

CHATHAM

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NEWSLETTER



Term 2 - Week 10 - 2019

What a way to finish the term! I'd like to take a leaf out of Juan Antonio Samaranch's Sydney Olympics playbook and proclaim our NAIDOC celebrations on the last day of term, the BEST EVER! Of course each year the Chatham High team produce a wonderful day of celebration and acknowledgment of Aboriginal Australia, which for so many of our students is a lived experience. This year even the wet weather couldn't slow us down as we shared our special day with a number of our primary schools, watched some fantastic dancing and had some awesome tucker. A huge effort by Hope, our Community Engagement Leader and her team, thank you for an awesome day!



Term two is traditionally a busy term across the school, in our junior years it is about finalising assessments and preparing reports and for the seniors it's all about putting the nose to the grindstone and slugging it out on the books. In so many ways our students have risen to the challenge of putting their best foot forward, however we've got some way to go in raising the level of expectation for our young adults. As I've been heard to say before 'effort earns reward'. There are those moments when luck smiles and we have a windfall in life, however there are no such moments in education. Learning and improving oneself can only come about by stretching ourselves to take on challenges, failing more often than not and improving on our last efforts. Some call this 'educational risk-taking' and at Chatham High School we want to create an environment that allows everyone to challenge themselves and seek out opportunities to grow.

For many of our students accepting the challenge of just turning up is a great place to start. Our attendance data continues to be of concern and when we discuss these concerns with families, we are rarely surprised to find them unaware of the attendance pattern of their students. I encourage every parent and carer to keep in touch with the other adults in the equation, our staff, to ensure we're all on the same page. The physical changes of adolescence have not altered greatly even if the world our young people are growing up in has. Almost like clockwork families suddenly find their young adult bears little resemblance to the wide-eyed primary school student they remember, 'this isn't like them... I don't know who he/she is anymore...' are common comments we hear when we're discussing difficulties that students may be having at school. As a parent and educator all I can say is, it's ok, it won't last forever. Teens are programmed to test us and in doing so they challenge us to provide guidance that can help in their journey to adulthood. If you're feeling overwhelmed, you're not alone.

To help students and families navigate this stage of life, our student support team, consisting of Year Advisors, Student Support Officer (Nathan Paff), Head Teacher Welfare (Jack Patterson), Counsellors and Deputy Principals are available to lend a hand and put in place support programs to assist families over the speedbumps that life sometimes puts in our way. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, as a proactive approach can often bring a greater dividend and as the old saying goes, a problem shared is a problem halved.

We are looking forward to an awesome term 3 packed full of opportunities for our students to rise to the challenge including the Luminosity Summit, University visits and HSC subject selections to name a few. Just as there have been plenty of students who have already accepted challenges over term 2 across the arts, sporting field and in the classroom.

I look forward to celebrating their achievements at our Semester 1 Academic Assembly on the horses' birthday, the 1st August. Hope to see you there. Marrungbu!



The 360 Allstars came to town to perform at the MEC. While they were here they conducted a series of workshops in the area and we were fortunate enough to have World Champion BMX Flatlander, Peter Sore visit and show us his skills while our Year 11 and 12 Music students went to the MEC for a back stage production tour.



The 360 Allstars performance at the Manning entertainment Centre was absolutely spectacular and with its amazingly talented performers keeping me on the edge of my seat for the entire show I was truly blown away by it all! Having the opportunity to meet some of the stuntmen and being able to gain an insight into how it all works from behind the scenes and from a performers point of view kept me all the more excited for what I was about to see. The show was remarkably impressive and I greatly appreciated having such a sensational experience and a riveting time while watching the 360 Allstars awe-inspiring show - Zachary Walton



The University of Newcastle Health Forum Information Day

The University of Newcastle invited our students to attend the annual rural Health Forum Information day, held in Taree at UON Department of Rural Health Campus High Street Taree. On the day students from the district were engaged in workshops explaining various health careers. Student could choose a field of interest, from Medicine, Nursing, Midwifery, Pharmacy and Physiotherapy. The information was delivered by qualified and training Medical Professionals.



Thank You

We held our annual "Thank You" breakfast this term for our wonderful cleaners in appreciation of all they do here at Chatham High. Your hard work and efforts in keeping our school clean and tidy are always noticed and appreciated.

Ag Report - a round up of all things Ag from the end of Term 1

Gloucester-

Gloucester results for steers/heifers. Patti placed first for best prepared heifer under 12 months led by Zac Oliver, Payton in second for best prepared steer under 12 months led by Briny Bullock, Nickelback in first place for heavyweight led steer led by Bridie Stone and Nickelback getting Grand Champion led steer.

Gloucester results for students. Under 15 paraders in third Bridie Stone and in novice paraders in first Lacey Mills.

Sydney-

We left for Sydney on Monday the 8th of April at 9:00am and arrived at the showgrounds at around 3:00pm. Chatham was nominated in a District Schools exhibit competition to make an exhibit out of vegetables and seeds. Chatham created their exhibit on the Dawn of Agriculture in Ancient Egypt. We got a Highly Commended and a big thanks to Gary Flemming, our amazing farm manager for bringing the vegetables down and helping to prepare the exhibit.

In the school steer Paraders Jessica Eagles came third in heat one parading Noah, our Sydney school steer.

Lachlan Moore represented the Mid North Coast and Chatham in the junior beef judging state finals. He placed in the top 12.

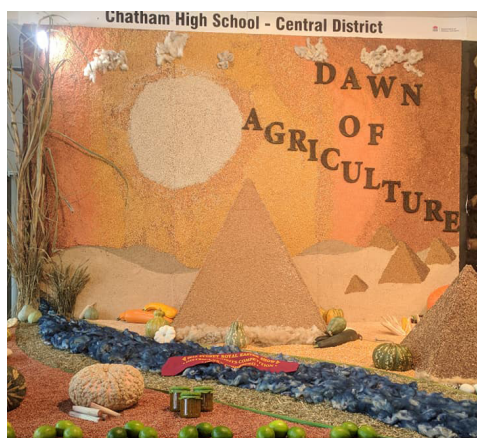
Gypsy-Lee Marshall represented the Mid North Coast and Chatham in Fruit and Vegetable judging state finals, placing third in the state.

Sydney heavyweight purebred carcass competition bronze medal to "Nate" a Limousin bred by Peter Longworth from Kundlepark Limousin.

Wauchope-

Wauchope results for steers/heifers. Nickelback second in the heavyweight led steers led by Madison Gill and Nickelback fifth in school owned steers led by Wyatt Goodwin.

Wauchope results for students. Briny Bullock coming fourth in parades in 13 years, Bibiannah Peattie first in parades in 14 years, Mitchell Sheldon fifth in parades in 15 years and Madison Gill coming third in junior judging under 16.





Royal Easter Show PBL Excursion

What a positive and memorable day, and such a great way to finish off the term!! The Royal Easter Show excursion is always a day that I look forward to. Not just because it is a day off from school, or that I can enjoy all of the displays and food vendors, but because I have an opportunity to take a bus load of amazing people with me who can also experience all of the wonders that the Show can offer!! These students continue to demonstrate and promote the high PBL values of Respect Safety and Learning that we expect here at Chatham High School.



The excitement was high as we made our way to Sydney, rolled into the bus bay at 10am, and after a quick briefing made our way through the gates. Our day then began to be filled with awesome adventures consisting of rides, great food, show bags, rides, lollies, prizes, and more rides!! It was great to meet up with the Chatham High School Ag team and hear them excitedly relate all of the great memories they were also creating.



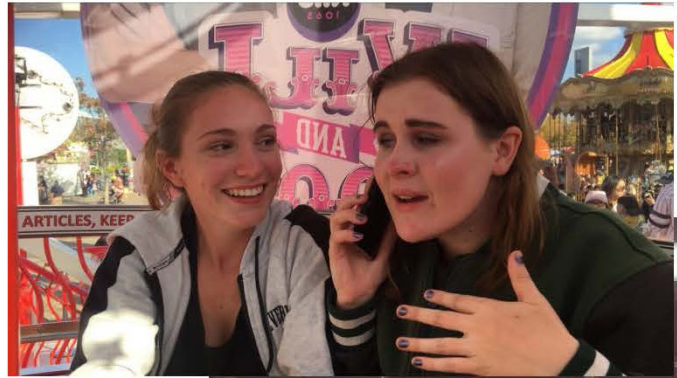
Xanthe Parsons, Jasmyn Sawyer, Emily Mills

The happiness, enjoyment, and positivity of all who attended was overwhelming!! A photo competition ensured that all of these fantastic memories were captured. This was won by a photo submitted by the team of Jasmyn Sawyer, Xanthe Parsons, and Emily Mills who received a \$20 prize. Many of the photos submitted can be seen along with this story.

Congratulations to Emily Mills and Sarah Caldwell who won the PBL draw to attend, and to everyone on their outstanding behaviour. Our bus driver was very pleased to express how well behaved and pleasant our students were. It was a pleasure to again experience the amazing people we have here at Chatham High School!! I look forward to the next merit award excursion, and the opportunity to take more of our great students on another excellent adventure!!



Breanna Wallace, Matt Molan, Angel Elliott,
Macy James, Ashleigh McMahon



Warm Regards
Mr Sean Peterson

Tuesday the 4th of May- I organised a Mystery Box Challenge for my Year 8 MT class. The students competed against a guest chef- Mr D Williams - Yes our very own DPI!

Lynk Cusack-MCLeod, Ty Wallace and Jacob Smith chose from a variety of breakfast foods in this "Eggs" unit to produce a breakfast dish for judging.

Glenda Boyle and I judged the finished dishes and the result was that Ty Wallace tied for first place with Mr Williams! What a fantastic result! We thank Mr Williams for giving up his time for this task . It is much appreciated.

Ty won a chocolate. All students participated very well in this task and it was a really fun activity.

I hope to do more mystery box Challenges with my Food Tech classes in the future. :)

Mrs Kouwenhoven TAS



Year 10 Visual Design



Our Year 10 Visual Design class had the opportunity to have an inside look at each step and the effort required to make a picture book with Leila Rudge. Children's book writer and illustrator Leila Rudge is the author of "Gary". Leila showed our class each step and what makes each one of the steps count when producing the final book. Leila delivered a very insightful presentation on the process and allowed us to individually ask questions when we wanted to know more. Leila showed us examples of the actual sketches she made when she was writing and illustrating the book. In the end I think it showed our class how much time and practice is needed and that we

won't achieve anything the first time but not to give and just try again. Through all the steps she showed us how she created this amazing book and she has many more that she is working on.

Kaitlyn Gulliford

Year 10 student, **Anika Stanic** has been successful in gaining a place with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program; she will be heading to Taiwan in January of next year to spend 12 months immersed in a new culture. Anika has had a love of Asian countries for many years and is excited to now be able to learn firsthand more about the culture and language and make new friendships. Good luck Anika, We look forward to learning all about your adventure when you return!





Wingham Beef Week



Congratualtions to our Ag Team once again, not only on their success at Wingham Beef Week but also for the respectful way they conduct themselves while representing our school. Gypsy-Lee Marshall was this year's Paul van Weerdenburg award recipient. Gypsy-Lee was outstanding in her role as designated photographer for the Beef Week committee as well as excelling in all facets of the competition. the 2019 Best Presented Parader went to Jessica Eagles with Logan Marsden named Senior Runner Up in the Australian Junior Meat Judging Competition.

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Taree Eisteddfod - Drama

We are all very proud of our CHS Senior and Junior Drama students. They were wonderful representatives for our school on Tuesday and Thursday this week at the 52nd Annual Taree Eisteddfod held at the MEC. Their performances and behaviour were impeccable.

The results were;

Year 11 Playbuilt Performance--Encouragement Award

Year 11 Improvisation--Encouragement Award

Year 10 Playbuilt Performance--Third Place (They made the adjudicator cry and the audience responded palpably to their very powerful anti-bullying piece.)

Year 10 Improvisation--Encouragement Award

Year 10 Individual Non-Shakespearian Excerpt--Hollie received equal First Place (WOW)

Year 9 Improvisation, Two Groups--Encouragement Award

This experience of public performance is a wonderful way for our kids to see and use the possibilities they have within themselves and to see the value of the arts to the human spirit.

Once again Chatham shone in public.

Ros Lander - Drama



Senior Drama students performing at CAPA Evening

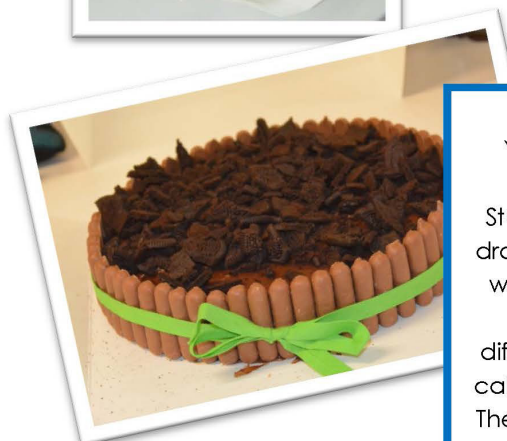
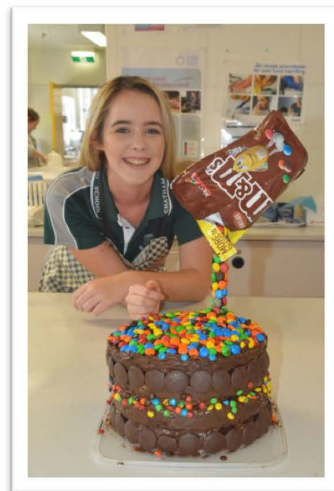
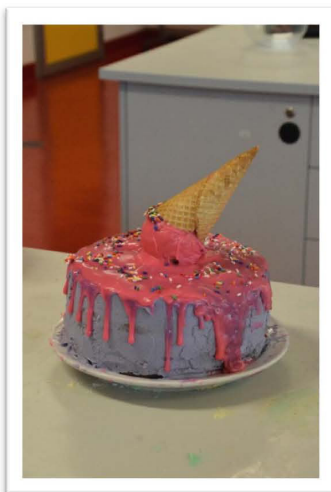
What does a Witch in the Lake, The Hottest Boy on Earth and Tashi have in common?



These are all books created by author Anna Fienberg who visited our school Library recently. Anna shared with 7M-Chace some of the scarier moments from her stories. Stories stir our imagination and we are still curious as to whether the Witch still lives in the bottom of the Lake. This book quickly moved to the top of the buy list.

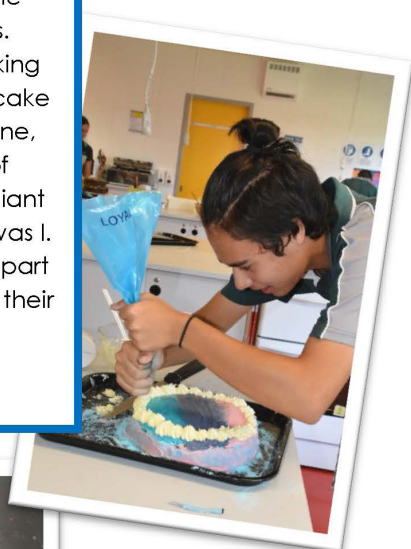
Anna shared two of her secrets to a good story. First it needs to build from a situation that puzzled you or made you curious. Second the main character needs LOTS of problems, not just few. That way they get to meet lots of people and tricky situations as they try to solve their challenges. 7M will be writing their own stories in the next weeks and I wish their characters lots of help with the problems 7M find for them.

Mrs Schneider, Teacher Librarian.



Year 10 Food Technology completed some amazing cakes for their Assessment Tasks. Students were required to complete a working drawing, work plan and then a decorated cake which was assessed on organisation, hygiene, degree of independence and degree of difficulty. The students completed some brilliant cakes and were as proud of their results as was I. They all completed an evaluation as a final part of the task and should be congratulated on their effort.

Mrs Kouwenhoven



Year 12 Day Out

Our Year 12 had a fun day out at the beach to recharge ahead of their final term. This day was designed for students to recharge, refocus and engage in some key planning and motivational activities in preparation for the final phase of their HSC studies

They set off in the school mini buses on a cold winter morning and arrived to beautiful warm sunshine at Pilot Beach Picnic Area, Dunbogan, near Laurieton.

A walk to the rock pools was followed by: flag races, frisbee, cricket and a swim in the river beach area. By midday everyone had hearty appetites, ready to really relax around the BBQ lunch. In the more formal part of the day Ms Schneider spoke with students about preparing for the key aspects of this final phase of study. Nathan Paff our Student Support Officer also spoke with students about looking after their wellbeing throughout the HSC. Students had a surprise when Nathan Paff presented them with letters they had written to themselves from way back at the start of Year 7, which had been stored away for such an occasion.

A big thank you to Nathan Paff, Darren Williams and Susan Schneider for organising such a great day and helping our students to stress less. We wish them well for their final HSC exams coming up in August.



Year 9 Ceramics - Greek Inspired Pots

Towards the end of Semester 1, Mrs Humphrey's Year 9 ceramics class studied the Greek pottery culture. We were given the task to construct our own Greek pot using the world around us for inspiration. Some of the difficulties we faced were making sure there were no air bubbles in the clay so it didn't explode in the kiln. We had to make sure all the coils were roughly the same size to make the pot even. We also found that transferring our design onto the pot was somewhat difficult because of the shape and size of the pots. All students were to include terra-sigillat somewhere on their pot and we had to use a scratching technique called sgraffito to reveal a design underneath. This process took roughly a term to complete for final firing.

Bridie and Bibbi.





CAPA Concert

Congratulations to our amazingly, talented students and staff for putting together another wonderful evening.

From the Welcome Dance to music and drama, the evening had something for everyone.

Thank you to Mr Thomson and his crew for the best burgers in town!

Thank you also to all the families, friends and community who came along to support the evening.





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Sport

League Tag



Our girl's league tag team played in the local Taree knockout. The 14's side had a successful day and made it through to the regional finals in Coffs Harbour. Unfortunately, the 16's did not make it through but a great day was enjoyed by everyone. Congratulations to all the girls and thanks Miss Hannell for all your wonderful work!



Touch Football



Jarrad Gibson was a part of the Hunter Touch Association that won the regional tournament yesterday. They defeated Sydney North 10-5 in the final. Jarrad played extremely well setting up a couple of tries in the final. He is pictured with Jake Ferris and Charlie Dignam from Taree High.

Swimming

Talea Fernance continues her success in the water. Talea competed in the 16 years and over multiclass category at the Australian All Schools Championships at Homebush in May bringing home gold in the 100m backstroke, silver in the 50m backstroke and bronze 50m butterfly. Talea will now travel to Melbourne for the Nationals in late July again competing in the 50m butterfly, 50m backstroke and 100m backstroke. Depending on the outcomes of the individual disciplines Talea may also be selected to compete in the 200 IM and medley relay.



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It will be a big sporting holiday for some of our students;

Golf

For Quedesha Golledge hard work is definitely paying off! Here is a summary of Quedesha's golfing success this year.

At the start of the year Quedesha scored herself a minor Titleist scholarship for 12 months.

Representing lower the North Coast Junior Pennants team consisting of 3 girls and boys playing the final rounds in January, Quedesha was pleased with winning all her matches to help her team to become the 2018 State Champions. At the same time in Newcastle competing in the Pennants, Quedesha played in the Junior Open and won.

In the first of 9 Jack Newton Junior Golf (JNJG) masters, Quedesha

traveled to Wagga Wagga taking out the girls 14/15 gross winner also the nett. JNJG rules won't allow a player to win both gross and nett, so she took the gross which has given her automatic entry to the Champion of Championships at Bonville in December.

In April Quedesha went to Queensland to play in the Australian Junior Age Division Championships over 3 days at the Royal Pines Golf Club. Quedesha won her age gaining automatic entry into the Australian Team to play at San Diego and Las Vegas from the 30th June this year. Unfortunately, given the small time frame of 7 weeks to raise at least \$20,000 for herself and 1 adult, her family declined. One thing to put a smile on her face after declining was being contacted by Sports College America wanting to

assist her in getting a full scholarship. After her local coach Wayne also moved away from the area, Quedesha agreed that money would be better spent on professional coaching at Jason Laws and focusing on school work to chase her dream for that scholarship.

On June 23, Quedesha was selected to play for the Schools Hunter region at Yamba in the Schools State Championships where the girls team were runners up.

During the first week of the July school holidays Quedesha will be playing at Newcastle in the JNJG Age Championships over 4 days. At present I hear Quedesha is 3 shots behind chasing the nett trophy.

Thank you to Quedesha's mum, Kylie for putting this together.



Offroad Championships

Good luck also to Jett Yarnold. Jett will be competing in the NSW Offroad and Australian Offroad Championships at Kyogle these holidays in the 85cc 12 - 15 years class.

AFL

Congratulations to Jaxon Mawson on being selected to play in the U15's AFL North Coast Representative team in Coffs Harbour these holidays.

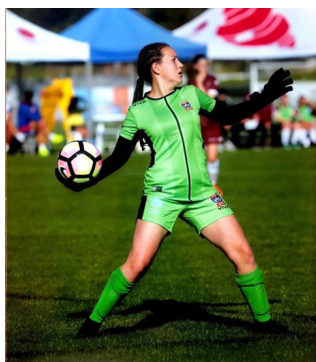


Netball

Congratulations to both Georgia Boshier and Sienna Agnew on being selected to represent the ManningValley Netball Association at the Netball NSW Junior State titles in Sydney. Georgia competed in the U14's division and after playing 17 games over 3 days they were announced Runner's Up, only 1 point behind first place. Sienna competed in the U12's division, with their team winning 6 of the 18 games played. Well done to you both!



Football



Congratulations to both Chelsea Atkins and Xanthe Parsons on being selected to play at the National Youth Championships for girls in Coffs Harbour these holidays. Chelsea will be competing in the Northern NSW U14s and Xanthe will be goalkeeper for the Northern NSW U15s.

Good luck girls!



Chatham High School has an active P&C who meet on the 3rd Monday of each month in our staff common room commencing at 7pm. These friendly meetings are a great opportunity to catch up with other families and be involved with your student's school. We always welcome new faces and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Monday August 19. The P&C also runs our wonderful Healthy Food canteen. Profits from our canteen come back to the school to assist students attend the RYDA driving program and swim programs, it also supports students attend school representative sports and ag events. The canteen is always in need of volunteers and would appreciate your help. If you could spare one day a month or even a few hours it would make such a difference to our students.



We're off to Luminosity!

This year 32 students will have the opportunity to travel to Port Macquarie for three days to experience this exciting event. The summit aims to ignite creativity and excellence and fosters purpose and well-being within our young people. This is a fantastic opportunity for our regional young people to engage with high quality, inspirational mentors who they would not normally have access to. Luminosity communicates that anything is possible and that there are many paths to success, it provides the opportunity for students to develop their skills and confidence to be the best version of themselves enabling them to achieve and exceed their career aspirations.

Thank you to the following who made it possible for so many of our students to attend, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Rotary Club of Old Bar

Quota International of Taree

Manning River Lions Club

Jeremy and Nikki Thornton

Chatham High School P&C

Taree North Rotary Club

Taree Lions Club

Catherine Calvin Public Relations

Sam Robinson and Chris Scott

Thank you to Mr Glenn Davis from Distinctive Building and Chatham High alumni, Shelby Rathborne, Hugh Lyall, John Wright and Jarad Kreidl who visited our Year 11 and 12 Work Studies to talk about life and work after high school. Mr Davis discussed the different pathways available to those students who may not be thinking of university but looking for an apprenticeship, while our alumni shared their stories of success and reflections on their own high school experiences.



NAIDOC

On Friday, July 5th, we celebrated our NAIDOC.

The theme for this year's NAIDOC is VOICE, TREATY, TRUTH – Working together for a shared future. The event was a festival of culture, dance, music, workshops and fun. The rain did not slow us down with event being moved from the oval to under the COLA. Students enjoyed activities such as weaving, art, dance, face painting and the photo booth. The more extreme activities of the bungee challenge and obstacle course were also winners.

Students came from surrounding schools to join us in the celebrations; Cundletown PS, Chatham PS, Coopernook PS, Harrington PS, St Joseph's PS, Manning Gardens PS and Tinonee PS.




For lunch we enjoyed kangaroo stew and damper or a sausage sandwich then sat down to watch the amazing dance performances from The Wajari Dance Group, Harrington Public School, Manning Gardens Public School, St Joseph's School and our own dance groups.

A big thank you to all of our staff, event sponsors/organisations, guests and schools that helped make our day so successful.

Hope Labutis-Mays




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My Community Project – Chatham High School Street Food Van

We need your help!

The NSW State Government is currently offering a round of funding to electorates across the state. This year organisations are able to "pitch" an idea to the community of their electorate, and the residents of that electorate are then able to vote on the idea that they like the best.

Chatham High School has developed a proposal which has been successful in making it to the final stage AND VOTING IS OPEN NOW!!!

Our innovative project would see Chatham High utilise the funds towards the purchase of a street food van to be used for training purposes to give young people real life skills and promote entrepreneurship. We plan to engage young people to operate this as a real life business at community events around the region leading to greater employment opportunities and increase community participation.

Your vote will assist us provide greater opportunities for young people of the Manning Valley. To vote please follow the link below and select the Myall Lakes Electorate, you will need to be registered with Service NSW.

<https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au>



Dates to remember - Term 3

Wk 1

July 22	Staff Development Day
July 23	Students return to school
July 24 - 26	Luminosity Youth Summit
July 25	Year 10 CU Future Moves Subject Selection Workshop
July 26	Stephen Bromhead's Leadership Breakfast

Wk 2

July 29 - 31	Year 10 Teen Mental Health First Aid
July 30	Year 10 Faculty talks re subject selection
July 31	Year 10 Subject Selection Information Evening
Aug 1	Regional Athletics Carnival
	Stage 4 and 5 Academic Assembly
Year 10	Vaccinations
Aug 2	Careers EXPO

Wk 3

Aug 5 - 9	Education Week
Aug 6 - 7	School Social
	Year 10 Subject Selection Interviews
Aug 7	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Year 7 & 8 CHACE Whale Watcing Excursion

Wk 4

Aug 12 -16	Work Placement for Year 11 Construction
Aug 15	Year 7 ACARA Testing
Aug 16	Year 9 ACARA Testing

Wk 5

Aug 19 - 30	Work Placement Year 11 Kitchen Operations
	Year 12 Trial Examinations

Wk 6

Aug 26 - 30	Work Placement Year 11 Retail
Aug 30	Moran Photography Workshop

Wk 7

Sept 3	SRC Captains and Election Speeches
Sept 5	Maths Field Day

Wk 8

Sept 9	English Major Work
Sept 10	WOW Day
Sept 11	Year 7 Maths Enrichment Day
Sept 12	RUOK Day

Wk 9

Sept 16 - 25	Year 11 End of Year Examinations
Sept 24	Year 12 Funny Photo
Sept 26	Year 12 Academic and Farewell Assembly
Sept 30 - Oct 11	Holidays