you have any queries.



UKULELE @ CHATHAM PS

Enrolling Now

TIK kids  **LOTS of different things**

Learning how to play the ukulele with Tuned In Kids really does help children be their best selves!

- Nurtures resilience & emotional literacy
- Exceptional music education
- Exploration, Joy and Fun
- Curiosity & creativity
- Values mistakes as learning opportunities
- Framework for Learning



Thank you for the wonderful experiences you have given our three children since 2012. They love learning the uke.

The way Yanai has encouraged our boys to overcome their nerves, and create and perform their own songs – truly exceptional.

Becky, mum of Tom, Daniel and John

Weekly small group classes
Ukulele - excellent
beginning/second instrument
In School @ Chatham PS
Perfect for Preps and beyond



Find out more at
www.tunedinkids.com.au
or call Dassana on
0418 356 574

Come and join the Chatham Canteen Crew!



Providing nutritious food in our canteen is a vital step in helping kids set up healthy routines and habits for life. Our canteen is run with the help of a crew of volunteers from our school community working together. Your kids will love seeing you lend a hand in the canteen!

If you can spare any time to join our crew and help prepare and serve food at our canteen, we would very much appreciate a hand. It's easy and fun work with on-the-job training and you can dedicate as much or as little time as you like. We have short shifts (9am-12pm or 12.00pm-2.15pm) and long shifts (9am-2.15pm) available on Fridays throughout Term 2. Most volunteers do one shift per month, but we also need a team of on-call volunteers in case someone is unavailable for their regular shift.

If you would like to know more about this fun volunteering opportunity, please contact Belinda Dalton at belindadalton@me.com



CHATHAM CANTEEN MENU

TERM 2, 2022

PLACE ALL ORDERS ON OKR! BY 9AM THURSDAY FOR FRIDAY CANTEEN SERVICE

Snacks

Piece of Fruit - apple	\$1.20
Piece of Fruit - banana	\$1.20
Vegetable Sticks; cucumber & carrot	\$2.00
Wholegrain Rice Crackers	\$1.00
Cheese & Wholegrain	\$3.00
Rice Crackers	
Hommus Dip	\$1.40
Fruit Toast: 2 slices	\$2.00
Hot Cross Bun; butter	\$2.00
Ginger Teddy	\$2.50
Popcorn	\$2.00
Banana Bread	\$3.00
Yoghurt Squeeze:	\$2.50
Strawberry	
Bananarama Smoothie	\$5.00
Very Berry Strawberry Smoothie	\$5.00

Drinks

100% Fruit Juice :	
Just Juice	
- Apple	\$2.50
- Orange	\$2.00
- Apple & Blackcurrant	\$2.50



Lunch

Sushi (GF)

Chicken Sushi	\$3.80
Tuna Sushi	\$3.80
Vegetarian Sushi	\$3.80
Avocado Sushi	\$3.80

Sandwiches

On Wholemeal Bread	
Vegemite	\$2.50
Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese & Vegemite	\$3.50
Ham	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50

Hot Food

Spiral Pasta&Tomato sauce	\$5.00
Spiral Pasta&Tomato Sauce with Cheese	\$5.50
Sausage Rolls (party size)	\$2.00
Hot Potato Wedges	\$4.00
Crumbed Chicken plus Wedges & Salad	\$7.00
Pumpkin & Spinach Veggie Bites, Yumi's (GF) x 4 bites	\$3.00
Mini Pizza : Margherita	\$3.50
Mini Piza : Hawaiian	\$4.00
Mac'n'Cheese'n'Veg shaped in snack sized muffin	\$1.50

Toasted Sandwiches

On Wholemeal Bread	
Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese & Vegemite	\$3.50
Ham	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50



CHATHAM CANTEEN MENU

TERM 2, 2022

PLACE ALL ORDERS ON QKR! BY 9AM THURSDAY FOR FRIDAY CANTEEN SERVICE

Wraps

Salad	\$5.00
Cheese & Salad	\$5.50
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$6.50

Sauces

Tomato Sauce	\$0.40
Soy Sauce	\$0.40
Mayonnaise	\$0.40
Aioli	\$0.40



Frozen Desserts

Icy poles	\$1.50
99% fruit juice Berry Quelch	\$1.20
Frosty Fruits - Tropical	\$2.00
Frosty Fruits - Watermelon	\$2.00
Frozen Yoghurt - Strawberry	\$2.80
Frozen Yoghurt - Wild Berry	\$2.80
Frozen Yoghurt - Mango	\$2.80

Chatham Canteen classifies food and drink on the menu as **Everyday (Green)**, **Select Carefully (Amber)** and **Occasionally (Red)** based on their nutritional content.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open for all students across the school! This presents a wonderful opportunity for the whole school community to engage in a fun annual challenge that encourages reading routines, develops literacy skills and fosters a lifelong love of reading.

Students in Prep-Year 2 are encouraged to achieve their target of reading 20 challenge books and 10 choice books throughout their participation in the competition. Students in Years 3-6 are encouraged to achieve their target of reading 10 challenge books and 5 choice books throughout their participation in the competition this year. All participants who achieve their goal will be awarded a certificate at Assembly after the competition closes on the 2nd of September, 2022.



Today all students will receive their Premiers' Reading Challenge login access details. Please sign in to log any books from the challenge that your child reads at home. Classroom teachers will also enter the books read with students at school throughout the duration of the challenge. To log books on the challenge, please follow the instructions below:

1. Follow the link: <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>
2. Click 'Sign in'
3. Click 'VPRC login'
4. Enter your child's username
5. Enter your child's password
6. Click 'Login'
7. Then click on the 'Search Books' button to find and add any books that your child reads at home.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

I wish all students the best of luck throughout their participation in the Premiers' Reading Challenge this year!

Conveniently timed for straight after kinder or school drop off, get in, get a work out done



After-drop-off Group Personal Training

Term 3
Wednesday
9.15am-10.15am
\$180 (10 weeks)

Join the fabulous Marcus Bourne for the most fun you'll ever have working out!

Marcus is an expert in providing participants with an individually tailored exercise session. Whether you're super-fit or returning to exercise after years, he'll be able tailor your session so that it's 'just right' for where you're at..... and you get to enjoy the company of the others in the group at the same time.

Small children are very welcome. Children will need to remain under the supervision of their parent during the class.

Book at:

<https://surreyhillsnc.org.au/courses/after-drop-off-group-personal-training/>



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