

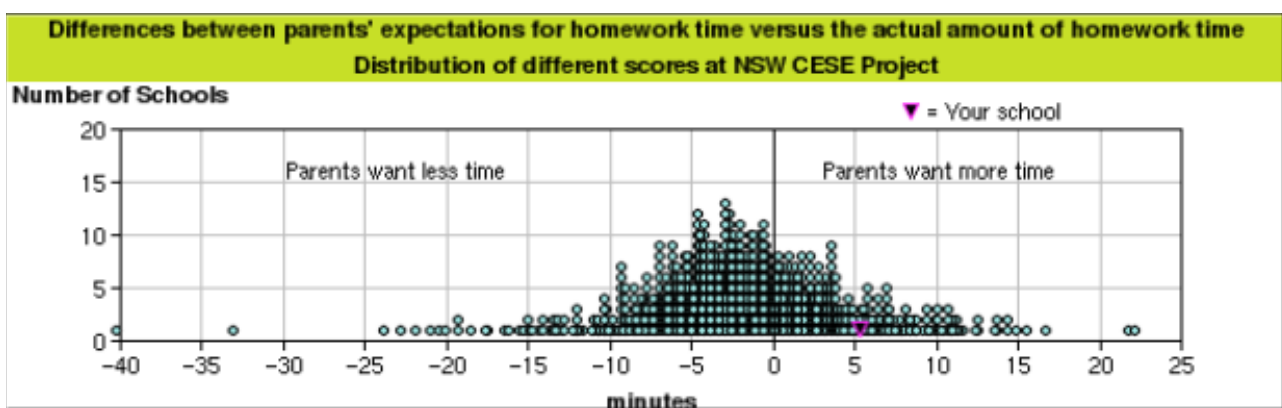
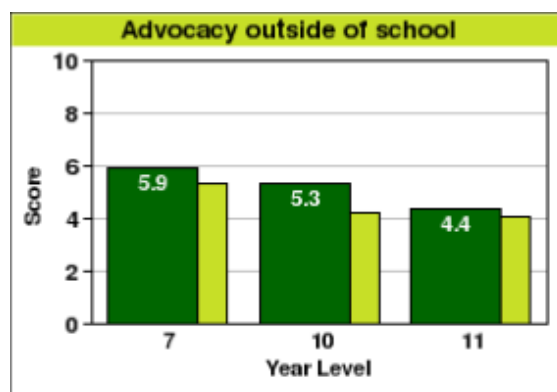
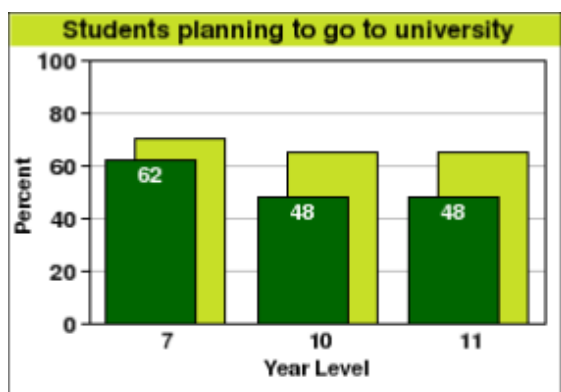


NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 brings with it mixed emotions across the school. For students the promise of the long break over summer and celebrations with family almost make the classrooms bearable through the increasing temperatures and rising humidity. For staff though, the end of the year brings a flurry of activity as we plan for the new year. A very important part of our planning is the gathering of information about how well we've gone this year across the many facets of school life. In order to make an informed decision you need the most relevant facts at hand not simply a guess or estimate as to what feels right and as staff are coming to realise, I have an insatiable appetite for data. As we progress through the planning for 2017, the teams at school are calling on a number of sets of data to inform the decisions on classes, whole school programs and staffing. Student performance in assessments or academic data is a major part of any analysis, however it is not the only one.

Recently, students, staff and families, took part in a survey as part of the 'Tell Them From Me' program that aims to capture the sentiment of those groups in relation to how they feel Chatham High is functioning as a school. More than 50 families, 60 staff and 120 students took part in the survey conducted late last term, a fantastic effort and I must thank everyone who participated, your opinions will be added to the mix as we work hard at raising the bar at Chatham. I've taken a couple of interesting points from the surveys to share with you below.



As you can see from the graphs on the previous page, Chatham High has a committed community who have passed on their high expectations to students. Whether students choose a University pathway or not, our aim is to provide a learning environment that gives students an opportunity to excel in whatever their calling, One of the primary reasons I entered the teaching profession was the great sense of satisfaction you receive when you have been able to pass on some knowledge or assisted someone in reaching their potential. I was reminded that I'm not alone when it comes to this motivation when I had the great privilege of participating in the farewell events for the departing class of 2016. The commitment shown by the staff of Chatham High for their students was humbling to witness and it was evident in the faces of proud families that this group of young people have been a very special vintage. The class of 2016 will be remembered for their good nature, compassion and commitment to others as much as their commitment to improving themselves. I wish them every success for their future endeavors. Just as the second hand ticks around the clock face, time marches on and the hard work has just begun for the class of 2017. This will be a special year for me as they will be the first HSC cohort that I will see complete their HSC year. There are great things in store and I can't wait to see their dreams come to fruition. If you would like to get involved in school planning or have an opinion to share can I encourage you to get in contact with our two representative bodies; the AECG and P&C or directly to myself via email.

Daryl Irvine
Principal



Semester Two Merit Scheme Awards Assembly

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

Year 7

Michelle Annesley Brideson, Shani Bell, Stephanie Bendall, Madalyn Birt, Caidan Brown, Kayne Budden, Chloe-Marie Campbell, Tyson Collison, Brittney Cook, Ryan Denning, Hollee Denton, Keely Dyer, Jessica Eagles, Alanna Ellem, Emily Gaul, Lauren Grange, Isabella Handel, Harley Hardy, Jada Humphreys, Shai-Maree Hunt, Ethan Kemp, Samson Lewis, Mitchell Lunney, Tristan Luxton, Bethany-Joy Macdonald, Hayley Manusu, Gypsy-Lee Marshall, Scott McKenzie, Jorja McMahon, Meghan Mills, Lillyarna Milton, Jacob Moss, Claire Moy, Zoe Nicholson, Katlyn O'Connor, Jessica Pike, Hayley Potts, Dayna Reynolds-Pearce, Dakota Sharpe, Mitchell Sheldon, Shakayla Simmonds, Latoya Simon, William Smith, Zoey Smith-Minett, Makenzie Sunderland, Christine Taylor Leayr, Mayvee Tisdell, Samuel Tynan, Thomas Tynan, Tamyka Walker, Liberty Wares, Zachary Wells, Emily Weston.



Meghan Mills and Madalyn Birt performing the National Anthem at the Assembly

Year 8

Cooper Armstrong, Jaymie Ashcroft, Zane Bales, Keira Boshier, Hayley Burns, Willow Christiansen, Kyleigha Clarke, Troy Clarke, Hayley Cook, Tara Copp, Emily Croker, Ebony Cunningham, Shakaya Dumas, Jarrad Gibson, Samantha-Jo Gill, Larry Goolagong-Sloan, Hayden Hill, Jack Hyde, Alicia Isaac, Daniel James, Stacey Jones, Alice Kennewell, Candice Lee, Lachlan Maher, Rani Martin, Brock Maurer, Tina McCarthy, Sarah McDonald, Kira Morris, Samuel Morris, Charli Muir, Blake Murray, Hayden Murray, William Neale, Ashley Newman,



Rachel Noonan, Matthew Richards, Veronica Rosellas, Jessica Rowe, McKenzie Saville, William Sawyer, Izzie Swann, Elissa Turner, Tahlia Wallace, Tabitha Wares, Chloe Whyte, Cassandra Williams

Year 9

Ashlea Anderson, Ethan Budden, Harmony Burton, Jade Dargan, Tori Davies-Kewin, Trevar De Jong, Alex Dunston, Jai Easter, Angel Elliott, Brandan Ellison, Talea Fernance, Selena Fletcher, Kayleigh Gibson-Godwin, Chloe Handsaker, Jake Hardy, Paige Harris, Matthew Hartland, Ebony Hutton, Macy James, Hayley King, Andrew Klump, Kyah Kvist, Dharma Levi, Madison Littlejohns, Aimee McMahon, Ashleigh McMahon, Robert Mills-Walsh, Matthew Molan, Darryl Morrison, Riley Palmer, Dylan Patterson, Kyle Phillips, Maddison Prudames, Joel Reidy, Natasha Ruge, Stacey Rush-Dale, Kyron Saunders, Zac Sheldon, Michael Shelton, Alexander Sheridan, Suchanan Sriwongwan, Bailey Silva, Benjamin Stace, Kyra Trengove, Kassie Waterhouse-Bell, Belicia Watson, Tyla West.

Year 10

Shannai Aggar, Lauren Anderson, Daniel Bendall, Priya Bourke, Samantha Case, Samuel Cheney, Emily Cook, Tyran Cox, Griffin Humphreys, Elizabeth Jones, Zara Kelly, Thomas Kempe, Reece Klynsoon, Jasmin Lucas, Harley Magennis, Brody-Lee McHarg, Trinity Miller, Anthony Mills, Jessica Mills, Hannah Minett, Brooke Newman, Samara Palmer, Teagan Phillips, Rebecca Potts, Thea Potts, Kody Randall, Emily Ryan, Marylyn Sendah, Sharna Shepherd, Miranda Sowter, Stanley Tan, Hannah Thompson, Rose Toy, Mikaylee Towers, Zar Watters, Lachlan Williams, Henk Yarnold, Oliver Yeomans-Hansen.

Year 11

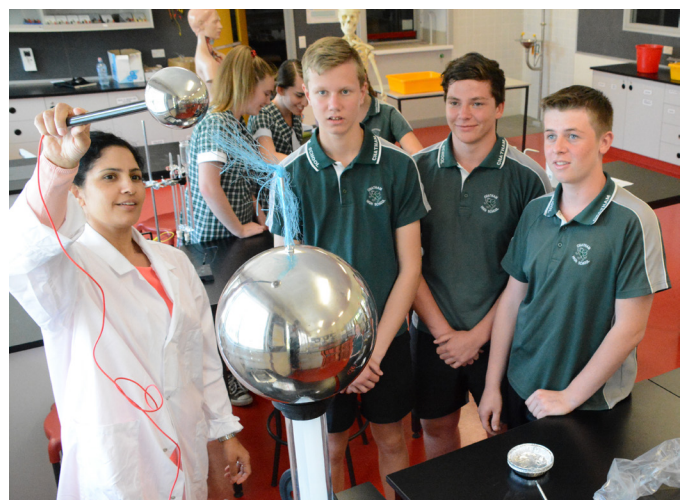
Jessica Ballangarry, Anique Brooks, Caitlin Denning, John Lewis, Madelyn Rudd.

Dates to remember

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| 14-18 Nov | Yr 9 and Yr 10 Yearly Exams |
| 16 Nov | Clontarf - Learn to Surf |
| 16 Nov | Support Unit wheelchair basketball |
| 18 Nov | Clontarf Rugby League Carnival - Yrs 7, 8 and 9 |
| 21-25 Nov | Yr 7 and Yr 8 Yearly Exams |
| 22-23 Nov | Yr 9 Peer Support leadership training day |
| 23-25 Nov | Saltwater Real Conciliation Women's camp |
| 23 Nov | Support Unit excursion to Wingham High School |
| 30 Nov | Support Unit wheelchair basketball |
| 30 Nov | Clontarf Fox Sports Oz Tag Carnival Yrs 10, 11 and 12 |
| 30 Nov - | |
| 1 Dec | MC Class Newcastle excursion |
| 30 Nov - | |
| 1 Dec | Yr 10 Authentic Assessment |
| 1-2 Dec | Yr 7 3D Printing excursion |
| 5 Dec | Yr 6 Parent Information Evening |
| 6 Dec | Griffin Day |
| 7 Dec | Support Unit Wheelchair basketball championship |
| 7 Dec | Clontarf - Learn to Surf |
| 8 Dec | Orientation Day |
| 12 Dec | Deadly Awards |
| 14 Dec | Semester 2 Academic Awards |
| 14 Dec | Clontarf - Learn to Surf |
| 15 Dec | Presentation Evening |
| 19 Dec - | |
| 30 Jan 2017 | School Holidays |

Mid-North Coast Waterpolo Gala Day

Wednesday November 2, Chatham High School competed in the Mid-North Coast Waterpolo Gala Day. The under 15 girls team played Tomaree High School and were successful with a 8-3 victory. Chatham High School then played Taree High School in a tight game where one goal separated the two teams throughout the game. Scores were locked at 7 all thanks to the tremendous individual effort of Priya Bourke, however with only 30 seconds remaining Taree scored an intercept goal for a tough, hard fought 8-7 win.



Crazy things happening in Year 9 science



Support Unit Spruce Up!

Students and staff banded together using power tools, paint brushes and pure hard work to make the Support Unit a brighter place to be on Thursday. In preparation to welcome next year's incoming students, classroom doors have been painted, picnic tables sanded back and painted and a huge chalk board fixed to the playground wall. All classes will contribute art work to be displayed around the courtyard area to make the environment a colourful and creative place to be. Thanks to all wonderful hardworking students and staff who made a terrific team. It looks great!!



Scone Show

By Taylor-Anne Veitch and Sharna Shepherd

We took four steers to the Scone Show, Ben, Bob, Dudley and Sir Lancelot. There were 800 students and 400 cattle in total to compete against. We won two ribbons for Ben and Bob in lead steers.

Our trip started an hour late with two problems occurring with the trailer, the first in Nabitac where the trailer brake locked and took an hour to fix. We were on our way again and had just passed the Tea Gardens turn-off when we heard a 'bang', one of the trailer tyres had popped. We had been waiting on the highway for an hour when we decided to ditch the trailer and continue our wait at Ayers Rock. Two hours later we received a call saying the trailer had been taken to Tea Gardens to be repaired, so off to Tea Gardens we went. To fill in time we went shopping at a discount store where



Mr K bought a 'silly' hat. Each night from then on we voted on who had done the silliest thing that day, with the winner being presented the hat. Michael was the winner on the first day followed by William, Taylor then Keely on the last.

We had to get up early every day to fix the steers beds, make sure they had food and water and were all clean for the day. Our team was Mr K, Maddi, Bella, Brodi, Nick, Keely, Logan, Makayla, Harmony, William, Michael, Lachlan, Belicia, Taylor and I. We would like to thank Mr K for taking us to Scone and also Mr Presland for driving us there and back. Also a special thank you to Helen for making yummy cookies for us.

Maths Field Day

On Thursday, November 10 all Year 10 students walked to Taree Racecourse for their annual maths field day. This day has now been linked to our Authentic Assessment program which will be held at the end of this month, giving students another piece of work to present. Students were completely engaged as ideas formed and designs developed into unique products. Once again the day was a success with outstanding results and smiles all round, as students experienced authentic, real-life maths in practice.

Mr Timmins



Year 12 Hospitality



Thank you to Mrs Kouwenhoven's Hospitality class for making coffee last Tuesday afternoon at the Outdoor Cafe. The class were completing their Competency Assessment Event 4 "Coffee Rocks", which involves taking coffee orders, making coffees and serving customers. All coffees

were served with home-made cookies.

Bonsmara cattle

We have some new cattle in the paddock so Year 8 student Jayden Fernance, interviewed Mr K to find out more about them.

What's the name of the breed? Bonsmara.

Where did they come from? South Africa, but these two came from Mount Seaview.



What's so special about them? They marble like British cattle, they are pest resistant and climate adaptable like tropical cattle.

Are they rare? They are very rare in Australia, but are common in South Africa. No other school has them.

The most genetically modified breed in the world was created by crossing Afrikaner cattle with British Shorthorn cattle to produce a 4/6 Afrikaner 2/6 British Shorthorn progeny.

Photos and interview by Jayden

Year 12 Cake Stall

Thank you to Year 12 for the fantastic job they did organising the cake stall and out of uniform day in memory of Nathaniel Slater, it was wonderful to see so many students and staff support this special event. The funds raised will go toward a memorial for Nathaniel.



Support Unit News Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival

On Monday September 5, 18 students from the Support Unit represented Chatham with pride. They marched behind the school banner to win third place in the march past. Two Chatham teams competed in the hotly contested captain ball and tunnel ball events to place fourth.



All students participated enthusiastically in track events with notable performances by Lachlan Maher, Dakota Sharpe and Trinity Miller.

Field events took place after lunch with many students meeting qualifying distances. Scott Johnson - Till performed well in shot put, long jump and javelin. Some students even braved the high jump.

All students enjoyed the opportunity to socialise and encourage their peers from many schools from the Hunter area. Staff would especially like to congratulate John Lewis and Stacey Rush-Dale for their keen participation in all events.

Sandra Davy
Special Education Teacher
Chatham High School

Skillsroad Show

We were lucky to have Luke from the Skillsroad Show come and visit our students. Skillsroad Show is a fantastic initiative helping kids make informed choices about life out of school. Luke is a very motivational and engaging speaker. The feedback received from students afterwards was very positive.



Congratulations to;

Ben Williams on receiving the Father Chris Riley's Youth Off the Streets award and Hannamax Scholarship.



Shane Morcome on receiving the Future Leaders Indigenous Award.



Brodi Woolnough on winning the Camden Haven Teen Showgirl contest.

Jesse Osborn on receiving the Club Taree Tertiary Education Scholarship which was presented last Friday at Club Taree. This is a financial scholarship for Year 12 students who will be furthering their education at university.



Three Chatham High Year 10 students have obtained school based traineeships beginning next year.

Mikaylee Towers will be completing a Certificate II in Business Services with the National Australia Bank;



Sharna Shepherd, Health Services Assistant with Hunter New England Health

Kaisie Jarvis, Certificate II in Business Services with the Department of Community Housing.



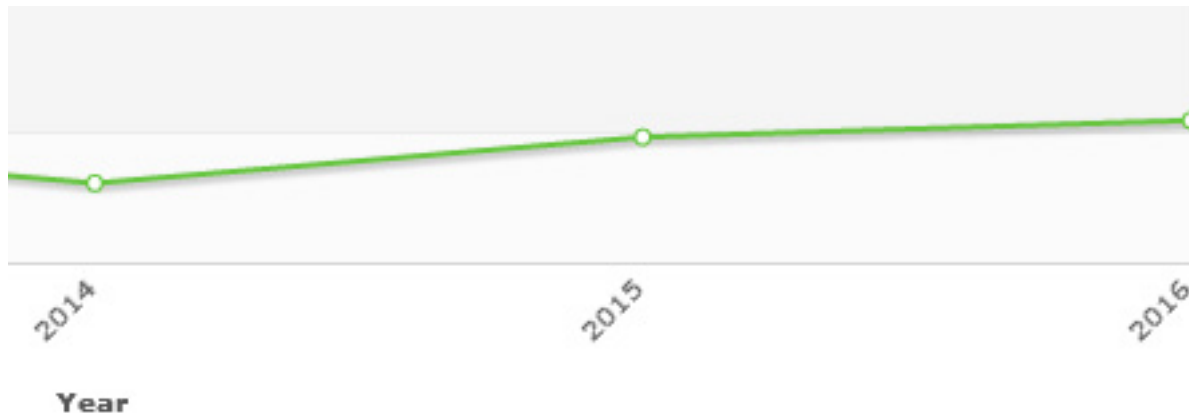
I would like to congratulate the girls, not only on their success in gaining the traineeships but also the mature and professional way they conducted themselves in the interview process. They did themselves and Chatham High proud!

Jody Duck
Careers

Chatham High School Reading Programs

The school is delighted with the positive impact the innovative reading programs are having on the growth of students' reading. For the past 3 years, the results in Year 9 NAPLAN Reading have moved upwards. This is in contrast to the downward movement of Reading results across the rest of the state. The students who actively participate in the programs and the teaching staff who support them can be very proud of this achievement.

Our reading programs support literacy growth and achievement. In line with high expectations they provide students with strategies and experiences to build their learning capacity and encourage success.



Chatham High School NAPLAN Reading trend data

iRead Program

All Year 8 students are involved in the school's iRead program. At the beginning of the year, each student was plotted on the Reading texts aspect of the 'Literacy Continuum'. Their progress has been monitored, evaluated and reviewed throughout the year.

The program involves every student reading regularly to a trained tutor. Students have the opportunity to improve their reading rate, volume, fluency, accuracy and vocabulary. The purpose is to improve their reading comprehension of texts. The program also supports students' wellbeing, improving their confidence and increasing their engagement in their learning. The texts the students read cover a variety of topics to keep their interest throughout the year. The 2015 iRead data indicated 98% of students demonstrated growth on the Reading text aspect of the Literacy Continuum, improving their reading fluency and accuracy by one to three years. Student feedback on the program has been very positive:

"My reading is better and I find it easier to spell. I used to be not confident about my reading, but now I have more confidence reading out loud. In the beginning I didn't like reading but now I don't mind."

"It's certainly helped me learn the longer words with strategies of how to work them out. It's helped spelling. It's a confidence booster, being able to go up to a new level. At the beginning of the year I would not read out loud, but now I can read in a small group."

"It's helped me in class to read and do the work. It is easier to read the questions in exams."



Sustained Reading Program

This program runs once a fortnight in the Library for Year 8 students. Each student selects a book and reads quietly for 30 minutes. The Students' English teacher, the Librarian and a trained tutor support their reading and the selection of suitable texts to borrow. This program's goal is to develop student's reading speed, skills and vocabulary. The development of student's reading is essential preparation for the HSC and further training as 'reading skills stay with you for life'.

Focus on Reading

In order to support the learning of their students, teachers at Chatham High keep up with the most current teaching practices and regularly participate in professional learning opportunities. Over the past two years, teachers from all subject areas have been learning about comprehension strategies through a course called Focus on Reading. Chatham High is fortunate to have two Lead Trainers based at the school, Mrs Tracey Beckett and Mrs Judi Wood. Together, they have been leading this course and working closely with teachers to help students improve their comprehension in all their classes. Be on the lookout for such terms as Making Connections, Predicting, Monitoring, Visualising, Questioning and Summarising. These six strategies make up the 'Super Six' comprehension strategies and when used, have been proven to improve students' learning outcomes. As well, all Year 7 Science classes have been incorporating the 'Super Six' into weekly lessons with Mrs Wood and their Science teachers and are learning to use them throughout their school day. Teachers have been working hard to implement these strategies into their lessons and have all reported that students are more engaged in their learning and are retaining more knowledge. The strategies are suitable for all levels of ability and across all types of texts. In fact, don't be surprised if you find yourself using a 'Super Six' strategy whenever you read a book or newspaper, watch movie or listen to the radio.



Dr David Gillespie dropped in to have a chat with Mr Kleynhans and our Agriculture students. The students proudly paraded our award winning cattle for him and presented him with a basket of fresh produce from our garden.

Positive Behaviours for Learning

Our Positive Behaviours for Learning message last fortnight was "Be On Time and Prepared". Congratulations to our winners of the canteen vouchers Tyron Campbell--a double winner, Blake Atkins, Ashleigh McMahon, Kalani Simms, Zoe Nicholson, Jeremy Kelly, Phoenix Davidson, Talea Fernance and Tyla Potts.



Congratulations to our other PBL winners of the Term.



Emily Croker and Keely Dyer, with their Big W gift cards.



Paige Harris, with her Sanity gift card.

English, Drama, Music Faculty News

We have had a busy and productive Term 4. Our students have been studying for their Final Examinations and we wish them well.

Our English students have been studying a variety of interesting topics. Year 7 have been exploring how authors create characters. Year 8 have been engaged in learning about the techniques film-makers use to create movies. Year 9 have been investigating social justice issues such as homelessness, racism and the refugee experience. Year 10 have completed their Major Work projects and we had some extremely creative and thoughtful submissions. Year 10 have also been studying Shakespeare's great tragic play Macbeth.

Our Music students have been enjoying themselves this term. In particular, they enjoyed their participation in the Manning Music Spectacular at the Manning Entertainment Centre. Year 9 and 10 students performed the songs "Hoops" and "Stressed Out" in the matinee concert. In the evening concert, the band, which consists of students in Years 8, 9 and 10, performed "Hold Back the River". They were accompanied by their Music teacher, Mrs. McGilvray and Australian Children's Music Foundation Tutor, Stuart Lovell. They were both full of praise for their efforts.



We would like to congratulate our Year 12 English and Drama students on the completion of their HSC and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Kay Frankcombe
Head Teacher



Year 12 Formal

Our Year 12 students have finally finished, with all exams completed the last formailites were held at Club Taree on Friday November 4. Many proud parents and Chatham High staff attended the evening, where the photo booth and family dance were enjoyed by all. Many of the students were hard to recognise all dressed up, with hair and make up done. We wish you all the very best for the future. Many photos have been posted on facebook with the professional photos now available.



Hunter Regional Water Polo - Priya Bourke

Early Term 1, nominations were called for for players wanting to trial for the Hunter Regional Water Polo team. Any Public High School student in the region, from Swansea/Belmont to Scone and north to Taree. Twelve players were picked from this trial to represent the region. The NSW state is split into 10 regions - North Coast/North West/Hunter/ Sydney North/Sydney South West/ Sydney East/Sydney West/South Coast/Riverina and Western. All teams participate in the Combined High Schools (CHS) carnival for four days. They all play each other once, then the top four teams play a semi-final series. Hunter was beaten in the first round game 3-2 by Sydney East (the only game they lost), they beat Riverina 16-8 in the semi-final. In the final against Sydney East the score was 8-8 so it went to a shoot out with Hunter winning 3-1 giving a 11-9 overall win.

This was Priya's second gold medal in CHS sport as she won one for Open Hockey earlier in the year.

Well done Priya!



The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition

Jack Noble continues to kick goals. Jack entered 2 poems into the 'Assisted Learning – Secondary Category'. He achieved a 'Highly Commended' for BOTH poems. Considering that there were winners, runners up and only 10 'Highly Commended' prizes for all categories, this is an AMAZING achievement.

His winning poems are published on the Dorothea Mackellar Awards website:

<http://keo-cms.appspot.com.storage.googleapis.com/sites/dorothea/assets/88a4a976-3da3-4934-9250-cf105662bf68.pdf>

You will recognise the poems from his 'Me' anthology.

Check out this photo, taken moments after Jack heard this great news.

Well done to Jack and Marilyn. What an amazing young man is Jack Noble.

Mrs Frankcombe
HT English

And the last word from Jack



SCHOOL DAYS

School days passed in a blink of an eye
Good times shit times, rolled with the punches
Seems just yesterday we were scared year 7's
My time here has been better with all of you in it.
We have grown into some amazing people.
Some say school days are the best days
I don't know about you but I plan on having more.
School days passed in a blink of an eye
times we will cherish in old age
Time for us to put our mark on the world

I wish everyone all the best and hope all your dreams come true.

Love Jack