



Term 3 - Week 10 - 2020

WOW!

What a magnificent effort! A term when so much could have gone astray after the start we have had, has instead been a marvelous indicator of the quality of the students and staff we have here at Chatham. While much of society has changed, possibly forever, some things are destined to remain, including a formal education through until the HSC. Ensuring students receive the best education they can during their formal years is proven to assist in success later in life.

Best Wishes to all Year 12

I had the privilege to witness another right of passage on the last day of term when Year 12 let their hair down and celebrated what is the beginning of the end of 13 years of formal schooling. Our senior students were a credit to themselves and their families as they showed just the right amount of larrikinism to remind us all of the energy and enthusiasm of youth and to not take life too seriously all the time. They have all completed their HSC courses and examination preparation is now the order of the day in readiness for the start of the HSC next Term. Even at this stage, it is important to stay focused on the main game: revision, rest, recreation and readiness. Year 12 will return for one week of term 4 to put the finishing touches to their plans. Best wishes also to the families of Year 12 students as the HSC approaches.

Student Leadership

As Year 11 prepare to step up, I wish to publically thank the outgoing School Leaders for their exemplary leadership and hard work this year. Captains; Veronica Rosellas, Will Sawyer and Vice Captains; Kiera Boshier, Cooper Armstrong. Along with the senior leadership group, these four students have represented and supported the students, staff and parents of Chatham High School in a way that has raised the profile of both the SRC and Chatham High School in the community. Well done! Congratulations then to the incoming team of Gypsy-Lee Marshall, Tristan Luxton as Captains and Vice Captains, Madalyn Birt and Meghan Mills. We have every confidence they will continue the fine tradition of student leadership at Chatham High School.



Tristan Luxton, Gypsy-Lee Marshall, Daryl Irvine, Meghan Mills, Madalyn Birt.

Term 4

While students enjoy the break, staff will be busily preparing for a term that will require one very special quality, agility. I am pleased to say it is a quality we can find in spades at Chatham High School and with policy and procedures changing almost daily, being agile and adaptable will ensure we meet whatever the next challenge is with gusto! With that being said we still hope to welcome students from our feeder primary schools on campus to get a taste of high school learning at some point and for us to be able to welcome parents back on campus to celebrate the achievements of our students. Very much a "WATCH THIS SPACE" at this stage. Can I ask that you connect with us on **facebook, the Sentral Parent Portal or the Chatham High School website** to ensure you keep as up to date as you can with school operations.

Marrungbu,

Daryl

Year 8 - Mandatory Technology

This semester in Mandatory Technology, Year 8 have been growing White Button and Shiitake mushrooms. The mushrooms are growing in kits with the students responsible for checking them. Earlier this week, the students harvested a flush (a crop of mushrooms) of the Shiitake mushrooms. Between both classes, about 1kg was harvested, most of which was sold to staff. The rest will be used to prepare a meal in the Food Technology kitchens.

This unit of work is a paddock-to-plate unit, allowing the students to experience the full series of events between planting a fungus and eating food made from it. Another focus of this unit is to provide the students with knowledge of ways to farm responsibly and sustainably.

Mr Cavanagh



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Year 10 Science



Ms Joon's Year 10 science class have had a ball over the past two weeks creating their own experiments for their Independent Research Task.

Natasha Turner and Bibiannah Peattie conducted an experiment to see which ratio of water to vinegar would be the quickest to dissolve the shell of the egg, leaving it clear and bouncy.



Bibiannah Peattie and Natasha Turner

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World's Greatest Shave

It was a massive team effort this year for our annual World's Greatest Shave. We were fortunate to have the very talented Jake Puttan come along for the shave and greatly appreciate him donating his time and skills. Jake graduated from Chatham High School in 2010 and has gone on to establish a rewarding career as a sought after barber. We would also like to thank the girls from Ambiance Day Spa, for once again coming in to wax legs.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Shave and congratulations to Ella Rowe, who managed to raise \$1123.00.



Year 8 English Immersive Writing Experience

This year, a 'Spooky Stories' unit was introduced into the Year 8 English scope and sequence of learning. Included in the unit was an immersive writing experience designed for students to learn how the composers of spooky texts create suspense.

A classroom was transformed, complete with a tunnel and spooky images, lighting and music. The English teachers and Year 10 Drama students, dressed as witches and other sinister characters, created a spooky atmosphere to inspire Year 8 students to compose their own spooky stories.

Year 8 student, **Trent Sendah**, said it was an experience he'd never seen before.

"I like the idea of being in the situation and discussing it can help students to improve their creative writing. I would love to see these sorts of activities in other subjects."

Chloe Cooper believed the task would get more students engaged with creative writing.

"It was unique, like nothing we have ever done at school before. I think it will make kids more involved if we have more similar experiences."

A competition was held for the best overall spooky story and the best spooky story from each Year 8 English class.

The overall winner was Asha McLeod. Class winners were: Charli Payton, Rhianna Campbell, Grant McPhillips, Shakira Hill and Jackson Griffin.

Below are extracts from the winning spooky stories.

ASHA McLEOD

I noticed the forest was seemingly murkier and I felt the wind ripple through my many layers of clothing. I had a gut feeling that I shouldn't be here. My eyes fixed on the bird that had been following me for the past week and it stared down at me with intimidating eyes. It was a raven. It was huge with a large, sharp beak that could've easily sliced my skin open like a knife through cake.



CHARLI PAYTON

Midnight struck, days away from the end of December. Moonlight had crept its way through the dense, haunting leaves blanketed around the old fig tree. Staring through the depths of the forest was a young boy, focused on a path that lead to an abandoned shed that had seemed to sit untouched for years ... until this peculiar and gloomy night.

RHIANNA CAMPBELL

I try banging on the door and screaming for help but I get no answer. It is just the darkness and I. The darkness is slowly provoking me to give in. I am terrified. Once again I hear a strange noise. It is coming from under the door. I start to think, what if there is a puzzle I have to figure out to unlock the door? I start to look around me. I feel something ...



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GRANT McPHILLIPS

It was a stormy day, the rain hitting the roof like an unsettled guest knocking at the door. I got up and the cold air struck me. It was as if one of my ancestors was in the room. My stomach felt numb and I felt like there was no point eating.

SHAKIRA HILL

Out of nowhere I had a strange dream. I was walking down a long road. At the end of the road was an old broken-down house and it look haunted. I walked into the yard and the gate creaked. I went into the house and the door was already open. The floor boards were broken and I almost fell through. There was a staircase that looked like it would break when I touched it with my foot.

JACKSON GRIFFIN

I live next door to a man who is very suspicious. He digs holes in the middle of the night and dumps big, black bags into the holes. He has rough, dirty skin and jet-black hair which he has clearly never washed in his life. His teeth are yellow and jagged. He always smells like rotting flesh and his house smells the same. I hate living next door to him ...



Chatham High School Street Food Van

The Chatham High School Street Food Van was in action at our athletics carnival in Week 4 of this term. Member for Myall Lakes, Mr Stephen Bromhead, took the opportunity to see the van in operation while he officially unveiled it.

During the visit he was also able to present our school captains with their leadership medallions.



The purchase of the van was made possible through the NSW government's My Community Project program and will provide significant, real life work experience opportunities for our students.

Congratulations to all the winners from today's athletics carnival

The winner of the 2020 Chatham Gift – Blair Hamilton



Age Champions

Boys

Girls

12's
13's
14's
15's
16's
17's/Opens

Robert Bungie
Jack Hardy
Liam Dyball
Blair Hamilton
Levi Doran and Logan Williams
Jarrad Gibson

Paige Maclure
Sienna Agnew
Makayla Northam
Georgia Boshier
Shania Mitchell
Anika Ussher

And the winning house on the day with 828 points was Kiwarrak!



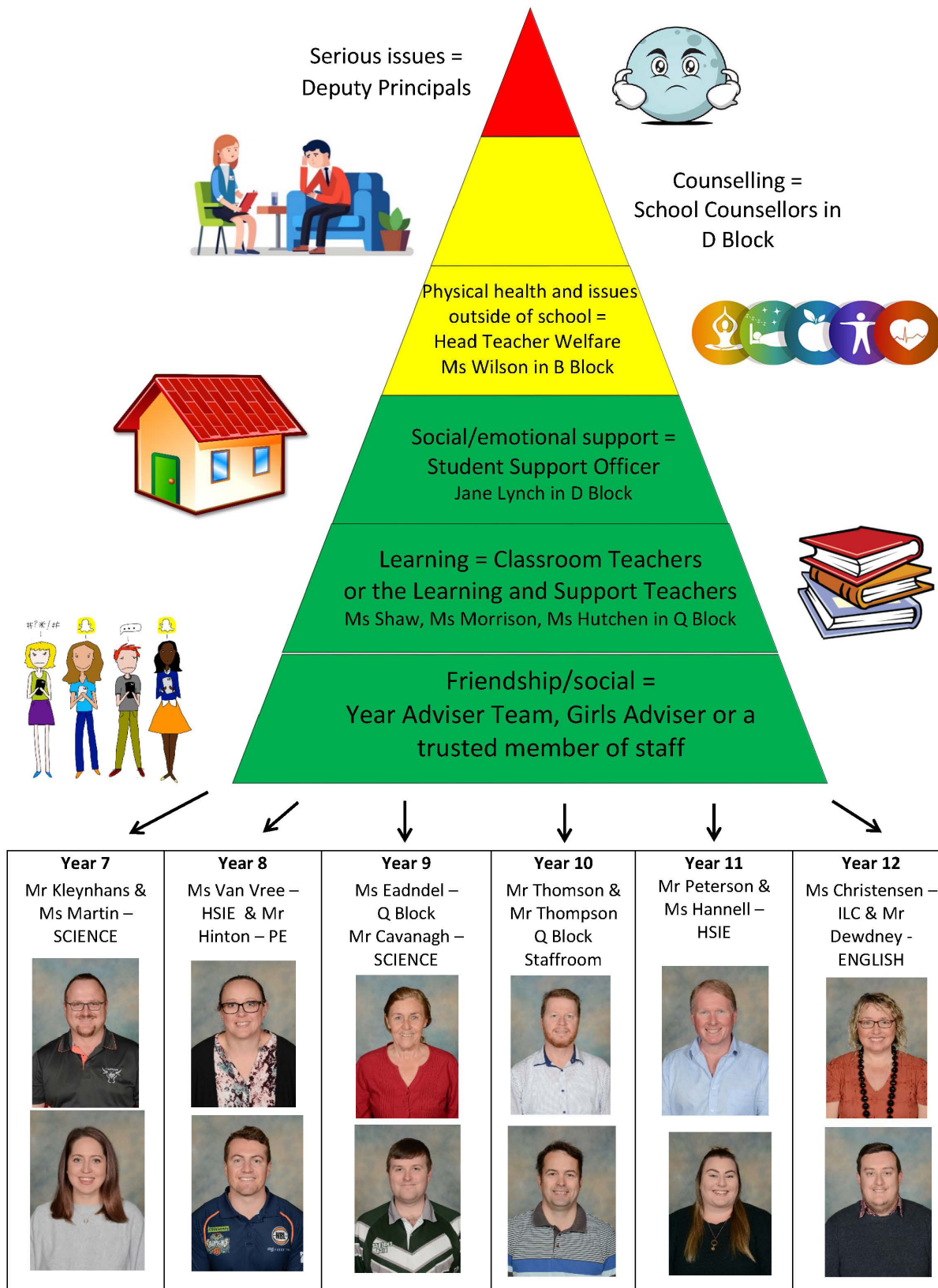
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Athletics Carnival 2020

Who to talk to if you need help at Chatham High



HSC English Jeopardy Challenge

Year 12's six years of attending English lessons culminated in the inaugural HSC English Advanced versus English Standard Jeopardy Challenge.

Students selected questions from categories relating to the Modules they studied in Year 12 HSC English. If students answered the question correctly, they had the opportunity to win points by shooting a basket.

The challenge was hotly contested, students enjoyed the opportunity to test their knowledge in a fun, interactive environment.



Ab Ed Programs



This term in Sista Speak we welcomed Aunty Toni. We celebrated the end of term by coming together from all grades to share our culture and support each other by getting creative. We made wind chimes with shells and other natural elements and had fun doing our nails and face masks.

This term the Back to Basics boys were fortunate to have Jeremy Saunders, our new Indigenous Cultural Teacher, join them. Uncle Jeremy facilitated a

range of activities to encourage camaraderie amongst the boys through traditional and non-traditional activities. The boys learnt the cultural processes of making Tap Sticks and created their own. They also learnt the culturally safe protocol of throwing and catching boomerangs. By sharing stories and traditional songs the boys enjoyed each process, gaining new cultural knowledge along the way.

Hope Labutis-Mays
Leader Community Engagement



Mrs Kouwenhoven's Year 9 Child Studies

*Having fun bathing the
"baby" and catering for
a Baby Shower morning
tea.*



Student Support Officer

During term 3 we welcomed our new Student Support Officer, Jane Lynch. Jane works as part of Chatham High School's extensive wellbeing team by supporting our year advisers and counselling team, as well as facilitating social/emotional programs with external agencies.

Jane will be organising our annual Griff Fest in term 4 so if you have ideas for this year's event make sure to let her know!

Jane (R) is pictured here with Alycia Ferguson, School Counsellor in Training, in our newly decorated Counsellor's office.



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Year 9 Industrial Technology - Timber.

Students had a fantastic term 3 constructing their custom designed desk caddies with built-in phone amplifier. Great job everyone!

Ms Wilson



The Smash Room



Before

The Maths faculty celebrated the end of term 3 in a different manner. HT Maths, Nick Timmins, invited the faculty for an end of term catch up.

Upon their arrival they were greeted to a "Smash Room", a new craze which allows people to let off steam and promotes well being. The Smash Room was a huge success with the staff having a great laugh after a busy term.



After

Farewell Year 12

Our Year 12 students celebrated the end of their schooling during the last week of term. There were dress up days through out the week ending on Friday with students setting up an outdoor learning class and holding a party in D Block. Year 12 will be back in Week 1 for normal classes prior to the commencement of their HSC examinations. Details regarding the Year 12 Farewell Assembly and formal will be available at the beginning of term 4.



Thank you Year 12 for the fun and respectful manner in which you celebrated the end of your schooling.



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*What a great way
to finish the term.
Lunchtime spent in
the sun, hanging with
friends, decorating
cupcakes.*



Thank you to the parents and carers who have already completed this survey. The link to the survey, <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/Parents2020>, can also be found on our website and has been emailed to families through Sentral. The survey can be conducted on any device, including mobile phones and is completely confidential.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey as your feedback is important to us and will assist in developing our new school plan.

