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Celebrating Learning and Opportunity at Chatham School

Year 12 students are heads down in their Trial HSC examinations. Education Week was celebrated with Christopher Diessel of Year 11 receiving a Regional Director's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement. We were visited by the Hunter New England Body Armour drama group. We are participating in a range of

innovative whole school learning opportunities as part of the National Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations. Kyani McCubbin became Captain of the NSW Indoor Cricket team and joined the Australian Indoor Cricket team. Ryan Pearson danced his way to membership of the NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company. The Opens Rugby League team made it through to the NSW Combined High Schools (CHS) University Shield quarter finals and the school was visited by the School Education Director Mr John Harwin and the Regional Director Mr Mark Youngblutt on the same day. Both complimented the school about how fantastic the grounds and facilities look and how calm and welcoming the school is.



Willem Holvast, Mark Youngblutt and John Harwin

And these are just a few examples.

North Manning Learning Community in action

The North Manning Learning Community is made up of Chatham High School along with our feeder primary schools: Chatham PS, Coopernook PS, Crowdy Head PS, Cundletown PS, Harrington PS, Lansdowne PS, Manning Gardens PS and Upper Lansdowne PS. We meet each term and work together for all students from preschool to Year 12. An example of working together with smaller schools in the Learning Community is the sport program.

Congratulations to Mr Shane Ludeke's Sport Coaching elective class for their outstanding work with a number of our feeder primary schools at the Small Schools' Cricket Carnival, held at the Taree Recreational Centre. Their involvement and support included coaching, mentoring and umpiring our up and coming cricketers. This was highly appreciated by staff and students from the small schools in our Learning Community.

WOW!

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 students who participated in, and fully enjoyed, our WOW days as part of the North Manning Learning Community Transition to Year 7 program. In addition, the WOW days also gave our Year 9 Peer Support Leaders a chance to show their leadership skills and guide the visiting students. A big thank you and well done goes to the teachers who prepared and presented the exciting and engaging lessons for our future students and the teachers who accompanied their students from the primary schools. Judging by the excited looks on faces, the WOW days have become a highlight of the year for many students, as well as great way to become familiar with the high school as part of the transition from primary to secondary school.

School Captains' Elections

As you read this, the process for Captains' elections is under way. Year 11 students have been invited to nominate for Captain and Vice-captain positions with voting by all students and staff to take place later this term. Good luck and best wishes to all nominating candidates.

P&C

I was delighted to receive some feedback at last Monday's P&C meeting about recent events at the school involving our students and teachers. Mr Locker, his team of helpers and the Hospitality students were thanked for their outstanding efforts when Chatham hosted the Taree Careers Expo on Friday 27 July. The teachers were again thanked for their efforts in ensuring all students who attended the School Social were able to enjoy themselves on Wednesday 8 August at the Taree Leagues Club. The offer by the Leagues Club to use their premises proved to be popular with the students who attended, their parents and teachers who attended to assist with supervision. Thanks to all and congratulations to the SRC for organising this event.

CHACE – Manning River Times Supplement Success

I have had a conversation with the Mr John Bulmer, MNC Regional Manager of Fairfax Media about interest in the highly successful partnership between the Manning River Times and Chatham High School's CHACE class in producing the International Youth Week MRT supplement. If you have read the supplement, you will agree it looks fantastic and demonstrates quality research, writing, photography and advertising. There is now also interest by others in the project as a possible model for future school and community partnerships.

The supplement is both a true group effort and an outstanding example of what is possible when business and schools work together to provide rich learning opportunities. Well done to everyone involved!

Best Wishes

Good luck to the Opens Rugby League team as they prepare to play Tumut HS. In the words of one of the team: "This will be a tough challenge; these are two teams who have not met before or seen each other play."

Chatham High Students making a difference.

Sixteen students from Year 9 and Year 10 assisted in coaching students from surrounding small schools who attended a Gala Cricket day at the Taree Recreation Grounds on 17 August.

The Gala day provided an opportunity for our students to put into practise coaching skills developed from the 'You Are The Coach' courses learnt in Years 9 and 10.

Schools represented included Upper Lansdowne, Crowdy Head, Elands, Bobin, Mt George, Krambach and Coolongalook.

Students involved were Paige Conley, Nicole Banning, Mitchell Watson, Zack Ryan, Zac Gibson, Dean Mills, Brodie James, Lachlan Baker, Blake Turner, Brodan Hamilton, Blake Chivas, Caine Standing, Jackson Page, Travis Goldsmith, Ashley Harry, and Jesse Halls.

Well done Year 9 and 10 students!

Mr S Ludeke

Calendar

Week 7

ALL WEEK	National Literacy & Numeracy Week
Mon, 27 Aug	Yrs9&10 Spelling Bee, library
Mon, 27 Aug	Tables Challenge Maths Yrs7&8, library
Wed, 29 Aug	Yrs7&8 Spelling Bee, library
Thu, 30 Aug	Vaccinations
Fri, 31 Aug	Spelling Bee Super Challenge, library

Week 9

ALL WEEK	Yr11 Preliminary Final Exams
Fri, 14 Sep	Yr12 Trial HSC Reports issued

Week 10

Mon, 17 Sep	P&C Meeting, 7pm
Thu, 20 Sep	Yr12 Formal Farewell Assembly

Hey Parents,

Our school cares about your child's health and nutrition! Did you know that our school is a member of Healthy Kids Association? That's right, we want to provide good food and nutrition education to your children and Healthy Kids provides us with resources for the canteen and teachers. This is just one of the ways that we ensure your children learn about healthy food and eat well from the canteen. visit www.healthy-kids.com.au.

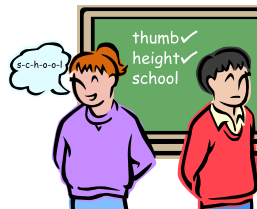




What is happening during National Literacy and Numeracy week?

Spelling Bee

We are holding our annual Spelling Bee this year during NLNW. Years 9 and 10 will be held during periods 1 and 2 on Monday 27 August in the Library and Year 7 (periods 1 and 2) and Year 8 (periods 3 and 4) on Wednesday 29 August.



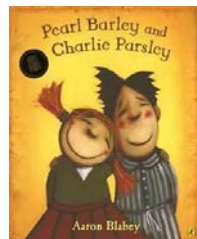
On Friday, there will be Super Challenge of all Spelling Bee Champions. This will also be during periods 1 and 2. Parents are invited to come along to all sessions.

Tables Challenge

Year 7 (period 6) and Year 8 (period 4) will be competing against each other at the Tables Challenge on Monday.

Read for Australia

During the week Year 8 students will be reading 'Pearl Bailey and Charlie Parsley' by Aaron Blabey to our primary schools as part of Read to Australia.



Six Word Challenge

How hard would it be to write a story with only six words? Classes will be asked to write stories with only six words!

Reach for the Stars – Numeracy Activity

Students will be involved in numeracy activities, collecting data from observations and measurements about their favourite books.

Puzzles and games

Each day, students will be given a literacy or numeracy challenge to complete during roll call.

Also, there will be games and puzzles in the Library during the week.

Staff will also be dressing up to this year's Book Week theme, 'Champion's Read'.

Carpe diem: Take an opportunity and achieve success



Caitlin Denning and Madi Moriarty

Caitlin and Madi (both Year 7) took the opportunity and represented Chatham High School in the Department of Education and Communities' public speaking competition at Port Macquarie recently. The girls had to deliver a five minute prepared speech.

Madi spoke about 'Friends'. She repeated her presentation to the teaching staff at a staff meeting after school! "They seemed to like it. I enjoyed the challenge it provided", Madi said later.

Caitlin spoke about 'Allergies'. She observed, "It's something I know about! Personal experience is a great teacher."

"Both girls did well considering that most of the other participants were in Years 8 or 9," coach Chris Abbott noted. "They also had to give a two minute impromptu speech with five minutes preparation."

"They achieved success! They demonstrated that they can put life into the school motto, *Semper intrepidi*," Mr Abbott concluded.

"Well done and congratulations Caitlin and Madi!"



School Captains Visit Sydney: Go To Parliament And Meet The Governor

On Friday 20 July, fellow school captain Zac Sheather and I travelled down to Sydney at 4:30am with Mr Holvast to attend the 'Secondary School Leadership Program for School Captains'. This program recognises the leadership role of the students and offers them the opportunity to develop their knowledge of constitutional and parliamentary proceedings, and the role of the NSW Governor.

We were given a full guided tour of NSW Parliament House and Government House.

We were lucky enough to have beautiful weather in Sydney for the day as well!

Along with other school captains from schools across the state, members of the parliament spoke to us about what it means to be a leader and how they achieved their position of leadership.

One of the main reasons this program was so successful was because they were just 'normal' people who each had a different story to tell about how they made it to where they are today. They kept the talks entertaining and informative for us. They answered any questions we had and told us inspiring personal stories which were really interesting to Zac and I.

The highlight of the trip was definitely meeting Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, Governor of New South Wales. Zac and I were lucky enough to introduce ourselves to her and get a photo. We are so thankful to have this opportunity as School Captains!



Rebecca McGuire and Zachary Sheather with Professor Marie Bashir, Governor of NSW (centre)

Knitter's Click



Save the Children
Australia

Our knitters are very busy completing squares for Save the Children fund. The Knitter's Click meet every third Saturday (last one 15 September), from 1 to 4 pm, in the staff common room. All are welcome, especially if you can knit or sew our squares together.

Each Thursday at lunch, students and staff meet to learn to knit or knit during Term 3.



Careers

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 Hospitality students. Teachers, Donna Kouwenhoven, Darren Williams, Sam Doust and their students deserve special praise for their excellence in catering. The food was so good that Anne McCrory from Hotel School described the food as being of exceptional quality and a credit to the school.

Representatives were very impressed by the quality of questions asked by our students and the enthusiasm shown by the students and parents who attended.

The Expo featured a balanced mixture of 62 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: Engineers Australia and William Angliss Institute from Melbourne.

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

The attendance of so many parents was very pleasing.

Neil Locker
Careers Adviser

Hospitality Report

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 of the future.

In fact the food was recognised as being of a very high standard and much appreciated by our guests.

Teachers and students include: Darren Williams, Donna Kouwenhoven, Sam Doust, Brooke Ashton, Corey Bangallarry, Nadeen Bayliss, Oscar Bird, Lucas Bramble, Kseah Cowan, Chris Diessel, Rhianna Doust, Jarrod Harris, Kerry Jordan, Jai Lyons, Brendan Moore, Taylor Morley, Ellen Powick, Teghan Anderson, Candice Balaam, Chelsea Bebek, Alycia Deluca, Nikki Dowdle, Kaine Hile, Jaidin Morcombe, Georgia Potts, Jess Ramsay, Shaun Ridgeway, Christiella Van Baars, Ellen Wang and Jennica Winter.



Grounds Report

Our grounds and gardens are looking great after a complete renovation in 2011. The P&C donated \$15,000 to ensure that the school was looking at its best. There is still some work to be done, but overall the grounds and gardens are in good shape.

Neil Locker

Teacher In Charge of Grounds



Aaron Billingsley and Scott Shelton with some plants they planted during National Tree Planting Day earlier this year

Careers Report

<http://www.chatham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/careers>

This has been an extremely busy time of the Year.

Year 9

Many Year 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

Year 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 2013.

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 Uni 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 2012 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 Ryan Pearson, Chelsea Phillips, Taylah Piggott, Kaleb McCubbin, Bridget Emmett, Natasha Sowter, Cecilia Sendah, Marianne Gonzales, Daniel Jacobs, Hannah Connell, Raysheem Clark, and Shanaya Pride.

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

Neil Locker

Careers Adviser

<http://www.chatham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/careers>

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF !

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: "the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes". Volunteer to host an international high school student in February 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in February for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Canada and the U.S.A. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our booklet of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship



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 (Sarsha
Woolnough 0439472230)
- **Australian Apprenticeship Centres**
CWCC 1. New Apprenticeships Centre in
Taree Community College; 5 Macquarie
Street Taree
Phone 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
- **Workplace Services** – 30 Pulteney St
Taree 6551 2566 (Construction Industry &
general jobs)
- **Koori Help**
 - **Taree Indigenous Development &
Employment** - 82 Victoria 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.chatham-
h.schools.nsw.edu.au/careers](http://www.chatham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/careers) and go to
employment sites
- **Housing Industry Group** – 6651 2422
(building trades)
- **Mining Companies** –
[http://www.reflections.com.au/MiningandEx-
ploration/Companies/Profiles.html](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



Discover Uni Day

In a joint collaboration between Chatham High School and the University of Newcastle, our partner schools and their families were invited to a day out to experience Newcastle University first hand. Below are a comments from some of the attending Lansdowne students.

Amelia Lunney writes:

On the 19th of July we caught a bus to Newcastle to discover Uni. When we got there we went in to a lecture hall then a lady told us about how fantastic Uni is. At the Uni there are 42 hectares of land and 32,000 students that go there, it was huge. We went to all different activities. My favourite was the mini catapult. We had to launch a foam ball through a hoola hoop. Ours hit the wall, we did really well. I would like to thank Ms Richardson and Mrs Wild for taking us and providing us with lunch and recess.

5/6W Brooke Newman writes:

A lady gave us a talk about Uni and how much work it is. For most of the time we were together as a group. Also we went to different activities. We saw a robot kick a red soccer ball because if the robot saw a bright colour it would think to kick it.

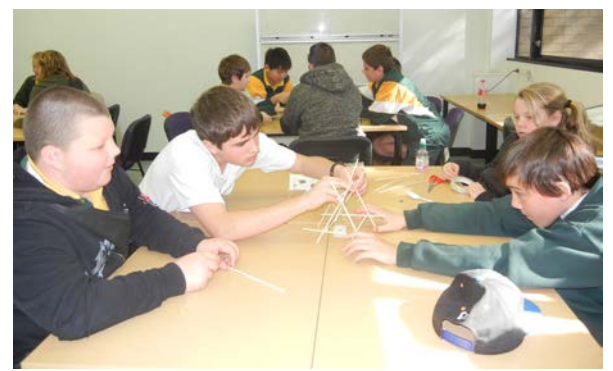


We also did things like guess a healthy food that was on the table. We got a bag with information in it. We had a leader that took us everywhere. Also we invited a parent or carer to come with us.

My favourite activity was the mini catapult, my team went the furthest. Our Principal, Mrs Wild made us a beautiful lunch. Our other teacher, Ms Richardson had fun too. Ms Richardson is smart and clever.

5/6W Jay Rickett writes:

On Thursday 19 July we went to the Discover Uni day at Newcastle University. The first thing we did was go into the lecture hall. We each got a bag with a drink bottle, lolly pop and a pen in it. Then we went into a massive room called the Great Hall and there were all these types of activities. Then we had recess, after recess and after that we went to an activity called mini catapult. We had to make a catapult that shot a foam ball into a hoola hoop. Charlie's team won. Finally we had our Principal, Mrs Wild make us some lunch.



This summer we're looking for the next generation of bowlers, batters and catchers. There's lots of ways you can get involved in cricket with your local club, association or indoor centre.
Sign up now with your local club or find out more at...

playcricket.com.au



Thank you to all of these local businesses that supported the Chatham High School students with advertising in the International Youth Day supplement published by Manning River Times 9 August.

If you didn't see a copy, take a look on the Chatham High School website www.chatham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au to see the great work the CHACE class and a couple of local primary students created.



SU2 Kitchen Garden

The garden project undertaken by the students of SU2 in the Support Unit will allow the students to have hands on experience growing their own vegetables to be used in their weekly cooking class.

The students will get first-hand experience and learn to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh seasonal foods.

I'm hoping the students will develop life-long healthier eating habits through this exercise.

The students will develop skills that extend across the entire school-curriculum. Skills that will last them a lifetime, and discover just how much fun it is to grow and cook their own seasonal vegetables.

T Kouwenhoven
Class Teacher



Student comments:

Class of SU2 Kitchen Garden

The class of SU2 started a garden by building garden beds out of wood. We then put newspaper down and then shovelled lots of mulch into the beds. We then put dirt on top so the plants will have good soil to grow in. Our garden we will have lots of plants such as snow peas, lettuce, beans, cabbage as well as some herbs. Then the vegies will be used for cooking.

by Cherilee.



Making a vegie garden is a lot of work you have to put the mulch and the soil in the garden you chose what you want to put in to the garden and you can use the food for cooking and you can also chose a healthy food choices for your life and you can look after the environment as well.

Rhianron gibson



SU2 Kitchen Garden

What does the garden mean to me? I'm having a great time getting the garden ready. We planned the garden and made the boxes for the plants to go in with my teacher. It's been hard work but we are nearly ready to put out plants in.

When we grow our vegies we will be able to eat them in our cooking class. Mr Kouwenhoven is teaching our class about eating good healthy vegies as well as looking after the environment.

Georgina Lambert



What does the garden mean to me? I think it's a great idea because it is a great experience for me. I've learned yesterday a few things for the first time ever such as using a shovel and wheeling a wheelbarrow. It's also a good thing for healthy food choices and it's ~~was~~ are learning how to grow fruits & veg for everyday life.

Tamsin Atkins



21/8/12
Suz Kitchen Garden

What does the garden mean to me. To prepare for the Kitchen Garden was very hard physical work for me and other members of the class as we had to shovel dirt into five large garden beds. However when the plants grow I will be able to eat them in our cooking class.

Jack Wallace



Learn how to grow plants
Fresh vegetables for cooking
healthy eating choices
100% after the environment

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what does the garden mean to me
I think the garden is a lot of
fun and I can get a healthy diet
from it by learning that my hard
work will get results

patrick hunter

