

# CHATHAM

## High School

## NEWSLETTER



Term 1 - Week 6 - 2019

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019! I'll start by acknowledging that our school is built on land that has seen continuous human habitation for over 40,000 years and I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this country, the Biripi nation and pay my respects to their elders both past and present. I also acknowledge my Aboriginal colleagues who work tirelessly to ensure ALL students at Chatham High School are fully prepared as the future leaders of our community.

It was fabulous to see the smiling faces come through the gates this week and there were lots of them! With over 120 year 7 students this year, our student numbers are over 650 for the first time in a few years and seeing the number of students wearing the school uniform, whether you choose to call it pride or commitment, I can see students have taken on our core values of being safe,

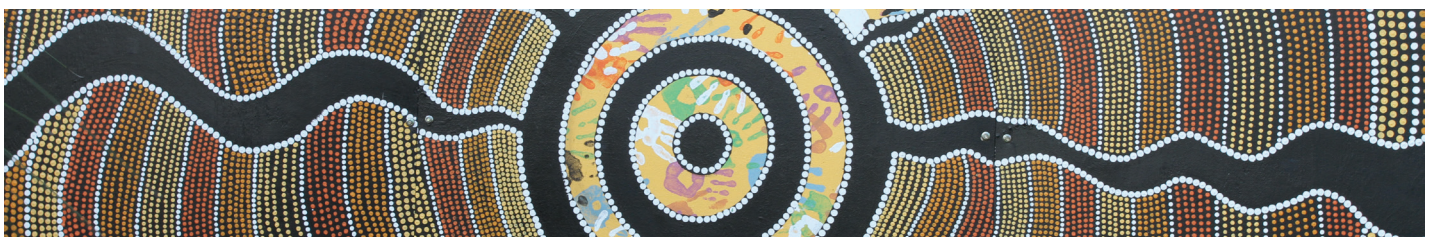
We have started the year with a determined mindset that was highlighted through our staff development day. We have continued to develop our knowledge and understanding on how adopting a strengths based approach to ALL our interactions can lead to more positive outcomes for the whole school community, students, families and staff. Based on a solid research footing, the strengths based approach assists people in recognising the innate capabilities we all possess and the concept we can all grow, regardless of what we may consider to be barriers. The acronym H.O.P.E. - Helping Other Possibilities Emerge, underpins much of this approach. The manner in which ALL our staff, from front office to teachers and paraprofessionals, approached this learning demonstrated to me the commitment we all have to ensure every student exits Chatham not only a stronger learner but a healthier, happier person.

We understand of course that the growth of our students is a journey families are most in connection with and without the combined effort of school and family a student will always be working at half throttle. There are plenty of ways that families can further support their students and joining either the AECG or P&C is a great way of providing input into how our school can best serve its community. Can I encourage you to overlook the best efforts of some teens when they try to lock you out of what's happening at school and ensure you stay in touch with our staff to make sure you have the full picture of your students' progress.

Can I remind families that supervision for students at school is only provided between the hours 8:30 and 3:45, or the departure of the last bus. Students are not to be on site outside these times unless at a scheduled event.

If there are items of news that you think deserve telling others about, please don't hesitate sending them through to the school. Here's to a fantastic 2019!

Daryl Irvine  
Principal



## New Faces

We are happy to welcome back **Mr Darren Williams** as Deputy Principal for Years 8, 10 and 12. Mr Williams was a Hospitality teacher here at CHS for nine years before taking up the position of Head Teacher at Nambucca Head. Orara High School was Mr Williams's next stop before returning to us. Mr Williams has been an active member of both Coffs Harbour's AECG and the Coffs Harbour Interagency Group.



My name is **Hope Labutis-Mays** (Saunders) and I am the newly appointed Leader: Community Engagement Officer at Chatham High School. I am the Granddaughter of Faith and Horace Saunders. My parents are Phillip (Dooley) and Pauline Saunders. I have spent most of my life in Taree and went to Girrawong Pre-School, Taree West Public School and Taree High School. I worked at Taree High School as the Aboriginal Education Assistant before completing my Teachers Degree and then Masters of Languages Degree. For the past 12 years I have been living off-country in Queensland working at an Indigenous School teaching languages and culture as well as a number of other subjects, and coordinating cultural and educational programs within the school and community.

During my time in Queensland I was very homesick and never lost the urge for my country and was excited at the opportunity to return home to raise my two children in our beautiful Biripi Nation and assist my young people to achieve their full potential. I am very passionate about Aboriginal Education and helping all students to reach for the stars and look forward to meeting you all of our parents over the course of the year.



## Swimming

### **School Carnival**

What a way to start the year!

Week 3 saw Chatham High students spend a very hot day in the water at the Manning Aquatic Centre for our Swimming Carnival, free swims were held through out the day amongst the serious races to keep everyone cool. Katanga were the champions on the day with points raised not only through racing but for also supporting participants.

Congratulations to our Age Champions!

12 Years

Sienna Agnew

Xavier Bliss

13 Years

Asha McLeod

William Moss

14 Years

Georgia Boshier

Ethan Armstrong

15 Years

Bibiannah Peattie

Ethan Martin

16 Years

Keira Boshier

Jacob Moss

17+ Years

### **Zone Carnival**

The week after our school carnival a large team of students headed off to compete at the Zone Carnival. We had some good results on the day with Sienna Agnew, Keira Boshier, Georgia Boshier and Asha McLeod taking out the 16yrs girls relay.

Sienna had a great day taking out 1st in the 12yrs 100m fly, 100m backstroke, 100m freestyle and 2nd in both the 100m breaststroke and 50m freestyle.

Georgia placed 2nd in the 14yrs 100m fly. Keira was 2nd in the 16yrs 100m breaststroke, 100m and 50m freestyle and Bibiannah placed 2nd in the 15yrs 100m backstroke.

Our senior SLR and Sports Coach students were also commended for their contribution to the carnival.

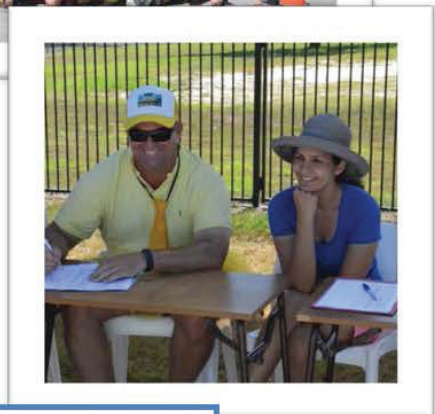
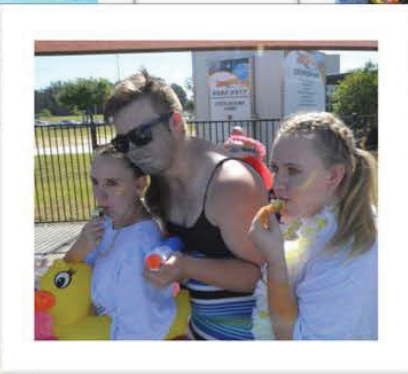
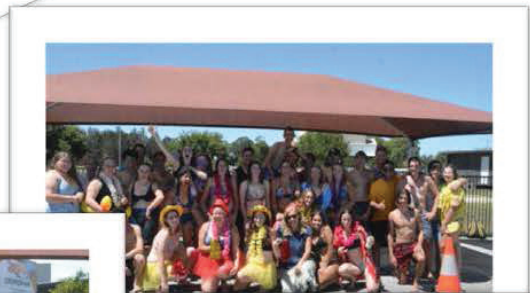
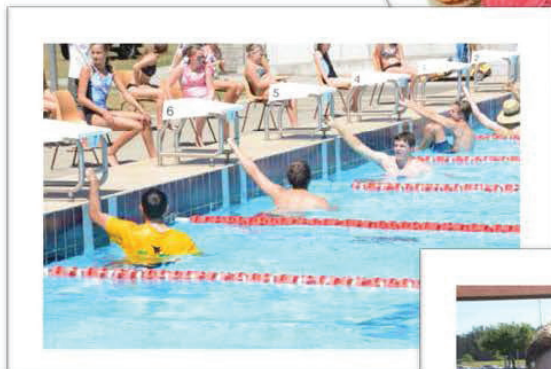
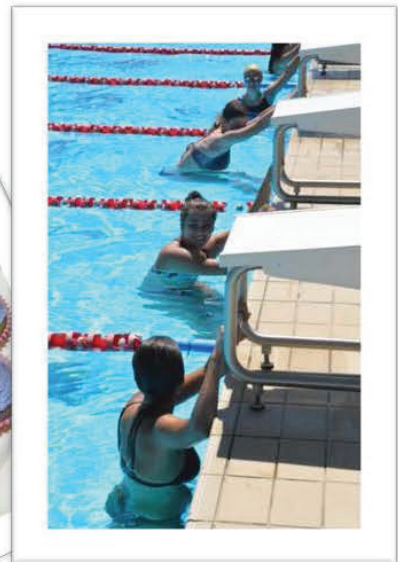
Well done everyone!



### **Regional Carnival**

Keira Boshier and Sienna Agnew both qualified for the Regional Carnival in Lambton on March 4, where Keira competed in the 16yrs 50m freestyle.





## 2019 SWIMMING CARNIVAL





## Waterpolo

Congratulations to our girls waterpolo team who earned a place in the next round after defeating Tomaree 8-2 in Raymond Terrace on February 21.

Best of luck for your next game at Taree on March 8.



## Netball

The Chatham High School girls open netball team represented the school well at the Manning Zone Gala Day in Forster on February 26. They did a great job against some very tough teams. Well done girls! And a huge thank you to our bus driver, Mr Ian Bosher and our umpire Jade Dargan.



Thirty Chatham High School Indigenous students attended the Secondary Aboriginal Dance workshop run by the *Bangarra Dance Theatre* at Taree High this week. It is a privilege for our students to be able to be part of this amazing experience with such an experienced dance company.



Opens Netball Team

Congratulations to our *Senior Leadership Team* for 2019 -

School Captains - Ashly Selibio and Jai Easter

Vice Captains - Madison Littlejohns and Mitchell McCloy

SRC - Macy James, Zac Sheldon, Natasha Ruge, Zachary Walton, Kyra Trengove and Andrew Klump



Ashly and Jai attended MidCoast Council's meeting on February 27, along with Mr Irvine, where mayor David West presented them with a plaque in recognition of their selection as School Captains for 2019. Congratulations to you both!



Marylyn Sendah was awarded Taree Young Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day Ceremonies held in January this year. Marylyn completed Year 12 here at CHS last year and is now at The University of Newcastle studying a Bachelor of Law and a Bachelor of Social Science. School Captains Jai and Ashly also attended the ceremony where they spoke about what growing up in a regional community in Australia means to them.

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Chatham High School students and staff are shaving, waxing and colouring to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation.

Friday, March 15 we will be joining the Worlds Greatest Shave so bring your coins to donate, get your hair sprayed a colour and buy a \$1.50 sausage sandwich. All funds go to helping find a cure for blood cancer. You can sponsor our team by contacting Miss Belinda Christensen here at CHS or online at

<https://bit.ly/2TuZs8Z>



**The Green Team** have started work around the school. Dennis and the boys have been hard at work repairing the Memorial Garden in top quad, leveling the area and re laying the bricks. They are doing a great job, can't wait for the finished product and to see what the next project is.



Great work boys!



## **Lions Youth of the Year**

Ashly Selibio and Madalyn Birt represented Chatham High School at Manning River Lions Club Youth of the Year. Both girls spoke with confidence and impressed the judges at interview. Madalyn took out the Public Speaking award with Ashly the overall winner of the evening. Ashly now competes at the Regional Finals in Port Macquarie on March 17. Congratulations to you both.

Congratulations to Teagan Phillips, Chatham High School Dux of 2018. Teagan's dedication and perseverance placed her at the top of every year since Year 7. Teagan was awarded Dux at an assembly held at the beginning of the year and has since moved to Newcastle where she is studying a Bachelor of Pharmacy.







## Positive Behaviours for Learning Core Values

# RESPECT

- We follow instructions.
- We speak politely.
- We care for others and property.

# SAFETY

- We wear correct uniform.
- We are in the right place at the right time.
- We move around safely.

# LEARNING

- We do our best.
- We are prepared.
- We allow others to learn.

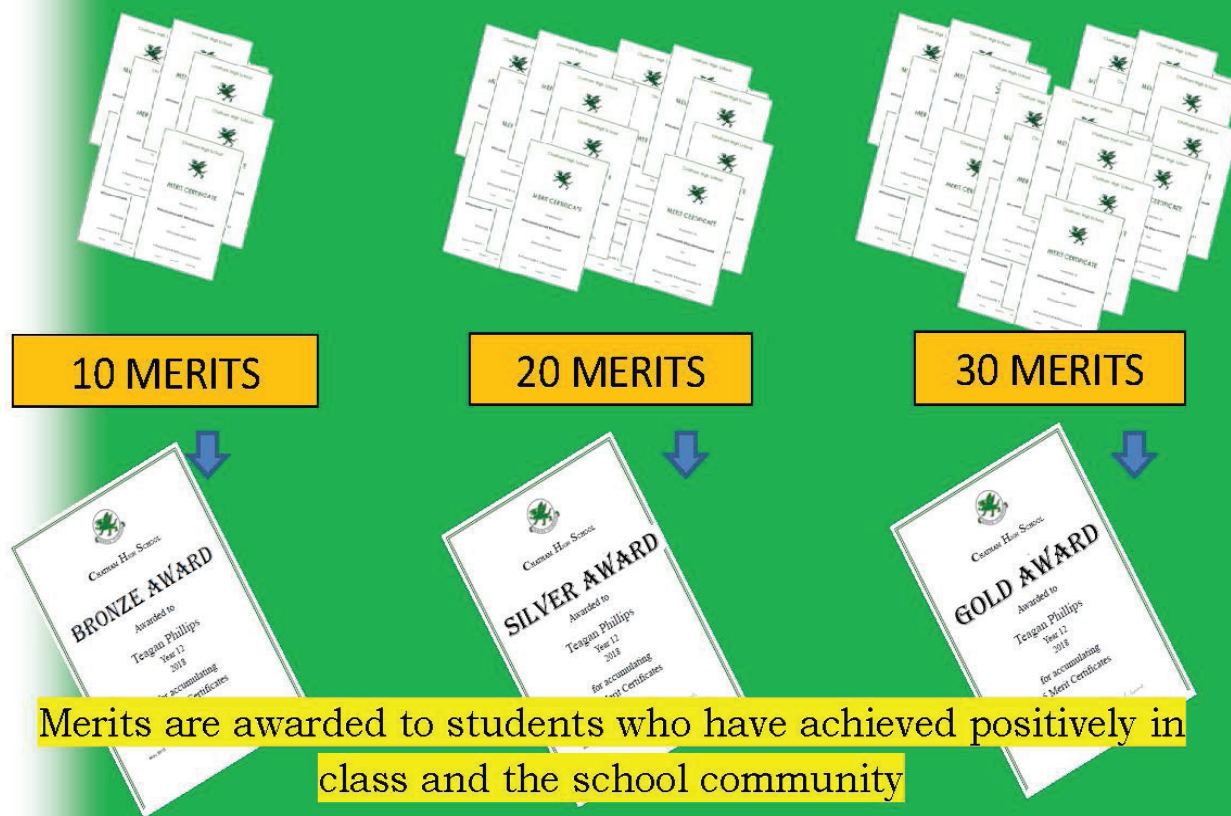
**Positive Behaviour for Learning** (PBL) is a whole school approach to student wellbeing and behaviour. Here at Chatham High School we actively promote PBL to enable students to develop a clear understanding of required expectations. Our whole school community is encouraged to use the language of the PBL.

**Chatham High School's core values "Respect, Safety and Learning" apply to all settings within the school. The PBL team meets once a fortnight to address short and long-term goals that will improve the quality of the educational experience of all students.**

In the classroom and playground teachers hand out 'Griffos' when they observe students displaying positive behaviours, 'Griffos' are a fast and frequent acknowledgment of students doing the right thing. During our fortnightly Monday muster three names are drawn from the 'Griffo' barrel, with the winners receiving vouchers for our canteen.

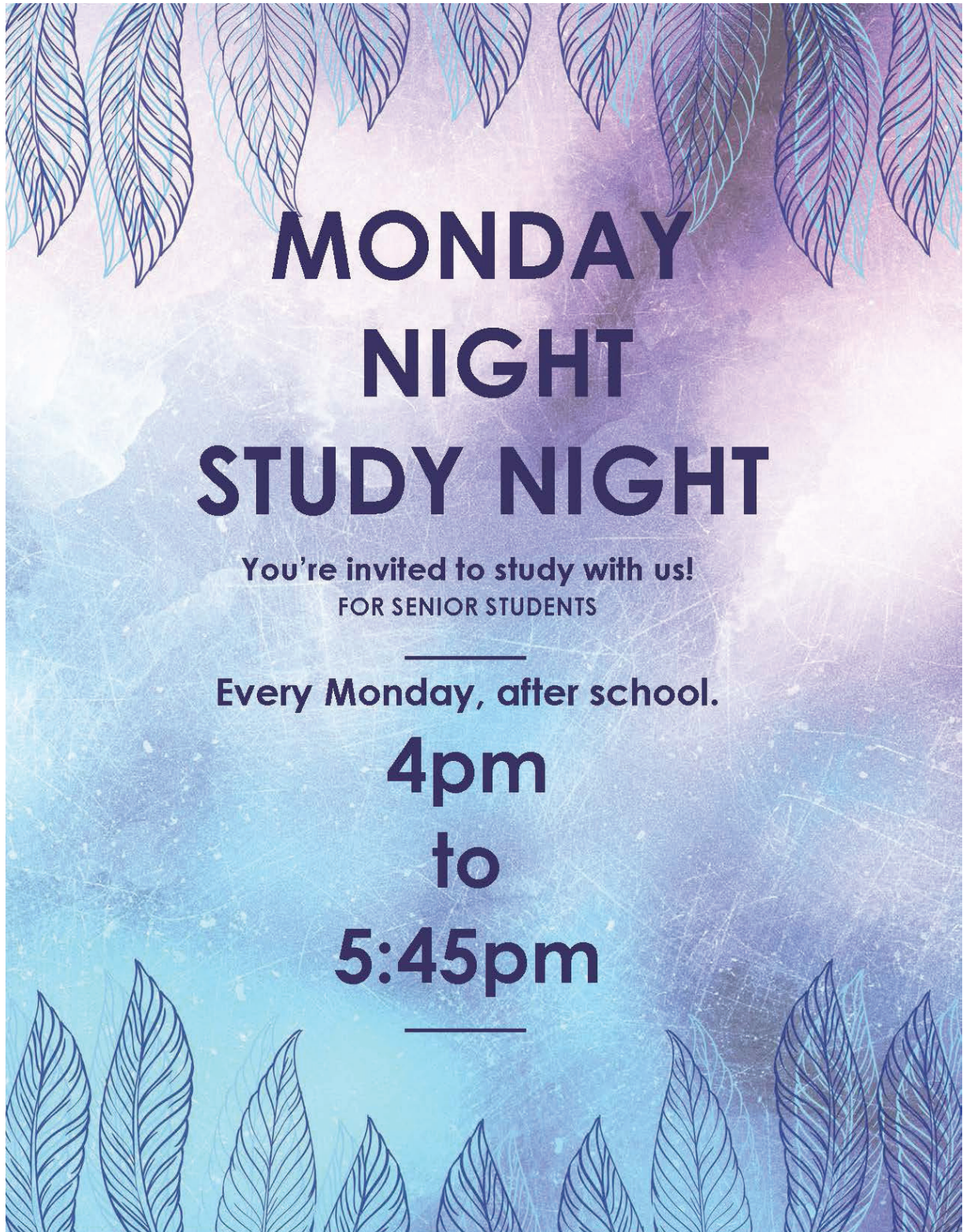
**Merits are awarded to students who have achieved positively in class and the school community and are handed out at our Year assemblies. 10 Merits earn a student a Bronze Award while 20 merits counts for a Silver Award. The highest award in this category is the Gold Award which is awarded to a student who receives 30 Merit; these are awarded at our whole school assemblies.**

## CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL MERIT AWARD SYSTEM





Senior study nights are back on for 2019. Please encourage students to take advantage of this great opportunity where they can study with friends and complete assignments with assistance from staff.







## CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL

### ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS - 2019

#### Guudji Yiigu

Our programs have started for the year and there is something on almost every day for our Indigenous Students to enhance their identities and culture, wellbeing and learning at Chatham High School.

For more information contact *Hope* or *Uncle Matt* on;

(02) 6552 2588

Or come in and have a Yarn and meet the rest of the team.



## Programs

Back to Basics -  
Traditional Art and  
Carving

Djukala Djiyagan -  
Many Sisters Program

Dance Groups

AIME - Aboriginal  
Mentoring Program

'Get it Done'

Senior Study Days

Uncle Matt's Friday  
Feeds



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### Dates to Remember

#### Term 1

##### Wk 6

Mar 7	Girls Boxing Group Many Sisters Program
Mar 8	International Women's Day lunch
Wk 7	
Mar 11-13	Yr 7 Camp
Mar 11	Many Sisters Program SHAPE and ArtExpress Excursion Back to Basics Program
Mar 12	Clontarf - Clash of the Titans
Mar 13	EXPO Evening 5pm-7pm Many Sisters Program
Mar 14	Girls Boxing Group Many Sisters Program
Mar 15	World's Greatest Shave Many Sisters Program

##### Wk 8

Mar 18	Many Sisters Program Back to Basics Program
Mar 19	Cross Country Year 7 Swim School
Mar 20	Parent Teacher Interviews Clontarf - Super Training Session Many Sisters Program
Mar 21	AECG Meeting Harmony Day Girls Boxing Group Many Sisters Program
Mar 22	Many Sisters Program

##### Wk 9

Mar 25	Black Track Boys - movie Many Sisters Program Back to Basics Program
Mar 26	Year 7 Swim School Open girls soccer
Mar 27	Many Sisters Program
Mar 28	Clontarf Year 7 & 8 Rumble of the Rivers Girls Boxing Group Many Sisters Program
Mar 29	Many Sisters Program

##### Wk 10

Apr 1	Many Sisters Program Back to Basics Program
Apr 2	Year 7 Swim School
Apr 3-5	Year 9 Camp
Apr 3	School Photos Many Sisters Program
Apr 4	Year 12 TEDxYouth@Glasshouse CHS Years 7-10 Schools Cup Netball Girls Boxing Group
Apr 5	Many Sisters Program

##### Wk 11

Apr 8-12	Sydney Royal Easter Show Ag Excursion
Apr 8	Back to Basics Program Clontarf - NRL Camp Many Sisters Program
Apr 9	Year 7 Swim School
Apr 10	Clontarf Water Sports Many Sisters Program
Apr 11	AECG Meeting ANZAC Assembly Zone Cross Country Yrs 11-12 Fast Cup Five Netball Many Sisters Program
Apr 12	Last Day Term 1 Many Sisters Program

Head to our website for calendar updates  
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