



Chatham High School – A Centre for Excellence

Welcome



Welcome to Chatham High School's new look *Information*. We hope it is informative and easy to read. I thank Sharon Steadman (P&C) and Jenny Curtis (Community Liaison Officer) for their work in creating this

new look and I particularly wish to thank Helen Monckton for her work in producing the high quality newsletter up to now.

Term 2: an excellent ten weeks at Chatham

What an amazing term! It has been a busy and productive term, packed full of excellence, innovation, opportunity and success.

Excellence, innovation, opportunity and success

So much has happened to show how our students excel at learning, sport and cultural activities through a range of opportunities, including

- Debating workshops and competitions, including the Taree Eisteddfod
- Success at zone cross country
- NAPLAN testing
- Success at Open Boys Touch
- Board of Studies seminars for CHS students in Years 10 to 12
- Indiji Kids Homework Centre
- Access to new state of the art Hospitality, Food Technology, Science, Maths and Textiles classrooms
- Participation in University Open Days
- Successful study skills days for Years 11 and 12
- Successful participation in Girls Choice Program, with PCYC

- Support Unit students soaking up the information at the Future Choices Expo
- Success with participation in the Young, Black and Deadly program
- Wingham Beef Week successes for students, staff and steers
- Successful competitions for Under 13s and 15s Rugby League
- Outstanding Year 8 Manning River Times project
- Year 6 students getting a taste of high school
- School captains meet with NSW Governor
- Planning for Junior AECG
- Student Rural Fire Service training
- Highly successful NAIDOC Day celebrations on the theme for 2011; *Change: the next step is ours*

Well done

Congratulations to all students who have worked hard and done their best. Our thanks for the hard work and dedication of their teachers, coaches, mentors, tutors, Support Officers, office staff and mostly parents who have supported these, and all the other, activities like these through the Term 2!

P&C

Which brings me to the school's P&C. The parents and community members who make up this hard-working group are committed to positively promoting the school in the Taree area. They are assisting both financially and 'hands on' with projects at the school that will improve the appearance of the school and make it a better place for their, and our, students. Work is starting this term already on garden areas and plans are underway to improve the look of the school entrance – the public face of the Chatham High School.

Reports

Parents of Year 12 have already seen our new look reports; we plan to have Year 7-11 reports completed by the end of term using the new format.

My thanks and congratulations to our technology coordinator, Mr Short who has successfully lead the Deputy Principals, Head Teachers and teachers, as a team, to design and produce these reports.

The new report format represents a significant improvement in the quality of information and feedback about student learning. The reports contain more detailed information about student progress in the main areas of learning for each subject.

I particularly thank all involved for their hard work, training, patience and persistence in ensuring the process of improving our reports has been a success.

Social media, mobile phones, iPods and other devices

Most students have responded well at school to the messages about these matters. In short: we are still dealing with too many allegations of bullying, stalking and harassment on Facebook or through student texting.

Often, we only get to deal with a problem if and when it becomes visible at school, and by then, most of the damage has been done. I still need to encourage students and parents to take control of their own Facebook by controlling friends, groups and security settings.

Our expectation is clear: school is not a place for mobile phones. Contact between home and school may be made through the office on 6552 2588, including urgent family messages for a student, if necessary.

If a student uses a phone it will be confiscated, given to the Stage Deputy Principal and returned to the student at the end of the day. Repeated instances will require parent contact to collect the phone from school. I thank the parents who have been working with, and supporting, the school in this matter.

Have a safe and enjoyable vacation.

Mr Holvast.

Calendar

End of Term 2 into Term 3

Week 10	Term 2
Thursday, 30 June	Newcastle Uni Open Day
Thursday, 30 June	Year 11 Reports issued
Friday, 1 July	Years 7 to 10 Reports issued
Friday, 1 July	END TERM 2 - <i>happy hols</i>
Week 1	Term 3
Tuesday, 19 July	Students return to school
Week 2	Term 3
Wednesday, 27 July	Years 7-10 Parent/Teacher interviews

Careers Report

This is a very busy time of the year for Careers. Always go to www.chathamcareers.net for all details on Careers. This website is also being transferred to our main school website www.chatham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Careers/Beauty/Personal Development/Modelling Workshop

Thirty three students from Years 7 to 10 were involved in this workshop which was run by Jo Meldrum and the Flair Awards team. Students learnt about the presentation required for an interview, nutrition, setting goals, self motivation, beauty, makeup and modelling.



*Saxby's Pharmacy Isabelle Rowsell
with Yr8 Emily Tyas*



*Yr8 students Sarah Marshman, Maddie
McMaster and Elizabeth Lisle*



*Yr10 students Nikki Dowdle, Tannika
Kent and Kielle Goolagong*



Yr10 students Jennica Winter and Rhianna Dowse and Shae Glover, Yr9



Principal Willem Holvast, Yr10 Melinda Wallace and AEO Matt Mitchell

The girls loved this worthwhile course and the Flair Awards team deserves special praise.

Coming Events – Taree Careers Expo

On Friday 29 July Taree Careers Expo will be held at our school (in the Multi-Purpose Centre) from 9.30am to 12 noon. This event is organised by local Careers Advisers. All local schools will be involved. Parents are welcome to attend.

The event consists of a market situation where 60 representatives from most NSW Universities, some Employer groups/Apprenticeships Providers, TAFE NSW and many private training colleges set up stands to give advice and help. Other groups include: the Police Force, Tax Office (HECS), the Defence Forces, Australian Apprenticeship Centres, Hospitality Training Network, Group Training Companies and Centrelink [Youth Allowances].

This event is the most important one of the year for all Year 12 students as they will be able to find out about: courses available, admission requirements, accommodation, scholarships, and employment opportunities etc. It is strongly recommended that all students attend. Parents are also very welcome.

Year 11 students and selected Year 10 students will also be invited.

Newcastle University School Visit Day

On 30 June, Years 11 and 12 students will attend the Newcastle University Schools Visit Day. This is a very worthwhile event which most schools in the Hunter region attend.



Bryan Provost and Tameil Connell at Newcastle University Open Day 2010

Year 10 – subject selections

Year 10 will be selecting subjects shortly for 2012 and need to think deeply about their Career futures.

Students cannot do work experience from the beginning of Term 3 until after the School Certificate without special approval. The performances by Year 10 students during work experience this year has been outstanding.

Ellen Powick undertook her work experience at Bishop Tyrell Place performed so well that she has already been offered a school based traineeship for 2012.



Ellen Powick

Molly Russell loved her work experience at Taronga Zoo gained a fantastic reference and loved her time working with Australian mammals. Molly really enjoyed working with the nocturnal house which housed possums, potoroos, echidnas and stick nest rats. She noted that it was hard work and involved washing animal dishes, cleaning up, feeding animals and walking up and down hills.



Molly Russell

Important term for Year 12

This is a very important term for students to get their futures planned and to ensure that they are following their study timetables and maximising their potential. Students and parents should check our website www.chathamcareers.net for the latest newsletter.

LJ Hooker visits – tips for Year 12

Amanda Tate from LJ Hooker talks to Year 12 students to give them lots of tips on how to secure accommodation when they leave school.



Brett Grant, Amanda Tate and Elizabeth Roberts

Student Career Profiles

Brett Grant, Harrington Hotel – food Preparation 21 months
 “Loves dealing with people; learning lots of skills; and learning how to handle the occasional difficult issue.”



Brett Grant

Elizabeth Roberts, McDonalds Taree 2 ½ yrs

Positive Aspects: “People you meet, skills you learn – learning how to deal with new situations.”



Elizabeth Roberts

Bethany Stinson, School-based nursing traineeship Manning Base Hospital *and* has worked at Woolworths for 19 months

Interview tips: “Don’t be nervous, make eye contact, don’t be afraid to talk yourself up, it actually will get you far”.

Positive Aspects: “Woolworths are very good to work for. They allow for my traineeship”.



Bethany Stinson

Andrea Lebens, School Based Nursing traineeship, Manning Base Hospital and has worked at Subway Taree for one year.

Tips: "Go and introduce yourself. Be calm during the interview. Be confident".



Andrea Lebens

Traineeships

We have 20 trainees in the school. Traineeships include areas such as: Nursing, Retail, Hospitality, Business Services (Office Administration), Banking, Metals, Animal Care and Childcare. We would like to enlarge our trainee range for boys looking for a trade.

If parents or students need any help or advice on any career related matter please don't hesitate to contact me.

Contacts that may help you in seeking jobs

Wesley Uniting Employment - Level 1, 1 Pulteney St Taree 6552 0200 (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 6550 1804 or 0429 907 812
MEGT 2. The Australian Apprentice Centre – 136 348 or Heather Hands 0428 882 672

Australian Apprenticeships - 1800 639 629 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 eg, depression etc

(Koori Help) Taree Indigenous Development & Employment - 82 Victoria St Taree, 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 - 65510636, \$135 every month

Workplace Training Staff Development (WTSD) - 6582 3393 \$120 every fortnight in Taree

SRC

District Meeting

On 6 June six members of the CHS SRC attended the District meeting at Taree High School. This was a great opportunity for our members to liaise with other schools and share strategies for fundraising and improving the spirit of the school community. One thing that was reflected in all of the reports given was the desire for involving the whole school community in fun activities, such as socials, fun days, combined sports days.

Tilly Mobbs gave a report on fundraising activities the SRC has undertaken over the past 12 months. All students that attended were very proactive in discussing activities with the other schools that could lead to more school interaction.

The schools that attended were Wingham, Bulahdelah, Gloucester, Taree and Chatham High schools. Great Lakes College and Camden Haven High School sent their apologies, Rhonda Farley, SRC Co-ordinator.

Strong Sisters Girls

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program

This term Year 7 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girl students are participating in a program, Strong Sister Girls.

Natalie Pearson and Kayla Edwards recognised a need for a program for the girls to help them in their transition to high school and advice about how to cope in Year 7.

We contacted the GTCC Youth Workers, Dominique Clarke and Lauren Dennis and asked did they want to be involved in the program. They helped the girls plan the sessions.

The program runs on Mondays in Period 2. The topics covered so far have been "what's good and bad about high school eg, friendship, wagging (truanting) and bullying". Kayla and Natalie have been teaching the girls strategies to handle these situations and how to make good choices. The program has been interactive and the girls have used role plays. Last week we watched a DVD on bullying and its consequences. Today we did Zumba as a fun activity and next week they are going to learn a Hip Hop dance. We have also discussed about getting assessment tasks in on time and who to ask for help.

The Year 7 girls have been very receptive and really enjoyed the interaction. GTCC Youth Workers have provided morning tea which always is received well! The girls decided on a name for the group - *Strong Sister Girls*.

Natalie and Kayla are wonderful role models and should be congratulated on their leadership in this program.

Kate Fazio.



Strong Sister Girls

Mobile Phone Policy

The use of mobile phones during the school day is banned from the school. The reasons for banning the use of mobile phones are:



- They have the potential to be very disruptive to teaching and learning. Obviously phone and SMS messaging have no place in the classroom.
- The **safety** of students can be put at risk. Phone calls can be made to people outside the school, to ask them to come to the school for illegal purposes.
- Violence within the school grounds can result and again this is totally unacceptable.
- Mobile phones and SIM cards are a target for thieves.
- The ability of phones to be used as cameras raises the potential for harassment.
- Recent research concerning bullying in schools has revealed that mobile phones are the most recent development in bullying / harassment of others via SMS messaging.

Staff are instructed to confiscate any phones that ring in class or students are using either in the classroom or in the playground. The phones are kept securely in the Deputy Principal's office until the end of the day when they may be collected by the student. Students are then required to complete a responsibility sheet.

Parents can contact students by ringing the front office. An **urgent** message will be passed onto your child.

Mobile Phones in Examinations

Mobile phones can be the source of cheating and disruption during examinations. Students in possession of a mobile phone during an examination will be removed from the examination and may have their examination cancelled.

The Board of Studies, which controls the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examination, states in its rules for candidates – "You must not take a mobile phone into the test room". Consequences include removal from the test room and cancellation of this particular test result.



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Has your washing machine or fridge broken down and you don't know how you're going to replace it?

Manning Support Services No Interest Loan Scheme may be able to help you. We are a not for profit organisation which provides interest free loans, from \$100 to \$1000, to people on low incomes and/or Centrelink payments, for:

- new household appliances,
 - furniture
 - medical equipment
 - driving lessons or
 - some educational expenses,
- subject to eligibility criteria. By using these loans, people are able to avoid the interest rates and debt traps of other forms of credit (however, we don't lend for rent arrears, bills, second hand goods or to pay out other loans).

The money for the loans comes from donations and grants. As people repay their loans, the money goes back into the loan pool for other people to borrow. Therefore the local community benefits, as well as local businesses. You can also borrow again six months after you've repaid your previous loan.

For further information and to discuss a loan application, please call the Manning Support Services office in Taree on 6551 1800.

Learning Circus Skills

Manning Neighbourhood Services



Learn skills to become a trainer in circus skills and assist Manning Valley Neighbourhood Service to deliver circus skills workshops to young people living in the Bushlands area.

This is a circus training program for potential trainers aged between 13-17 to learn circus skills. A mentoring style approach is provided to support the development of participants training and delivery skills. Assist in delivery circus workshops with other circus trainers and project co-ordinator, Jill Watkins.

Manning Valley Neighbourhood Service is looking for participants *now*. The project will run for 2011.

Our expectations of participant:

Young people who enjoy learning physical skills and would be interested in learning circus skills like: juggling, plate spinning, poi, rola bola, hand stilts, spin sticks, uni cycling, diabolo.

To enjoy the idea of sharing these skills with people.

A requirement to complete an initial training weekend of intensive learning, then be prepared to work together with project coordinator to develop their training skills by assisting to deliver various circus workshops.

This would possibly be 5 x 1 hour workshops a term.

The participant would also be involved in assisting to plan and evaluate these sessions and their own skill development.

A trainer job list would be discussed with the participant and parent or guardian which outlines the level of commitment and responsibilities. We would require the participant to sign this document.

Contact Jill on 0432 307 765 if you have any questions or are interested in participating.

International Youth Day

Manning River Times Supplement

The following Year 8 English students have been working diligently all term on a special Curriculum Extension project with the Manning River Times. This project involves the creation of a four page colour supplement for International Youth Day. Also participating in this project are Milly Ryan and Shannon Wagener from Chatham Public School as part of a comprehensive transition program.

This has been an exceptional opportunity and experience for these students to showcase Chatham High School whilst achieving something amazing. It has been a great literacy and numeracy tool for students whilst increasing their personal awareness of the importance of today's youth and International Youth Day.

The supplement will be included in the Manning River Times on Tuesday, 8 August. Keep an eye out for it; the students have done remarkably with writing the stories, selling the advertising (proceeds will go towards a chosen school project), designing the advertisements and taking the photographs.

The four teams are:

Writing: Rachel Austin, Abbie Bryant, Nathan Drury, Travis Goldsmith, Abbey Grant, Imogen Gunter-Foote, Elizabeth Lisle, Cooper Maurer, Alexandra Sheather, Samuel Sheridan, Tarran Smith, Cody Wares, Meg Christensen, Ashley Harry, Madeline McMaster, Samantha Selby and Nina Tisdell.

Advertising/Sales: Rachel Austin, Jack Chesher, Meg Christensen, Ashley Harry, Sarah Marshman, Samantha Selby, Nina Tisdell, Madeline McMaster, Abbie Bryant, Elizabeth Lisle, Shannon Wagener (Chatham Public Yr 6) and Milly Ryan (Chatham Public Yr 5).

Design and Layout: Olivia Dow, Ashlea Case, Zoe Jobson, Laura Mills, Charity Booker, Tyler Serrano, Kira Potts, Evan Potts and Grace Powick.

Photography: Travis Goldsmith, Ashley Harry, Madeline McMaster, Sarah Marshman, Kira Potts, Evan Potts, Milly Ryan, Alexandra Sheather, Samuel Sheridan, Nina Tisdell and Shannon Wagener.

Staff: Helen Bird, Kylee Owen, Michelle Pellew, Melissa Barry, Judi Wood, Jenn Curtis and Prac Teachers Courtney Middleton and Rachel Cook.



Motivation to commence the project



Hayley from the Times with Tarran, Cooper and Cody



Getting tips from Carl



Ms Bird with Imogen, Abbey and Ally



Maddie - Footy News story with Dane and Shaq



Shannon - Computers vs Books story



Evan watching Carl from The Times



Jack and Ashley starting their sales



Milly taking Mr Williams' photo



Laura, Oliviah and Ashlea



Abbie, Lizzy and Rachel with Times Journalist, Hayley Williams (background)



Travis, Samuel and Nathan

Just a few of the comments from participating students:

"This was a great experience. It gave us a lot of confidence when speaking to strangers". Jack Chesher

"Being in the Journalism and Advertising teams has taught me a lot, and has been a rewarding experience". Lizzie Lisle

"The newspaper supplement was fun and interesting, especially socialising with clients". Rachel Austin

"It has been an exciting experience, one that I will never forget". Nina Tisdell

"I gained lots of confidence from having to make cold calls to absolute strangers"! Ashley Harry

"Working on the newspaper has been an enjoyable and educational experience". Abbie Bryant

Our Trip to High School

Shannon Wagener and Milly Ryan were interviewed by Maddie McMaster

"What did you girls like about helping Year 8 students at Chatham High School?"

Shannon: Learning what you may get up to in high school.

Milly: Learning to be up to their standards.

"Has this experience changed your view on high school?"

Shannon: Yes, it has made me actually want to come to high school to see if I get to do these things when I am there.

Milly: Yes, it has made me change my idea on what happens there.

"From this experience, do you think you would ever get lost in high school?"

Shannon: Maybe, because I haven't been shown around the whole school and I haven't memorised it yet.

Milly: Yes, because I am only in Year 5 and I don't have a lot of experience.

"If you could, would you come back to the high school for this every day?"

Shannon: Yes, because it is a good learning experience.

Milly: Yes, because it is a lot of fun.

"What has been your favourite thing at high school so far?"

Shannon: Being able to work the big and complicated cameras in photography.

Milly: I really don't know because I have liked all of the things that we have done.



Shannon Wagener (Year 6) and Milly Ryan (Year 5) from Chatham Public School

Eisteddfod Thoughts

From Year 11 Drama

On Tuesday the 10th of May this year, our class of 27 students participated in the Taree District Eisteddfod in the Speech and Drama section. The Year 9 Drama class had participated on the previous day.

We started our preparation by splitting into groups for playbuilding. We then had to come up with our own ideas for an original performance piece, workshop the different ideas then rehearse our final piece. At the same time we had to prepare a scripted performance for a duologue, a monologue, or in some cases both!! This meant choosing or writing scripts. And after over 2 months of hard practicing, we were all prepared for the big stage.

Everyone participated in unscripted, which is an improvised performance. Each group was given a topic and had 3 minutes to prepare a mini play relating to this topic, and 2 minutes to perform it on stage.

On the Tuesday night, some of the Year 11 students performed in the Monologue and Duologue sections of the Eisteddfod. Overall everyone was very successful as you can tell from the results.

We were so inspired by our time at the Taree Eisteddfod that we are quite keen to perform in the Port Macquarie eisteddfod in September. Who knows where we might end up ???



Marie and Mariah



Renee

Eisteddfod Results 2011

Year 9 Drama

Unscripted Group 1: Billy Wright, Eliza Earl, Bruce Sendah, Jodie Lambert. *Result:* Highly commended.

Unscripted group 2: Chelsea Phillips, Hannah Connell and Jon Dahl. *Result:* Highly commended.

One Act Play: Raysheem Clark, Hannah Connell, Jon Dahl, Eliza Earl, Bridget Emmett, Marianne Gonzales, Chelsea Phillips, Bruce Sendah, Cecilia Sendah, Natasha Sowter, Billy Wright, and Jodie Lambert. *Result:* Second place.

Year 11 Drama

Unscripted Drama Groups:

Tamara Dargan, Tiffany Farrell, Tamika Flemming, Codie Faulkner, and Tegan Newell. *Mark:* 91 – First place.

Toni Bush, Grace Jennings, Kayla Edwards, Natalie Pearson, and Kim Reynolds. *Mark:* 89 – Highly commended.

Bec Mcquire, Renee Heales, Caley Mcguigan, Cassie Wagener, and Lanise Rouland. *Mark:* 89 – Highly Commended

Dee Dutka, Bryce Fisher, Victoria Bell, Tamika Miller, and Jess Fraser. *Mark:* 86 – Merit.

Tanya Minett, Zoe Connell, Marie DeSousa, Mariah Crompton, and Victoria Haddon. *Mark:* 86 – Merit.

Playbuilding Groups

Section 810 A:

“Naughty Nannies”: Tiffany Farrell, Codie Faulkner, Tamara Dargan, Tamika Flemming and Tegan Newell. *Mark:* 88 – Second place.

Section 810 B:

“Top Notch Babies”: Renee Heales, Cassie Wagener, Bec Mcquire and Caley Mcguigan. *Mark:* 92 – Second Place.

“TV Parody”: Dee Dutka, Bryce Fisher and Victoria Bell. *Mark:* 90 – Highly Commended.

“Cluedo Uncut”: Zoe Connell, Tanya Minett, Marie De Sousa, and Mariah Crompton. *Mark:* 88 – Highly Commended.

Dramatic Duologues

Section 825 A:

“Angels Free”: Zoe Connell and Tanya Minett. *Mark:* 90 – Second Place.

“Viral”: Lanise Rouland and Grace Jennings. *Mark:* 89.5 – Third Place.

“Barba Shop Bride”: Tamika Flemming and Codie Faulkner. *Mark:* 89 – Highly Commended.

“Monty Python and the Holy Grail – Black Knight”: Dee Dutka and Bryce Fisher. *Mark:* 88 – Highly Commended.

“Stuck on You”: Marie De Sousa and Mariah Crompton. *Mark:* 88 – Highly Commended.

Section 825 B:

“Go Bananas Airline”: Tamara Dargan and Tiffany Farrell. *Mark:* 91 – First Place.

“Can I Get Your Number?”: Natalie Pearson and Kayla Edwards. *Mark:* 90 – Second Place.

Dramatic Monologues

“Cooking For One”: Tiffany Farrell. *Mark:* 91 – Second Place.

“The Phantom of the Opera”: Victoria Bell. *Mark:* 89 – Highly Commended.

“Audition”: Caley Mcguigan. *Mark:* 89 – Highly Commended.



Tiffany, Tamika, Tamara and Codie



Tamara and Tiffany



Tamara, Tegan and Tamika

We Need You!

To have FUN FUN FUN



Come along for fun activities - Fashion parade, art competition, Hip Hop music, food and prizes.

Male and Female models needed.

Preferably from Years 7 to 10. No experience necessary.

In support of children living with domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse.

Date: 8 July 2011

Where: Purfleet Community Hall

Start: 10:00 am

Contact: Pauline Holland

Phone: 6550 0529

Supported by Purfleet Taree Local Aboriginal Land Council.

UNSW ProgComp

On Friday 10th June, 9 boys from Year 7-12 competed in the UNSW ProgComp. Entrants had to log onto the competition website at 2pm and were posed with 5 tasks that needed to be solved using a programming language within the two hour time limit. The three teams 'Asian_F00ds', 'Meme_Machine' and 'Ellis_Moore_and_the_Destroyers', were comprised of three boys each who tapped away at their keyboards trying their best to use Python to complete the challenging tasks.

Some of the students are part of the school's Programming Group and have learned how to code in the Python programming language. They've spent two afternoons each week since the start of Term 2, learning the language and using it to create simple programs such as 'Simon Says' and a Fibonacci sequence generator. The boys have trained hard and practiced as many python tasks to prepare for the competition.

The results were released on the 14th June with all Chatham High teams achieving a Participation level certificate, with *Ellis_Moore_and_the_Destroyers* team who were actually only one point off from achieving a Credit level certificate. From having very little programming experience and then entering a nationwide programming competition, the boys have done incredibly well for their first attempt. They had an enjoyable experience and are already looking forward to entering in the next competition.

Miss Tolentino



Textiles Workshop

On Wednesday 25th May Annette Dickson from S&S Creativity attended, free of charge, to workshop colouring and dying techniques with the Yr 10 Textiles Technology class.

The students completed 5 techniques: Marbling, Ink-tense pencil work, Oil Paintstick work, Heliographic printing and Monoprinting.

They created some interesting Textile pieces which will be further embellished to complete their Major Work for Term 2.

All of the students would like to thank Annette for her time and experience.

Ms Kerrie Roberts



Melinda Wallace



Chelsea Bebek



Jess Ramsay

Year 9 Excursion

On 31 March students from Year 9 travelled to Sydney with much anticipation. The trip was to include a French restaurant, Powerhouse, Imax, jet boating, go-karting and an NRL match.

The French restaurant offered many delights, no more interesting to the students than the snails in garlic butter.

Some braved the snails, where others went other delights.



Snails in garlic butter. The Little Snail French restaurant, Darling Harbour

The second stop was the Powerhouse Museum.

Students wandered around looking at interesting exhibits and interacting with virtual activities. The Paddy's Market "free time" was liked by all and some interesting things were purchased, including Bruce with hair.ome braved the snails, where others went other delights.

The Imax, for anyone who hasn't been, is quite an amazing experience. The 3D is like you are there experiencing it with the people on the screen.



After shopping at Paddy's Market

The next day we went to Channel 7 Studios in Martin Place and did some star spotting on the set of *Sunrise*. The crew are very obliging and stay for photos and autographs.



All the gang with Kochie and Mel at the Channel 7 Studios, Martin Place

Jet boating on Sydney Harbour was the next point of call. What a buzz; water everywhere and a thrill a minute. I must say that this was my personal favourite activity and one that I want to go on again. I was sitting next to Uncle Matt and not even he could stop me from getting wet.



Group shots, Thunder boat at Darling Harbour

From there we headed out to Eastern Creek for some fast action. The students were much faster than the teachers. Jai Lyons was the fastest on the day and Abby Gorton and Paige Conley also showed some speed. The day was finished fast but we still had one activity left.

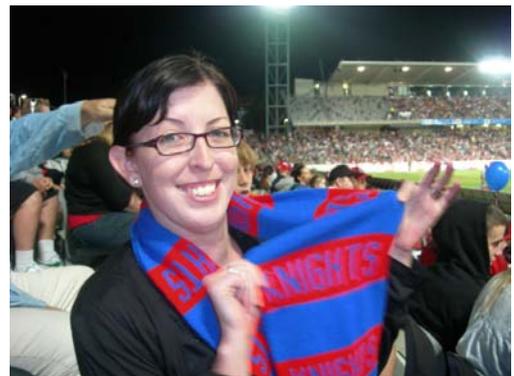


Get ready to race!



Eastern Creek Raceway

Souths vs Manly at Blue Tongue Stadium was the last visit. A rare win for Souths 32-30, but it was not looking good at some stages in the second half, with Manly coming home strong. I spotted this Newcastle supporter in the crowd. The only one to wear anything Newcastle at a Manly/Souths game, and they say I'm a diehard supporter!



Mrs Campbell at the Souths vs Manly game, hold on - check out the scarf!

A big thank you to Mrs Campbell and Matt Mitchell for their efforts. It was a great excursion and one that all involved will remember for a long time to come.

Mr Darren Williams

School Captains excursion

On Friday 10 June Chantielle Mobbs and I (Brett Grant), embarked on an excursion with Mr Holvast to Sydney to visit Parliament House and Government House.

We visited Parliament first and there we met with other senior leaders from various Western Sydney Schools; this was great as we got to discuss the HSC and duties we experience as senior leaders. At Parliament House we were lectured by Nathan Rees the 41st Premier of New South Wales and Parliamentary Leader of the New South Wales Division of the *Australian Labour Party* from September 2008 to December 2009. He explained what his daily routine was when he was Premier and told us how he came to such a prestigious position.

Once proceedings came to a close at Parliament House we walked through Sydney Botanical Gardens to Government House. We then toured through Government House, which was an architectural masterpiece. Once that had concluded we met with Marie Bashir, the current Governor of New South Wales. She discussed her life and duties and then followed with a Q & A session. I took advantage of this and addressed and asked her a question of personal interest to me; "Your Excellency, I, Brett Grant of Chatham High School was wondering what your views are on Carbon Emission Taxation". She replied an affirmation of positive aspects of Carbon Emission Taxation and how it is likely to decrease our emissions.

It was a wonderful experience and one which I shall look back on with insight.

Brett Grant.



Brett Grant and Tilly Mobbs at Parliament House



Brett Grant and Tilly Mobbs at Government House

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