

Students given the opportunity to shine every week

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AT Chatham High School it is always Education Week.

Every week there are opportunities for students to engage in educational, cultural or athletic enrichment programs.

Students are also given the chance to shine individually in leadership roles and by supporting those less fortunate.

Chatham High School has



gained itself a reputation for sporting brilliance over the years.

This reputation has been achieved through young, eager athletes being supported by willing staff who give them every opportunity possible.

Chatham High School has made it possible for their athletes to travel everywhere, from Scone to Sydney, in the pursuit of success in their chosen sporting field.

Along with an equestrian team, Chatham High School also has an agricultural team.

These students are given the opportunity to present cattle throughout the region at livestock shows, as well as the chance to attend Wingham Beef Week.

This excursion allows students to develop and extend their knowledge of the beef industry and at the same time improve their cattle handling and management skills, proving an invaluable experience.

In July the school held a NAIDOC day of celebration.

On the day all those in attendance were provided with a greater insight into the many different cultures of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of this nation.

NAIDOC day also offered a chance for students to shine individually in leadership roles such as compering the assembly and creatively showcasing their

abilities through cultural song and dance.

The school's Independent Learning Centre offers a place for students to advance their study and learning skills and a peaceful environment for seniors to revise and research.

Workshops are held for students to improve their skills as 'independent learners' and to provide them with the mental tools to excel in higher years of education.

The students of Chatham High School are aware of how fortunate they are to be offered such opportunities.

They are also aware that not everyone is as fortunate as they are.

In the hope that more young people can be offered these valuable life skills and learning opportunities, the students from last year's year eight CHACE class decided they would donate the funds raised from the Manning River Times project to the Taree Youth Hostel, supporting youth from the Taree and Great Lakes areas.

The organisation is a crisis refuge for young homeless people and the money donated will go towards the everyday costs of food and clothing and many of the other extras the majority of students take for granted.



Pictured above and far left, Chatham High students participating in events outside their school.

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MANNING Gardens Public School is having a big year indeed.

This year we celebrate our 30th anniversary, what a milestone!

The school will be holding celebrations later in the year.

Check out our Facebook page to keep updated on events.

Another exciting happening this year was our preschool receiving a rating of Exceeding under the new National Quality Standards.

This was a rigorous process for the preschool to go through, with one hundred and sixty five elements across seven different quality areas to meet.

We have a wonderful preschool attached to the primary school with an

enchancing sensory garden, latest technology (including a Smart board), a rich learning environment and dedicated staff.

The preschool caters for the year before school and has a strong and positive transition to school program.

This ensures the children not only receive the highest quality early childhood program but in addition, experience "big" school throughout the year and begin to make relationships with their kindergarten teacher for the following year.

The children get to meet their "buddies" and have lots of time to play and get to know each other.

We believe a positive start to school offers the chance for a successful academic and social

school life.

There are many wonderful sights to see when wandering around our school.

You may catch children sitting in a drumming circle creating beautiful sounds.

You may see them enjoying a yummy breakfast in the morning or feasting at our canteen where many meals are home cooked.

Looking into classrooms you will see busy children quietly working away, with dedicated teachers and support staff engaging children in quality learning with high expectations.

During Education Week please come along to our school and see for yourself. Great things happen here!!

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Orientation Day

Wednesday
13th August at 10am
in the library

Transition visits on

Wednesday
20th & 27th August
in the Kindergarten
classroom



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Quality Education at **TWPS** includes outstanding programs in Literacy, Numeracy, Music, Band, Performing Arts, Technology and Sport.

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