



CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL'S INFORMATION

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STATE OF THE ART FACILITY FOR HOSPITALITY STUDENTS

At last the Home Economics TAS staff and their students have moved in to the wonderful new kitchens in Q block. What a pleasure it is to conduct a class in this 'state of the art' facility, with all of its high tech equipment and 'top of the line' machinery.



Hospitality Students living the "Dream"

Today, I held my first Hospitality lesson with Year 12 in the industrial kitchen and it was 'a dream come true'. I did not believe that I would ever have the opportunity to work in such a superb setting. Chatham High school can now boast the highest quality kitchen in any school in the state and the Home Economics staff is confident that our Hospitality students will benefit immensely and achieve outstanding results in this new facility.

The Year 12 Extension class is operating on a Tuesday night, under the tuition of Mr Williams. Many of these students are trainees and now have an opportunity to use equipment that has previously only been available in a TAFE setting.

It is hoped that Hospitality students will be able to organise and cater for a variety of functions throughout the year and we will be able to invite parents and community members to enjoy some fantastic food and to celebrate with us.



A fresh cup of coffee made by
Year 12 student Shawn Greenshields

In addition to the industrial kitchen, we have a second kitchen which will be used by both junior and senior Food Technology classes. This room is also a delight to work in, with its spacious benches and abundance of equipment. Both kitchens have adjoining learning spaces or rooms, where theory lessons are conducted, freeing up the kitchens at all times for practical lessons.

The Textiles Technology room has also been well received and has an abundance of storage. The expertise of Mrs. Roberts has been a welcome addition to the TAS faculty and the students are producing some high quality work in pleasant surroundings.

2011 promises to be an exciting and rewarding year for Home Economics TAS.

Mrs. Julie Amidy TAS Head Teacher



Mrs Kerrie Roberts enjoying her new Textiles Room

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Chatham High School A Centre for Excellence

New Deputy Principal

I would like to welcome Mr Merv Presland to the staff of Chatham High School as permanent Deputy Principal. Mr Presland replaces Mr Don Linegar who retired at the end of 2010.

Mr Presland has been an experienced and highly respected Deputy Principal at Chifley College, Shalvey Campus in Sydney. I look forward to working with Mr Presland as a valued member of the leadership team at Chatham High School.

I would also like to thank Mr Craig Mitchell who has taken on the role of relieving Deputy Principal over the past year.

ANZAC Remembrance

For the first time in the history of the RSL Taree Sub-Branch, the Memorial Address for the ANZAC Day commemorations was delivered by non members of the RSL. Instead, the four captains and vice captains of Chatham High School, Brett Grant, Chanteille Mobbs, Luke Jacobs and Elizabeth Roberts were invited to lead the march and present the Memorial Address at the Anzac Service.

They represented the school and the Chatham community with dignity and respect and; I thank them, members of the SRC and staff for taking time out of their holidays for this important event.

I have received a number of letters and phone calls commending their leadership and expressing appreciation for their involvement in the ANZAC remembrance.

Facebook

At the start of Term 2, The Department of Education published guidelines for teachers who wish to access social networking sites such as Facebook.

From what I see and hear, social networking continues to be both a powerful way for people to connect as well as an unwanted and highly unwelcome source of harassment, bullying and intimidation. When social networking sites are misused, there are negative consequences for adolescent mental health and self esteem.

What can parents do?

1. Monitor their children's activity and friends on Facebook to ensure that cyber bullying is not occurring.
2. Check privacy settings for the Facebook user if you are concerned about any content.
3. Indicate on the Facebook page that you, as the parent, will be monitoring all activity for a period of time.

We want our students and children to be confident and skilled global citizens but we also want them to be safe and happy.

Year 12 Reports

On Monday this week I finished reading and signing the Year 12 Semester 1 reports.

These reports mark a milestone for our HSC students who are now half way through their final year at school. A new, improved reporting format is being used here for the first time; it gives quality information in an easily readable manner. A similar format and approach for reports is being implemented for Year 11 and then Years 7 to 10 later this Term.

I will make four comments about these reports;

♦I was impressed by the quality of student learning and achievement indicated in the reports. This was also evident in the positive feedback and comments by teachers and Mr Bourke, their Year Advisor.

♦One of the keys for success is attendance. Students who performed the best had the best attendance; not only students who are placed first in a subject, but also students who are ranked at or near the top for all their subjects.

♦There is a clear connection between enjoyment of a subject and student achievement. I encourage students to work hard in all their subjects; the better everyone does, the better everyone does.

♦Comments by teachers highlighted those areas that require more work and attention by students. Your teachers are here to help you. Use them to your advantage.

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students who came first in one or more subjects in Semester 1:

Amara Atkins, Stacey Atkins, Maria Avery, Kodi-Leigh Beattie, Emily Bryam, Tiarn Campbell, Tameil Connell, Mark Drury, Sharni Faulkner, Kirra Gosling, Megan Henry, Jami Hinten, Katrina Humphries-Ford, Laura Hungerford, Jessica King, Matt Noble, Cheyenne Pearson, Trisha Pearson, Tori Pittman, Bryan Provost, Elizabeth Roberts, Amanda Scott, Tom Toshack, Colin Watts and Rhiannon Weckert.

Well done and best wishes to Year 12 as you knuckle down to Semester 2.

Best wishes also to all students in Years 7 to 11 as you do your half yearly exams and assessments.

Willem Holvast
Principal



It is hard to believe that Term One is already finished. It was a busy and productive time for both the students and teachers of English. Term Two promises to be just as rewarding.

In a **new initiative** this year, implemented to coincide with the inclusion of a persuasive writing text type in the 2011 NAPLAN test, all students in **Year 7** and **Year 9** English classes participated in a **Persuasive Writing Workshop**. These workshops were conducted by Mrs Owen, the school's newly appointed Highly Accomplished Teacher and Mrs Wood, the Literacy Support teacher in collaboration with the English staff. These workshops were well received by the students and provided them with valuable knowledge and skills to allow them to further develop their writing. On behalf of the English Faculty, I would like to thank Mrs Owen and Mrs Wood for their efforts and contributions towards the students' learning.

An **exciting educational opportunity** has been offered to **gifted and talented Year 8 English students**. In conjunction with the *Manning River Times*, students from Chatham High School will put together an International Youth Day supplement that will be distributed in a mid August publication of the newspaper.

With the assistance of *Manning River Times* staff, students will gain a first-hand knowledge and understanding of the ways in which a newspaper is constructed and appreciate the roles of journalists, photographers and editors in shaping the news. Students will develop their literacy, numeracy, participation and creative skills in composing a variety of different types of texts to be included in the supplement. This experience will also be good preparation for the NAPLAN test students undertake in Year 9.

While this project will involve a lot of time and commitment from both the students and the supervising teacher, Ms Bird, it will be both a challenging and rewarding experience.

The **debating season** is now upon us. Teams from **Years 7 & 8** and **Years 9 & 10** are competing in the Taree District Eisteddfod and the Commonwealth Bank debating competitions. Chatham High has had excellent results in these competitions in the past and we know that our current debaters will continue to do themselves and the school proud.

Year 10 students should be well under way with their Major Works. The Major Work is an important component of the Year 10 Assessment schedule and students need to commit the necessary time and effort towards its completion. **Year 11** students have quickly become aware of the expectations and demands of senior schooling. While most students have made a successful transition, some are still coming to terms with the need for sound time management and organisational skills. Students struggling with this are encouraged to seek assistance from staff. As **Year 12** students have only one English assessment task this term, it is a good opportunity for them to revise previous course content and practice their writing skills in preparation for the Trial and HSC Examinations.

As always, the English Faculty encourages communication between parents and carers and staff. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your student, please contact us.

Tracey Beckett

Relieving Head Teacher English
On behalf of the English Faculty



Chatham High School Captains Tilly Mobbs and Brett Grant met Mayor Paul Hogan and Deputy Mayor David West and were recognised by Greater Taree City Council and presented with Leadership Plaques.



What type of volunteering activities can be included in the Premier's Awards?

Schools will guide students about the type of activities that will be recognised for the Premier's Awards. Some activities are considered too dangerous for school-aged students as they require increased training and supervision. These are referred to as 'prohibited activities'. However there are lots of volunteering activities that students can do, from fundraising, sorting donated goods, coaching sports, gardening for community groups, regenerating bushland, tutoring others or providing IT support.

It seems an endless list but students should consider choosing activities that are of interest and match their level of skills. Sometimes this can be difficult to decide where to start, so speaking with others and the school coordinator may help.

Where can I find out more?

There is lots of support for people interested in volunteering, or supporting students to volunteer.

Contact your local school's Student Volunteering coordinator for information about an individual school's programs, or
www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/volunteering.

The following websites may be useful if you are interested in hosting volunteers:

The NSW Government's Volunteering portal
www.volunteering.nsw.gov.au

Volunteering Australia
www.volunteeringaustralia.org

The NSW Centre for Volunteering
www.volunteering.com.au.



The NSW Premier's Student Volunteering Awards Program



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Wednesdays Lunchtime Library

The Knitters Click



Would you like to learn how to knit or crotchet?

Would you like to knit a warm scarf or beanie for winter?

Have you started something and have not had the time to finish it?

If you answer Yes to any of these questions, come along to The Knitters Click each Wednesday in the Library. All welcome.

If you have any questions, please talk to:
Miss Porter (HSIE) Mrs Sue Le Strange Mrs Curtis (Library)



Driving - When your teenager gets their "P's"

Before your teenager goes out, particularly when partying, spend some time discussing options for getting home safely. Some ideas for teenagers to consider: Leave the car at home, Catch a train or bus - check timetables to avoid waiting at stations or bus stops, Organise to be picked up by someone who is not drinking, Stay overnight with a friend.

Also discuss:

- ♦ Dealing with pressure from friends to drive unsafely
- ♦ Being a responsible passenger.

Remember parents can help teenagers plan safe outings - offer to drop them off and pick them up.



www.chathamcareers.net

General

This year the 'work scene' has improved with many students gaining casual and fulltime work. Apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities have strengthened, particularly for students who are able to seek opportunities where they arise.

The formula for success never varies, ie. if you work hard, get good training and be prepared/able to move where opportunities arise then success/opportunities will follow.

Students interested in part time jobs should go to the employment link on our school's careers website – www.chathamcareers.net and click on Coles, Woolworths, McDonalds etc.

McDonalds is currently looking for people to work in the McCafe (11/5/2011).

There are major shortages in Australia in areas such as health sciences, teaching, surveying whilst the mining industry is booming again.

Our 2010 Year 12 students have really performed well in the job and training markets.

31% gained University entry (state average is 30%).

24% of our students gained full time jobs.

24% of our students are undertaking TAFE Courses.

The rest of the students have various combinations of part – time work/study, GAP year etc.

Many Year 10 students have undertaken work experience so far this year and the reports have been excellent. Students must remember that it is their responsibility to catch up on any work missed and hand in assessments etc.

Top Achievement

The photo shows Tom Toshack (Year 12) who won a Prestigious Technical Scholarship with the Australian Defence Forces. Tom doesn't have to join the Defence Forces and gets \$3000 as a reward for displaying a great overall attitude towards school.



UNE Trip

Eleven Chatham High School students went to the UNE Schools Visit Day on 5th & 6th May.

Students found that the University has excellent accommodation, has a special entry scheme and is much cheaper to attend than the more expensive city universities.

UNE also has a high staff to student ratio and many excellent courses.

Free Resumes

Students have been booking in to have their resumes typed for them in the Careers Office. Belinda Christensen is our resume guru. Belinda has had experience in many jobs and has been doing a wonderful job helping students to get a professional resume.

Coming Events

Soon – Year 12 Career Interviews

Late May – Year 9 to get Tax File numbers

30 June – Newcastle University Schools Visit Day for Year 11 & Year 12

29 July – Careers/Tertiary Expo at Chatham High – Parents welcome

Year 10

Year 10 students should be planning ahead in terms of work experience and investigating careers/opportunities. They will be undergoing more Careers Lessons this term to help them to plan and organise their futures.

Year 11

Year 11 students should be well settled into their courses and cannot drop any subjects until Term 4 where they can go back to 10 units (5 subjects) if they wish.

This year many students have gained school based traineeships.

Year 12

All students will be interviewed once they have gained their half yearly report in order to assess their progress and to plan for the future.

NOTE

Please check the careers website www.chathamcareers.net for all the Year 12 Newsletters.

Special newsletters from "mhscareers" are sent out to Year 12 every week. These are a commercial newsletter that cover all the latest events. Parents and students can login at any stage to check these newsletters at mhscareers.com. Login as "student" or "Parent", the password is "health".

Please see below for organisations that help in job hunting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on any careers related matter.

Neil Locker
Careers Adviser



UNE Open Day



Chatham High School's NEW WEBSITE

www.chatham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

We have a new website for you to look at and use.
It will be regularly updated with news and information.
Your suggestions or comments are always welcome.

Please don't hesitate to contact Jenn Curtis, CLO on 6552 2588 or

CONTACTS THAT MAY HELP YOU IN SEEKING JOBS:

- **Wesley Uniting Employment** – Level 1, 1 Pulteney St Taree 65520200 (Job Network Member)
 - **Job Find** – 57-61 Albert Street Taree 6551 1700/1300 360 562 (Job Network Member)
 - **Mid Coast Group Training** – 44 Lord Street Port Macquarie 6583 5355
- Australian Apprenticeship Centres**

CWCC 1. New Apprenticeships Centre in Taree Community College
5 Macquarie Street Taree Phone 65501804 or 0429907812

MEGT 2. The Australian Apprentice Centre – 136 348 or
Heather Hands 0428 882 672

Australian Apprenticeships – 1800639629 or website www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au

- **Complete Staff Solutions** – Albert Street Taree 'Labour Hire' 6552 7522
 - **Men at Work** – Labour Hire Port Macquarie 6581 4600 (work on roads, maintenance & repairs)
 - **Workplace Services** – 30 Pulteney St Taree 6551 2566 (Construction Industry & general jobs)
- Nova** – 80 Albert Street Taree 6551 4288 – they provide lots of job support and help for students with special issues e.g depression etc

Koori Help

- **Taree Indigenous Development & Employment** - 33 Pulteney St Taree Contact: Chris Try or Chris Sheed 6552 3652
- **Hospitality Training Network** – 1300 139 108
- **MTA Plus** – for all Automotive Apprenticeships www.mtaplus.com.au or phone 4732 2200 (Alex Vergis)
- **Employment Search** - go to our website www.chathamcareers.net and go to employment sites
- **Housing Industry Group** – 6651 2422 (building trades)
- **Mining Companies** – <http://www.reflections.com.au/MiningandExploration/Companies/Profiles.html>

Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Training Courses

- **Taree Community College** – 6551 0636 \$135 every month
- **Workplace Training Staff Development (WTSD)** – 6582 3393 \$120 every fortnight in Taree



**Amanda Scott**

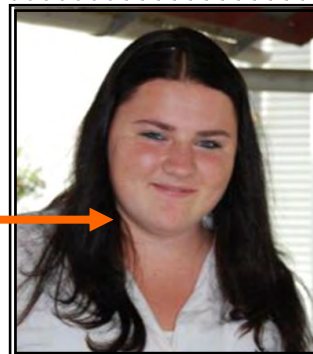
Coles Harrington 2 yrs.

*"Looking at a career in the Tourism Industry – wants to run her own Bed & Breakfast. Or to become a Wedding Planner."***Hourly pay rates**Range from \$ 10/hr to \$15.00/hr within the food or hospitality industries
– of up to \$20/hr in music tuition!

Weekends can pay 1.5x usual hourly rate or up to 2.5x usual rate for public holidays!!

Bethany Campbell

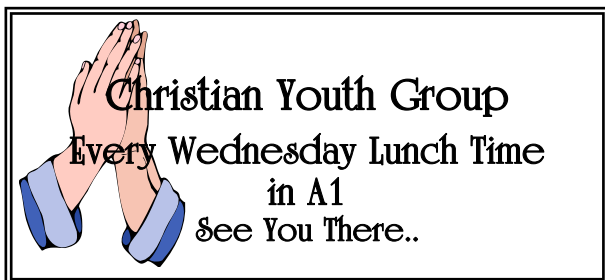
KFC 8 months

Positive Aspects include: *"Interaction with the public and you learn to work with others. I love my job – flexible hours, good to work for."***Jarrah Collier**

Customer Service at McDonalds Taree 2 yrs

"It's a great job. Hard at the start but really enjoyable after you understand everything. Good experience."

Part Time Job Profiles



Laptop News

Plastic cases for laptops

The school received one plastic case for each laptop. That means we don't have spares to give out if you break or lose your case. If you need a replacement case, you can use any protective case that fits. Suitable cases are similar to the ones you can see at www.cygnett.com, and are available locally from Dick Smith, Kmart, Big W, Harvey Norman and other retailers. Because damaged laptops have to be paid for, a good protective case is a worthwhile investment.

P & C News

We didn't have an April meeting due to the holidays. I hope everyone had a nice break.

The P&C Secretary position has been taken on again by Liza Coombe, thank you Liza.

Saturday May 7 we held a video conference in the Language Centre for the North Coast Sub Regional Council of P&C's. It was a first for most of us involved and quite something to see where technology has taken us. The meeting was to vote in the State Councillors. There were 6 positions to be filled and there were 6 nominees, so that was quite an easy process.

I was fortunate to be asked by Mr. Holvast to be the parent representative on the Communications Committee for Chatham High School. The committee went to Port Macquarie on May 3 for the first of a 2 day training session (next session is June 7).

We are looking at ways we can better promote the school, identify our strong and weak points and work on how we can improve. As parent representative I would be very interested in hearing from Parents & Carers. You can email me at chat.hs.pc@gmail.com - your comments will be kept strictly confidential.

Our next meeting is Monday June 20 in the Staff Common Room in the new Q Block, starting at 7pm (This is due to the refurbishment of the Canteen). Don't forget, everyone is welcome!

Thank you,
Sharon Steadman – P&C President



Ms Bird's 8-1 English Class and Manning
River Times 'International Youth Day'
Supplement

(Written by 8-1 English students)

ADVERTISE
WITH US

WIN A MILLION DOLLARS
now I've got your attention (you
don't actually win 1 million dollars).
Advertise with us so we can write
articles in the Newspaper for
National Youth Day.

BIG EXPECTATIONS FOR YEAR 8 STUDENTS

We have been given an amazing opportunity by Manning River Times. Over the next 6 weeks we will be working with various teachers and staff from the Manning River Times to produce a four page colour supplement spread for *International Youth Day*, (on sale early August). We get to do the lot ... creating and writing the story content, design and layout, photography, sales and advertising. We are all so excited and happy to be given this experience.

Our advertising sales team is looking for businesses that would like to support our project and take up this great chance of reduced advertising costs. And to make it even better, Manning River Times have very generously allowed us to keep all advertising money made to go towards a charity of our choice. Unfortunately we haven't set the rates yet, but they will be very reasonable indeed!

So, if you are a local business owner and would like to take up this fantastic opportunity, please contact Ms Curtis, CLO on 6552 2588 ASAP. Ms Curtis will liaise with our advertising team and we will get back to you.

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