

# CHATHAM

## High School

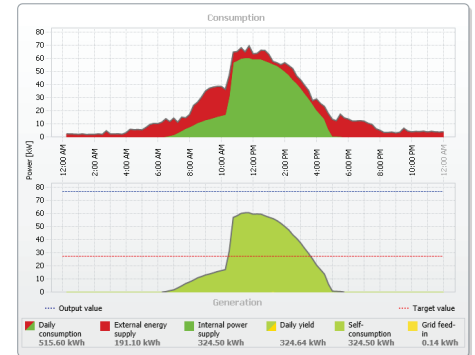
## NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 - WEEK 7 - 2018

The approach to the end of term three is always an exciting time and when I say exciting feel free to translate that as stressful. There is SO much happening at Chatham High at the moment that we can all feel proud of.

Our 'Pride in your Patch' competition highlighted everyone's commitment to making Chatham a wonderful place to come to school. We're also improving our facilities having recently installed over a hundred solar panels that, on a good day, have been producing over 50kW of power, while we only consume 70kW! This results in a fantastic saving for the school and also allows us to install additional A/C in classrooms while still caring for our environment.



This week we have celebrated the hard work of our School Administration and Support Staff, who do such a fabulous job in helping the place tick along, HAPPY SASS week! Our SASS staff include the front office ladies, SLSOs, Students Support Officer, Aboriginal Tutors, Science Assistant, Home Economics Assistant, Library Assistant, Ag Assistant

and General Assistant. An afternoon tea was held for those who were able to attend at Mansfield on the Manning in appreciation of all the great things our many SASS staff do on a daily basis.



Term three also brings with it some important decisions for our Year 8 and 10 students who will be choosing their pattern of study for the next two years of school. This represents the first opportunity for Year 8 students to determine their pattern of study as they get themselves ready for their HSC journey.

Lastly and certainly not least are a group who have faced that journey and are about to head off onto their next big adventure. Year 12, our class of 2018 have finished their trial examinations are now setting sail for the HSC in a few short weeks. We wish them all the best in their preparation for their final examinations and remind them that it's never too late to study!

Daryl Irvine  
Principal

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**The Pride in your Patch** competition was a huge success with faculties and students working hard toward having the winning 'patch'. As always there can only be one winner and the 2018 'Pride in your Patch' award went to the Science department who, with the help of many students, created a colourful hopscotch area in D Block with garden beds and clever signage. Highly commended went to D Block upstairs where the English faculty, with the help of Mathematics, created a green area and the Year 11 Advanced English class painted a stairwell of book spines. Highly commended also went to the front office for their greenery, I Block and Lee Deer for the print room. The winners get to celebrate with their winnings of coffee and breakfast vouchers.



Australian Paralympic legend, Louise Sauvage was one of a host of guest speakers at Chatham High School's HSC PD/H/PE Enrichment Day. Louse was joined by physiotherapist Aaron Bayley, Aboriginal health promotion officer Michelle Wilkes and Hunter New England Health's Graham Fazio and Meghan McDonald who spoke to local Year 12 students about sports medicine and rehab, equity in health, improving sport performance, health priorities and sport medicine. The day is designed to assist students with preparation for their HSC.

## Sporting Stars

Congratulations to **Emma Garland** and **Riley Garland**. Emma and Riley both competed at the Regional Athletics Carnival in August this year. Emma was placed first in the 17yrs girls javelin with a PB of 37.67. Riley also placed first in the 13 yrs boys javelin with a PB of 34.24, both are competing at State level at Olympic Park, Sydney as this newsletter is going to print. We wish them both all the best.

Thanks to Emma's mum, Veronica, for this update;

Both Riley and Emma Garland competed in the Combined High Schools State Championships on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th September in the javelin throw. Riley threw a massive 36.62m which placed him 4th in the state, while Emma threw 38.28m which placed her second in the state earning her a silver medal. They will be off to Sydney again on the September 26th to compete in the All Schools Competition.



Emma and her silver medal from the CHS State Championships.

**Talea Fernance** competed in the School Sports Australia Swimming Championships in Hobart during the July school holidays. Talea competed in the 17 years 100 metre backstroke, 50 metre backstroke, medley relay and 4 x 50 metre freestyle relay multi class events bring home a bronze medallion for the relay. Congratulations Talea on your success in the pool.



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## MAKING POSITIVE CHANGE EXHIBITION

Chatham High School and Bushland Health Group have been working collaboratively to create positive change.

Year 7 CHACE students

(Chatham High Curriculum Extension)

have produced portraits of Bushland Place residents creating positive experiences for both themselves and the residents.



**Our Year 7 CHACE class** has been participating in a program called 'Making Positive Change'. This cross curriculum program provides students with the opportunity to connect with an elderly resident of the Bushland Health Group and develop an awareness and understanding of the diversity within our community. The program also aims to develop their personal and social capability to interact confidently in different social contexts.

Students have visited both Bushland Place and Karingal Gardens, partnering with a resident once a week to share stories, experiences and establish connections. The students have then painted a portrait of the resident they have been partnered with which will be gifted to them at the unveiling we will be holding at Bushland Place on Monday, September 24.

## Dates to Remember

### Term 3

#### Wk 8

- Sept 11 School Captains speeches  
Clontarf - Tree planting with  
Yancoal Mining
- Sept 12 Teach a Man to Fish - MEC  
RUOK Day

#### Wk 9

- Sept 17 - 25 Year 11 Final examinations  
P&C meeting
- Sept 19 Support Unit - Future Choice  
Expo
- Sept 20 AECG meeting @ Chatham  
Public School  
Year 7 Vaccinations
- Sept 22 Forster running festival

#### Wk 10

- Sept 24 7 CHACE - Positive connections  
portrait unveiling
- Sept 25 Support Unit - Winds of Joy:  
Sailors with disabilities
- Sept 26 Hunter sports trial - Boys cricket  
Clontarf - Big Day Out
- Sept 27 Year 12 Farewell Assembly

### Term 4

#### Wk 1

- Oct 16 Year 8 Swim school
- Oct 18 -  
Nov 9 HSC Examinations
- Oct 18 AECG AGM @ Bushland Hub

#### Wk 2

- Oct 23 Year 8 Swim school

#### Wk 3

- Oct 29 Year 9/10 Visual Arts excursion
- Oct 30 Year 8 Swim school
- Oct 31 -  
Nov 1 Year 7 CHACE - Authentic  
Assessment interviews
- Nov 1 Semester 2 Merit and Year 11  
Academic Assembly
- Nov 2 Halogen - Youth Leadership

## Dates to Remember

### Term 4

#### Wk 4

- Nov 6 Year 8 Swim school
- Nov 9 Remembrance Day Assembly

#### Wk 5

- Nov 12 - 16 Stage 4 and Year 9  
examinations  
Year 10 Gold Coast Excursion  
Year 8 Swim school  
AECG meeting @ Wingham  
High School

#### Wk 6

- Nov 19 P&C meeting
- Nov 20 Hunter sports trials - girls and  
boys softball  
Year 8 Swim school  
Year 10 examinations

#### Wk 7

- Nov 27 Year 8 Swim school
- Nov 28 Year 10 Interview skills
- Nov 29 Hunter sports trial - girls cricket

#### Wk 8

- Dec 4 Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day  
Year 8 Swim school
- Dec 5 - 6 Year 10 Authentic Assessment

#### Wk 9

- Dec 11 Hunter sports trial - baseball  
Year 8 Swim school
- Dec 12 Semester 2 Academic Awards  
Assembly
- Dec 13 AECG Xmas @ Bushland Hub  
Presentation Evening

#### Wk 10

- Dec 17 Deadly Awards  
P&C meeting
- Dec 19 Last day of school for students

## Tabletop Role-Playing Group

The tabletop role-playing group is running again Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Each week two groups play in worlds of imaginative wonder and danger. The players have all made their heroic characters and bested all obstacles in their first adventures. They will face increasingly difficult challenges where they will need to think outside the box and learn to work together in order to come out victorious.

Mr Cavanagh



Mr Cavanagh, Blake, Gypsy, Tristan and Zachary after last Thursday's group.

## Nexus Con

On September 8th, several students from Chatham High will be going to Nexus Con in Coffs Harbour. This is a convention where people meet others who appreciate various aspects of pop culture. Things like anime, video games, tabletop games, cosplay and many more will be on display at the convention. The organisers have been generous enough to set up a bus which will take people attending the convention from Taree to Coffs for free. It should be a very fun day for everyone going.

## Luminosity Youth Summit

Eleven Year 11 students attended the Luminosity Youth Summit in Port Macquarie in Week 1 of this term with our Student Support Officer, Nathan Paff. The aim of the summit is to:

- Inspire youth to follow their dreams
- Challenge them individually to be the best person they can be and take a chance on themselves
- Excel and exceed in their chosen journey

The students had the privilege of listening to keynote speakers including Ninja Warrior, Jack Wilson, inspirational double amputee, Mike Rolls and sailor, author, Jessica Watson. Everyone agreed the summit was an inspiring experience that they would love to attend again and thanked the P&C for their generous sponsorship that enabled them to attend.





Some of our Year 12 major works

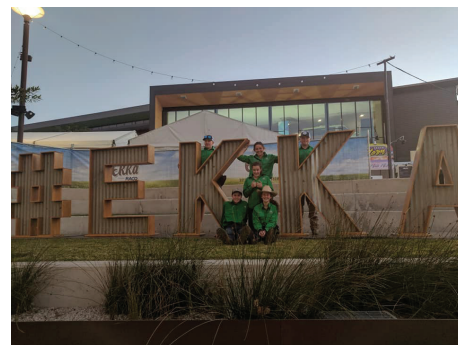


## Teach a Man to Fish and RUOK? Day

The students and staff of Chatham High School have a wonderful opportunity to attend a special school screening of 'Teach a Man to Fish' next Wednesday, September 12. All students will be attending this wonderful documentary produced and directed by our ex-student Grant Saunders. Families and members of the community are invited to join us for this great morning. Grant will return to the school after the film to participate in our RUOK? Day fun. Activities for the afternoon include music in the MPC and staff v students games of netball, basketball and touch football. It should be a great day of celebration with all money raised from the SRC's gold coin collection going to our NSW Farmers.

## The Brisbane EKKA

On August 4th the Ag Show Team travelled to Brisbane for the EKKA. Our two team captains, Keely Dyer and Thomas Tynan did an amazing job keeping all of us happy and organised. Unfortunately we didn't bring home any ribbons but in the junior paraders Thomas Tynan placed in the top 18, out of 178 other competitors. Special mention also goes to Lachlan Moore and Bridie Stone who represented Bigwig Speckle Park in the stud classes. They placed first and second in the under 12 month heifer class as well as second, third and fifth in the under 12 month bull class. Congratulations to all who attend and participated at the Brisbane Royal. A huge thank you also to Linda Standing and Natalie Storok for driving us up in the school bus.



## Ag Team update

We would like to introduce the new Ag Show Team Committee;

Chairperson	Keely Dyer
Vice Chairperson	Jess Eagles
Secretary	Lachlan Moore
Treasurer	Gypsy-Lee Marshall
Public Relations	Madison Gill

The purpose of this committee is to ensure things get done in a fast and efficient manner.