

CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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This is indeed a busy and engaging time at our school as we strive to achieve normality to arrangements across our school. This is becoming exceptionally challenging as we endeavour to cover classes with now positive COVID-19 cases with school staff. You will be aware of the communications provided in the last few days on *Compass*.

Increasingly, we are trying to provide leadership and clarity when often this is not definitive nor clear. In essence, I will make the call as I need to in such circumstances to keep the productive, calm and successful operation of our school.

Please be advised that we continue to operate on a 'skeleton' staff in the school administration area due to the fact that we also have several staff affected by COVID-19 related matters in this area of the school.

Given the incessant demands at present, the following is a brief version of our usual newsletter.

The following are some of the events and happenings that have provided great richness in recent times.

Staffing Matters given COVID-19

Please be advised that we continue to be grateful that our school is open and that despite inordinate difficulties, students are in their classes with a teacher. If a teacher is away with COVID-19 related matters, we endeavour to do our very best to get some continuity of personnel in the class involved. Please be advised that this is not always possible, despite inordinate efforts by us to secure regular replacements. We are grateful at this stage that we have not yet needed to split classes across the school.

As this pandemic continues, I may need to take other actions to keep our students at school. This is unavoidable and utterly needed in the circumstances, as we manage significantly depleted staffing resources.

Parent-Teacher Discussions – COVID-19 and related matters

Whilst these have continued in the main this week, we have needed to cancel Webex times in some classes. Again, this has been unavoidable. I expect that when the teachers of the affected Year Levels return, they will communicate with parents about an alternative date for these discussions. Please be advised that I communicated on Thursday 24th February the following times for Year 3SN:

Wednesday 2nd March 3.40pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 3rd March 3.40pm – 6.00pm

Parents were then invited from 2.30pm on Thursday 24th February to secure a time on *Compass*.

House Swimming Sports – Wednesday 16th February 2022

Despite the inability for us to invite parents along to share in this fabulous event, the camaraderie, excitement and enjoyment experienced by our students was palpable. Our students enjoyed their association with their sport houses of Corbett, Nugent, McEvoy and Fenton, and the 'tribalism' that inevitability emerged. Congratulations Fenton House on winning the competition in 2022.

Fenton	1 st Place	306 points
Corbett	2 nd Place	261 points
Nugent	3 rd Place	257 points
McEvoy	4 th Place	228 points

Again, I convey our appreciation of Mrs Jessica Wilson and her infectious enthusiasm and organisation in making this a wonderful experience for our students. This year we will be reviewing the function, operation and purpose of our School Houses. Again, our House Captains in Year 6 will have a pivotal role in these exciting developments. I expect that these will be announced in a week or so.

District Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 23rd February 2022

It is becoming evident that obtaining buses is becoming increasingly difficult. Together with Mrs Wilson, we were particularly keen for the 28 students involved to experience this opportunity. On this occasion, I convey our appreciation of those parents who responded promptly to the request for assistance with transport. Again, I am anticipating that this may become more common for us and other schools in the months ahead, if indeed they are to participate. It is a wonderful achievement to participate in the District Swimming Carnival and we further congratulate the following students who made it to the Zone Swimming Competition to be held at the Monash Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 1st March 2022:

Samuel Oswin	Under 11 boys' breaststroke
Eddie Newman	Under 11 boys' freestyle relay
Ashton Field	Under 11 boys' freestyle relay
Tom Ymer	Under 11 boys' freestyle relay
Rowan Craig-Brown	Under 11 boys' freestyle relay

Again, we will be thinking of these boys as they compete on Tuesday and again strive to give their very best.

Student Leadership Speeches – Year 6

On Monday I was delighted, along with other staff, to experience the well-prepared speeches of our students seeking the role of School Captains and School Vice Captains for 2022. The preparation, delivery and enthusiasm of the eight students involved was a pleasure to listen to and any of these students could more than adequately perform the roles involved. What we heard was a focus upon school values, a passion for developing the school, some less than subtle policy announcements about what they would like to see happening at Chatham – more milkshakes and hot chocolates from the Canteen, and a host of other ideas, not the least a willingness to improve the school in so many ways. What we also experienced however was the enjoyment and love they had for their school. Following these speeches all students in Years 5 & 6 get the opportunity to vote for their preferred candidate for School Captains. It is truly a highly democratic and authentic process for our students, which is well-established at our school over many years.

For 2022 we are looking at taking a renewed approach to Student Leadership at Year 6. This will involve a revision of some of our Leadership roles and the development and training we will provide for all Year 6 students. Information about this new initiative will be provided in the coming weeks.

Chatham Primary School Council

Please be advised that this process is continuing. On Thursday 24th February 2022 the nominations for School Council closed. As indicated in the communications distributed on Thursday 17th February, we have five parent vacancies and two Department of Education and Training vacancies. There is also the opportunity for the School Council to appoint two community members at the first meeting of the new School Council, which is scheduled for Monday 21st March 2022. Communication was provided via Compass regarding the status of arrangements regarding School Council Elections.

Chatham Parents' Club

Earlier this week I distributed information about a special Parents' Club Meeting scheduled for 7.00pm on Thursday 3rd March at 13 Weybridge Street, Surrey Hills.

This is to be held at the home of Mrs Belinda Dalton, our Parents' Club President. Whilst it is not customary to have formal school meetings in the homes of parents, it is a practical response to addressing the realities that we cannot have parents meet on site in such numbers. Again, I would encourage you to attend and convey our appreciation of the Dalton family who have made this opportunity possible and available at this time.

Preparatory and Year 5 Buddy Picnic, Welcome BBQ & Movie Night

Please be advised, pending School Council approval, that this has been re-scheduled to Saturday 2nd April. Information has been provided with this newsletter and we look forward to all parents and families attending. Again, this is organised and led by the Chatham Parents' Club. Recently I forwarded a Welcome Letter to all families from the Chatham Parents' Club. This letter encouraged parents to become actively involved in the life and community of the school.

Class Representatives for 2022

On Tuesday, I provided information about our approach to Class Representatives. Again, this is co-ordinated by the diligence and hard work of the Chatham Parents' Club and therein the work of Mrs Marita Clayton who is the Class Representatives Co-ordinator. Please be advised that the appointment of Class Representatives to each classroom is entirely at the discretion of the Principal. Of course, given COVID-19 restrictions, the function and operation of the Class Representatives will be somewhat different to previous years. We are hopeful however that once COVID-19 restrictions subside, we will return to a more expansive and inclusive approach for Class Representatives.

Team Kids – Launch Day Opening

Please be advised that a Launch Day Opening will be held on Thursday 10th March. This will be provided to all students who are booked in and their parents. This will be occurring from 3.30pm until 6.00pm on the day. This is an opportunity to share and witness the wonderful contribution by Team Kids to our school. There will be a range of novel and exciting activities provided at this event. I would strongly encourage you to book and make the most of this opportunity. There is a great deal of opportunities being created by this group and we look forward to achieving so much in this area in 2022 and beyond.

Again, there is much to share at this time.

Christopher Cotching

Principal

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 28 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparatory Commence Full Week• School Council Meeting 7:00pm (Webex)
Thursday 3 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6 Graffiti Incursion• Parents' Club Wine and Cheese Night 7:00pm
Monday 7 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Years 4 & 5 Camp - Arrabi Lodge (Monday - Wednesday)• Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm
Monday 14 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 18 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 Excursion to Scienceworks
Monday 21 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Council Meeting 7:00pm
Tuesday 22 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Resilience Project - Student Presentations
Wednesday 23 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 2 Incursion - Silly Scientist• The Resilience Project - Student Presentations
Friday 25 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Ride2School Day
Saturday 26 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prep/Buddy Picnic and Welcome BBQ/Family Movie Night 5:00pm





Take Home Readers

We were delighted to commence our Take Home Reader program in Years 1 and 2 on Wednesday 2nd February. Currently, these texts are based on assessments conducted at the end of 2021. Take Home Reader levels will be adjusted as necessary in the coming weeks as we administer updated assessment tasks with the students. The Take Home Reader program will commence for our Preparatory students on Monday 21st February. Each day, students in the Junior School will borrow a reader and record the books that they read in their Reading Logbook. There are some handy tips in the Reading Logbook, which we encourage you to please refer to when reading with your child. It is important that students not only develop their fluency and accuracy when reading aloud, but also the skills to comprehend what they read. Having discussions about the text before, during and after reading, can help your child to build their understanding of what they read. Please also maintain a regular reading routine at home with the Take Home Readers to encourage your child to adopt regular reading habits, promote their enjoyment of reading and continue to build their literacy skills.

Thank you for your commitment and support of our Take Home Reader program.

Kind regards,
Kirstie Briggs
Literacy Leader



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Sunday 20th March 8am, Gardiners Creek Reserve
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PARENTS CLUB NEWS

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WANNA JOIN THE CHATHAM PARENTS CLUB?

If you're a fan of wine and cheese and enjoy a laugh, then the Chatham Parents Club will be right up your ally. We're looking for new people to join the CPC and continue its rich tradition of rollicking good times plus astute fundraising. Or, if you'd rather organise an event or two, that's cool, we'd love to have you on board! The main thing you need to know is there's so much support it's ridiculous, like in terms of handovers and ongoing help, Parents' Club takes the gold medal. If you're up to meeting new people, mixing with familiar faces or just figuring out the lay of the land... then please join us at our wine and cheese evening next week. The belly laughs are guaranteed.



KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR GRADE VIA WHATSAPP

If you haven't already, make sure you join your year level WhatsApp group. It's a great way to connect with people and get answers in a timely manner.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**CPC TERM 1 MEETING
FRI MARCH 25**

LOCATION TBC

Grab a coffee and join us from 9.10am-10am at a yet to be determined location for the Term 1 Parents' Club meeting. Everyone is welcome!



Like

'Chatham Primary
Parents Club'

Our fb group is a great way to stay connected. Please join/add current parents if you haven't already.

The Emergence of Tuned In Kids (TIK) at Chatham

Uke4Kids is rebranding to Tuned In Kids - and we are so excited! We hope to have our new website up and running in the next few weeks. It is yet to go live, so you can't go there just yet you eager wombats!

<https://www.uke4kids.com.au> is still the go to for information for now.

Tuned In Kids' purpose is nurturing a creative future - supporting kids to thrive now and as they grow through fostering resilience.

Our young people face an ever more complex future, as well as present, and strong resilience skills are vital.

We engage, support and extend kids through teaching kids HOW to be curious, calm, confident, connected and creative. We call this the 5Cs.

The 5Cs are operationalised through our "Get Awesome Learning Framework"- a highly systemised and structured program, with a personalised delivery for each child.

Music continues to be our platform. Learning how to play an instrument offers a super charged learning space for kids for much more than just music. Additional ways to resilience will be added as we grow.

Instruments offered:

Ukulele is still our recommendation as a first instrument, particularly for Early Primary kids - contact us to find out more about why we are such fans of the uke.

Available instruments will include drums, guitar and keyboard along with ukulele. Most kids will need to have a grounding in our uke program before moving to another instrument.

Yanai Morris, music director of U4K/TIK was the drums and guitar teacher at Chatham PS from 2008 to 2012 and brings years of experience in teaching and performing to these instruments.

I'd love to know more!

We welcome enquiries from all parents for whom our approach resonates, and look forward to chatting with you about how we can support your child's learning and wellbeing.

For more information or to contact us go to www.uke4kids.com.au or call Dassana, chief people person on 0418 356 574. We look forward to supporting your own and your child's aspirations.

CHATHAM TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

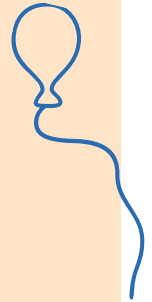
Last week at Team Kids we had such a FUN and exciting week.

On Tuesday the 15th of February we held our Teddy Bears Picnic. We all had such a great time. We enjoyed teddy bear sandwiches, a fruit platter and crackers and dip. We also decorated our own teddy bear cupcakes, and they were delicious. We also played some games like pin the bowtie on the teddy and guess how many gummy bears in the jar.

In cooking club this week, We had the best time making rice paper rolls. All of us tried out different vegetables we usually wouldn't eat raw. We also made bacon and egg muffins as suggested by one of the students.

In STEM Club we made edible slime. We all had the best time possible and were smiling from ear to ear. We also got to take our slime home and share our experience with our families.

TEAMKIDS CLUBS ASC WEEK: 4-5



MONDAY

Art Attack Club

TUESDAY

Cooking Club

WEDNESDAY

Homework Club

THURSDAY

STEM Club

FRIDAY

Gardening Club

IMPORTANT DATES



TUESDAY 1st March Pancake Day

Tuesday 1st March

THURSDAY 10th March Grand Opening Party

Thursday 10th March

Monday 14th March Labour Day

PUBLIC HOLIDAY



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HELLO TERM 1



CHATHAM PRIMARY



Welcome to TeamKids
2022! We have an
EXCITING year planned.
See you soon!

What's on this term...



FEBRUARY

TEDDY BEARS
PICNIC

MARCH

END OF TERM
CELEBRATIONS!

APRIL

AUTUMN SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS

Team
Kids

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LUNCHTIME
LEGENDS

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Head to teamkids.com.au/register
Allow 10-15 min to set up your account.



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1. Sign in to your TeamKids account.
2. Select the following: » Add/change bookings » Care Type » Child's Name » Date (it will turn green).
3. Click "Next".
4. Double check your bookings and click "Confirm Changes".



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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 \$22.50 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2022

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 at Chatham Primary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Chatham Challenges is a user pays (\$270.60 (\$246 plus GST \$24.60) / term) enrichment program that is offered in your school, in school time, and is available from Year 1 – Year 6. During the 1st term, the Year 1 students, who missed out on their 4th Term Prep Testing, will have the opportunity to qualify for Chatham Challenges, a program working in schools with advanced thinkers and faster learners. This is a free test without any obligation, but which gives parents and guardians further information about their child’s potential. The test administered is the ‘Raven’s Progressive Matrices’ which is a leading global non-verbal measure of mental ability, helping to identify individuals with advanced observation and clear thinking skills The test, itself, is not related to reading, writing or spelling but to the child’s creative ability. Parents and guardians will be notified if their child has qualified. The test will be administered in a nearby classroom by registered teacher, Educational Consultant and former Principal Pat Truscott who has a working with children’s check.

For further information please contact Pat Truscott Dip Teach., B.Ed., Grad Dip R.E., ACEL, IML., M.A.W.A. Mobile: 0407 313 657, email: patrogers1@bigpond.com . All enquiries are welcome.

All teachers are qualified and faster learners themselves so can mentor with great understanding of this ability.

Some indications:

1. Speaks fluently using advanced levels of words, seems older than his/her age.
2. Has a very good memory for words, songs, poems, stories, signs, places or numbers.
3. Puts ideas together in creative ways, seeing things in a new perspective.
4. Sets very high standards for self and doesn’t like to fail. Maybe has trouble starting things.
5. Refuses to write things down or hand in the required amount of work.
6. Gets into trouble for asking too many questions.
7. Can tell you all about the topic in detail, but can’t present work in written form.
8. Has been assessed as gifted by a psychologist, Krongold, CHIP or school.
9. Thinks and argues well, is independent, self sufficient and may be bossy.
10. Very good co-ordination for dance, sport or gym or technical or craft work.
11. Great interest in the future, world problems, or perhaps dinosaurs or astronomy.
12. Likes to mix with children a couple of years older or with adults.
13. A few of these children have very few or no real friends.
14. Has many friends – is loud and sociable.
15. Is a lovely, well mannered good person who is well balanced and friendly.

The program teaches STEM units plus Art with exciting names.

Science e.g. Astronomy, Expert on Shells; **Technology e.g.** Electronics; **Engineering e.g.** Basic Engineering

Mathematics e.g. Fibonacci Maths and **The Arts e.g.** Draw with A Twist

If you **DO** wish your child to take part in the testing, please complete the form below and return to the school office by Thursday, 3 March, 2022.

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I **DO** wish my childDate of Birth Grade
to take part in the testing for Chatham Challenges, which will be held in 1st term at Chatham Primary School.

Signed
(parent/guardian)

Date

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BALWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE



The Function Centre

The Balwyn Community Centre Function Centre is a venue unlike any other in Boroondara. It is set back from Whitehorse Road, surrounded by peaceful bushland. The main room is a large versatile space, with an outdoor deck area, projector screen, lectern, and audio-visual equipment. Hire includes use of the kitchen, breakout area, foyer, and bathrooms.

If you would like to book a tour of the Function Centre, please call the office. Generally, bookings are in high demand. To avoid missing out, please enquire well in advance.

The Function Centre is suitable for:

- Weddings
- Anniversary events
- Birthday parties (ages 1 and 21+)
- Seminars
- Milestone celebrations
- Large special interest groups
- Health and wellness workshops
- Professional Development Courses

Key features of the Function Centre:

- Carpeted floor
- Large windows and natural light
- Projector, audio-visual equipment, lectern, and microphone
- Commercially equipped kitchen (inc. oven)
- Outdoor, undercover deck area
- Newly refurbished toilet facilities
- Tables and chairs to seat 100 guests

Function Centre hire rates:

Room hire rates for the Function Centre are competitive with other venues in the local area. Rates are charged by the hour, with a minimum 3 hour hire and vary depending on the day and time of the booking. A non-for-profit rate is available. For a quote, please contact the office.

Capacity*:

100 seated, 120 standing

*Capacity is subject to change with COVID restrictions

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Room Hire at Balwyn Community Centre

Balwyn Community Centre is set back from Whitehorse Road, surrounded by peaceful, bushy land. The main building looks out over gumtrees, green grass, and wetlands.

There are several rooms for hire at Balwyn Community Centre including small rooms, medium and large sized multipurpose rooms, a demonstration kitchen, workshop, and art studios. The rooms are spacious and clean, temperature controlled, and feature the latest audio-visual equipment.

Room hire at Balwyn Community Centre is ideal for:

- Health and wellness workshops
- Professional development courses
- Freelancers
- Seminars
- Exercise groups
- Special interest groups and meetups
- Children's activities
- Art classes
- Creative workshops

Rooms for hire:

Meeting Room - Capacity: 6-12 people



The Garden Room - Capacity: 48 people



Kitchen - Capacity: 9-12 people



Multipurpose 1 & 2 - Capacity: 28 people



Craft Workshop - Capacity: 8-14 people



Art Studios 1 and 2 - Capacity: 28 people

