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How quickly the time goes –

Already we find ourselves at the end of Semester 1, end of financial year time, reports and major half yearly award assemblies.

Thank you to the staff for their extra hard work during

this compressed term and to all the parents and outside agencies who have also worked so hard for our students.

Facebook is a wonderful thing (according to those who like it) and we choose to use Facebook also to communicate events happening at the school and the achievements of our students. Unfortunately there are those in the community who enjoy setting up false sites and using them to implicate others (including schools) in spreading false and misleading, if not slanderous, information. Apparently some people have done this with a false Chatham High School site and we have had calls from community members to let us know about these.

The Chatham High School Facebook site is only used by the school to communicate the successes and achievements of our school community. If you are seeing something that suggests otherwise, it does not come from Chatham High School. You can see our web address on the advert opposite.

Planning for NAIDOC activities is well underway with our Aboriginal Education team organising activities and a special assembly for the school on Thursday 18th July. I would like to formally invite parents and family to attend and help our students in the celebrations and activities. More information will come from the Aboriginal Education Team.

The school handed all students a set of guidelines called "Expectations for attending school based activities" at the beginning of Term 2 and were encouraged to take them home. Students were told explicitly what this meant at Year Adviser roll meetings as well. As we continue to set high expectations for our students in all areas we must realise that to represent the school "we must first be a good representative for the school". The document mentions the need for attendance in class, following the uniform policy, meeting behavioural standards and, most importantly, completing their studies. Staff

organizing activities have been advising students that they must meet these expectations to ensure they can be part of a team or go on reward excursions. We have had a very positive response from students catching up on outstanding work or ensuring they respect the school code in the timeframes given. Some students have not met these standards and unfortunately we have had to advise them and their families in some cases that they cannot attend an activity. No student will miss an activity that is mandatory in their curriculum but all students must be aware there are certain standards that we must all meet before we can be school representatives. A copy of the document is attached to this newsletter.

Congratulations to Ms Atkins for organising the Year 12 Resilience and Study day on Tuesday 17th June. Kiri Stokes from Newcastle University and Emily, from Sydney travelled a long way to work with our students in two sessions on the day. A study support link to our university (Newcastle) will be added to our website for senior students to access. It covers a range of senior subjects and is very useful leading up to the HSC.

*All the best – Mr Sonntag
Relieving Principal*

Calendar

Term 2

Week 9

28 Jun	Merit Assemblies - Stage 4, period 2 (SRC BBQ for families period 3) - Stage 5, period 4
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Term 3

Week 1

15 Jul	School Development Day (no students)
15 Jul	P&C Meeting, 7pm in Common Room
16 Jul	Students return to school

Week 2

22 Jul	Stage 6 Merit Assembly, period 4
24 Jul	Parent Interviews, all Years MPC 4pm-6pm

Week 3

29-30 Jul	ANU – Canberra Physics excursion
29 Jul – 23 Aug	Prelim & HSC VET Work Placements

Week 4

29 Jul – 23 Aug	Prelim & HSC VET Work Placements
9 Aug	NSW Uni Health Careers Forum

Week 5

29 Jul – 23 Aug	Prelim & HSC VET Work Placements
12 – 21 Aug	Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams

Week

19 Aug	P&C Meeting, 7pm in Common Room
29 Jul – 23 Aug	Prelim & HSC VET Work Placements
19 – 23 Aug	Yr 11 Work Placement
12 – 21 Aug	Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams

NORTA NORTA TUTORING AT CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Our school now has a full complement of tutors to assist indigenous students with their school work. Three tutors work with students in the junior years and two senior tutors work with our students in Years 10, 11 and 12 preparing them for their HSC and for the years after school.

This is a wonderful resource for our students and they are encouraged to drop into the Indigenous Room in A Block if they require any assistance with their school work.

In the same way, you are encouraged to drop into school, have a cuppa and a chat and learn of what the tutors can do to help your son and /or daughter. With teachers, tutors, parents and carers; together we will make a difference.

From the
Norta Norta Tutoring team

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This is the **ONLY** genuine page setup by Chatham High School, Taree.

Unfortunately, we have no authority over any other Facebook page and therefore cannot access, edit or monitor content shown.

Mathsonline**Mathematics Tutoring Program**

Chatham High School has purchased a username and login for every student at our school for the online Mathematics tutoring program "mathsonline". This enables every student to watch videos and worked examples on any computer with internet access. There are also worksheets where students can practice completing exercises and the site marks the questions, giving immediate feedback. This is an outstanding resource that covers all Mathematics levels from Kindergarten to Year 12. If your student has forgotten their username or password, they can be supplied by their friendly maths teacher.

Scott Brown
Guru of Mathematics



Urgently Needed

School Uniforms for Clothing Pool

If you have any Chatham High School uniforms you no longer use, we would be very grateful if you would like to donate them to the school. *Thanks.*

TAS Faculty Update

This semester in the TAS faculty, there has been lots of movement of teaching staff. Mr Williams has accepted the Vocational Education and Training Head Teacher position at Nambucca Heads High School. The TAS faculty and the students will miss him greatly. We wish him luck at his new school.

Mrs Amidy has taken long service leave until the end of Term 3 for a well deserved break. We hope she returns refreshed and in good spirits. In her place, Mrs Kouwenhoven has taken the position of Relieving Head Teacher of TAS.

Mrs Roberts is also stepping up from Assistant Year 10 Advisor to be Year 10 Year Advisor to relieve Mrs Kouwenhoven for Head Teacher duties.

Mr James and Mr Barton have taken up the surplus classes to cover the staff changes.

Technology Mandatory classes have "moved" into the next rotation. Please ensure your child knows which class they should be in, and attends the correct Technology class.

Annette Dixon from S&S Wholesale came to Chatham High on Monday 3 June to present a textiles workshop for students in Stage 6 Textiles and Design. Last year, the students had the opportunity to work with a range of textile materials and tools to supplement their textile projects. It was a great success and we look forward to having her visit the school.

TAS team

Match report

41 Nil Win!

It was an overcast day when the Chatham High Open team arrived at Harry Elliott Park at 10.30am, and our opponents Forster were ready to play.

They were warmed up and really keen to play against us because we were the team to beat.

We got to the dressing sheds to get ready, the boys had their boots laced up and their jerseys rolled and taped.

"I was ready, it felt really good go get out there beside my football brothers, I was nervous but ready to hit hard. I was 5/8 and I had to organise the backs, they didn't listen at first but they started to come around, they started running holes and tackling with aggression and we started putting points on the board", said Latrell.

Dylan Towers was meant to be the number one halfback for the team but he had to fill in the lock position. Dylan ended up scoring a hat-trick.

Latrell had the challenge to kick every goal off the ground, and he ended up getting all of them from the side line and even from in front but he didn't miss.

"I was a bit nervous, butterflies were flickering in my gut, but I knew that if I tackled the biggest player out there they would go away, and they did", said Jaike.

The Forster team had tough tacklers and were determined to keep us away from the line, but they couldn't because we broke their defence. We won by playing simple football and completing our sets throughout the time we had to play.

Latrell Goolagong and Jaike Toa.

CONGRATULATIONS CANTEEN

"5 Star" result

Our canteen staff are to be commended after Council officers awarded our canteen their third consecutive "5 Star" result during their most recent food safety inspection. A "5 Star" result indicates the canteen has received an "Excellent" food safety result. Council officers conduct inspections of food businesses including restaurants, cafes, takeaways, bakeries and canteens to monitor compliance with food standards every six months or once per year if the premise receives three consecutive "5 Star" results. During inspection officers assess; correct food handling practices; cleanliness of premises; correct storage of food; cleanliness of equipment and appliances; temperature control; personal hygiene; pest control and the construction and fit out of the food premise.



School Athletics Carnival





Science

"Scientists in Schools" program in partnership with the CSIRO

Physics is the study of matter and energy. This means it can be about the smallest things in the universe (so small they are not visible even with the most powerful microscopes around) right up to the universe itself and how things like black holes are so dense that even light bends around them. It is a fascinating and challenging subject, but the opportunities for further study and employment that it provides are vast. Engineers, welders, mechanics and geologists, to name a few, all rely on Physics as part of their work.

Our class is part of a "Scientists in Schools" program in partnership with the CSIRO. Professor Murray Batchelor (pictured here), the head of theoretical physics at Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra, has joined up with our Year 11 Physics class to give them a real-world look at the life of a scientist. Murray has already attended the Physics class twice and has given students an overview of the many places around the world he visits as part of his work as a physicist.



The students are also participating in a competition called "CREST" - Creativity in Science and Engineering - and Murray will act as their mentor, giving them points on how to design and develop experiments and technologies. The task will involve students either creating their own experiments to test a car safety device, or creating a new technology that could be applied to car safety. It will count as part of their assessment for Year 11 Physics.

In July these students will be given an opportunity to see Murray at work at ANU and the university is kindly supporting some accommodation for the students. This engagement with the real world applications of physics will greatly improve the depth of these students' knowledge of physics and their understanding of the opportunities for further study and work in the physics area.

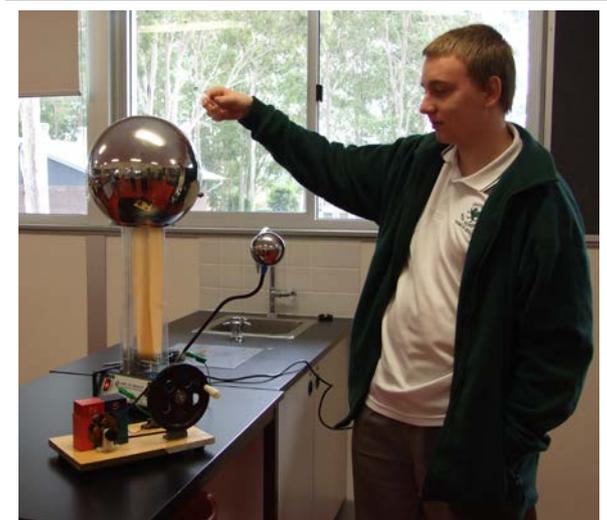
Murray is a former student of Chatham High.

For more information check out the following websites,

www.scientistsinschools.edu.au

www.csiro.au/crest

Mr Carl Pinson
Science Teacher



Jon Dahl with the Van der Graaf generator, observing the effect of electric charges.

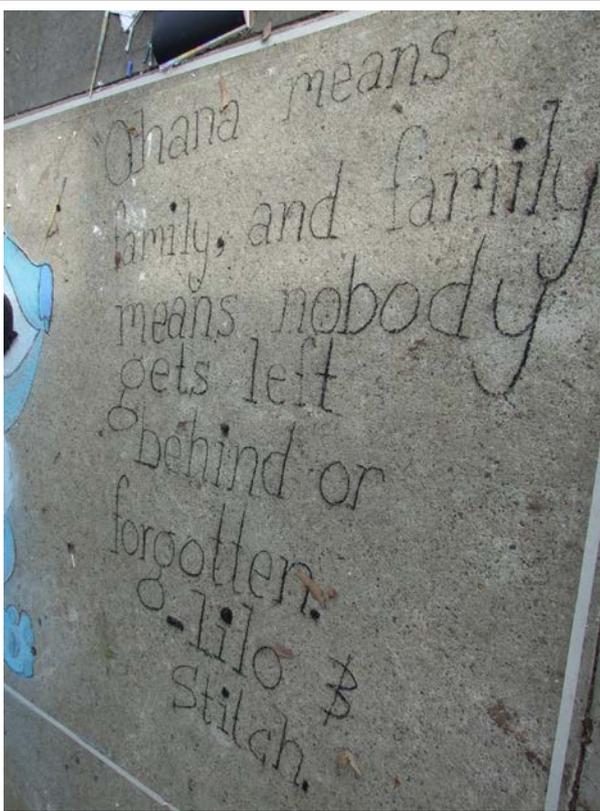


Riley Toshack with Mr Pinson using a rheostat or variable resistor to alter the current through a circuit.

Pavement Art

Year 9 students







Expectations for attending school based activities

Chatham High School continues to set high expectations for all of its students and staff.

To make it more clear to our students what is expected of them to represent the school or attend "reward – non curricular excursions" we have provided the following information, which is taken from various school policies. All students have an equal opportunity to excel in their given disciplines.

To represent the school or attend an excursion the student must firstly be a good representative for the school.

A student may be prohibited from attending a school organised activity while¹:-

- on suspension
- on a whole school monitoring red card
- on an attendance monitoring card
- the student has been reported for being out of uniform without any explanatory note
 - 2 or more times in the 10 days leading up to the event, OR
 - 5 or more times in the past 5 school weeks

- the student has one or more outstanding BOS Course Warning Letters where the due date for completion of the task is on or after the date of the excursion. (A student can redeem this by completing the task to the teacher's satisfaction and then be available for representation/excursion)
- there are outstanding mandatory elective fees

Such activities can include: non-essential curriculum based excursions (in such cases, alternative experiences will be given), sporting excursions, school socials, and important events that contribute significantly to the culture and ethos of the school (these include, but are not restricted to, the Year 10 and Year 12 Graduation Ceremonies and Special Assemblies).

The data to support the decisions on whether students can attend will be provided by the Stage Deputies based on the school's electronic recording system.

W Holvast
Principal
6/5/2013

¹ A student may appeal the decision in writing to the senior executive. The senior executive has the discretionary power to approve or deny the appeal based on the evidence provided and the student's history.

Under 15's Rugby League

On Thursday 6th June, Chatham High school ventured to the Taree Rec grounds to take on other local high schools in the qualifying round for the Knights Knockout and Country Cup competitions.

They played Wingham High in the first game and dominated the game from the start, winning by 18 points to 0. Strong players included Trevor Davis, Nathan Napier and Michael Slater.

The second game was against Great Lakes Forster/Tuncurry. The opposition started the game strongly and went into the half time break with a 14 points to 8 lead. In the second half, Chatham played some outstanding football, led by some inspirational runs from Logan Simms and Lionel Goolagong. Nayden Moriarty played some tough footy against a fired up opposition and the Chatham boys finished off strongly with an 18 points to 14 victory.

Our third game was played against St Clare's High school. The game was played in great spirit, with Joshua Farrell, Jayden Clarke and Nathan Potts playing starring roles in a 26 points to 12 victory. Other strong players on the day were Myles Hawkins, Toby De Stefano and Mitchell Toy.

The boys played some outstanding football throughout the day, led by a very clever half back in Jake Hazard. The



three victories qualified the team for the North Coast Finals in the Country Cup in Port Macquarie on the 12th June and the quarter finals of the Knights Knockout at Raymond Terrace on the 20th June.

Country Cup North Coast Final

On the 12th June, the Chatham High School under 15's rugby league team travelled to Port Macquarie to take on other cluster winners from Kempsey, Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie.

Our first game was played against St Paul's High School Kempsey. In a see-sawing match, we managed to outscore the opposition by 18 points to 10. Lionel Goolagong destroyed the opposition with his barnstorming runs, backed up by strong games from Tyrell Mitchell in the pack and Reagan Towers out wide. Injuries to key players Nayden Moriarty and Trevor Davis reduced our bench to one player and team confidence was down.

The second game pitted us against Orara High School, Coffs Harbour. The Chatham boys were a class above the opposition and ran out victors by 26 points to 8. Steven Taylor made some good runs and Tyroam Moriarty crashed over for his second try of the day. Jake Hazard defended strongly, belting a number of opposition players who picked out the smallest defender to run at. With injuries featuring again, the players were given the option of returning home early to rest up and prepare for the game the following week. They decided to push on and play with an understrength side to take on St Paul's High, Port Macquarie in the final. Our boys played with character and determination and went into the half time break two points down at 8 points to 6. The lack of healthy players eventually caught up with the team, losing by 20 points to 12 in a courageous display. Lionel Goolagong shone throughout the day with 4 great tries.

Knights Knockout Semi-Finals

On Monday 20th June, our Under 15's rugby league team travelled to Raymond Terrace to take on the best teams from Newcastle and the Hunter in the Knights Knockout competition.

We were drawn to play the 2012 champions in Singleton High School in the semi-final. They showed why they were the champions with a dominant display over our boys in the first half. They scored 3 unanswered tries to take a good lead into the half-time break. However, Chatham played some outstanding football in the second half led by strong running and some thrilling ball skills. Trevor Davis and Logan Simms scored scintillating tries to give our team an unlikely victory by 16 points to 14. Nayden Moriarty took the name of the competition literally, by knocking himself out in the

last tackle of the match. He and I spent the rest of the evening in the emergency ward whilst the boys played in the preliminary final against Whitebridge High School.

The team played strongly in the first half to take a lead of 10 points to 6 into the half time break. Unfortunately, they missed Nayden in the second half and let in a couple of tries up the middle of the ruck. They eventually lost the game by 18 points to 10.

The boys had a really enjoyable campaign this year with some very impressive victories. They showed great determination and a never say die attitude. Congratulations and well done to all concerned. A special thanks to both Mr Grimson and Uncle Mat Mitchell for their support.

Scott Brown
Team Coach



CHS Under 15's Rugby League Team



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Come and ride your bike on the new BMX track in Taree.

WHEN: On Saturday the 13th of July, from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm.

BRING: Bike, long sleeve shirt, long pants, shoes, gloves, full face helmet, (helmets and gloves can be borrowed from the club).

WHERE: Urara Lane Taree, (turn right before going down the hill to St Josephs Primary School).

WHO: Everyone can ride, Mums, Dads, Kids and Grandparents. Riders range from 4 to 50 plus.

Canteen facilities will be available on the day and all riders receive a free goodies bag and sausage sizzle.

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NETBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC 5 JUL, 2013

Looking for something to do during the school holidays?
Register for the Netball NSW School Holiday Clinic!

When: Friday 5 July 2013
Where: Taree & District Netball Association - Bligh Street, Taree
Time: 9am-12pm

Participants will receive a Netball NSW goodie bag with a Gilbert netball, Netball NSW drink bottle, certificate of participation and a sticker set!

- 3 hours of netball fun
- Age specific
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Cost: \$40
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G'DAY USA

The G'Day USA Program provides students with the opportunity to live with an American Host Family for ten days and experience daily life in the United States of America. The tour itinerary also includes four fun-filled days in Anaheim/Los Angeles and three days exploring scenic San Francisco.

Students travel as part of a supervised group with a teacher from Chatham High School as the Group Leader. Representatives from EWT will be located in the hotels and host city.

Mrs Farley will explain the program in detail, distribute application documents and answer any questions.

EWT REPRESENTATIVE: Ms Jennifer Mundy – jennifer.mundy@ewt.com.au or 0448 909 655
SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE: Mrs Rhonda Farley – 6552 2588



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