



Chatham High School – A Centre for Excellence



Education Week 2011

Education Week 2011 was celebrated at Chatham High School in a number of spectacular ways. Presentation assemblies were held for students from Years 7 to 11; these celebrations of achievement ran

smoothly and were very well attended and supported by parents and family members.

In between the presentation assemblies, Chatham High School also hosted the Regional Director's Awards for Excellence in Education on Thursday. The evening was a showcase of Chatham High's Hospitality students, ably lead by Mr Williams and Mrs Amidy, alongside faculty displays of student work that filled the back of the hall. Well done to staff and students for the impressive selection of work samples and practical projects.

For two members of the school community, the evening was particularly important. Our congratulations go to Kate Fazio who received a Regional Director's Award for Outstanding School Administration and Support and Elizabeth Roberts who received a Regional Director's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement.

Here are their citations.

"Kate Fazio's commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at CHS is tireless. She has assumed many and varied roles within the school which has resulted in high retention rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through to the HSC over the past four years. Kate has fulfilled this capacity both as a paid worker and volunteer. She has earned the trust and respect of staff, students and the community by raising expectations and supporting students through the development of Personalised Learning Plans, after school learning and individual tuition."

"Elizabeth Roberts is a mature, sensible person and effective part of the school leadership team. She has a great attitude towards all aspects of school life and makes wide ranging contributions in academic, sporting and community activities.

She represents the type of school leader Chatham High is proud to have produced and nurtured."

Working Bee

I need to thank the 40 or so volunteers who gave up their Sunday morning at the end of July to make such a difference to the school site. There were multiple projects involving pruning, clearing, edging, mulching, building garden beds, trimming, planting, sawing and thinning. Overall, a high improvement was achieved by enthusiastic teams coordinated by Neil Locker and Garry Flemming. Well done!

School Uniform

Brooke Austin and Rebecca McGuire of Year 11 have been working on a proposal to reintroduce a girl's uniform tunic at Chatham High School. Rebecca and Brooke have written a proposal in relation to the uniform, sketched ideas, devised a petition to measure support and interest for the tunic and worked with a local uniform supplier to produce junior and senior tunic prototypes.

Here is a sneak preview, modelled by Brooke and Rebecca. We will now start a process involving students, parents and staff to gather feedback and make a final recommendation.

More information to come in the next *Information*.

W Holvast



Left to right:
Brooke (Senior
Uniform) and
Rebecca (Junior
uniform)

Calendar

Term 3

Week 5

Monday, 15 August	P&C Meeting
Friday 19 August	Yr9 Luna Park excursion
All week	Yr11 VET Information Technology Work Placement
All week	Trial Yr12 HSC Exams

Week 6

Week Name

Wednesday, 24 August	Yr12 Shared Curriculum Trial HSC Exams
Mon to Wed, 22-24 August	Trial Yr12 HSC Exams

Week 7

Tuesday, 30 August	School Certificate English Major Works due
Wednesday, 31 August	National Literacy & Numeracy Week activities
Thursday, 1 September	Yrs 7 & 10 vaccinations

Week 8

Wednesday, 7 September	Yr8 into 9 subject selection information evening, 6pm
Thursday, 8 September	Yr10 Maths Authentic Assessment Day, Racecourse

Week 9

Mon-Tues, 12- 20 September	Yr11 Preliminary Year Exams
Wednesday, 14 September	Yr11 Shared Curriculum Exams, 1pm

Weeks 10

Mon-Tue, 19-20 September	Yr10 Trial School Certificate Exams
Friday, 23 September	END OF TERM

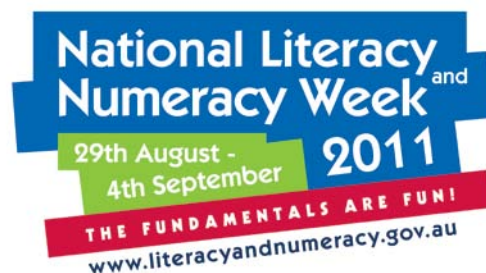
Coming soon...

On Wednesday 31 August, Chatham High School will be running the following activities for National Literacy & Numeracy Week 2011

- Roll Call, competition with prizes
- Period 2, micro stories using persuasive text
- Period 3, selected classes will be doing "Reach for the Star's, a numeracy activity
- Period 5, selected classes will be doing "Read for Australia" using Oscar Award winning author, Shaun Tan's story "Eric"

More details to follow.

Staff will be showing that "Fundamentals are fun" by dressing up and supporting the Book Week theme, 'One World, Many Stories'.



P&C News

I hope everyone had a nice and restful break.

The P&C has donated \$10000.00 to the school to go towards the cost of improving the grounds.

One noticeable change so far is the removal of the large gum tree and shrubbery at the entrance to the school. I am sure you will agree, it has made a huge difference and really opens up the front of the school.

The working bee that was held Sunday 31 July was a great success. Thank you to Neil Locker for co-ordinating and managing the working bee and to Garry Flemming who was run off his feet helping the volunteers. A big thank you to all the parents, staff and students that gave up their Sunday morning sleep in and came along to lend a hand. This kind of event shows the great support network we have at Chatham High.

Don't forget our email address is chat.hs.pc@gmail.com if you have any suggestions for where you would like to see some of the P&C funds go or have a comment or something you might like to be discussed at our meetings. Better still come along to one of our meetings now being held in the new Q Block Staff Room. Our meeting dates for the rest of the year are 15 August, 19 September, 17 October, 21 November and December is a dinner meeting TBA. Meetings start at 7pm on a Monday. Please see your Parent/Carer Calendar.

Sharon Steadman, P&C President



Melissa Barry and her Mother, Sally



Willem Holvast, Mike Osborne, Trevor Rojo



Tilly Mobbs, Tameil Connell, Bryan Provest, Brendan Miller, Ellis Moore, Brett Grant



Thomas Wood, Bev Lamotte, Ian Wood, Bec McGuire

PE Uniform

Needs Improvement

The Physical Education (PE) component of our course provides a great opportunity for your child to develop skills that will benefit them for life.

Our Faculty has been disappointed with some of the footwear that has been worn in PE lessons in particular the velcro jiffy style shoes. For your child's safety it is important they have proper Joggers to enable necessary grip and to give appropriate support and cushioning to their growing joints.

It is great to see our students in the full sport uniform of black shorts and a white polo shirt during PE lessons and we would ask that you support and encourage your child to wear the appropriate clothing that will enable them the best opportunity to succeed.

Thank you.

Mr Mitchell, Head Teacher PDHPE

Laptop News

Years 10 & 11 laptop upgrade

Every year we have to re-image the school's computers, including student laptops. Re-imaging updates Windows and most of the software on the computer, usually adding new programs. It often fixes problems with computers slowing down or freezing.

Year 10 and year 11 laptops that have not been upgraded this year need to be handed in now. The upgrade process takes a day or two and will delete all of the data on the student's laptop. Students must back up all of their personal data, or it will be lost — use a USB stick or external hard drive. See the TSO for more details.

Canteen News

We're Back

Our new look, renovated canteen opened with a week of celebrations.

These included a Celebration Cake and Food Day - where our Principal, Mr Holvast cut the yummy chocolate cake with Lorraine and Gayle and a huge number of the school community joined us for cake and hot food. *Thank you to Mr Ravoul, Mr Field and Mrs Fotheringham for their much needed help.*



Our Junk Food Day was a great success, as always. Many thanks for their help on this busy day to the PE staff and Mr Gay.

The \$2 Chicken Burger Day to end our week of festivities was a runaway hit. We sold over 200 burgers and could have sold many more. Who doesn't love a special! A BIG thank you to Karen Rojo, our volunteer Mum, who gave her time to help out on the day. Thanks also to Mrs Fotheringham and Mr Mitchell from PE, once again, donating their time and effort for our students. The PE staff are always on hand when asked to help in the canteen and we really appreciate their efforts.

The renovation was completed on time. The canteen is a delight to work in; very bright and fresh. Our time "up top" in the Administration Block was great too. We enjoyed being amongst the students and staff who were very obliging and made us welcome.

Now onwards to Summer - look out for some new products and meal deals coming very soon.

See you at the "Peppermint Palace" canteen.

Lorraine and Gayle

Deadly Girls

Graduation

The Deadly girls were a three month program run by Karen Hoskins, Aunty Dom and others for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Girls.

The program covered topics like; safe sex practices, save a mate, hair and beauty.

All the girls graduated at an evening dinner and presentation on 26 July 2011.

Everyone had heaps of fun and learnt more about being strong, proud girls.



Teagan, Brittany, Amber, Rhianna, Sarah, Natarleigha and Raysheem



Knitter's Clique – Community Invitation

A Chatham High School PSP
community partnership initiative



It's on again. The CHS Knitter's Clique campaign. This year we are knitting for **Save the Children** campaign called **Born to Knit** and we need your help.

Our aim is to knit squares to make into blankets for children in need. Can you or your family help? We need:

You, your family and friends:

- 4mm needles
- 8ply 100% pure wool (preferably)
- Each square should be about **20cms x 20cms** (44 stitches wide, 88 rows high)
- A perfect-sized blanket is made up of **16 knitted squares**
- The final blanket size should be around **80cms x 80cms**.

Chatham High has been entered in the schools competition **Born to Knit** where we could win \$10000. The competition ends 2 September. Blankets/squares received after this date will be forwarded to Save the Children up to the end of September or to local charities. We will do this.

On Saturday 27 August 2011 we will have a knitter's morning, in the school library to meet, chat, knit and have a delicious morning tea. All are welcome. The 'knit meet' will be from 9.00am to 12.00pm

Last year was a great success and everyone had a fun day. We hope you can come along, knit a few squares, sew a couple of blankets and enjoy the day.

Donations can be left at the Front Office. If you would like to sew up squares we already have, please contact us, too. Any other enquiries please contact Kim Porter or Jenn Curtis at Chatham High 6552 2588.

So let's get those needles clicking and we will see you on Saturday 27 August, 2011.

Kim Porter, Knitter's Clique organiser.



Marcus McLeod-Hemsworth proudly sporting his knitting wares created at the Knitter's Clique

My Day at V-Tracks

by Kielle Goolagong

On 21 July 2011 I attended TAFE V-Tracks. V-Tracks is all about children who don't know what to do when they leave school. TAFE helps kids through doing courses through TAFE and seeing if they have an interest in the courses they provide.

When I attended V-Tracks I chose one course that I was interested in and that was childcare. In the childcare course I learnt:

- How the children should be treated.
- Treating children with respect and caring for them when they need it.
- How children's environments should be made safer.

During the course we were invited by the TAFE students that were doing their Diploma for Childcare to come into a looking room where they could see them but they couldn't see us. Our tasks were to watch the children and observe them in what they were doing and how they were doing it. For example, one little boy had a one way sign and was hitting all the other children on the head with it. The TAFE students had stopped this little boy and he didn't really like it but he just went on with playing with the cars.

The other practical things we did were:

- Making noodle necklaces.
- Did collages about healthy and no-healthy foods.
- Got a book read to us.
- Watched a YouTube video on 'Charlie Bit My Finger'.
- We playing singing games and fun games that young children would play.
- How to wash our hands and we had a blue light thermometer.

I had a really great day. I don't actually think that I would go into childcare when I am older, but I would love to do V-Tracks again but a different course.



Become a WEP Exchange Student Host Family!



World Education Program (WEP) is now accepting applications from students wish to live and study overseas for a summer, semester or year. Students can choose from 26 destinations to study and experience life with a welcoming, volunteer host family.

Plan Ahead and Save \$500!

For applications received before 30 November 2011, WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12 a \$500 discount off the 2011/12 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in August – September 2012: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Turkey, Thailand or the USA.

Become a WEP Host Family!

Extend your family with a motivated international exchange student and make new friends from around the world. Students are arriving in January for a term, semester and year.

Request a FREE Information Pack!

Contact WEP to find out more about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Phone: 1300 884 733

Email: info@wep.org.au

Online: www.wep.org.au

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Shop 12, Pulteney Arcade
Opposite Car Park Deli

Support Unit News

Building Tables

Terry Kouwenhoven and students Doug McCaffery,, Tyler Eagles, Corrie Carter, Isaac Carberry and Brayden Costa are building four outdoor tables and seating combinations to be installed next to the Harrington Bowling Club to be part of a new covered dining area.

The boys are familiar with this construction having previously completed tables for Taree, Old Bar and Wallaby Point. This is a joint project involving GTCC, Harrington Lions Club and Chatham High School.

Careers

Expo Report

Chatham High School has just finished hosting another highly successful Careers Expo. In fact exhibitors who tour the State have rated our Expo as the best Careers Expo in the State. They raved about the quality of food supplied by our Year 11 Hospitality students. Teachers, Julie Amidy and Darren Williams and their students deserve special praise for their excellence in catering. The food was so good that the consultant from The International College of Management, where MasterChef is filmed described the food as being definitely of MasterChef standard.

Representatives were very impressed by the quality of questions asked by our students.

The Expo features a balanced mixture of 61 representatives from Universities, Private Colleges, TAFE and various job fields.

Over 1000 students from all local schools attended. It was also very pleasing to see so many parents make the most of the opportunity to access career and training information.

New exhibitors this year included Newcastle Permanent Building Society, National Australia Bank and Sorenson and Caldron Builders.

This Expo was our best yet. Students seemed to really enjoy the event as well as utilise the valuable information and advice available.

Neil Locker, Careers Adviser







Uniforms Wanted

Chatham High School runs a uniform clothing pool which is used extensively to support students.

At this time of year we are running out of clothing, especially jumpers.

If you have any clean and serviceable uniforms that your children are no longer using please drop them into the Front Office where it can be redistributed to those in need.

Steve Harris, Head Teacher Welfare

Hospitality

Careers Expo

The hospitality students and teachers deserve to be congratulated on the magnificent catering job they did at the Taree Careers Expo.

The exhibitors gave them rave reviews. They said that the food was of the highest standard both in terms of taste and appearance. The service was also fabulous.

The students and teachers have been described as MasterChefs and MasterChef trainees.

In fact the food was recognised as being of MasterChef standard.

Teachers and students include: Darren Williams, Julie Amidy, Rhonda Allen, Toni Bush, Daniel Payton, Courtney Mobbs, Tori Mellon, Emma Swan, Melinda Wilkinson, Mitchell Parnell, Patrick McDonald, James Lilse, Chad Hood, Tristan Burrows, Jake Battishall, Brock Campbell, Jessica Beattie, Chastity Holden, Karlea McLucas, April Wicks, Emily Selby, Makayla Nicols, Caley McGuigan, Josh Marshman, Tamika Flemming, Codie Faulkner, Eithan Dumas, Renee Heales.





Careers Reports

Website: www.chathamcareers.net

This has been extremely busy time of the Year.

Year 9

Many Yr 9 students have been applying for Tax File numbers to help them save money in their part time jobs and be eligible for Government benefits.

Year 10

Yr 10 has been very busy getting subjects selected for next year and planning their futures.

Those students who wish to do "in-school traineeships" in areas such as hospitality, nursing, construction ,administration etc need to get organised for 2012.

Year 11

Students are planning for their changeover to HSC subjects.

Students will be allowed to reduce their subject pattern to 10 units of study, however there are huge advantages in maintaining 12 units. Students who waste their spare time will be well advised to keep 12 units of study.

The changeover will happen at the beginning of next term.

Year 12

All students need to apply to the appropriate training institutions and jobs.

Year 12 should have had most of their questions answered at the Careers Expo.

They can now apply to University or can leave this until straight after their Trial HSC exams. Students who wish to go to University should also consider applying for the Principal Recommendation Schemes where they may be able to get in with lower marks if they possess good ability and are hard workers.

A TAFE representative will be organised after the Trial HSC Exams.

Year 10 Ambassadors

The following Year 10 students helped with the 2011 Careers Expo organised by Chatham High School. Their job was to help all the visitors and look after them during the event. These students are some of the best in year 10 and earned huge amounts of praise from representatives. They are a credit to the school. Students included Chris Diessel, Brad Chapman, Emily Chapman, Heidi Longworth, Grace Johnson, Selina Mephram, Ashley Monck, Emily Robertson, Laura Earl, Sarah Jane Bowes, Mikayla Hawkings, Ashleigh Spekking, Lachlan McCarthy, Grant Stimson.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on any careers related matter.

Neil Locker , Careers Adviser

Careers

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 St, Taree 6551 1700/1300 360 562
(Job Network Member)

Mid Coast Group Training - 44 Lord St, Port Macquarie
6583 5355

Australian Apprenticeship Centres -

CWCC 1. New Apprenticeships Centre in Taree Community
College, 5 Macquarie St, 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 St, 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 St, 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

