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NEWSLETTER



Term 2 - Week 10 - 2020

If it hadn't already been used by a slightly famous writer I may have written a book titled "There and back again... A school's tale". Term two is about to end and it's a term and a time I feel we'll be re-counting for many years to come. We started the term as we finished the last, in remote delivery mode, delivering learning to 95% of our students through online virtual classrooms. A truly remarkable feat given the short lead-up time and lack of IT infrastructure. Never heard of phrases like 'Zoom meetings' became common place and we discovered, along with quite a few families, that while never being as good as a face to face class, some students actually thrived in a learning environment that allowed them to set their own pace.

That is why, now that we are back, nearly to normal, we won't be putting our Google Classrooms on the shelf to gather virtual dust. As much to ensure we're ready to revert to remote delivery if necessary, we're expanding the delivery of a 'blended' style of learning, something experts are calling the new "Grammar of learning". Face to face experiences will never be completely replaced, instead they will simply be enhanced by an online learning environment that allows the learner to demonstrate their learning and receive feedback far more easily than before. If you are a family that made the investment in a laptop during lockdown to ensure your students were able to continue their learning, it is our goal to ensure that investment pays big dividends in the years to come.

It hasn't just been the commitment to classwork which has been pleasing to see on our return to school, socially our school has been a wonderfully calm place to be at. Almost as if our students actually missed the place while they were away and were perhaps even appreciative on their return, not that a teenager would be keen to admit it. Attendance numbers and data on positive recognitions, our Griffos and Merits, both indicate a pleasing trend of engaged students who are enjoying their school days. A big thanks to the community of Chatham High who have been patient and supportive as we have worked through the last few turbulent months. Allow me also to extend a thanks to the staff who have responded with integrity and grit and have kept up an inspiring pace to ensure EVERY student has their learning needs met and won't miss a step on their educational journey.

The pace is not likely to slacken in term three and there are a number of exciting events, health advice allowing, that we hope will continue our positive trend in troubling times. I hope students and families keep safe and well through the break and I look forward to seeing what adventures we get up to next term. Brownie points and a Griffo to students who let me know what novel I mentioned at the start!





Year 11 Work Studies

Work Studies students, Mitchell, Jesse and Thomas learnt valuable skills during their school-based work experience. The boys honed their fencing skills out on the farm with Mr Kleynhans.



Year 12 Chemistry involves taking part in a "depth study". The objective is for students to study an experiment over a period of time to allow them to gain a deeper knowledge of the subject content. Will, Marsha and Ben were definitely deep in concentration trying to determine how much energy is released when burning alkanol.



Bushland Drive

We have noticed that Bushland Drive has become very busy and congested at drop off and pick up times. The safety of our community is paramount so we ask that both students and parents take care when using this area. We will be keeping the back gate to the carpark locked until 3.30pm to help reduce the congestion. Please also be aware that the No Stopping Zone in front of the back gates is police patrolled.



[a] Academy
School Photography
& Production

**Chatham High School's school photos will be held on
Monday 17 August, 2020.
Envelopes will be sent home at the beginning of Term 3.**

Canteen News

We would like to send out a big thank you to all the students and families who support our canteen. You can now place your orders online through QuickCliq. As you know our canteen is a P&C run canteen and all profits go back to the P&C to be used for our students. The canteen is always in need of volunteers, even a few hours per month would make a difference to our students. If you have any questions please call Sandra Cane on 6552 2588.



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Quality Teaching Rounds

The teaching staff at Chatham High continue to be committed to the development of their professional practice. As part of the 2018-2020 School Plan, teaching staff will participate in Quality Teaching Rounds (QTR). This involves teachers observing each other's lessons, providing feedback on the lesson and teacher's reflecting on their observed lesson. During the QT rounds, students will have the teachers involved in the professional learning in their classroom and the lessons may be recorded. The recordings will remain the property of Chatham High School and will not be shared except for training purposes within the school. This professional learning will support all teaching staff to provide a quality learning environment within the classroom to support all students to achieve learning success.



Mrs Humphreys QTR Coordinator

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Ms Hutchen's maths class were showing Mr Irvine how it's done!



Year 7 students enjoying learning new skills in Mandatory Technology.



Ms Wilson's Year 8 Mandatory Technology class learning how to sew.



SRC Fun Day



Students and staff battled it out on the handball court during last week's Fun Day. Thank you to the SRC and Ms Christensen for organising this great lunchtime activity. The sausage sandwiches and magnificent cupcakes disappeared in a flash! Congratulations to Sean, Kristian, Linda, Michael, Toby and Thomas, our handball superstars!

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Reconciliation Week

To acknowledge Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day, our Senior Leaders decided to host a Q and A assembly with Aboriginal role models from within our school community. They asked Uncle Matt, Aunty Gloria and Hope to share a bit about what reconciliation means to them and their own experiences as Indigenous Australians. Students came away from the assembly with a deepened understanding of the importance of mutual respect regardless of our differences.



Aunty Gloria Rowsell shared her thoughts on Reconciliation Week with us.

Reconciliation to me means Solidarity. I participated in the Walk for Reconciliation on Sunday, May 28, 2000 over the Harbour Bridge. It was an amazing day, the bridge was awash with people, literally thousands. The media reported that over 200,000 people marched that day in an emotional expression of support for Aboriginal Reconciliation. I was so proud to have been part of that historical, peaceful day. My message to young people today to improve reconciliation would be to show *Respect, Tolerance, Acknowledgment, Equality and Embrace Difference*. If we all practice and include these words into our daily lives we can help to improve reconciliation.

WELCOME

to

Chatham High School's
Next P & C meeting

Monday, August 17, 2020

At 6.15pm

We look forward to seeing you!

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Thank you to our wonderful families, we appreciate your support of our school. This is what a couple of our parents have to say about Chatham High.



I currently have two children attending Chatham High School. I am impressed by the way the school operates in an honest and transparent manner. Teachers at Chatham High School always strive to get the best out of each student, regardless of the individual's learning abilities. I have always found staff to be approachable and willing to talk to parents. Claire Woollard

I find the quality of teaching that takes place at Chatham High to be excellent, especially because of the interaction between student and teacher.

I feel my girls have benefited from attending Chatham High due to the teaching techniques and the programs that are provided. The school's understanding of our children's needs and the support from other students have ensured the girls enjoy their learning.

I would recommend Chatham High School because of the school environment, the quality of teaching and administration staff as well as the educational programs provided. As a parent I have consistently had positive experiences associated with the school.

Peter Denton,



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Chatham High Ag Team - How has the cancellation of shows affected me?

All the shows being cancelled is quite a new and interesting situation to be put in. Due to Covid-19 all shows have been cancelled including the Sydney Royal. At Sydney Royal I had lined up a job in the working dairy so without this job my income has dropped.

My family and I also prepare cows 12 months before shows and to hear they were cancelled was almost heart breaking. All that time and money put into the preparation with very little return.

Jess Eagles

Due to Covid-19 the Agriculture industry has had to cancel one big thing which is all the Ag shows during this time. The cancellation of the shows impacted everyone in the agriculture industry but the cancellation of all the shows also impacted me personally as I qualified for the Sydney Royal Easter Show for sheep judging but with Covid the show got cancelled which affected me more personally than the other shows because I was disappointed I couldn't do what I qualified to do.

Kate Allomes-Flemming

Covid-19 took its toll on all Ag Shows but personally the cancellation of the Sydney Royal Easter Show was devastating for me. Everyone's hard work just to be put aside for another year and not being able to relive the memories of last year is very saddening for me.

Tanisha Brown



2020 has been a very interesting year so far. I have attended Chatham High school since 2015 and I have enjoyed every bit of it. One of the main things that has helped me through my schooling is doing Agriculture. In 2019 and 2020 we have survived some very tough times such as the massive bush fires that went on for nearly 3 months, droughts that occurred for a few years, floods and Covid-19. Covid-19 has impacted a lot on me as I haven't been able to show for my school and that's a big part of my life. I have learnt many things through this virus and one of them is how much showing helps my mental and physical health.

Thomas Tynan

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From this



to this



then this

And now our basketball courts are looking fabulous.

The kids are loving the new courts and spending all their free time shooting hoops!



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After many months of waiting and COVID-19 delay the Chatham High Food Van has arrived!



We gave our wonderful van a "soft" launch this week and can't wait to host the official launch in Term 3.



Thank you to Mr Thomson and the senior hospitality crew for providing recess and lunch on the last day of term for all our students and staff.

The food was terrific!



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Important Dates - Term 3

Week 1

20/7	Staff Development Day
21/7	First day Term 3 - All students
22/7	Yr 8 Immersive Theatre Writing Experience
23/7	Yr 12 Hospitality Assessment Day

Week 2

29/7	Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening Back to Basics
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Week 3

3 - 7/8	Education Week
4/8	Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection Interviews
5/8	Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection Interviews Parent Teacher Interviews
6/8	Semester 1 Assembly

Week 4

10 - 14/8	Yr 11 Construction Work Placement
11/8	Athletics Carnival World's Greatest Shave
12/8	Back to Basics
13/8	Industrial Technology Major Project Due

Week 5

17 - 21/8	Science Week
17- 31/8	Yr 11 Hospitality Work Placement
17/8	Whole School Photos P&C Meeting
18 - 28/8	HSC Trials
20/8	Yr 7 and 10 Immunisation

Week 6

26/8	Back to Basics
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Week 7

31/8 - 4/9	Yr 12 HSC Minimum Standards Testing Literacy and Numeracy Week Captain's Speeches and Voting (2021)
2/9	Yr 10 Maths Field Day
3/9	

Week 8

7/9	Assembly to announce 2021 Captains
8/9	WOW Day
9/9	Yr 8 into 9 Parent Information Evening Back to Basics
10/9	RU OK Day?

Week 9

14 - 22/9	Yr 11 Exams
14 - 18/9	Yr 10 Gold Coast Excursion
18/9	Gloucester Junior Ag Day

Week 10

21/9	P&C Meeting
23/9	Back to Basics
24/9	Yr 12 Final Assembly and Captain's Induction
25/9	Yr 12 Day Out and Funny Photos

Please note - Due to COVID-19 some of these events will be held subject to health guidelines and advice from the Department.