



NEWSLETTER

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Farewell and best wishes Mr Holvast



Mr Holvast, after 6 years as Principal of Chatham High School, has taken up a new position as Executive Principal Hastings Secondary College. We thank him for his outstanding leadership of the school and dedication to improving programs and facilities for all students (their families) and staff at Chatham High. Throughout his last week, many students, parents and staff personally thanked him for the

support he provided to them. At a lunch meeting on Friday March 11, staff had the opportunity to both thank Mr Holvast and wish him all the best in his new position.



Until a new Principal is permanently appointed, Mr Presland will be the Relieving Principal, Mr Brown will be Relieving Deputy Principal and Mr Timmins will be Relieving Head Teacher Mathematics.

Year 7 camp

The sun was barely up as 51 excited year 7 students and 5 teachers from Chatham High School boarded a bus bound for Camp Lutanda, Toukley, on the Central Coast. 56 people singing, laughing and looking forward to three days of fun filled activities.



What followed will be in our memories for a long time. We had a fantastic time enjoying surfing, BMXing, high ropes, the flying fox, archery and quad biking. The team at Lutanda were awesome as they lead us through the activities and encouraged optimal enjoyment by all. Monday brought a night of trivia, excitement and laughter. Tuesday night saw our students show off their talents in lip syncing competitions, dance-offs, hand stand competitions and even a closely contested 'worm' race. This was capped off by a round of spotlight and then supper. All of the students had such a great time and the smiles on their faces shone brightly.



We were spoiled at Camp Lutanda with comfortable beds, air conditioning in the cabins, plenty of things to fill up our spare time like basketball, tennis, frisby, and football, and of course I have to mention the amazing meals.

We were treated to nachos, baked dinner, pancakes, ice cream, bacon and eggs, hash browns and an array of cereals, not forgetting morning and afternoon teas where fruit and cake were served with juice, while for supper we enjoyed muffins and hot chocolate.

Some of us felt the need to work off the muffins and we got up early for a morning run to the lookout, approximately a 5km round trip. For those that joined Mr Timmins and I, we were met with a radiant sunrise on both days making the trip definitely worthwhile.



As we finished our last activity and had lunch, it was with a little regret that we realised our time at Lutanda had come to an end. We packed our bags onto the bus, said our goodbyes and looked forward to our own comfy beds at home.

We bonded, made new friends, tried new things, encouraged and supported each other, found trust and the strength to be who we want to be and generally came together as one team.



I would like to extend a huge thank you to the year 10 peer support leaders: Teaghan Phillips, Meg Loretan, Stanley Tan and Griffin Humphreys. These four people displayed amazing leadership qualities as they guided our year 7s over the three days, often pre-empting our directions and highlighting great judgement during their tasks. Four others also need to be mentioned: Mr Nick Timmins, Ms Belinda Christensen, Ms Deb Shaw and Ms Sue LeStrange were also instrumental in ensuring the enjoyment and happiness of the students and the ultimate success of the camp.

A very big thank you goes to you as well. We are all definitely looking forward to our next year group camp!

Warmest regards,
Mr Sean Peterson
Year 7 Adviser

Dates to remember

Term 2

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| 23-27 May | Yr 11 Half Yearly Exams |
| 30 May - 3 June | Yr 7 and Yr 8 Exams |
| 6 -10 June | Yr 9 and Yr 10 Exams |
| 9 June | Zone Athletics Carnival |
| 13 June | Queen's Birthday holiday |
| 30 June | NAIDOC Assembly |
| 4 July - 18 July | School Holidays |

Term 3

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| 19 July | Students return |
| 29 July | Careers Expo |
| 1 August | Jack's book launch |
| 1-5 August | Education Week |
| 3 August | Parent Teacher interviews |
| 4 August | Semester 1 Academic Awards |
| 15-19 August | HSC Trial Exams |
| 1 Sept | U14 Netball Gala Day |
| 7 Sept | WOW Day |
| 7 -9 Sept | NSW CHS Athletics Carnival |
| 14 Sept | WOW Day |
| 22 Sept | Yr 12 Formal Farewell Assembly |
| 26 Sept - 7 Oct | School Holidays |

Skoolbag

Chatham High now has it's own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent/caregiver/student community. To install Skoolbag just search for our school name "Chatham High School" in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. This is a free app and a great way to keep up with what is happening in our school.



Chatham High School Easter Show Excursion

What a way to start the Easter period! Last Thursday saw an amazing bunch of Chatham High School students and teachers attend the Sydney Royal Easter Show. As part of the school merit system, these students were rewarded for their efforts within the school and we all got up bright and early for a 5.30am take off.

The day was amazing! Armed with an unlimited rides pass the kids pushed themselves to the limit enjoying the show to the fullest. Some lost their breakfast, others came close, but at the end of the day, though tired, the smiles still shone brightly.



There were many activities to keep everyone busy. The main attraction though would have to be the CWA scones and tea! Okay, maybe there were other awesome attractions like the food pavilions, technology displays, showbags and of course the events in the main arena.

Ms Storok also provided some fun with a competition to find the 'Cow named Krusher'. A \$10 prize was up for grabs for the first correct picture sent through of Krusher, who had been entered into the Show by our own Mr Presland! Kirsti Hill and Sharna Shepherd sent through what I thought was a load of Bull, but it turned out to be Mr Presland's beloved Belted Galloway, and they both shared the spoils. It was great to catch up with Mr Kleynhans, who was there with the Chatham High School chickens who were entered into the judging and with Chatham High student Brodi Woolnough, who was there with her own cows.



I would like to thank all of the students involved for a great day. Their behaviour and ability to follow instructions was first class! Thank you also to Ms Storok for organising this event for the students and to the teachers who accompanied me: Mr Thompson, Ms Wood and Ms Austin-Campbell. I am definitely looking forward to attending again next year!

Cheers and Happy Easter
Mr Peterson

Cert 111 Live Production and Services

Collette Eadndel's Live Production class studying Technical Services volunteered at Old Bar's Ocean Rhythm Festival as part of their course requirements. The students put in a twelve hour day, bumped in various elements of production, helped with merchandising and front of house. The students did a great job and were thanked by the festival committee for their exceptional help on the day. If you see any of the following in the playground congratulate them on a job well done: Bradley Hoskins, Bianca Jobson, Jordan James, Jacob Cooper, Veronica Batman, Shane Morcome, Katherine Mahoney, Shania Carney and Tiani Halfacre-Ryan.



Chatham High School entertainment students Bradley Hoskin, Jacob James, Jacob Cooper, Tiana Halfacre, Veronica Batman and Shane Morcome.

Photo courtesy of The EXTRA Thursday March 17.

Support Unit work experience Term 1

Senior Support Class students: Lizzie, Trinity and April, have been working at Valley Industries as a part of their work education course this Term. With support, they have been learning about the different types of jobs in retail and factory work. They have shown particular interest in and have been highly commended for their work at the Valley Vintage Op Shop. Lizzie was very proud to have been able to complete an Eftpos sale on her first day while Trinity enjoyed sorting and colour coding the clothes. They have also been very creative setting up window displays and learning about customer service at the op shop.

At the main factory in Whitbread street the girls have been making bee hive frames which involve several steps of construction. April enjoyed making the frames and couldn't wait to sample some of the honey. They also worked on a production line to shrink wrap wood products in readiness for distribution.

A big thank you to Rod and the staff at Valley Industries for supporting Chatham High School Support Unit students during their work experience and allowing them to learn invaluable skills for their future.

Congratulations must be extended to Trinity, Lizzie and April for representing their school with such enthusiasm and thank you to Mrs Latimore for her supervision.



Class SU2 (I2)

Within the walls of the SU2 classroom, we have been busy reorganising our learning space so that it is a more enjoyable and stimulating place to learn and be. This has had positive effects upon the students and our fabulous SLSOs (Student Learning Support Officers). Adding to the improved classroom atmosphere, class member Pangari Marr has received a brilliant brand new wheelchair designed to specifically meet her physical needs, thanks to generous support from Taree and Manning River Lions Clubs. The new chair helps Pangari hold a better line as she sits, and makes a tremendous difference to her mobility requirements within the Support Unit. As well, students in SU2 with limited movement are currently experimenting throughout the day with the use of special switches. These switches connect to devices such as iPads, foot spas and fans and allow the students real choice over their learning space. This experience is simply priceless for all learners

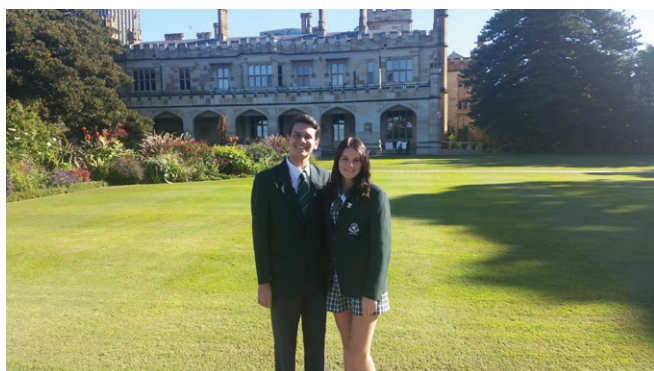
Yours in Special Education,
Donna Croker,
Teacher, SU2



Pangari Marr SU2

Secondary Schools Student Leadership program

School captains, Aiden Morris and Paige Brett, attended the 2016 Secondary Schools Student Leadership program at NSW Parliament House in Sydney. The program offers Year 12 student leaders the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of the NSW system of government and parliamentary proceedings and the role of the governor. Aiden and Paige visited the public galleries of the Legislative Assembly and Council Chambers and had afternoon tea on the lawn of Government House with His Excellency, General The Honourable David Hurley, Governor of New South Wales.



Open boys basketball

On the 18th February, our Open Boys Basketball team versed Taree High in what was an amazing game! The Team played extremely well, but unfortunately were outplayed by Taree High.

The first quarter saw our team making a few rookie mistakes, but they regained their composure and played their hearts out for the rest of the game.

The final score was Taree High, 41 - Chatham High, 22. Our boys have done Chatham High School proud!

Well done to Ben Williams, Nathan Napier, Josh Farrell, Jayden Clarke, Jake Hazzard, Shannon Mullay, Scott Howard, Reid Bourke, Mike Slater, Logan Simms and Lionel Mitchell, who unfortunately injured his ankle before the game and was cheering from the side.

Cheers
Mr Peterson



Beef Week by Taylor-Anne Veitch and Mikalah McDonald May 2016

Chatham High took fifteen students, Maddi Prudames, Harmony Burton, Michael Shelton, Ronald Craig, Bailey Silva, William Sawyer, Lachlan Moore, Sharna Shepard, Micky McDonald, Belisha Watson, Keely Dyer, Bella Clements, Brodi Woolnough and myself, with the help of Mr Kleynhans and Ms Atkins. We stayed for four nights and five days.



There were about 380 people all together that stayed at Beef Week and there were only three girl showers and three boy showers for everyone to share. We were up every morning around 4.30am to try and get the first showers. Sometimes you had to wait half an hour for a shower, morning and night.

Brodie got first in the 16 year old paraders, which is judged on the way you lead in the ring and the way you look. Mr Presland won the best beef producer in the local area. Michael got third in herdsman.

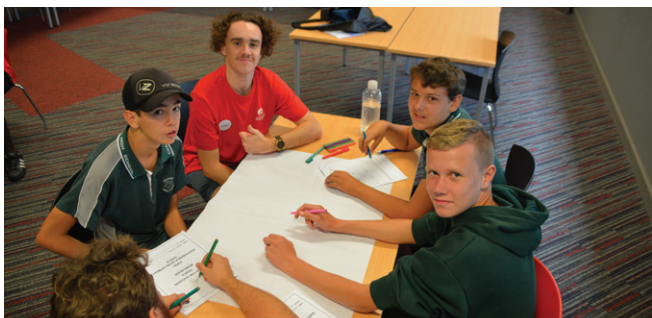
Herdsman is where you get noticed for looking after the cattle, keeping our area clean, the way you dress and lend a hand to others that need it. On Friday we went to the abs (abattoirs) to view our cattle on the hook. Bouef, Pete and Billy all placed nicely but Pete placed best with a first in his category, Billy placed third and Beouf placed eleventh. All up we had a great week. Thanks to all who made it possible.



Skills for Success



Students from Year 7 and Year 9 were up bright and early to catch the bus to The University of Newcastle to experience a day on campus and get to talk to current university students about their experiences. The students were split into their year groups and participated in a series of academic skill building sessions designed to create 21st Century learners. Topics covered on the day included: problem solving, self-regulation, effective oral and written communications skills and time management and organisational skills.



Year 10 students having fun in Science



SRC and Merit Assembly

Our Semester 1 Merit Assembly and SRC Induction was held in Week 4 of this term. Congratulations to all those students who received their Bronze awards. Students of the Term are:

Year 7

Meghan Mills and Jacob Moss

Year 8

Hayley Burns

Lachlan Maher

Year 9

Suchanan Sriwongwan

Jake Hardy

Year 10

Meg Loretan

Griffin Humphreys

Year 11

April Christie

Ben Williams

Year 12

Rachel Emmett

Jesse Osborn



2016 SRC

Students inducted into the SRC for 2016 are; Meghan Mills, Mitchell Sheldon, Keira Boshier, Samantha-Jo Gill, Lachlan Moore, William Sawyer, Anakin Cooper, Andrew Klump, Madison Littlejohns, Suchanan Sriwongwan, Griffin Humphreys, Trinity Miller, Nathan Moore, Teagan Phillips, Emily Ryan, Stanley Tan, Mitchell Chivas, April Christie, Makensie Doran, Taylah Hamilton, Blake Trimboli, Tiana Hepworth and Mardi Miller.

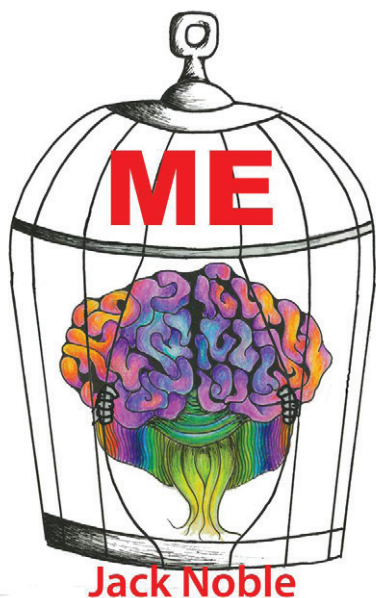
Good luck to you all as you develop your leadership capacity throughout the year.

Careers through Science



Year 4 students from our partner schools enjoyed a great day of learning when the University of Newcastle brought their AIM High Team up to deliver their "Careers through Science" program. The primary schools came together over two days to learn about prediction, measurement, observation, recording of data and all things science and how this relates to the real world.

Thanks to the Year 9 Peer Leaders who were on hand to help the primary students enjoy their day at Chatham High.

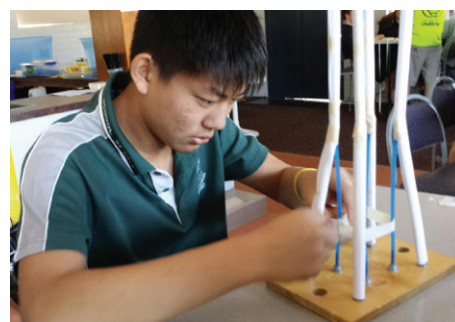


Coming soon

Science and Engineering Challenge



Last Friday Year 10 students had a great day at the Taree Race Course during the Science and Engineering Challenge. Many of the students discovered their hidden creativity and problem solving skills. They worked collaboratively to solve many science problems and made themselves and Chatham High School proud.



The Wollotuka Institute visit

In the language of the Awabakal people "Wollotuka" means "eating and meeting place".

Many of our year 10 and 11 Aboriginal students travelled to The University of Newcastle to visit the Wollotuka Institute Callaghan Campus. It was a great opportunity for the students to learn about the various pathways, opportunities and support available at the Institute. The visit and speakers explained how Wollotuka is committed to the advancement and leadership of Indigenous education and how they can provide Indigenous students every opportunity to study at The University of Newcastle.

It was a great day which included a walk of the entire University campus, visiting the various disciplines and facilities it has to offer.



Wollotuka is committed to the advancement and leadership of Indigenous education at a local, national and global level. It also continues to draw strength from culture, communities and past journeys. Since 1983, Wollotuka has played an important role in representing and supporting Indigenous Australians studying at university. Through its work, Wollotuka and the University of Newcastle more broadly are regarded as leaders in Indigenous education in Australia.



Harding Miller Foundation Scholarships

At an extravagant ceremony at Sydney Town Hall on the evening of May 19, four of our Year 9 girls were awarded Scholarships from the Harding Miller Foundation. The scholarships provide 'practical support to lift educational outcomes and career aspirations of high potential girls'.

The Scholarship winners are Ashlea Anderson, Briannna Annesley, Madison Littlejohns and Suchanan Sriwongwan.



Three of the girls were able to attend the presentation. The girls (each with a parent) were flown to Sydney by the Foundation and accommodated overnight. They looked elegant in their school uniform dresses, bringing great credit to themselves, their families and our school.

The evening was a 'Celebration of Excellence in Public Schools'. The ceremony was hosted by Wendy Harmer (comedian, author, TV personality and radio host) who shared some of her wit and wisdom with the audience. Through the evening the audience enjoyed spectacular performances from the NSW Public Schools Stage Band, NSW Public Schools Junior Singers, NSW Public Schools Urban Dance Crew and Lead Singers and Backing Vocalists from the Schools Spectacular.



The Keynote Speaker for the evening was Professor Brian Schmidt, Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University, astrophysicist and winner of the 2011 Nobel Prize for Physics. In his address he had several key messages including life is not always smooth, you will have tough times and struggles amongst the times when things are good. The key is to be resilient enough to survive the rough times and to enjoy and live to the full in the good times. He also pointed out that at school he was not the brightest student, but he persisted, found an area he liked to work in, and is proof you don't have to be the smartest to be successful. Professor Schmidt also advised the students not to be afraid of making mistakes. Often what appears to be a mistake at the time, can later turn out to be a major discovery or break through. The address was both entertaining and inspirational.

Congratulations to the girls on winning the scholarships. Mrs Schneider, Mrs Beckett , Mrs Fotheringham and Mr Brown also deserve congratulations on assisting and supporting the girls through the application process.

Stig Wemyss

To support Chatham High School's reading programs, students from Year 8 English classes and the Year 7 CHACE class were entertained by the children's author and audio book narrator, Stig. His show was highly entertaining and engaging. There were lots of laugh-out-loud moments during Stig's reading of an Andy Griffiths short story. Students enthusiastically participated in the interactive performance and some received prizes for their involvement. The school would like to thank Great Lakes Library for sponsoring Stig's visit.



University of New England visit

Many of our year 12 students (including students from Wingham, Gloucester and Bulahdelah High) recently travelled to UNE Armidale to experience the University Open Day.



We spent the night in Armidale which was VERY COLD, however we were lucky enough to have beautiful warm weather during the day. The students experienced what campus life has to offer, eating breakfast and dinner in the campus dorm cafeteria and touring the on campus accommodation. They participated in the many activities and tours available on the day, speaking with and listening to current students and lecturers about the many courses available. It was a very informative and enjoyable day encompassing free food, music, tours, lectures, activities and discussions. It was well worth braving the cold! I would like to thank the Chatham High Year 12 students for their fantastic behaviour and company.

