



NEWSLETTER

TERM 2, 2017



Marylyn Sendah at the Semi Final of the NSW Plain English Speaking Award.

Term two has come and gone and while on the exterior it may not feel like much has changed at Chatham High, there are some subtle differences that speak of a transformative groundswell. Outwardly, a new letterhead and increased social media presence offer a hint of the exciting changes that have begun. Later next term our school will begin the process of designing the plan for how education will be delivered at Chatham over the next three years, our strategic plan. Over the course of term 3 everyone connected with Chatham will have a chance to provide feedback on how they think Chatham has gone over the past three years and most importantly, how we can do it better. No matter what year your student is in, I encourage you to think about what makes a good school tick and how well have we gone in delivering education to the community of Taree, your input will be critical in making sure we get as close to the mark as we can.

In assisting parents and carers to get a better picture of what's going on in the school life of their student(s), the Millennium Parent Portal was trialled with year 7 this term and for those parents who took advantage of the service, they found it extremely useful. Student timetables, the school calendar and notices of the day can be accessed from wherever you can get to a web browser and the internet. Of particular interest to parents and carers though has been ability to see an almost 'live' feed on student attendance. As a student is marked present or otherwise, Millennium is updated, very handy if a student has perhaps made a poor decision and chosen not to attend class. ALL parents and carers will have the opportunity to make use of the Millennium Parent Portal next term, all you need to do is provide a valid email address so that your login can be sent to you. A letter with details of the email currently registered with us will make it home in the first week of next term.

Our Capital Works program has continued to improve the facilities of the school with the main quadrangle having remedial work undertaken on its gardens and the hall receiving a major upgrade in the form of two large fans. Similar to those you may have seen at Bunnings, these industrial fans will be a welcome addition to the passive cooling system designed into the building. I can almost hear the groan from past students and staff who are probably asking why didn't they have them when I was there! A big thank you to our P&C committee who continue to provide advice on where money should be best spent.

Congratulations to a number of students who are experiencing success;

- Marilyn Sendah - State semi-finals of the Plain English Public Speaking Competition
- Priya Bourke - State All Schools open hockey team
- Jarrad Gibson - State touch football team
- Talea Fernance - NSW All Schools swimming championships
- Quesesha Golledge - CHS All Schools golf tournament
- Lachlan Williams - Country Rugby League U16s team to tour New Zealand

- Rose Toy – Scholarship to the National Art School HSC Intensive Studio Practice
- Griffin Humphreys – University of Technology Sydney winter school
- Ben Williams – UNSW Nura Gili winter school

This term we farewell two of our Executive team, Jesse Clark, Head Teacher Science and Kay Francombe, Head Teacher English who will be taking leave for the remainder of 2017 and 2018. We wish them well in their endeavours. Following our first school social for quite some time, the term is finishing on a bit of a high as we celebrate NAIDOC week this week, the official celebration being in the holidays. I'll take this opportunity to thank my Aboriginal colleagues for the tireless work they do for all students at Chatham and helping me settle in on Biripi country. I also pay my respects to the elders of this community who do so much to ensure the future we're building will be one ALL Australians will be proud of. I hope the break is a safe and enjoyable one and we will see all students back on Tuesday 18th July.

Year 9 Healthy Food Habits - PDHPE

All year 9 students recently completed a "Healthy Food Habits" PDHPE assessment task where students were asked to come up with a healthy dish which they could make, present and sell to their peers during recess.

They were asked to think of dishes that their friends might like, and to then put a healthy spin on it by looking at altering some of the ingredients into more healthy ones (Honey instead of sugar, gluten and lactose free options for those with gluten and lactose intolerances). Students were then asked to put this information into a food label which was advertised next to their product, allowing their peers to be able to make informed healthy food choices.

All the year 9s did a fantastic job, coming up with a huge variety of ideas ranging from make your own wraps, biscuits, cheese twists, gluten free cupcakes, muesli yoghurt breakfast crunch to name but a few. Fun was had by all whilst promoting the fact that we can still enjoy food, even if it is healthy!

Good job Year 9
Mr Hudson



Hello My Name is Hollee Denton I am currently in year 8 at Chatham High School. Recently I joined an organisation in our area called MYAT which stands for Manning Youth Action Team. I attend the meetings monthly. The Manning Youth Action Team are the organizers that are involved with Live and Loud @ The Taree Library, Summerfest, Indent Region Tour and Community Connect. MYAT is an awesome organisation and joining MYAT for me I have no regrets.



Just recently I volunteered with a seniors festival. Some of the volunteers made cake, slice and scones and the MYAT group made tea and coffee and brought them around to the tables they were sitting at. They all had a really good day singing and dancing and having fun.

MYAT is the Manning District Youth Advisory team for youth members aged 13 to 24 years of age. MYAT meets monthly to discuss what events are approaching and what events have passed.

If you are interested please see Jodie Bird in the office for more information.

Georgia Boshier and Arlo Yeomans-Hansen have been elected the Year 7 SRC representatives. Congratulations to you both and welcome to the SRC team.



Rose Toy's Art School Scholarship

Mrs Humphreys spoke to me last year about an art school in Sydney that she thought would be perfect for me. At the start of this year Mrs Humphreys gave me the application for the school. When we sent the forms away we had to send photos of four previous artworks with it, we chose my Van Goth inspired tree wrap, a mobile artwork created with mixed media, a clay pot that I sculpted and an abstract Wolsley inspired mixed media map of Old Bar. Four weeks later Mrs Humphreys received

an email from the art school saying I had been picked out of thousands of students to learn more about sculpture with other students whose passion for art was as strong as mine. Two weeks later Mrs Humphreys received another email saying that I have also



received a scholarship paying all of my accommodation and most of my class. The first time I go to Sydney for the art program will be on the 10th of July for a week and then again in the September school holidays. By attending this art school I will pick up a third unit of art for my HSC. I am forever grateful for this opportunity and for the support from Mrs Humphreys.

by Rose Toy



Jarrad Gibson has been selected in the New South Wales Combined High Schools 15s team to compete at Narrabeen on July 28.

Golf with Quedesha Golledge Yr 7

Hi, my name is Quedesha Golledge and I have been asked to write about my experiences playing golf. My last big competition was on the 2nd and 3rd of May. I represented Chatham High at the recent CHS All Schools year 7, 8 and 9 school championships at Forster golf club. There were at least 100 competitors from high schools throughout NSW trying out for a spot in one of their teams. I came third in my division which is the Year 7 girls, I also came seventh overall. The golf course was right next to the beach, there were strong winds and it was cold. I was up at 4.30am as my tee-off time was 7am for both days. It was still dark when I arrived and there was dew on the greens (which is where you putt on). There were lots of people so I could barely find my way around. I had the second lowest handicap out of the girls. I was first to tee-off out of all the competitors and there were



eyes watching me on the first hole I played. You could imagine the pressure! The first hole I played was the 10th, it had a small green, water and out of bounds surrounding it. It was 186m long so I decided to use my 3 wood and I got it

on the green which wasn't too bad, however, I felt I had a bad round on the first day with a score of 100. I wasn't very pleased with my score and knew I had to get a better score on the second day. My second round was better, thankfully, with a score of 92. I decided to play aggressively and go for it. Most of the time it worked out but there were a couple of times where I was unlucky I guess, for example I remember hitting my three wood from 20m out and it hitting the pin and going out of bounds. I remember thinking how unfair that shot was. Even though I didn't play well I still made it into the Hunter team. I was disappointed in my score but I still had fun playing. My playing partners were great, I love hearing about their life story. I've met people from many places, like when I played in the Ballina Junior Masters, I

met this girl named Libby and she was from London. I have been playing golf since I was four years old (I was the first to represent Cundletown Public School in golf). When I was in Year 6 I made it into the Hunter team, when I came first at Regionals. I play most weekends with my friends and family at Kew or Taree. I love playing golf and I really enjoy it, some days are good, some days are bad, but I will keep trying as I would rather win than lose. I have won some trophies, prizes and some money vouchers. I think the most I have won in vouchers was \$200 and that was in the Under 18s Mid North Coast. Golf is great fun, so come along and try it. So far there have been a lot more boys than girls in the competitions that I have played in and I think it would be good if we could catch up to the boys, but then again maybe not as I would have more competition! Anyways it's worth a try, so have a go.

Quedesha

Beef Week

Last week I was lucky enough to go along to this year's Beef Week at Wingham where there were fifteen students, including myself, from Chatham High School. My experience was wonderful! I was able to help wash and dry the cattle. The students did junior judging, which I didn't take part in but got to sit in and watch. I also watched the steers and heifers being paraded by the students in their different age groups. Several of the students from Chatham High won a prize. This year was Chatham's best year where sixteen ribbons were won. Our largest steer, Ratatouille, won Supreme Grand Champion.

By Makenna O'Donnell



More happenings with Marylyn Sendah

Plain English speaking competition

I recently travelled to Coffs Harbour to represent Chatham High at the district rounds for the Plain English Speaking Competition. I presented an 8 minute speech about the history of the war on drugs and the real reasons and intensions of the war. I also did a 3 minute impromptu speech on a topic titled "Freedom is not for everyone". I won the district title and will be competing with all of the other district winners at the state rounds in Sydney on the 16th of June.



Rotary Club Of Taree Youth Ambassador

A few weeks ago, Chatham High School chose me as their nomination to be the Rotary Club of Taree's Youth Ambassador and wrote an excellent letter of nomination for me. I had an interview with the current President of the Rotary who was going to be visiting all of the nominees in the local area. A few days later, I received an email congratulating me on becoming the Rotary Club Of Taree's Youth Ambassador for 2017/18. I have since then been to my first ever Rotary meeting followed with a 'Welcome Dinner' where I was informed that the vote for me was unanimous. I have many fun events coming up such as assisting the rotary in the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness



Program for a number of local schools, Volunteering my time at the canteen during local football events as part of the Rotary, going to the official change over dinner where which is when my official role will start and assisting in fundraising efforts so that the Rotary can continue with their philanthropic efforts in our community, district, country and world. I am now one of 1.2 million members and a member of 1 out of over 34 thousand clubs that are making a difference in this world.

Manning Youth Action - VIVID training trip

As a part of the Manning Youth Action Team, I am always involved in the planning and organising of youth events in our local area such as Live N' Loud and Summer Fest. On the 11th of June, MYAT (the Manning Youth Action Team) will be travelling to Sydney to partake in a program that will help us in further developing the skills needed to run and host these events. We will also be seeing the VIVID light show. It will be a very fun and educational trip and we will come back to Taree and continuing on serving as a voice for the youth in our community.



Marylyn Sendah travelled to Sydney to participate in the Semi Final of the NSW Plain English Speaking Award on Friday June 16. Being placed in the semi final means that Marylyn is one of the top 22 public speakers in the state. Marylyn represented Chatham High School proudly, from looking stunning in her school uniform, to engaging the audience with the confident delivery of her prepared speech "# Society" and finally for capably tackling the impromptu topic. "Strike while the iron is hot". Marylyn, you should be so very proud of your amazing achievements. Jodie Bird - CLO

Open girls hockey

The score 15-1 did not reflect the efforts put in by the Chatham High Open Girls Hockey team. They had a difficult task in front of them playing Taree High whose team was full of representative players,



but our girls displayed resilience, character and determination right to the end. Taleah Fernance scored our one goal in the second half which was beautifully set up by Priya Bourke in the midfield. The tenacity shown by Brooke Sheldon in defence certainly has to be mentioned. Well done to all the girls, especially considering we didn't even get in a training session together before the game.

Coach Rebecca Humphreys

Priya Bourke

The under 18's Australian Hockey Titles were held in Hobart, Tasmania. It was a two week long tournament where we played one game each day. New South Wales took four teams, two girls and two boys. I was part of the NSW under 18's Womens Blues team. Although we didn't make the finals we had a successful tournament, coming away with only one loss which was against our NSW Women's State team.



Priya has now been selected in the NSW U16s All Schools team to compete in Adelaide in December at the Pan Pacific Games.

Talea Fernance

Talea had a busy day competing in the NSW All Schools Swimming Championship at Homebush on Friday, May 12. She competed in six races through out the day, coming home 3rd in the freestyle relay, 4th in 100m backstroke, 5th in 50m backstroke, 7th in 50m breaststroke, 9th in 50m freestyle, 10th in 100 freestyle. Talea is reserve for the 100m backstroke at the Pacific Games to be held in Adelaide in December.



Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the Age Champions from our Athletics Carnival;

12 Years

Riley Garland and Georgia Boshier

13 Years

Ethan Martin, Asha Clarke and Hayley Potts

14 Years

Liam Phillips and Kathryn Burton

15 Years

Kyle Phillips and Janeeka Paulson

16 Years

Lachlan Williams and Emma Garland

Opens

Daroo Morris and Amelia Lunney



Athletics Carnival 2017



Harding Miller Foundation Scholarship

Proudly Taree!

Excellence in public schools was celebrated at Sydney Town Hall last week and included two students from Chatham High School on stage to receive their scholarships. Kiera Boshier and Jessica Wallace of Year 9 were given their Harding Miller Foundation Scholarships to support their studies. The funds will enable them to purchase laptops and



other school resources. Both girls are in Year 9 and are showing willingness to study hard and aim high at school. The two girls also had the thrill of their first flight in an aeroplane to be at the Proudly Public! Public Education Foundation Awards night. The two girls were excited

to meet and get to know students from across the state also receiving awards.

Year 7 student, Asha Clarke, has been involved in the PCYC gymnastics program for two years, this Saturday June 24, Asha, will be travelling to Denmark with the PCYC to represent Australia in gymnastics. Over there for two weeks (including her birthday), Asha will be completing six performances around Denmark. Her performances will include tumbling, flips and handsprings. GO ASHA!!!



Xavier Cooper competed in his first eisteddfod, playing the saxophone and won 2nd place.

Relaxation/Mindfulness/Yoga

Free sessions will be held on Wednesday mornings in the ILC.

Beverly McCulloch of Healing Heart Yoga came to the ILC on Friday 1/6/17 to run a short 'Introduction to Yoga.' Sixteen staff and students attended the morning. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed taking time out for themselves and continue to share their positive experience. From that we have decided to offer a free Relaxation/Mindfulness/Yoga session every Wednesday morning from 8.15am for all Chatham High School staff and senior students. This is to promote relaxation to reduce the stress that can develop through a busy lifestyle that can include a combination of work, sport, family, social and school commitments.




Healing Heart Yoga

Beverly McCulloch



Online Safety with Senior Constable David Russell

Currently Year 12 English Studies students are studying 'Digital Worlds' in class. They are looking at various aspects of our digital society.

On Thursday, May 11, 2017, Senior Constable David Russell, who is the Youth Liaison Officer for the Manning and Great Lakes Police Command, visited them to talk about online safety. He spoke about issues such as sexting, cyber bullying and personal online security when visiting social platforms such as facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat. This is particularly important because every time students are online they leave a digital footprint which can never be removed, even years down the track. He emphasised that if they post anything inappropriate they may affect



future relationships and even destroy their chances of getting that dream job. Senior Constable Russell also offered some very practical advice to help teenagers protect themselves online. These include having different passwords for different accounts which they should change regularly and not share with anyone apart from their parents or caregivers. It is also important that passwords are not linked to anything that can identify them, such as pets. Another tip was to think twice before posting a photo. He suggested to not hit 'post' if students know that their grandmother would not approve of the photo. He also advised them to wait for a day or at least a couple of hours before posting an angry message, giving them time to cool down and think carefully before

they act.

It was a very informative session and should benefit students in preparing for their upcoming assessment task.

Some useful websites which can provide further information about online safety are www.thinkuknow.org.au and www.esafety.org.au

Mrs McDonnell and Mrs Kirkby
Year 12 English Studies

EMPOWER

Female students Empower Program Launch took place on 2 June, 2017 at the University of Newcastle's Department of Rural Health building in Taree. Empower is a pilot program which will run until the end of the year and then work with a new group of girls each following year. Thirteen of our girls



attended the launch. Three presenters from the university, Kirrily, Kate and Professor Lisa Toohey, along with the very talented Ivor Thomas from Ray White Real Estate inspired our girls. The girls also met three of the university student mentors. All the presenters shared their personal life stories about their career pathways and explained that these pathways do not necessarily have to be linear. If students are unsure in high school as to what they want to do or to be when they finish high school then that's fine. Ivor said that he is involved in the program because he has a five-year-old beautiful daughter and when she grows up he wants her to have all the opportunities and be treated as equal to her male counterparts. The girls had a great day!



Term 2 Update

Hello again parents/carers and students

TIME IS FLYING – get organised now

Time is certainly flying; we are half way through the Year 11 Preliminary course and Year 12 have only 7 school weeks remaining until their Trial HSC examinations.

In the ILC, all students are encouraged to create a study timetable which includes preparing study notes that will help them in the weeks coming up to their exams. Of course, there will always be students who 'cram' the night before the exams, but those who make time to prepare detailed study notes – mind maps, summaries, flashcards, audio recordings or even stick notes around their bedroom wall – will feel more prepared, less stressed and improve their chances of feeling a sense of achievement during and after their exams.

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CROSSROADS – for all Year 11 students

"Crossroads aims to help prepare senior students to lead, and contribute to, healthy, safe and meaningful lives which promote respect, responsibility, enjoyment, inclusion and social justice for self and others".

<http://www.learning.schools.nsw.edu.au/crossroads/>

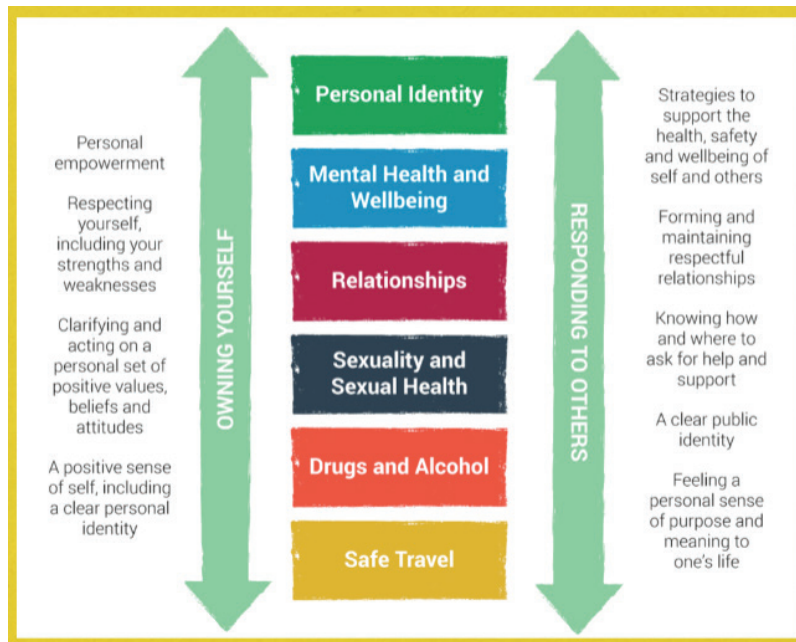


As part of the Crossroads program, all Year 11 students will be attending the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) training day on Tuesday 20th June 2017 at the racecourse. This is a day of learning about Safe Travel and the traumatic consequences that follow a traffic accident. Attendance is compulsory and permission notes have been distributed. Please contact myself if your student has not yet received a note.



The Crossroads program covers the following areas:

FOCUS OF THE CROSSROADS PROGRAM



Check out some videos about Crossroads using the QR Reader App



In the lead up to RYDA, we invited Nicola Mitchell and her father, Mr Craig Mitchell (Chatham High's PDHPE Head Teacher) to talk with Year 11 about their experiences during and after Nicola's horrific car accident. Our students were very attentive as Nicola and Mr Mitchell spoke about the impact the accident had and continues to have on their lives.



If you have questions regarding the Crossroads and/or RYDA program, please contact myself or the current Year 11 Year Adviser, Rebecca Humphreys.

Happy planning, focusing and studying!

Belinda Christensen

ILC Coordinator

Chatham High School

Quality teaching and active learning in a caring environment

What a wonderful year Mr K and his Ag students have had. They have successfully competed at all the local shows, with Ratatouille being named the Supreme Grand Champion at Wingham Beef Week.

The show results are;

Wingham Beef Week

- 1 Brodi Woolnough 3rd junior judging
- 2 Tom Tynan 3rd junior paraders
- 3 Logan Marsden-Catt 5th junior paraders
- 4 Lachlan Moore 2nd junior paraders
- 5 Belicia Watson 6th junior paraders
- 6 Michael Shelton 5th junior paraders
- 7 Harmony Burton 5th junior paraders
- 8 Brodi Woolnough 2nd junior paraders
- 9 Bridie Stone Herdsperson encouragement award
- 10 Harmony Burton "Bill-Hobbs encouragement award" judges highly commended
- 11 "Paul van Weerdenburg trophy" Logan Marsden-Catt
- 12 "Paul van Weerdenburg trophy" Lachlan Moore
- 13 Led steer heavyweight export carcass competition 8th place "Ratatouille"
- 14 Led steer heavyweight export carcass competition 3rd place "Bruce"
- 15 Unled steer middleweight domestic carcass competition 2nd place "Kgomo"
- 16 Led steer competition 6th place "Bruce"
- 17 Led steer competition 1st place "Ratatouille"
- 18 Led steer competition Supreme Grand Champion "Ratatouille"



Gloucester Show

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| 1st place Gramma | Under 16 paraders |
| 1st place Table pumpkin | 1st Lachlan Moore |
| 2nd place pumpkin | 2nd Belicia Watson |
| 1st place largest cattle pumpkin also | 3rd William Sawyer |
| (Grand Champion Going To Royal Easter Show) | 4th Thomas Tynan |
| 2nd place Watermelon | 5th Logan Marsden-Catt |
| Led Steer/Heifer heavyweight | Best prepared Steers over 12 months |
| 1st Ratatouille | 1st place - Ratatouille |
| 2nd Bruce | 3rd place - Bruce |
| 3rd Trevor | 4th place - Ted |
| 5th Ted | 5th place - Trevor |

Led Steer / Heifer Overall

GRAND CHAMPION - RATATOUILLE paraded by Lachlan Moore
Reserve champion - Bruce paraded by Michael Shelton

Best prepared Steers overall

1st place - Ratatouille

Best prepared animal

GRAND CHAMPION - Ratatouille paraded by Bridie Stone

Nabiac Show

Encouragement award for lettuce

2nd Silverbeet

1st Gramma

1st Capsicum

1st Spring onion

Supreme Champion Fresh produce exhibit.

Comboyne Show

3rd place Gramma

2nd place Gramma

2nd place mixed vegetable exhibit

1st Silverbeet

1st Eggplant



DATES TO REMEMBER

17 July - Pupil Free Day

18 July - All students return to school

19 July - Yr 10 Love Bites program

21 July - Jeans for Genes Day

24 July - P&C meeting

26 July - Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival

- Yr 10 Love Bites

- Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening

27 July - Hunter Regional Athletics

28 July - Careers EXPO

31 July - Yr 10 Pathways talk

2 Aug - Parent Teacher Interviews

3 Aug - Semester 1 Academic Awards

7 - 21 Aug - Yr 12 Trial HSC Examinations

7 - 18 Aug - Yr 11 Construction Workplacement

15 - 18 Aug - Science Week

21 - 25 Aug - Yr11 Retail and Hospitality
Workplacement

21 Aug - P&C meeting

31 Aug - UoN Creative Industries Roadshow

1 Sept - EMPOWER visit to UoN

6 Sept - WOW Day #1

6 Sept - Indigenous Literacy Day

11 - 19 Sept - Yr 11 Final Preliminary Examinations

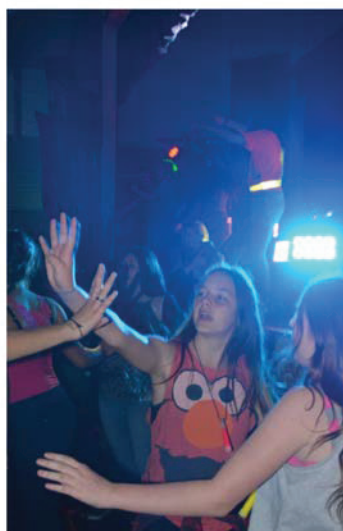
13 Sept - Yr 8 into 9 Subject Selection Evening

20 Sept - WOW Day #2

21 Sept - Yr 12 Formal Assembly



EXPRESS YOURSELF



Dear Parents and Carers

Chatham High School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **4 September 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

- 1. Direct deposits:** As of **25 August 2017**, we will no longer accept direct deposits into our current school bank account as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. Any payments made using direct deposit after this date cannot be properly allocated to a student's account in a timely manner. Please ensure you have made any outstanding direct deposits before **25 August 2017**.
- 2. EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **30 August and 4 September 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **30 August 2017**. From **5 September 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
- 3. Cash and cheque payments:** Between **30 August 2017** and **5 September 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **30 August 2017**. From **5 September 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
- 4. Online payments:** As of **4 September 2017**, we will begin to accept online payments using the Department of Education's Parent Online Payment (POP) system. A button to access this online payment system titled '\$ Make a Payment' will be visible on the utility bar on the front page of our school's website at **www.chatham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au**. By selecting this link, parents and carers will be taken to a secure Westpac QuickWeb payment page, from which they can make online payments.

Please note: As a Westpac-hosted solution, cardholder and account details will be held securely, helping to protect the school and its customers from fraudulent transactions as well as assisting in meeting the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCIDSS) compliance requirements.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. We are hopeful the addition of an online payment facility will prove of benefit to families. If you have any questions, please contact our **School Administration Manager**.



**Is your child at school or starting next year?
Would you like \$500 to help pay for uniforms,
books, excursions or a laptop?**

To be eligible you need to:

- have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

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Fact sheet

FACEBOOK (For parents)

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What is Facebook?

Facebook is a free social networking site that allows users to create profiles, upload, share and view photos and videos and send messages. The site allows users who have common interests to interact, create and manage events and live chat with their online contacts, or 'Friends'. Facebook is restricted to users aged 13-years-old and above, however some users may lie about their age to join.

What devices can access Facebook?

Facebook can be accessed on any device that has an internet connection such as mobile phones, tablets and computers. It can be accessed via the Facebook website or through one of two apps, the generic Facebook app which includes all of Facebook's features except private messaging, and Facebook's 'Messenger' app which is used for private messaging.

Who can young people interact with when on Facebook?

Facebook users have the ability to interact with a wide range of individuals. Through Facebook's news feed users have the ability to interact in public conversations, with people who are not Friends.

What are the potential challenges with Facebook?

As with any form of social media, there are some challenges that young people may face when using Facebook. These can include online grooming (when an adult makes online contact with someone under the age of 16 with the intention of engaging in a sexual relationship) or cyberbullying and harassment. Other challenges include privacy concerns, such as revealing too much personal information on Facebook, reputation management or falling victim to scams shared through social networking sites.

What are the recommended privacy settings?

By maintaining strong privacy settings, users can limit the amount of information shared with strangers. When setting up privacy features on Facebook there are three options:

- **Public** - any Facebook user can view personal content and interact with your child.
- **Friends of Friends** - allows Friends and their Friends to view and interact with your child and their content.

- **Friends** - only accepted Friends can see your content in the first instance. The Friends option is the safest way to ensure that you are sharing information with people you know and trust, but should not be considered as 100 per cent private.

There is also the ability to change the privacy options for individual posts.

How do you manage Facebook privacy settings?

It may be easier to change privacy settings on a computer rather than a mobile device. To manage your privacy on Facebook (on a computer), access the privacy settings by clicking on the downward facing arrow in the upper right-hand side of the page and select '**Settings**'. In the left hand column, click on '**Privacy**'.

To access these settings on a mobile device select the '**More**' tab. Scroll down to the **Help & Settings** section and select '**Account Settings**' and then '**Privacy**'.

Privacy Settings and Tools	
Who can see my stuff?	Who can see your future posts? Friends Edit
	Review all your posts and things you're tagged in Use Activity Log
	Limit the audience for posts you've shared with friends of friends or Public? Limit Past Posts
Who can contact me?	Who can send you friend requests? Friends of friends Edit
Who can look me up?	Who can look you up using the email address you provided? Friends Edit
	Who can look you up using the phone number you provided? Friends Edit
	Do you want search engines outside of Facebook to link to your Profile? No Edit
Did you find what you needed? Yes - No - I didn't need anything specific	

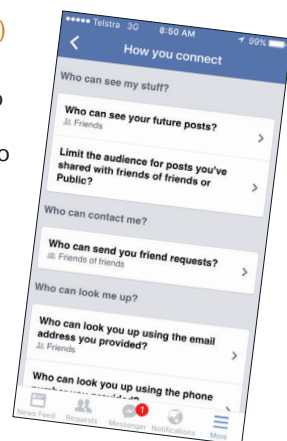
Here you can change a number of settings:

Restricting who can see a timeline (wall)

Under the '**Who can see my stuff?**' section, you can manage who is able to access your timeline. Next to '**Who can see your future posts?**', click on '**Edit**' to ensure that '**Friends**' is selected.

Restricting who can contact me

Under the '**Who can contact me?**' section, you can manage who is able to send you Facebook requests. Next to '**Who can contact me?**', click on the '**Who can send you friend requests?**' and select the appropriate setting.





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FACEBOOK (For parents)

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Restricting who can see your email address and mobile number

Under the 'Who can look me up' section, you can manage who can see your email address and phone number if you have provided one.

Next to 'Who can look you up using the email address you've provided?', click on 'Edit' and select either 'Friends' or 'Friends of Friends'. Click on 'Edit' next to 'Who can look you up using the phone number you provided?' and select either 'Friends' or 'Friends of Friends'.

Restricting a Facebook profile being searchable

Under to 'Who can look me up' section, you can manage if your Facebook page will show up in search engine searches such as Google. The 'Do you want other search engines to link to you timeline?' option should be set to 'no' and can be switched to 'yes' by sharing your timeline with everyone.

How do you block offensive users?

You can block offensive users on Facebook by selecting the 'Block' option on their timeline, or by accessing the Blocking page through Facebook's Account Settings.

To block a user, access their profile and select the 'More' option (signified by three dots) next to the 'Message' option on or under the person's cover photo. In the menu which appears, select the 'Block' option.

A dialog box will appear which provides options for dealing with the offensive user. This box will have different options depending on whether this person is already your friend. Select the 'Block' option to block the user.

Blocking a user will stop them from seeing your posts, tagging you, inviting you to events or groups, messaging you and adding you as a friend. If you are already friends, blocking a user will also unfriend him/her.

If you wish to report inappropriate content to Facebook you will need to do this before you block the user.

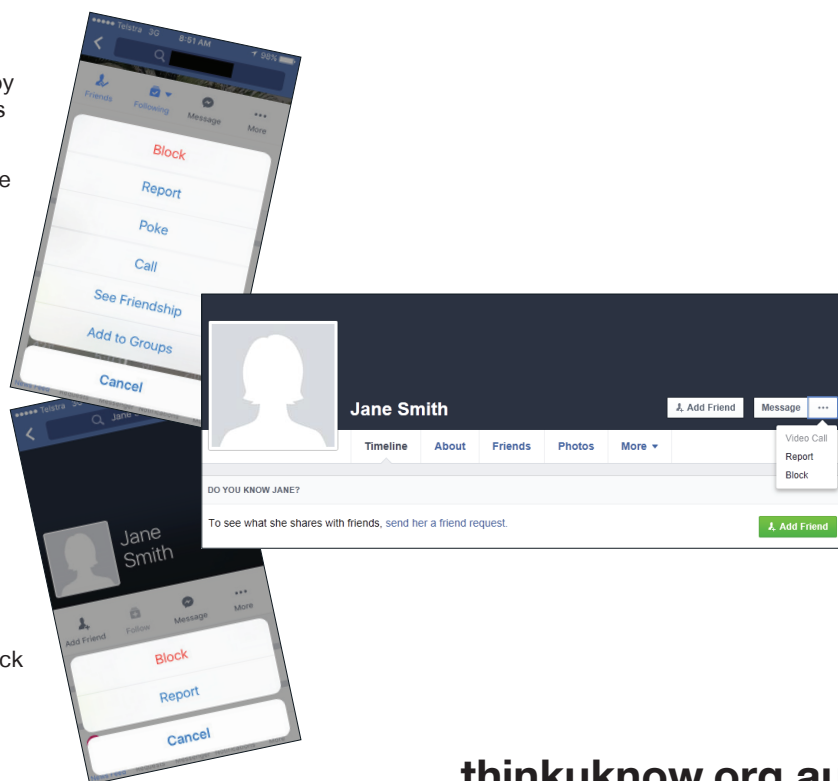
How do you report users or fake profiles?

To report a user or a fake profile on Facebook, access the profile's timeline and select the 'More' option (signified by three dots) next to the 'Message' option on or under the person's cover photo. In the menu which appears, select the 'Report' option.

In the corresponding dialog box, select 'Report this account' and then select the reason you wish to report the account. Follow the prompts to finalise your report.

More information

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/help



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