

CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Students Return to School - Term 2, Wednesday 27th April 2022

There is a great deal happening in our school at this time as we finish what has been a very engaging and full Term.

Just to recap on some matters at this time.

Preparatory and Year 5 Buddy Picnic and Movie Night – Saturday 2nd April

This was a wonderful Chatham experience. Well done to the Parents Club and the many parents who assisted here in order to bring this to fruition. Miraculously the weather held out, the grass was not too wet, and the film and food engaged all in attendance. At this time of writing, we are preparing for the distribution of the Hot Cross Buns and associated goods from the old Music room. It is such a positive uplift to have these experiences up and occurring.

COVID Matters

This of course continues to be our enduring focus as we endeavour to strike that balance between being Covid aware and instituting Covid Safe practices and on the other hand, trying to enable our school to operate as normally as is possible. With the colder weeks and months coming I am expecting some challenges in this regard and perhaps some higher awareness of COVID safe practices for us all. Please be advised that if you do enter the school office area you must wear a mask. On Wednesday I advised parents that a further tranche of RAT kits would be distributed on Friday 8th April 2022. These will be provided to each student and placed in each child's bag. Additionally, through the vacation period I do expect to get a further 29 air purifiers provided for our school. These will be placed along with others in classrooms and learning areas.

Importantly please be advised that we have engaged a contractor to ensure that the filters on our air purifiers are cleaned every five weeks.

Again, I will keep you informed about matters in this regard as directions from the Department of Education and Training become available in the coming weeks.

House Cross Country – Macleay Park – Tuesday 5th April

We were delighted with the success of this day for our students in Years 3-6. Again, we were assisted by Mr Marcus Bourne a former parent of Chatham who assisted to lead and direct the runners about the course. I convey our gratitude and appreciation of Mrs Jessica Wilson our Physical Education and Sports teacher who ensured a high level of organisation and attention to detail, which made this event so successful for our students and our school. Again, it was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents in attendance who were there to encourage our students. Over the course of these sports events our students are getting a real sense of the Sports Houses and their identification with Nugent, Corbett, Fenton and McEvoy. On this occasion we congratulate the students in Corbett and the 150 students who participated in the course at Year 3 of 1km, 2km for Year 4 and 3km for Years 5 & 6.

We also look forward to 46 of our students at Years 4-6 participating in the District Cross Country scheduled for Tuesday 17th May at Anderson Park in Hawthorn.

Visit by Ms Peta Credlin – Political Analyst and former Chief of Staff to the former Prime Minister Hon. Tony Abbott

On Monday 4th April our Year 4 & 5 students were delighted to be visited by Ms Peta Credlin. Our students at this level have been focussed upon Civics and Citizenship and therein Government. Ms Credlin gave an insightful explanation of a non-partisan nature regarding the structure of Government in this country and responded in great detail and with considerable clarity to the magnificent questions asked by our students. In fact, at the conclusion of the experience we both agreed that these were the most informed and considered questions asked by any students in our experience. Congratulations again to the work and preparations of our students and staff who made this such an engaging and valuable experience for our students. Ms Credlin was at Chatham at the bequest of her niece on this occasion. Included in this newsletter are some recounts of the presentation provided.

Solar Panels

In 2008 Chatham Primary School received a grant to install a number of Solar Panels on the roof of the main building. Recently the Victorian School Building Authority completed an inspection of these units. Whilst we would normally expect them to contribute about 7kW of electricity per day this was recently determined to be around 2kW. Whilst we are pleased, they are working these panels do require periodic cleaning and given their location at the top of the main building this is difficult. I expect that we may consider in time the plausibility of having units placed in an area that is more accessible for the longer term. I expect that in the next twelve months we may have some interest in pursuing such opportunities. Currently we have twelve of such panels on the northern face of the upper roof of the main building.

Professional Practice Days – Terms 2

Please be advised that in usual circumstances we have four Curriculum Days per year. The remaining days are scheduled for Friday 20th May, Friday 26th August and Friday 18th November.

Nevertheless, as part of their professional and industrial entitlements teachers are also usually entitled to one Professional Practice Day per Term. This day is used for a range of purposes including planning curriculum documents, student assessment, writing report and amongst other matters, meeting a range of compliance requirements. When this has occurred in the past teachers are usually replaced by Casual Relief staff. Currently this is problematic given a dire shortage state-wide of Casual Relief Teachers.

For Term 2, 2022 the Department of Education and Training has decreed that there will be a common Professional Practice Day for all teachers. They have indicated that such a day will be pupil free. After consultation with School Council and staff I have determined that this day will be **Tuesday 26th April**.

Students will therefore return to school for Term Two on Wednesday 27th April.

School Assembly – Thursday 7th April 2022

Yesterday we were delighted to be visited by the Hon. Josh Frydenberg, Federal Treasurer and Member for Kooyong. The purpose of the visit was for Mr Frydenberg to witness the completion of the two Federally funded projects at the front of the school. These included the School Amphitheatre and the Plant Biodiversity Project. These two projects attracted \$30,000 in Federal funding and were further achieved by the contribution of the Parents Club and approval of the School Council with over \$20,000 contributed in this regard. Apart from providing significant enhancement to the look and ambience of the school these projects continue to provide magnificent practical opportunities. Again, I congratulate our Year 6 students on the quality of presentations provided yesterday.

Shade Sail Structure completed

We are delighted to advise that this project was completed early this week with the installation of three sets of tables and associated seating. This was funded by the State Government through a \$25,000 grant and designed to function as an Outdoor Learning Space. We look forward to making use of this structure for this purpose. Please be advised that the material and colour was chosen carefully to assist with natural lighting requirements, but at the same time, providing in excess of 99% protection from harmful UV rays. Again, this will be a wonderful community facility for use out of school hours and for a range of school community purposes.

Again, we have an extraordinarily demanding and engaged time this Term. I am grateful that the COVID disruptions relative to others, have been significantly less, and hope that this remains the case in Term 2. We look forward to our students returning on Wednesday 27th April to begin Term 2.

Christopher Cotching
Principal





Silly Scientist

Year 2 Science Incursion Term 1



The Year 2 students were involved in the Silly Scientist incursion on Wednesday 23rd March.

Michael and Mickey were fun and entertaining. The students were so engaged and excited as they watched the many experiments and tricks performed. Some students were fortunate enough to be assistants and have the 'hands-on' experience as well.

There were many scientific elements explained and shared through each activity. The students saw:

- the balloon and ping-pong ball floating on the airstream,
- the pencil in the bag of water trick,
- the air-pump rocket,
- Michael and his electric guitar sound waves,
- the Maxi-Ice and Mentos chemical reaction explosion... and more.

After exploring mixtures throughout Term 1, the students were able to discuss the variety of solids and liquids, and how they are affected in different ways.

The students had lots of fun during our incursion and have enjoyed our focus on the Science Curriculum! 😊

Lorraine McLean and Kirstie Briggs

Exploring Space inside the Discovery Dome



The Year 3 students learned lots of fabulous facts about how the earth rotates to change from night and day and how earth's position in relationship with the sun changes to create our seasons.



Years 3 - 6

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

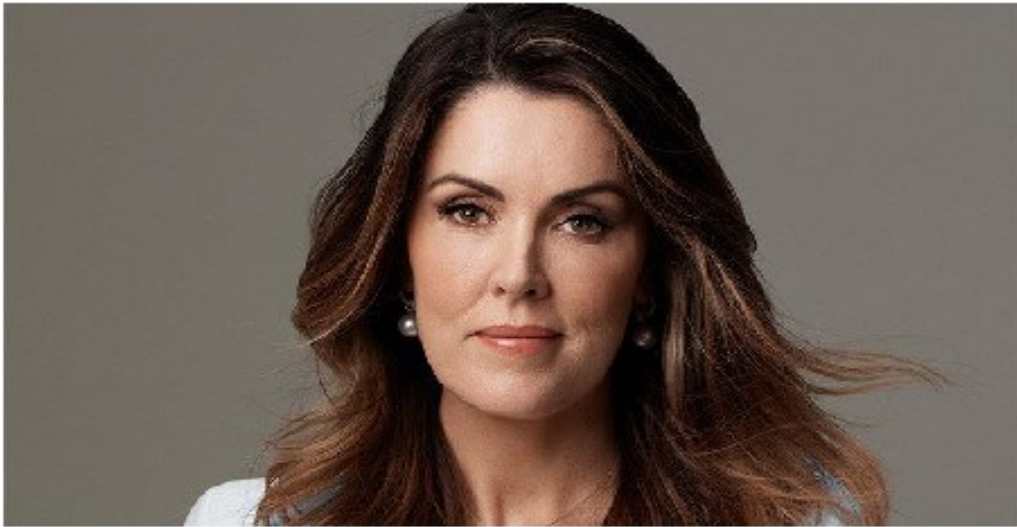
Well done to all students in Years 3-6 who competed in the Chatham House Cross Country event, on Tuesday 5 April at Mabley Park. Mrs Wilson and teachers were so proud of the team spirit, effort and encouragement that was shown by students across the four houses: Corbett, Nugent, Fenton and McEvoy. A huge thank you goes out to Marcus Bourne, for helping set up the course and leading students as our 'hare' during each event, as well as parents who assisted with directing runners on the day. Congratulations to the following students who completed the required number of laps and placed in the top positions for their age group:

UNDER 9 BOYS			UNDER 9 GIRLS		
1	William Hughes	1 lap - 1km course	1	Georgia Lomer	1 lap - 1km course
2	Matthew Oswin		2	Ella Egan	
3	Callum McCurry		3	Zara Heath	
4	Banjo James		4	Amelle Chin	
5	James Newberry		5	Angela Shi	
6	George Peck		6	Molly McKenzie	
7	Jack Coulthard		7	Lia Willis	
8	Xavier Levi		8	Angelina Sfelagis	
9	Lachlan Fang		9	Amelia MacLean	
10	Jackson Walker		10	Charlotte Gangell	
11	James Goad		11	Madeleine McEwan	
12	Jude Woods		12	Lily Shrimpton	
UNDER 10 BOYS			UNDER 10 GIRLS		
1	Samuel Newman	2 laps - 2km course	1	Elizabeth Martinelli	2 laps - 2km course
2	William Small		2	Saskia King	
3	Sterling Middleton		3	Charlotte Chin	
4	Fraser Collings		4	Skye Gregory	
5	Callaghan Lynch		5	Ava Varyiamis	
6	Samuel Oswin		6	Madison Barnes	
7	Thomas Struthers		7	Zoe Shrimpton	
8	Conor Gray		8	Eleanor Dowling	
9	Gregory Kondarov		9	Stella Newman-King	
10	Edward Davies		10	Mira Hunt	
11	Samuel Rodda		11	Isobel Field	
12	Michael Heng		12	April Robinson	

UNDER 11 BOYS			UNDER 11 GIRLS		
1	Ashton Field	3 laps - 3km course	1	Ella Holland	3 laps - 3km course
2	Tom Ymer		2	Zara Lomer	
3	Max Macmillan		3	Matilda Barrett	
4	Freddie Peck		4	Emilia Nachtnebel	
5	Hunter Cotterell		5	Milly Allen	
6	Eddie Newman		6	Ella Henry	
7	Elliot Willis		7	Lola Donald	
8	Rowan Craig-Brown		8	Remy Dalton	
9	Marcus Lee		9	Emily Wong	
10	Sourena Mansour		10	Brittany Dewaele	
11	Gabe Kennett		11	Eloise Credlin	
12	Alessandro Jamie		12	Evie Sfelagis	
UNDER 12 BOYS			UNDER 12 GIRLS		
1	William Bain	3 laps - 3km course	1	Alicia O'Brien	3 laps - 3km course
2	Jacob Tan		2	Rose Clayton	
3	Alex McDonald		3	Francisca Lopez Flamengo	
4	Oliver McIndoe		4	Lila Hemphill	
5	Jack Oswin				
6	Ryan MacLean				
7	Tim McGregor				
8	Oscar Gargano				
9	Xander Houry				
10	Reece Middleton				
11	Murdoch Lynch				
12	Nicholas Rodda				



Peta Credlin



Peta Credlin

On Monday 4th April we were very fortunate to have Peta Credlin come to visit us to talk about our Civics and Citizenship topic of government, democracy and politics in Australia.

Peta spoke to us about the first parliament in Australia, how things began and where we are today. We learnt about Parliament House in Canberra, where the Prime Minister sits and where the Leader of the Opposition sits, we found out about the Front Bench, the Back Bench, the Upper and Lower House and so much more!

We had so many questions to ask Peta as her talk was so interesting and we all felt really comfortable asking her anything to do with government as she is an expert in this area! The hour went really quickly and before we knew it the lunch bell was ringing and it was time for Peta to go.

Peta's visit was fantastic, we all learnt a lot and we hope that she will come again soon.

Year 4/5

Incursion with Peta Credlin

On the 4th of April 2022, Peta Credlin came to Chatham PS to talk to the Year 4/5s about democracy, government, and politics. Peta was inspiring, knowledgeable and lots of the Year 4/5s had questions. Some of the questions were about the Lower House and Senate, the difference between a Prime Minister and a President, voting, Parliament, and the different benches in the House of Representatives. Peta also talked to the Year 4/5's about her career and former job as Chief of Staff to former Prime Minister Tony Abbott. Thank you, Peta, for coming to Chatham PS and inspiring us all.

-Emily Wong 4/5Y

Prep's First Term at Chatham Primary



Term 1

Theresa Fletcher-Jones

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PARENTS CLUB NEWS

chathamparentsclub@hotmail.com

THE CHATHAM VILLAGE IS BACK BABY!

The forecast might've been a bit dicey, but in true Chatham style, we had fun anyway. The **Movie Night** was a roaring success - it was so wonderful to see everyone enjoying the atmosphere. Thanks to **Caroline Kennon, Anthony Collings, Kate Newberry, Mel Khoury and all the volunteers** who helped make the magic happen. And a special mention to **Bread Street** who kindly donated all the bread!



Let's not forget the **Prep/Grade 5 Buddy Picnic**, which got the evening off to a flyer. Thanks to **Meg Fricke and Jane Keeble** for organising - the scavenger hunt was a huge success. Also, to **Takara Hagger and Team Kids** for their amazing face painting and other activities.

ANOTHER WINNING HOT CROSS BUN AND SHORTBREAD DRIVE

A huge thank you to Alison Scobie and Soni Prabhu for organising the annual Hot Cross Bun and Greek Shortbread drive. We're extremely grateful to **Bread Street** for supplying the buns and **Adriana Vallos (Adriana's Nutty Treats)** for the delicious shortbread. Finally, thanks to everyone who bought the Easter treats. All funds raised go towards the Kitchen Garden project.



UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 2

MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

A lovely way to start the day with coffee and croissants.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL
Kids, buy your mum/aunt/carer/friend something special.

ELECTION DAY BBQ
TBC but get ready for democracy sausages and a cake stall.

PARENTS' BIG NIGHT OUT

Put the babysitter on standby for this guaranteed night of fun and frivolity.



Like

'Chatham Primary
Parents Club'

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 1 2022

PLACE ALL ORDERS ON QKR! 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 Rice Crackers	\$3.00
Hommus Dip	\$1.40
Fruit Toast: 2 slices	\$2.00
Ginger Teddy	\$2.50
Popcorn	\$2.00
Banana Bread	\$3.00
Yoghurt Squeeze:	\$2.50
Strawberry	
Bananarama Smoothie	\$5.00

Drinks

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



Lunch

Sushi

Chicken Sushi	\$3.50
Tuna Sushi	\$3.50
Vegetarian Sushi	\$3.50
Avocado Sushi	\$3.50

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

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

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



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TERM 1 2022

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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.

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.

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

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Kids
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Chess Club is BACK!

Wednesday
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Starts 16th of Feb



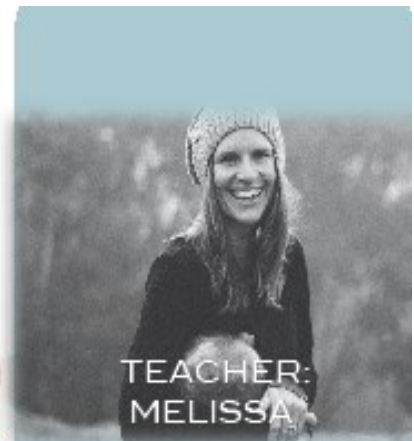
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JUNIOR HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

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TEACHER:
MELISSA

MINIS MOVEMENT & MINDFULNESS WITH MEL...

Monday 11th April

10.30-12.00pm

\$45.00*

School Years PREP-2 (ages 5-8)

A wonderful workshop aimed at letting kids have a whole lot of fun while introducing them to lots of great postures and practices to help bring focus, balance, challenge, strength, and calm. Kids will have fun with lots of movement and games to get them curious about the shapes our bodies can make and aware of how their breath moves! Both new and experienced yogis welcome!

UPPER PRIMARY MOVEMENT & MINDFULNESS WITH MEL...

Monday 11th April

12.30-2pm

\$45.00*

School Years 3-6 (ages 8-11)

A wonderful workshop aimed at letting kids have a whole lot of fun while introducing them to lots of great postures and practices to help bring focus, balance, challenge, strength, and calm. Kids will have fun with lots of movement and games to get them curious about the shapes our bodies can make and aware of how their breath moves! Both new and experienced yogis welcome!

YOGA FUN WITH NAT...

Wednesday 20th April

10.30-12.00pm

\$45.00*

School Years Prep-3 (ages 5-8)

A wonderful workshop aimed at letting kids have a whole lot of fun while introducing them to lots of great postures and practices to help bring focus, balance, challenge, strength, and calm. Kids will have fun with lots of movement and games to get them curious about the shapes our bodies can make and aware of how their breath moves! Both new and experienced yogis welcome!

* All mats and props included for all workshops.

* Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a drink bottle.

* Proof of covid vaccination for 12+ years required.

* No food to be brought into studio.

* \$5 discount per workshop when you book MORE than one workshop! DISCOUNT CODE: HELLOYOGAMULTI

Melissa has been teaching yoga to kids and adults for over 10 years and enjoys sharing practices that people of all ages can take into their world. Her kids' classes are fun and accessible and introduce kids to life skills through age-appropriate practices of movement, Meditation and breathwork.



TEACHER:
NATALIE

Natalie has a keen interest in children's health and wellbeing, And strives to create a safe and welcoming space, where children can tune into themselves, promoting self-acceptance, self-belief and an openness to self-discovery and growth. She loves to see kids feeling happy and self-assured and believes that movement, flow and relaxation are wonderful tools to support them through their life's journey.

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Week 2: 19/4, 20/4 (enrolments close: 15/4)

Time 9:00am - 11:00am

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Where Balwyn Park TC, 206A Whitehorse Road, Balwyn

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