



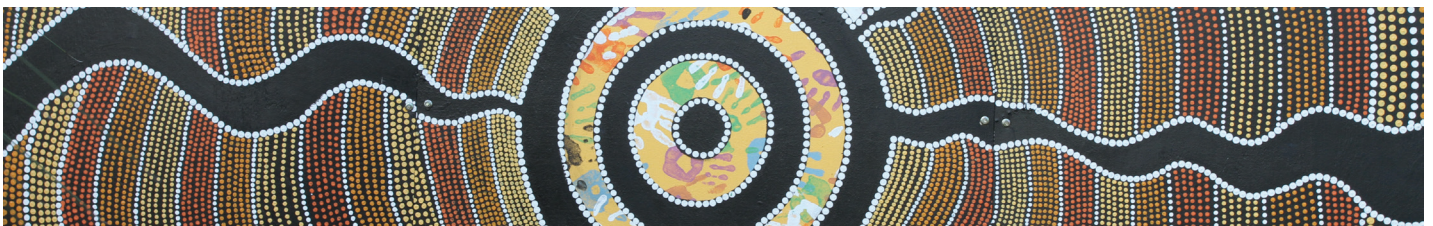
Term 4 - Week 10 - 2020

2020, that just about sums it up really...

A year that started with the faint scent of burnt gum leaves still pervading the air, we could have been forgiven for thinking the worst had past and that there were good times ahead. However, as the history books will show, we were asked time and again to dip into the resilience bucket and pull together, and as a school community that's just what we did. I spoke at our Presentation Evening of the risk of looking back at 2020 and being laid low with thoughts of the damage and loss caused by the pandemic and personal tragedy experienced by the families of Chatham High.

Of course, those feelings are real and have a place in dealing with the sense of grief and loss, particularly so in remembering Liam and family. However as his parents Melissa and Spike recognised and recounted to me, the Chatham High School community showed a depth of character and resilience that enabled us to grow, supported by each other. As our motto suggests *Semper Intrepidi*, Forever Undaunted.

This undaunted spirit is perhaps best epitomised by the class of 2020 with whom I had the great privilege of sharing the news of their results at our annual HSC breakfast. Starting their HSC journey in the smoke and ashes of the bushfires and completing it through the whirlpool of a pandemic, they have so much that they can rightly be proud of. The stories and journeys of this class are only just beginning and I for one cannot wait to see where they lead. We have heard already that the doors are flying open with opportunities for employment and study for many of this awesome group and we wish them every success!



Turning the school on it's head at the start of the pandemic and shifting to online learning was a feat that I doubt will ever be repeated again and to have borne witness to the efforts of the staff of Chatham High has been a privilege and honour that will take some beating in the course of what remains of my career. At a time when society was looking for stability, every staff member stepped up to the challenge and delivered, again undaunted. Casting your mind back to that time and the uncertainty which pervaded, I hope that you may recognise the courage and commitment shown by public school educators to continue in active service of our community.

It is perhaps this recognition and a renewed commitment to the importance of education that we have seen a remarkable finish to our year and rather than a Griffin, we could consider a Phoenix a fitting mascot. Just as the bush around us, we've sprouted green the ashes and are flourishing as a school. Our attendance and behaviour data have indicated an exciting positive trend. Marrungbu, thank you for being part of this resurgence. Your support of our school and what it stands for is critical in ensuring all the students who enter our gates leave them as well equipped as we can possibly make them. One of the strategic directions for our next school plan is High Expectations and we hope to work in partnership with you to ensure your expectations are our expectations and that we take full advantage of the momentum we've gained.

Please take care over the break and I look forward to seeing where we can take education in 2021 and beyond here on Birrbay Burray.

Marrungbu gapu.

Daryl Irvine
Principal

Healthy Body Happy Mind

During weeks 3 and 4 of this term, girls across all year groups were invited to participate in "Healthy Body – Happy Minds", a program which aimed to assist students to recognise the link between exercise, healthy eating, sleep and positive mental health.

Over the two weeks participants gave up their lunch time to go for a walk with our SSO, Jane Lynch and other staff members. Following the walk the girls returned to sample food prepared by the canteen. During Tuesday's sport participants completed a meta-fit program run by Sara at Everitt's Fitness, then took part in a healthy cooking demonstration with Mr Thompson and Mrs Kowenhoven.

The girls received tickets throughout the program as encouragement for participating and stepping outside of their comfort zone. At the end we celebrated the success of the program with lunch and prizes.

The program was a big success and will be running again in 2021.

Jane Lynch
Student Support Officer (SSO)



Wellbeing Programs

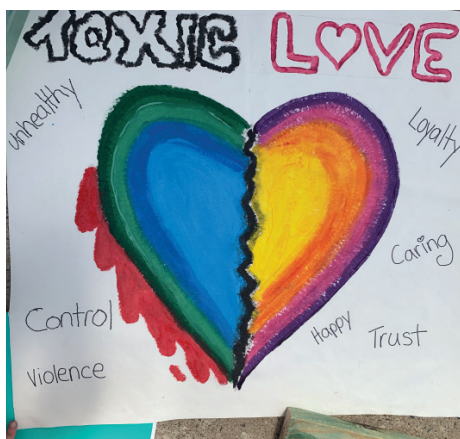
In Term 4 we were fortunate to be able to go ahead with some of our Wellbeing programs which included;

Love Bites

Our school welcomed in representatives from Mid Coast Council, Manning Support, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Community Health, specialists in women's health and domestic violence to conduct "Love Bites". "Love Bites" is an immersive program that engages young people in conversations about respectful relationships, violence, sexual assault and consent.

At the completion of the program, our year 10 students produced a range of artworks and drama and musical performances to show what themes had resonated with them.

Our thanks to the services who generously give their time each year to deliver this amazing program.

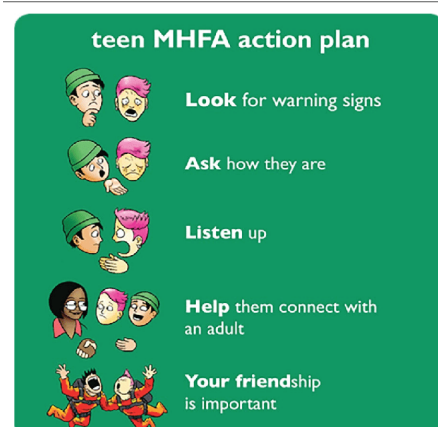


Teen Mental Health First Aid

Teen Mental Health First Aid is a nationally recognised program aimed at helping young people care for other young people experiencing mental health crisis.

Our year 10 students were taught how to recognise the signs of a mental health crisis, as well as what steps to take to assist their friends and peers who may need support.

The program was run over three separate days by facilitators from the Teen Mental Health Project.



Good luck Quedesha!

While students and staff were enjoying our end of year school activities Quedesha Golledge was on her way to Mount Broughton to compete in her biggest tournament of the year, which saw three events combined into one. Thanks Quedesha for sending this article about your golfing in 2020 ... Good luck!

Like everyone else, us junior golfers have had a much quieter period this year due to the COVID pandemic, with the Jack Newton Junior Golf (JNJG) competitions only starting around November with some restrictions. For example, some competitions have been combined and I have learnt that how you perform on a club level can now be included with part of the above competition.

It has been an up and down year, however I did manage to get my GA handicap down from 9 at the beginning of the year to 2 now. This resulted in an Award "For the Most Reduced Handicap" and some spending money for my golf as well, which is always appreciated. Luckily playing locally wasn't as badly affected as the travelling competitions.

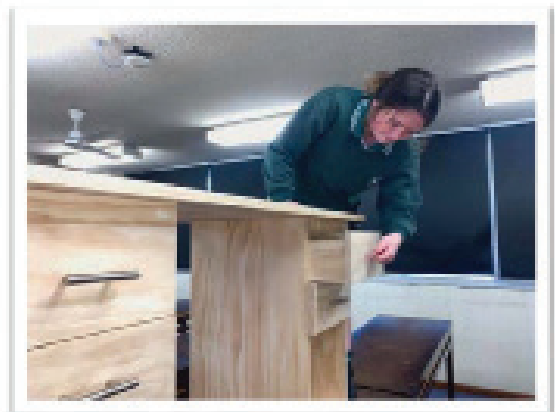
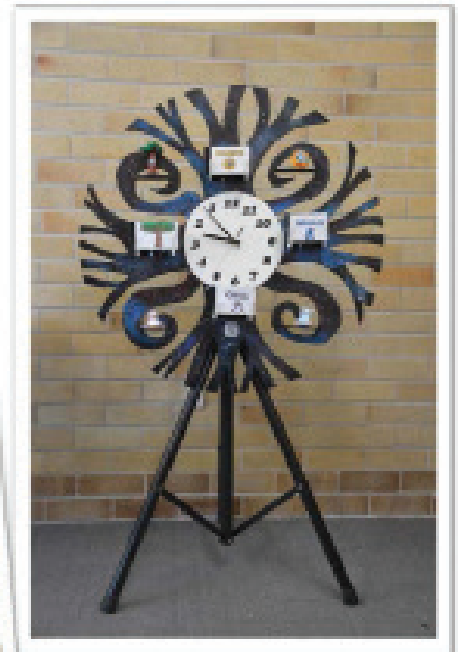
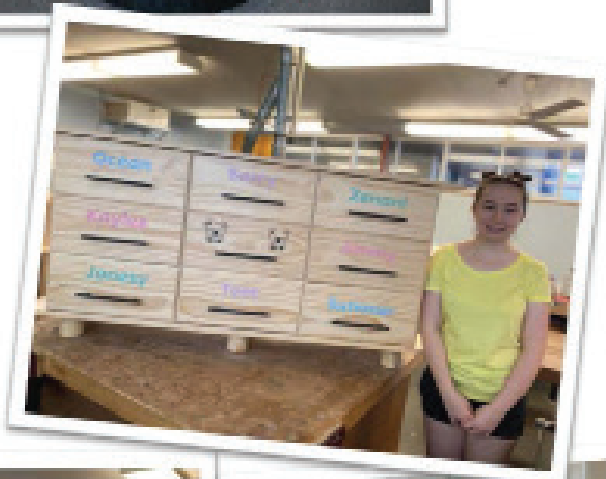
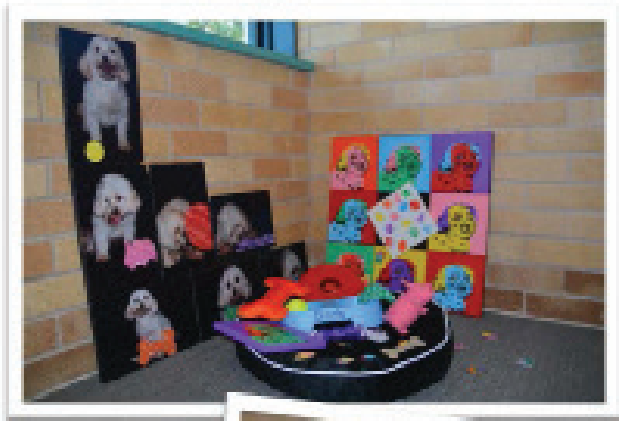
Playing in the "'Champion of Champions" at Bonville is gained by winning at a travelled destination – in a JNJG comp anywhere in NSW, at least once, but this year as one of the changes, you had to win "The Club Championship for the Year," to play in this prestigious game. I fought hard over a three-week period at Kew to do just this and my name is now added to a Perpetual Trophy and on the Club's Champions Board in addition to a monetary prize as well. To win the Club Championship I played against adult players and have been told I was the youngest player to do this.

My golf swing has improved and hope I can continue to do better as I play more golf and in more competitions.

Quedesha Golledge



Year 12 Major Works



Assemblies - Term 4 was a busy term in many ways, including organising three assemblies. Each assembly looked a little different than usual due to COVID, however, we were fortunate to be able to invite family along, following strict COVID guidelines. We would also like to thank the wonderful businesses in our community who continue to support our students through the generous sponsorship of our many special awards.

Year 12 Academic and Farewell Assembly

We made a decision to hold off the Year 12 Academic and Farewell Assembly until after the HSC examinations in the hope that families would be able to attend. It was a decision that paid off and on Thursday, 12 November we farewelled our Year 12 students in front of family. Congratulations to all those who graduated, we wish you the very best for the future. All photos from the assembly can be found on Facebook.

Academic Excellence was awarded to;

Cooper Armstrong
Alice Kennewell

Keira Boshier
William Sawyer

Benjamin Crossingham
Elissa Turner

Year Adviser Awards went to;

Cooper Armstrong	Academic achievement, excellent attendance and school service
Keira Boshier	Academic achievement, excellent attendance and school service
Cooper Hardes	Consistent effort and excellent attendance
Stacey Jones	Consistent effort and excellent attendance
Alice Kennewell	Academic achievement
Elissa Turner	Consistent effort and commitment to school leadership

Special Awards were presented to;

ADF – Long Tan Leadership Award	William Sawyer
The Alan Tickle Award for Excellence in Mathematics	William Sawyer
ADF – Future Innovators Award	Cooper Armstrong
Club Taree Scholarship for Academic Excellence Award	Cooper Armstrong
Johnson and Thompson	Cooper Armstrong
Valley Industries Support Unit All Rounder	Samuel Bendall
Bell Trophy	Keira Boshier
Caltex All Rounder	Keira Boshier
Nova Trophy Award	Tara Copp
Rueben F Scarf Award	Ben Crossingham
Mid Coast Connect VET Award for Excellence	Cooper Hardes
Van Weerdenburg Family Agricultural Encouragement Award	Alice Kennewell
Above and Beyond Award	Blake Murray
David Gillespie Federal Member for Lyne, School Community Service Award	Veronica Rosellas
The Renee Buttsworth Award	Alice Kennewell
Cultural Award	Charli Muir
Hunter School Sports Association Awards	Charli Muir
Hunter School sports Association Awards	Jarrad Gibson

Semester 2 Meritorious Awards

The Meritorious Awards assembly recognised the continuous efforts of students in all classes across all year groups as well as acknowledging the recipients of our PBL Merit System.

Annual Presentation Evening

This academic assembly recognises the success of our students by awarding First and Outstanding Achievement in subject along with Academic Excellence, Year Adviser awards and special Awards.

Congratulations to the following who achieved first in their year;

Year 7	Robert Allam
Year 8	Charli Payton
Year 9	Madison Keys
Year 10	Georgia Boshier
Year 11	Chloe Campbell

Year Adviser Awards went to;

Year 7

Sienna Armstrong	Continually striving for academic success
Tyrone Byers	Consistent effort and application in all facets of school life
Casey Fletcher	Continually striving for academic success
Connor Maxwell	All round academic improvement
Lily Scerri	All round academic effort
Maison Freeman	All round academic effort

Year 8

Tahlia Allport	Academic achievement
Kyle Carle	Leadership
Chloe Cooper	Consistently striving to maintain academic achievement
Tyrone Ford	Consistently applying maximum effort in all subjects
Nicholas Harper	Academic achievement
Molly Stuart	Academic achievement

Year 9

Sarah Annesley	School service
Ethan Armstrong	Consistent effort & application in all classes
Hayden Brincat	Improved effort and application
Emily Friery	School service
Chloe Hayes	School Service in the Peer Leadership Program
Madison Keys	School Service in the Peer Leadership Program

Year 10

Georgia Boshier	Overall academic excellence
Briny Bullock	Consistent application and achievement across all subject areas
Levi Doran	Consistent application across all subject areas
Shania Mitchell	Improved academic achievement
Liam Page	Consistent application and achievement across all subject areas
Jasmyn Sawyer	Overall academic excellence

Year 11

Madalyn Birt	Academic Achievement
Kayne Budden	Consistent Application and Positive Approach To Learning
Dylan Gontier	Consistent Application and Positive Approach To Learning
Lillyarna Milton	Academic Achievement
Kasey Muir	Consistent Application and Positive Approach To Learning
Jessica Pike	Academic Achievement

Special Awards were presented to;

The Double Helix Science Award	Jorja Wallace
Jenny Milne Memorial Award	Meghan Mills
Stage 5 Drama Award	Natasha Turner
ADF Long Tan Leadership Award	Georgia Boshier
ADF Future Innovators Award	Selwyn Tan
Debator/Public Speaker of the Year	Gypsy-Lee Marshall
Mid Coast Connect VET Award	Lethanyal Perry

Griffin Fest

Griffin Fest 2020, like all things 2020, was a little different this year. While the rain tried hard to ruin the day, all students embraced the day and school spirit was soaring.

Students were able to participate in a range of activities such as the mechanical bull, blow up obstacle course, climbing wall, bucket dunk and laser tag. Other events such as a handball competition, basketball coaching clinic, cupcake decorating, tabletop games, craft, weaving, beading and music ensured there was something to do for everyone.

Our food truck not to mention the Clontarf BBQ, canteen and cupcake decorating competition made sure nobody went home hungry- no matter how many times they ran the obstacle course.

Unfortunately the rain caused the cancellation of the annual colour run so instead our afternoon was spent in the MPC with TikTok challenges, house cheers and dance offs the perfect way to finish up the day.

Congratulations to Awaba for taking out the 2020 spirit cup.

Year 10 Agriculture

At the start of Term 4 Mr K's year 10 Agriculture class was assigned an assessment task. The task was about dairies, in this task we had to write three extended responses and create a model of our choice. I decided to design a rotary dairy system, the idea came from Mr K when he said I should purchase a "lazy Susan" to create a rotary dairy. This assessment took myself two to three weeks to complete, from trying to find all of the little toys and all the other little bits and bobs. I quite enjoyed creating and doing research to expand my knowledge with dairy systems. I was extremely happy with how my model and all of my writing turned out, and I would like to thank Mr K for making our last Ag assessment for year 10 fun and enjoyable before we go into year 11.

Bridie Stone



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Griffin Fest Fun



We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2021.
Years 7, 11 and 12 will commence school
Friday, 29 January 2021 with all students attending
from Monday, 1 February 2021.



We would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable
Festive Season and a Happy New Year.

Come prepared to learn with:

- 1 x 192 page book (English)
- 1 x 96 page book (LOTE)
- 1 x 128 page book A4 (Geography)
- 1 x 96 page book A4 (History)
- 1 x 192 page book (Science)
- 1 x 96 page book (PDHPE)
- 2 x 48 page books (Technology Mandatory)
- 1 x 240 page grid book (Maths)
- 1 x display folder with plastic sleeves (Technology Mandatory)
- 1 x glue stick
- 1 x ruler
- 2 x black, red and blue pens
- 1 x HB pencil
- 1 x large eraser
- 1 x sharpener
- 1 x compass
- 1 x 10cm protractor
- 1 x Casio fx-82AU PLUS II calculator

* Chatham High School uniforms are available from Workwise and Lowes in Taree.

* **PLEASE NOTE:**

It is a Department of Education policy that students wear enclosed leather footwear to school.