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# NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome,

As term 2 draws to a close it would be remiss of me not to pay tribute to the staff of Chatham High School who, despite an ongoing need for them to go above and beyond, have worked tirelessly in providing educational programs and support for our students. To say term 2 has come with some challenges would be close to the understatement of the decade. Our community has faced a number of hurdles both natural and human in nature. The cumulative effect of bush fires, floods and rolling lock-downs as part of a pandemic response, has left a mark on students and staff, we are only just coming to terms with. I met with our senior student leaders this past week and sought to assure them that although their path to the HSC has been a rocky one, they have so much to be proud of in the way they have continued to engage with their learning. With a term to go, we have plans to ensure they receive every support possible both in and out of the classroom, in preparing them for whatever their future plans require.

One of the challenges that has impacted our school has been a crippling lack of casual and temporary teacher supply. As with any workplace there is always a percentage of staff who will be absent on some type of leave. That leave may be of their choosing such as long service leave, others forced upon them through illness or poor health. Normally that leave would be covered by a pool of casual and temporary teachers, that pool simply does not exist for us at the moment.

There is good news on the way though and I am excited to announce that recent recruitment efforts have resulted in 4 new staff being offered appointments to start term 3! I look forward to being able to introduce them to the school on Tuesday 19 July when we welcome all students back to school. I hope you enjoy a look at the wonderful activities we've undertaken through term 2 and wish everyone a safe winter holiday.

Regards,

**Daryl Irvine**

Principal







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# The Way We Work

Since opening in 2016, Chatham Academy has had the privilege of seeing many young men graduate from Year 12 and continue their life successfully beyond the school gates.

The Clontarf Foundation value seeing the young men we work with become the best version of themselves. With Clontarf's continued support post-school, these men are creating multiple success stories around the nation.

With the support and partnership of Rio Tinto, this has certainly been the case with Chatham Academy alumnus Griffin Humphreys.

"After graduating high school, I started attending the University of Newcastle, studying a Bachelor of Information Technology and majoring in Business Technology," Griffin said.

"This, in conjunction with my HSC results, meant I was accepted into the Rio Tinto Cadetship program. This program aims to connect current university students with sponsors for Rio Tinto vacation roles where each participant completes a project. I have since completed three vacation roles.

"My first role was in 2019 in Perth working out of the Operation Centre (OC) with the Iron Ore product family in the Software Development and Production Systems & Networks teams. This role was a short term 12-week placement where I worked on the GPS systems for the automated haul trucks on sites scattered all throughout the west coast.

"It was shortly after this placement that COVID-19 hit Australia, meaning my studies and placement roles were impacted. Fortunately, I was offered a role in the Brisbane OC working with the Bauxite product family in the Integrated Operations & Production Improvement team. This role was heavily reliant on data analytics for a predictive fuel use/management system. My time in Brisbane was far less about being introduced to mining and had a heavier focus on becoming an integrated team member of Rio Tinto, establishing roots through personal connections and networking.

"My third placement once again took place in Brisbane, however this time it was in Enterprise Architecture performing data engineering tasks. This placement was the final confirmation for me and my desire to work with Rio Tinto. Through this position, I was fortunate enough to be working with the America & Eastern Europe global groups of the company. This expansion of my internal support network showed the limitless opportunities available through Rio Tinto.

"Coming this July, I will be graduating from the University of Newcastle and starting my Graduate position as a Data Engineer with Rio Tinto. It's important to note that none of this would have been possible without the help of Clontarf. Without them assisting me in applying for the Rio Tinto Cadetship program, none of the aforementioned events would have followed.

"My advice to any high school student reading this would be that there's no harm in trying and the only thing holding you back is yourself, so don't let the words of others or your doubt stop you from achieving your goals and dreams whatever they may be."

Congratulations, Griffin - this is a fantastic achievement. A big thank you to valued Clontarf partner Rio Tinto, who have changed this young man's life.







## NAIDOC Day





## Year 7 Camp

Term 2 got off to a great start for Year 7 when they attended the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre during Week 1. Students got wet and muddy, all in the name of team work and fun. A trip to Coffs Harbour wouldn't be complete without a visit to the Big Banana where students tried their skills on the bobsleds and giant slide.



## Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre

Our Senior girls Aboriginal Dancers were invited to attend the Women's camp and festival at the Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Corindi Beach. The girls and I spent 3 days immersed in cultural activities including a cooking lesson, Art Workshop, Weaving and site tours. Then they performed for a dinner and lastly opening the festival for all the women. An amazing weekend connecting to culture, learning about the Gumbaynggirr people and customs and representing our school and community.



## Saltwater Freshwater Festival

The Saltwater Freshwater Festival is a cultural event for all held annually across the four Indigenous nations of the mid north coast, Biripi, Worimi, Dhungutti and Gumbayngirr countries, with markets, workshops, live performances and the dance showcase finishing with a corroboree!

Our dancers were invited to attend and joined forces with Taree High dancer Wanay Paulson and other community members to perform for the massive crowd of over 3000 people!

Our dancers were amazing and performed with so much pride, we are looking forward to finding out where next years festival will be.

Congratulations to all of the dancers for being so active and engaged in our community and being positive role models for their families and our school.



## Sporting News

### Under 15 Girls Soccer

We fielded an Under 15 Girls team in the Bill Turner Cup competition and drew Gloucester High School in Round 1. Gloucester had a number of experienced players, however our team battled valiantly. After weeks of rain, training was difficult, and we were required to change venues and dates a number of times to get the game to occur. A last-minute change to Wingham made sure we were able to play and our sincere thank you to Wingham Soccer Club for hosting us & three other games on that day.

The first half was all Gloucester and they were quick to spring into action. At half time we were behind 5-0. The second half was much different, and we defended strongly to see full-time end at 6-0 to Gloucester.

Our team was made up of twelve Year 7 and two Year 8 students, making our side quite younger than our opposition, but one with plenty of depth for the future. Many were playing their first games of soccer in a very long time. Well done girls for your great sportsmanship and teamwork.

Team Members: Sophie Gordon, Matilda Scott, Ella Muddle, Sarah Barnes, Violet Leayr, Indiannah Langbein, Lily Goddard, Eliza Muddle, Akira Watton, Eliza Morrison, Jannali Simms, Jesse Rapley, Alicia Jannett & Brianna Chapman.



### Manning Schools Futsal Championships

Three Chatham High School teams participated in the Manning School Futsal Championships on June 8th. An Under 14 Girls, Under 14 Boys and an Under 19 Girls. All teams played the four games, with the Under 19 Girls playing a fifth grand final game.

The 14 girls played against MVAC and Great Lakes College, in a round robin style fixture where they played both those teams twice. While not getting a win, the girls battled against more experienced players and were able to score quite a few goals. The teams consisted of Sophie Gordon, Matilda Scott, Violet Leayr, Akira Watton, Alicia Jannett, Ella Muddle, Lily Goddard and Kaitlyn Fullford.

The Under 14 Boys, which consisted of Tyler Higgins, Samuel Mills, Liam Budden, Cruz Bliss, Wayne Pinnear, Lleyton Thompson & Brydon Ashford, played against two sides from Great Lakes Tuncurry and Taree High. The boys had a number of tight contest, but couldn't get the elusive win until the 3rd vs 4th playoff game, where they won with a goal in the dying second of the match to win 2-1.

Our senior u/19 Girls team, consisted of Xanthe Parsons, Jasmyn Sawyer, Brea Smith, Zara Williams, Georgia Boshier and Sarah Annesley together with water girl and snack provider Chloe Muir. Year 8 student Sophie Gordon stepped up to also play Goal Keeper when u/14 games didn't clash. Our competition consisted of five games against MVAC & Taree High School. Our games against MVAC were a great team affair where every team member managed to bag a goal. Our three games against Taree High, including the grand final, were extremely tight affairs but we could not crack that elusive win, despite leading at various stages.

All students were great representatives of Chatham High School.



## Kyle Carle

Year 10 student, Kyle Carle, is doing great things on the hockey field. Kyle played at the state competition for the 18s but sadly didn't get selected for the state team. He has also been keeping busy umpiring the 15s Division 1 competition. Kyle was very to be asked to umpire the Open Men's State Championships but unfortunately couldn't fit it in with work commitments



## Zone Athletics

Congratulations to all who competed at the Zone athletics carnival last week representing Chatham High School proudly! Jannali placed first in most of her events including the 100m and 200m races, high jump, long jump, triple jump and discus. Georgia also had a successful day placing first in both discus and shot put. Both girls will now compete at the Regional Carnival ... Good luck!



This year students in Year 7 have taken on the Premier's Reading Challenge. Our students are reading their books in English and Check In, with keen readers reading at home for pleasure. Students are reading up to twenty books by the end of Term 3 to complete the Challenge. They get to include their reading study book as well as their own choice.

Students in Year 7 are encouraged to read to boost their reading skills to keep up with the broad curriculum in high school. Our library has a great selection of popular reading and students enjoy coming in to choose books they like with the help of Librarian, Mrs Schneider.

Our English classes are reading *The Boy and the Spy* by Felice Arena or *The Rabbit, Soldier, Angel, Thief* by Katrina Nannestad. For personal reading *The Maze Runner* series by James Dashner is popular with the boys as is *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series. The girls are enjoying a range of mystery books where the girl characters become 'detectives' and take action to right a wrong.



## Delhuntie Youth Centre

### Year 8 Excursion

The whole of Year 8 jumped on the bus earlier this term and headed to the Delhuntie Youth Centre in Buladelah. The aim of the day was to build strong peer relationships and to create a sense of belonging. The challenges of the day required teamwork, bravery, encouragement and were a lot of fun. They included high ladders, rope swings and climbing walls.



## SRC News

Our SRC is a committed group of students from all year groups, who are ably led by our senior leadership team. The group meets weekly during Friday check in lessons, and once per fortnight during lunch.

It has been a busy term and half for our SRC with numerous activities held over the back half of Term one and into Term 2.

Our first major events were during Youth Week in April. Our SRC decided to use a grant from Mid Coast Council to provide a free BBQ for all students. The BBQ lead into our combined "Shave for a Cure & Say no to Bullying" campaign. In a particularly successful afternoon, we raised over \$800 towards Leukemia research. As part of the activity's students were able to watch each other be shaved, waxed or coloured and then sign a bullying pledge on our mural at the back of the MPC.



Our SRC also represented Chatham High and the greater student body at a Youth Week-Youth Speak forum held at Mid Coast Christian Community School. The group of 16 students from all year groups discussed community safety and youth led projects and ideas amongst their peers from Wingham, Taree and MCCC schools.

To round out April, and a busy Term 1, our SRC, together with members of our greater student body, marched at the Taree Anzac Day commemorations in Taree. Our Vice Captains Georgia Bosher and Bibiannah Peattie were part of the service, speaking admirably to the assembled crowds.

Term two kicked off with another representative forum, this time, three students from Year 8 and 9 were asked to present ideas as part of a Disaster Resilience Forum held by Mid Coast for Kids. Jorja Wallace, Brishaye Baines and Sophie Gordon each linked in with various emergency services and discussed the impact of recent natural disasters and then work-shopped some ideas on what can assist in the future.





## SRC News (cont)

At the completion of the year 7 camp in mid-term 2, nominations were called for new Year 7 representatives. Three students Indiannah Bendall, Akira Watton and Joshua Wisely submitted nominations and were successful in their interviews, which were conducted by the senior leadership team. All three were welcomed on-board in Week 5.

In Week 6 we held Jersey Day, where students were able to come dressed in their favourite team jersey for a gold coin donation. Monies raised were split between Year 12 and the SRC, the passing competition proved to be a real hit.

Finally, last week we held our first school social /disco in a few years. The theme was "Decade Dance" and we had some amazing outfits, fantastic behaviour and brilliant dance moves. Thank you to all the students who participated and all the staff who volunteered their time to make the event a success.

Our SRC is looking forward to more events and activities in T3.

## IT - Engineering Yr10



The first unit in Engineering for Year 10 is all about 'under pressure' where the students learn about forces on beings and on structures. After learning the theory they had to do a project where they had to build a little stand that could take up to about 80kgs. The stand created by Colby Gill and his group took 140kgs. The second unit they are now learning is mechanical engineering where they learn about moving parts and simple machines. The project for this unit is the pinball machine. The students are having a great time on this project and are in the workshop any spare time they have. This is the first time Chatham has run this course for Stage 5 and it is proving to be a huge success!



Mr Miggins





## The Decade Dance

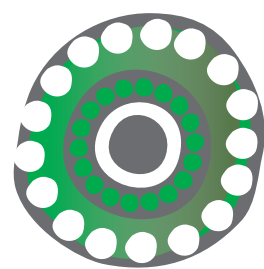
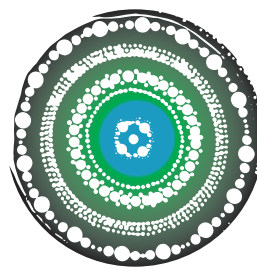
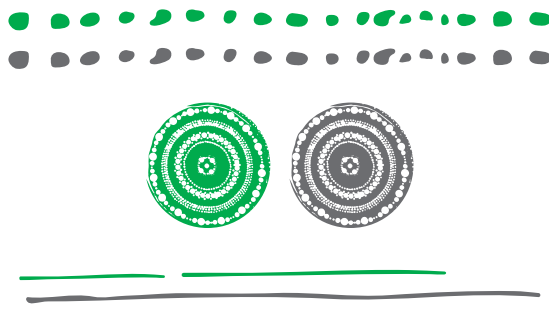




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## Term 3 EVENTS

Week No.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	18/7	19/7	20/7	21/7	22/7
	Staff Development Day			Drumbeats Yr9 Boys Catch up vaccinations	NAIDOC Cup
<b>2</b>	25/7	26/7	27/7	28/7	29/7
	Girls Grit Program Taree PCYC		Hunter Athletics Carnival Luminosity Youth Summit	Drumbeats Yr9 Boys Luminosity Youth Summit	Luminosity Youth Summit Career Quip EXPO
<b>3</b>	1/8	2/8	3/8	4/8	5/8
	Literacy & Numeracy Week Girls Grit Program Taree PCYC	Literacy & Numeracy Week	Literacy & Numeracy Week	Literacy & Numeracy Week Drumbeats Yr9 Boys U15s Boys & Girls Basketball Sem 1 Academic Assembly	Literacy & Numeracy Week
<b>4</b>	8/8	9/8	10/8	11/8	12/8
	Girls Grit Program Taree PCYC		Yr9 Elective History Excursion 7-12 Parent/Teacher Interviews Clontarf Incentive Day	Drumbeats Yr9 Boys	Yr9 Peer Leader Training
<b>5</b>	15/8	16/8	17/8	18/8	19/8
	Trial HSC Examinations Science Week Girls Grit Program Taree PCYC P&C	Trial HSC Examinations Science Week	Trial HSC Examinations Science Week	Trial HSC Examinations Science Week Drumbeats Yr9 Boys U15 Girls Netball Catch up vaccinations Clontarf Camp	Trial HSC Examinations Science Week Clontarf Camp
<b>6</b>	22/8	23/8	24/8	25/8	26/8
	Trial HSC Examinations Yr11 Hospitality 1 - Work Placement	Trial HSC Examinations Batyr Yrs 9 & 10 Yr11 Hospitality 1 - Work Placement	Trial HSC Examinations Batyr Yrs 11 Black Dog Institute Yr9 Future Proofing Yr11 Hospitality 1 - Work Placement	Drumbeats Yr9 Boys Yr11 Hospitality 1 - Work Placement Trial HSC Examination catch up day Clontarf NRL Incentive Camp	Yr11 Hospitality 1 - Work Placement Clontarf NRL Incentive Camp Clontarf Yr7 Incentive & Engagement activity
<b>7</b>	29/8	30/8	31/8	1/9	2/9
	Yr11 Hospitality 2 - Work Placement	Yr11 Hospitality 2 - Work Placement	Yr11 Hospitality 2 - Work Placement Yr10 Teen Mental Health First Aid	Drumbeats Yr9 Boys Yr11 Hospitality 2 - Work Placement Yr10 Teen Mental Health First Aid Clontarf Yr7 & 8 Rugby League Camp	Yr11 Hospitality 2 - Work Placement
<b>8</b>	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9
			Yr10 Teen Mental Health First Aid Clontarf Big Day Out	Drumbeats Yr9 Boys	
<b>9</b>	12/9	13/9	14/9	15/9	16/9
	Yr10 - 12 HSC Minimum Standards Yr11 Examinations	Yr10 - 12 HSC Minimum Standards Yr11 Examinations	Yr10 - 12 HSC Minimum Standards Yr11 Examinations	Drumbeats Yr9 Boys Yr10 - 12 HSC Minimum Standards Yr11 Examinations	Yr10 - 12 HSC Minimum Standards Yr11 Examinations
<b>10</b>	19/9	20/9	21/9	22/9	
	P&C Clontarf Ross Kelly Cup	Clontarf Ross Kelly Cup	Clontarf Ross Kelly Cup Yr7 Love Bites	Yr12 Farewell Assembly Clontarf Ross Kelly Cup	Yr12 Photo & Day Out Last Day of Term



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