

CHATHAM

High School

NEWSLETTER



Term 1 - Week 6 - 2022

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022! 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.

Our staff development day this year focussed on how adopting a strengths-based approach to our interactions can lead to more positive outcomes for both students and colleagues. 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.

It was fabulous to see the smiling faces back on site this term after what we hope will be a once in a generation event. The pandemic has forced us to reconsider what we thought was normal and given us an opportunity to consider alternative ways of connecting learners with education. Honestly, our first weeks back have been a positive experience for almost everyone and I look forward to many more to come. One particularly

pleasing part of our return has been the number of students wearing the school uniform. Whether you choose to call it pride or commitment, wearing a uniform allows us to consider our common goals, safe, respectful, responsible learners.

We're really excited about what we've got in store this year at school and hope you'll enjoy reading about it in our newsletter or seeing it on social media. If there are items of news that you think deserve telling others about, please don't hesitate sending them through to the school.



Regards,
Daryl Irvine
Principal

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Swimming Carnival

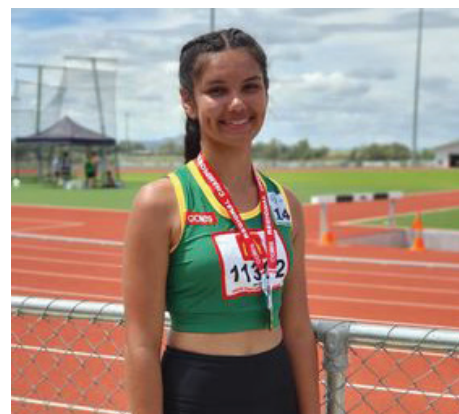
The Chatham High School swimming carnival is always a great way to start the year. From the competitive swim races, continuous relay and fun swim, there is definitely something for everyone. The winning house this year was Katanga. The final of the Chatham Gift was a close contest between Cooper Asquith of Year 7 and Jannali Simms of Year 8, with Cooper just beating Jannali to the wall.

Congratulations to the Age Champions:

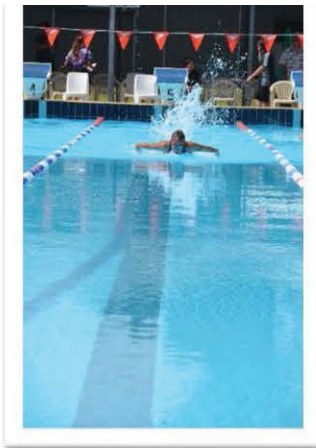
12s	Nicole Jordan	Jayden Rush-Warden
13s	La-Shay Weldon	Cooper Asquith and Lachlan White
14s	Jannali Simms	Phinneas Willis
15s	Kirri Smith	Colby Gill
16s	Charli Payton	William Moss
17s	Georgia Boshier	Druzai Mears

Jannali Simms - Regional Little Athletics Carnival

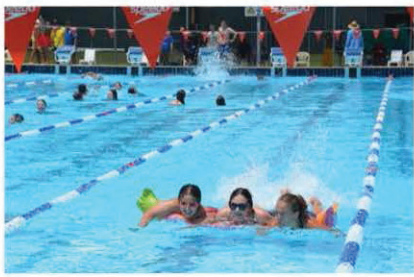
Year 8 student, Jannali Simms, competed in the Regional Athletics Carnival in January this year. Jannali had a successful meet coming away with Gold in the 80m hurdles, Silver in the 200m hurdles and Bronze in the 100m, 200m and Triple Jump. Jannali will now compete at State level at Sydney Olympic Park in March.



Chatham High Students Xanthe Parsons, Zara Williams and Tash Mackie assisted at St Joseph's Primary School today for the Diocesan Boys Football (Soccer) selections. These students ran a training session and taught the participants skills while selecting those who would progress to further trials. The girls were great role models for Chatham High School and their support was much appreciated by the participants and schools taking part.



2022 Swimming Carnival



Mobile Phones - Just a reminder to students, parents and carers of our expectations around the use of phones.

**Chatham High School is a mobile phone free school.
All students are issued with a Yondr pouch on enrolment.**



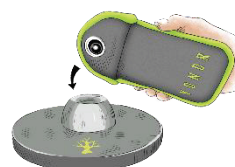
POUCH

As a student enters school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr pouch



SECURE

The pouch is closed and secured. Each student keeps their pouch throughout the day.



EXIT

When leaving school, the student taps their pouch to an unlocking base to release their phone.

Frequently Asked Questions -

What if I want to reach my child during the school day?

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. Please refrain from contacting your child during the school day unless it is an emergency. Contact can be made via the Front Office. As students are unable to access their phones, please ensure they have alternate payment options (cash, card) available. Orders for the canteen can be made before 9am or through QuickCliq.

Will my student's phone be safe?

Students are in possession of their phone – in their Yondr pouch – for the entire school day. Students choose to bring phones to school at their own risk.

What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged?

Chatham High School will provide every student with a pouch at no cost. If a student damages, tampers with, or loses a Yondr pouch, they will be held responsible and will be asked to replace the pouch at their own cost.

What happens if my child uses a phone at school?

When a student chooses to use a mobile digital device at school, the discipline procedures in the **Mobile Phone Policy** (<https://chatham-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/rules-and-policies.html>) will be implemented. The phone will be confiscated and in some cases parents and carers may be required to collect the phone from the school.

How can I clean my student's Yondr pouch?

Yondr pouches can be washed in cold water for a short cycle and dried on a short cycle and/or air dried. Pouches can also be cleaned with a disinfectant.

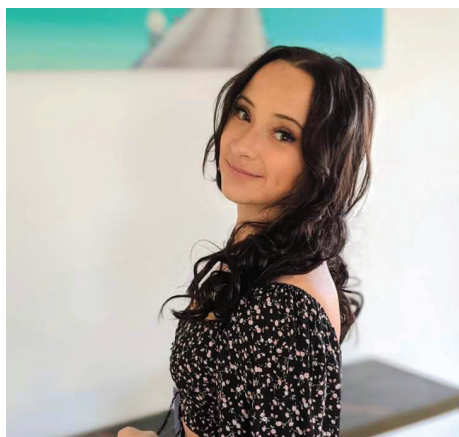
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WELCOME TO SOME OF OUR NEWER STAFF!

Wellbeing and Health In-reach Nurse Coordinator - Christine Wernicke WHINC

Christine is our new school wellbeing nurse. She is a clinical nurse specialist employed by NSW Health who will be working across five Taree schools including Chatham High School. Christine joins our school wellbeing team to help support the students and their families with any health or wellbeing concerns. She will provide assessment of the student's needs, assistance in addressing health needs, referral and coordination of supports, liaise with medical services as required and follow up treatment outcomes. Christine works in partnership with NSW Health and the Department of Education to provide the Wellbeing and Health In-reach Nurse Coordinator Program. Student referrals to Christine will come from the school wellbeing team or families can contact school to enquire about assistance from this program.



Chloe van Wyk - HSIE

I finished my bachelor of education (k-12 teaching) in 2019. I have been casually teaching in the Manning area for the last two years before I got the pleasure of being accepted to teach at Chatham High School. I majored in Ancient History and minored in Society and Culture. History has always been a passion of mine and I hope to explore more of the subject through travelling and teaching.

In my spare time I enjoy going to the gym and spending time with friends and family.

Ms van Wyk

HSIE

Kirsty Simpson - Deputy Principal Years 9 and 11

I come to Chatham after 25 years as a HSIE teacher and Head Teacher in Broken Hill and Port Macquarie and, most recently, as a Literacy and Numeracy Adviser for the Department of Education. This year I will be working closely with Years 9 and 11 as their Deputy Principal and leading initiatives around literacy and numeracy and senior student support. I appreciate the warm welcome I have received from staff and students and look forward to working and learning with Chatham's School Community.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance matters at Chatham High School.

"Showing up and maintaining consistent attendance is a major contributor in enabling students to achieve great feats".

Mr Simon Gay, the Attendance Leader, would like to welcome you to Chatham High School. He has been a valued member of our school community for the past 11 years, teaching in the HSIE faculty. Before joining the teaching profession, Mr Gay worked in a variety of industries, equipping him with a vast array of skills. Utilising his skills, knowledge and experiences, Mr Gay supports families understand the importance of school attendance.

At Chatham High we believe in the *Everyday Counts* and *Attendance Matters* campaigns.

Contact Us

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight

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4 weeks



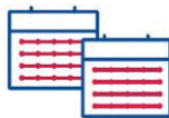
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Over **1** year missed

1 day per week

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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

education.nsw.gov.au

SRC

In late Term 4 we began the process of recruiting our SRC for 2022. We had a great response to our new recruitment process and successfully had members from each year group join.

In the last week of the year we held a planning day at Taree Old Bar Surf Club. During this day the team mapped out our expectations for each member and plans for 2022. The group have already been involved in restarting TGIFriday activities and advocating for young people in the development of the new Headspace. An induction assembly will be held in March.



P&C

Chatham High School's P&C is held every 3rd Monday in the month at 6.15pm in our Q Block staff room. Our P&C is a welcoming committee of parents and carers. The P&C is a wonderful opportunity to be involved with your child's education and get an inside look at what is happening in your school. Our next P&C meeting will be held Monday 21 March. If you would like to know more contact Jodie Bird - jodie.a.bird@det.nsw.edu.au.

Welcome to Chatham High School's Canteen

Chatham High School's Canteen is a P&C run canteen, all profits we make go back to the P&C to be used within the school to support our students. We endeavour to provide healthy, nutritious food at reasonable cost to our students and staff. We follow NSW Government guidelines, and adhere to the Fresh Tastes school policy.

We are always in need of volunteers and would appreciate any help. If you could spare one day a month or even a few hours it would make such a difference to your children.

We realise many parents and carers find the transition to a high school canteen daunting, but we can assure you the students are most appreciative of your service.

If you would like to volunteer please phone the canteen between 8.30am – 2.00pm on 65522588

We wish you all the best for your child's high school years.

Sandra (Manager) Karen & Holly

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AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is alive and well at Chatham High and we are excited that students will once again get the opportunity to attend many shows in the upcoming months. This Friday, 4 March, we will be holding our own Beef Battle to prepare the students for shows. These beautiful twins, Tim and Tam, were born last month. Congratulations go out to Gypsy Marshall. Gypsy won the Zone Final of the RAS Young Woman (Showgirl) Competition. Gypsy will now head to Sydney to represent Zone 1 in the 2022 Royal Ag Shows NSW Young Woman of the year competition.



Photo Credit - The Land

SUPPORT UNIT

Students in SU2 have been studying art in nature. As part of this topic they went out to explore pebble sculptures and were lucky enough to come across an artist named Crow who had made wonderful sculptures all up Crowdy Beach coast line. They all had a wonderful day and enjoyed making their own sculptures as the ocean breeze cooled their senses from the sun.



Term 1 Events

For up to date calendar information log on to the Sentral Parent Portal.

If you require assistance accessing the portal email jodie.a.bird@det.nsw.edu.au

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wk1					28/1 Staff Development Day
Wk2	31/1 Staff Development Day	1/2 Years 7,11 & 12 return	2/2 All years return		
Wk3	7/2	8/2 Swimming Carnival	9/2	10/2	11/2
Wk4	14/2	15/2	16/2	17/2 Yr 7 Immunisations	18/2
Wk5	21/2 PSSA Touch Football P&C Zone Swimming Carnival	22/2	23/2 Yr11 Information Evening Clontarf Yr 7 Induction Camp PSSA Swimming	24/2 Clontarf Yr 7 Induction Camp	
Wk6	28/2	1/3	2/3 Yr 7 Meet the Teacher Evening	3/3	4/3 CHS Beef Battle
Wk7	7/3 Clontarf Yr 12 Leadership Camp	8/3 Clontarf Yr 12 Leadership Camp UoN Health Careers Forum CSU Explore Day IWD Lunch	9/3 EXPO Evening	10/3	11/3
Wk8	14/3	15/3	16/3 Parent Teacher Interviews	17/3	18/3 Nabiac Show
Wk9	21/3 P&C	22/3	23/3 Clontarf Yr 7 Touch Carnival	24/3 Clontarf Yr 7 Touch Carnival	25/3 Wingham Show Clontarf Yr 7 Touch Carnival
Wk10	28/3 Clontarf Big Day Out - Newcastle	29/3 Yr 8 Wellbeing Excursion Clontarf Big Day Out - Newcastle	30/3	31/3	1/4 Gloucester Show Open Girls Netball Yr 7 Aboriginal Language Excursion
Wk11	4/4 Royal Easter Show - Ag Team Zone Cross Country	5/4 Royal Easter Show - Ag Team Athletics Carnival	6/4 Royal Easter Show - Ag Team	7/4 Royal Easter Show - Ag Team	8/4 Royal Easter Show - Ag Team Royal Easter Show Excursion Last Day Term 1

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AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS - Join today!
FUN, EXCITEMENT AND ADVENTURE
www.navycadets.gov.au  
Phone: **Deb Shaw 0429 451 508**

Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) are recruiting 13-18yr olds. If you are turning 13 this year, you can join Training Ship Manoora now. Also seeking Adults, 19+ yrs, to join our staff team, training is provided. No joining fee and uniform supplied free for cadets and staff.

Meet: Fridays 5.30-8.30pm

Macquarie Barracks

Muldoon St, Taree.

Open school term, closed school holidays.

Interested in joining the ANC?

Submit an expression of interest using our

Join Online form @ www.navycadets.gov.au

or email debra.shaw@navycadets.gov.au.



It's all about Family Fun!

2022 Registration Day

Friday 11 March 4-6pm

Join in some family fun at Inflatable World and meet the Club President, 2022 coaching staff and wonderful club volunteers while enjoying a free sausage sizzle



All registration is completed online, but volunteers will be available to help you register on the day, answer any questions, order uniform pieces including one of our comfy hoodies

First time and returning players welcome, so bring a friend with you on the day. Men and Women of all abilities, and children aged 4-16 are welcome

Chatham Wolves Hockey Club is a family orientated sport association who are looking forward to welcoming new and returning members for 2022.

Any questions prior to the event can be directed to chathamwolves@hotmail.com

Registration can be completed at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/chathamwolves>

Active Kids Vouchers are accepted so download your voucher number and have it ready <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/active-kids>



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Dungeons n Dragons, card games and more

Friday nights, fortnightly 6-10pm

Club West function room, 116 Edinburgh Dr, Taree

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