

Deadly News

Chatham High School

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Welcome to our first Chatham High School "Deadly News" Newsletter. We hope this newsletter helps our Indigenous students and parents better engage with what's happening here at Chatham High School.

Aboriginal Education Officer-

To all my mob out there, your children are doing deadly things here at Chatham High School. Stronger Sista's has started for year 9 and 10 girls, our boys group will be starting again this term targeting all ages. NAIDOC is only around the corner so I'd love to see you all there.

Matt Mitchell

Aboriginal Support Officer -

My Name is Hannah Ballard and I have recently started working at Chatham High School as the Aboriginal Support Officer. My ancestors are traditionally from the Biripi Nation and I have lived in the area most of my life. I have met so many wonderful and bright students already here at Chatham High school. I believe it is a privilege to support our younger generation through their education to ensure they have positive outcomes with their future education.

Hannah Ballard

NAIDOC Week -

NAIDOC week is fast approaching us. We have been very busy here at Chatham High School preparing for a great week for all our students and we welcome parents and those in the community who wish to attend our NAIDOC Assembly on 30th June at 9:00am.

Our Deadly Students -

Academic:

We would like to give a big congratulations to two of our year 9 Students Brianna Annesley And Maddison Littlejohns on receiving the Harding Miller Scholarship.

Outstanding effort:

We would also like to give our appreciation to a group of students for their outstanding effort in class during the past week.

Kyleigha Clarke

Troy Clarke

Shakaya Dumas

Jarrad Gibson

Harry Goolagong

Upcoming dates -

Week 6: Year 7 & 8 Exams

30 - 3
May/June

Week 7: Year 9 & 10 Exams

6 - 10
June

Week 8: 13th June Queens
Birthday Public
Holiday

13 - 17
June

Week 9:

20 - 24
June

Week 10: NAIDOC week

27 - 1 NAIDOC Assembly
June/July Thursday 30th June
9:00am



The Learning Hub -

The learning hub is held every Monday after school from 3:30pm—5:00pm. The learning hub is for students to get assistance with their assignments and school work. Afternoon tea is also provided for the students.

Parents and carers are also welcome to attend to help assist with supervision. The Biripi bus will drop the students home after the learning hub has finished.

Students wanting to attend need to complete a permission note available at the Indigenous room.

Trip to Wollotuku -

On the 17th of May a deadly mob (years 10, 11 & 12) got up early and packed into a bus to head down to Newcastle's Wollotuka University. These days are so great for the young crew to start the thought of what can happen after high school. We spent the day walking around the campus or as most of the students thought was a small town. It's a good eye opener for the kids to empower themselves and have a pretty fun lifestyle whilst starting life after school. The kids represented our school so well and asked some pretty good questions. Be proud kids you did great.

Jack—Norta Norta

Stronger Sistas -

Stronger sistas is a program that we are currently running at Chatham High School for our year 9 and 10 Students. The Stronger Sistas program will target young Aboriginal students at Chatham High School so they gain valuable knowledge and skills relating to cultural awareness, connection to Country and health and wellbeing. The program will also include a range of activities relating to, career aspirations, educational needs, personal needs and qualities.

Weaving/Sorry Day: Last week Aunty Pam Saunders came to visit our Stronger sista girls to give them a lesson on weaving while we all gathered in a circle and listened to her speak about the stolen generation and the impacts it has had on her family.



Exams -

- A big well done to all the Year 11's that had their exams last week (week 5).
- Year 7 & 8 have exams starting this week (week 6).
- Year 9 & 10 have exams starting next week (week 7).

Please check the notice boards in the Indigenous room for the timetable.

Deadly Tip: Remember to take some time to sit and have a yarn with your loved ones about how they are feeling.

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