



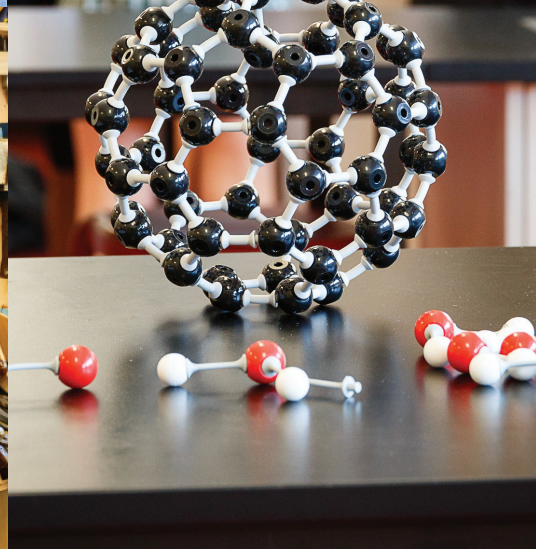
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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023! I'll start as I always do, by acknowledging that our school is built on land that has seen continuous human habitation for over 40,000 years and 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 make certain ALL students at Chatham High School have the benefit of a truly inclusive educational experience to ensure they are fully prepared to be the future leaders of our community. Speaking of leaders, I was proud to hear the Australia Day speeches of two of our senior leaders, Captain Sarah Annesley and Chloe Hayes, who spoke honestly about what 26 January means to them. Displaying courage and integrity to address such an emotive topic, they exemplified our school's motto *Semper Intrepidi* "Forever Undaunted".

At the conclusion of 2022, I was left with a real sense of optimism about the prospects for this year. Through a number of recruitment initiatives we have managed to attract a number of experienced teachers to join our team and have a number of enquiries about remaining vacancies. The school has seen a large capital works program complete upgrades to our girls toilets, with boys to come this year and a significant move for a number of our faculties to enable the establishment of a new senior study. HSIE has relocated to "D" block to join the English faculty in a Humanities staffroom, while Maths has relocated to "A" block. The former staffroom in Q block is now a 42 seat student study centre and is manned each day by staff who can support students with their senior studies. A huge boost for the class of 2023.

Our staff development day this year focussed on High Expectations and how by adopting a Stronger Smarter approach we can establish a learning culture at Chatham High School that recognises that each individual comes with an innate ability to grow and succeed. How we connect and support each other requires a shared understanding of our values, traditions and culture, a journey that we will take this year with students, families and staff, using the framework developed by the Stronger Smarter Institute, <https://strongersmarter.com.au/>.

We understand 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. If you have not already done so, please ensure you download the apps we use to connect with home.

Sentral <https://www.sentral.com.au/parents-> for all timetables, calendars and student profile information.

Liveschool Rewards – Our brand new rewards system which allows staff to award points to students who can "save" them and redeem for various awards.

Can I remind families that supervision of students at school is only provided between the hours 8:30 and the departure of the last bus, approximately 3:40. Students are not to be on site outside these times unless at a scheduled event.

One particularly pleasing part of our first weeks back 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 school's core expectations of being Respectful, Safe Learners.

Regards,

Daryl Irvine

Principal

Jannali Simms - Regional Little Athletics Carnival

Jannali represented Taree Little Athletics at Regionals in Tamworth earlier this term. Jannali had a very successful weekend placing;

3rd - Senior Girls Relay Team

3rd - 200m Sprint

3rd - 100m Sprint

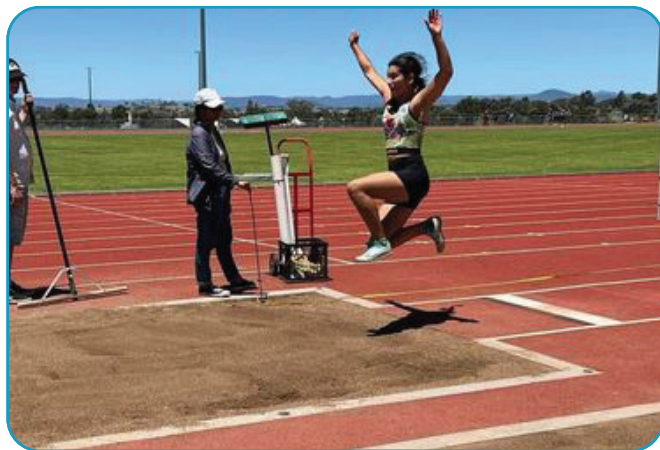
1st - Triple Jump

1st - 90m Hurdles

1st - 300m Hurdles

Jannali broke the Regional Record for the 300m Hurdles and will now compete at State Level in Sydney next month.

Congratulations Jannali and best of luck in Sydney!



Swimming Carnival

The Chatham High School swimming carnival is always a wonderful way to start the year. From the competitive swim races, continuous relay and fun swim, there is definitely something for everyone to take part in.

The winning house this year was Awaba. The final of the Chatham Gift was won by Alicah Dumas in a competitive race against Tykel Currie.

Congratulations to the following Age Champions:

- 12s Ebony Grange, Kataya Potts, Jeffrey Leatheam - Threadgate
- 13s Shakaya Ritchie, Samuel Hayward
- 14s Matilda Scott, Cooper Asquith
- 15s Jannali Simms, Cruz Bliss, Kye Milligan
- 16s Alicah Dumas, Tashiem Abbott
- 17s Sarah Annesley, Tykel Currie



Youth of the Year

Manning River Lions Club held the 2023 District round of Youth of the Year at Chatham High School this year. Youth of the Year is designed to encourage leadership in students.

Sarah Annesley, Chloe Hayes, Charli Payton, Trent Sendah and Brishaye Baines represented Chatham High School while St Clare's High School was represented by their Captain, Mariah Radburn.

Youth of the Year is made up of two components, public speaking worth 30% and an interview process worth 70%. The interview includes questions regarding school initiatives, general knowledge, academic achievement, activities outside of school as well as presentation at interview, .

All students delivered thought provoking and often humorous speeches and should be very proud of their efforts. Sarah Annesley was judged over all Youth of the Year while Charli Payton took out the Public Speaking component. Sarah will now compete in the Regional

competition at Urunga in March.

The evening was attended by members of the Lion's Club, Quota ladies, the judges and family members of the contestants, approx. 60 guests in all. Chatham High Year 11 and 12 hospitality students, under the guidance of Karen Cooper and assistant Sharryn Rowsell, set up and decorated the MPC then served a wonderful two course meal. The evening was a great success and enjoyed by all.



VET Induction Day

Senior Pathway Officers attended our school to speak with our Year 11 VET students about the new digital platform - Evidence Central and also requirements in VET courses. Kyle Carle demonstrated the registration process and completed the online training. The Pathway Officers felt it was a very productive day which they plan to run again. The Senior Pathway Officers in attendance were;

Catherine Gocher (Retail)

Lynda Shrubbs (Sports Coaching)

Rosalind Gavin (Construction and Hospitality)

Donna Kearns (SBAT)

Kyle received a gift from the Senior Pathway Officers for being an excellent role model for VET students.



'Graffiti Busters'

Respect is one of our school values at CHS and recently we had Ted Bickford from Mid Coast Council's 'Graffiti Busters' come to present to year 8 students about the impact that graffiti and vandalism can have on people and society. Ted shared about his program and the many people he has helped as part of his program and the students were given hands on experience in removing vandalism. In the coming weeks, students in year 8 will be invited to join the Graffiti Buster's team launching at CHS. We sincerely thank Ted Bickford for the time he has given and look forward to having him train our own graffiti busters!

Jose Vergara



Mobile Phone Policy - 2023

A reminder that all Mobile Phones are to be OFF and OUT OF SIGHT, please take a moment to read our phone policy.

The use of mobile phones and communication related technology to individuals is part of our everyday life. This widespread ownership of mobile phones and communication related technology among young people requires that school staff, students and parents take steps to ensure they are used responsibly. Whilst Chatham High School recognise that there are times when it is genuinely appropriate and useful for students to have access to a technological device, we have developed a learning culture which promotes on-task concentration and focus. When there will be a need for any devices to be used for learning, the school will provide the devices which will ensure that all students have access to technology and are able to learn in multi-modal ways. This policy is designed to ensure that potential issues are clearly understood, and conflicts avoided, enabling teaching and learning in a safe, respectful environment.

Policy Statement

During school hours all mobile phones, earpieces and other communication related devices are to be OFF AND OUT OF SIGHT to ensure that we focus on our learning. This policy should be read in conjunction with the NSW Department of Education's Student Discipline in Government Schools Policy.

Before and after school

Mobile phones and communication related technology may be used before and after school, however, all devices must be turned off at 8.55am and may be turned on at 3.20pm.

During School

Mobile phones must not be visible and should be kept in the students' bag. Mobile phones must be switched OFF during the school time.

Exemptions can only be approved by the principal and only in exceptional circumstances.

Legislation

Students must not take photographs or videos or recordings of other students or staff. They must not contact staff by phone unless given specific permission to do so on a particular occasion e.g. Overnight field trip where phone contact is required. Breaches of these rules are not only a serious matter under the school's discipline code but could also breach legislation such as Children and Young Persons Care and Protection Act, Privacy Act and Workplace Health and Safety Act.

Headphones, iPods and other Electronic Devices - This policy includes headphones, iPods and other electronic devices which are not permitted at school.

Note: It is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person. Police may be informed.

Consequences for Improper Use

If a staff member witnesses a mobile phone being used contrary to this policy, then the teacher may invoke any of the following:

- If they see a mobile phone or have a good reason to suspect a student is using a mobile phone during or between lessons including breaks, the staff member will ask the student to take their phone to the deputy principals who will lock the phone away for the remainder of the day and the student would be able to retrieve it from the front office at 3:20pm.
- If the instruction is disregarded or refused, the staff member will seek assistance from the Head Teacher or their supervisor. If the student chooses not to resolve issues in a positive manner with regard to safety, responsibility, respect and learning normal behaviour processes consequences will apply.

Failure to comply with Head Teacher instructions results in Deputy Principal intervention.

Chatham High School accepts no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged devices.



Swimming Carnival - 2023



Loud and Bright

On Thursday 23 February our school community dressed in loud bright colours to show our respect and support for our much respected, teacher and colleague Terry Bourke and his family, follow the sudden passing of his wife Lisa. Our school community raised nearly \$600 towards Motor Neurone Disease that was donated in Lisa's name. Thank you to all the staff and students for supporting.

Jane Lynch



Open Girls Soccer

Our Open Girls Soccer team travelled to Lake Macquarie Football complex, bright and early on Monday 27 February.

The game was played against an experienced and well drilled Hunter Rivers High School.

Our girls battled very well against this side, keeping them level for much of the first half, however the heat and the speed of the artificial surface proved to be a little too much for our girls and Hunter Rivers were able to capitalise with a few goals late in the first half.

In the second half, our team continued to work hard and were rewarded with two goals, both scored by Amelia Haddow. Unfortunately the goals were a little too late and we were defeated 6-2. Great games were played by Sarah Annesley, Nyah Roberts and Skye Roberts.

All Girls represented Chatham High fantastically and were a credit to our school. Pleasingly the side had a great mixture of senior & junior players, meaning our Year 12's were able to play in their finals years & our junior are able to build for the future.

The team was

Year 12: Zara Russell (c) , Nyah Roberts, Sarah Annesley, Madison Keys

Year 11: Jannarlia Dumas & Kaydance Wills

Year 10: Amelia Haddow & Mia Hardy

Year 9: Sophie Gordon, Charlea Holman, Jannali Simms, Skye Roberts & Chanel Webber

Year 8: Lily Goddard

Jane & Miss B



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 EVENTS

Week No.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1					27/1 Staff Development Day
2	30/1 Staff Development Day	31/1 Years 7,11 & 12 return	1/2 All years return	2/2	3/2
3	6/2	7/2 Swimming Carnival	8/2	9/2	10/2
4	13/2	14/2	15/2 Cheer Team Training Yr7 Meet and Greet	16/2 DUX and SRC Induction Assembly	17/2
5	20/2 P&C	21/2	22/2 Cheer Team Training Lions Youth of the Year	23/2	24/2
6	27/2 Open Girls Soccer	28/2 Science & Eng Challenge	1/3 Cheer Team Training Yr11 Parent Information Evening	2/3	3/3 Open Boys & Girls Touch
7	6/3 Yr7 Camp Yr8 Clontarf Bowling Day	7/3 Yr7 Camp Opens Netball UONDRH Taree Health Forum	8/3 EXPO Evening Cheer Team Training Yr7 Camp IWD	9/3 Yr 7 Vaccinations Clontarf Super Cars camp	10/3 Under 15s Boys Soccer Clontarf Super Cars camp
8	13/3	14/3 Cross Country	15/3 Parent Teacher Interviews NAPLAN Yrs 7&9 Cheer Team Training	16/3 NAPLAN Yrs 7&9	17/3 NAPLAN Yrs 7&9
9	20/3 P&C NAPLAN Yrs 7&9	21/3 NAPLAN Yrs 7&9	22/3 Cheer Team Training NAPLAN Yrs 7&9	23/3 NAPLAN Yrs 7&9	24/3 Harmony Week Night Market NAPLAN Yrs 7&9 Open Boys Soccer U15s Girls Soccer
10	27/3 NAPLAN Yrs 7&9 Hunter 5-a-side Soccer Yr8 Excursion	28/3 Hunter 5-a-side Soccer Science & Eng Challenge Clontarf Yr9&10 camp	29/3 Cheer Team Training Clontarf Yr9&10 camp	30/3	31/3 Yr7 Aboriginal Language Excursion
11	3/4 Yr12 Bonding Day	4/4 Athletics Carnival	5/4 Cheer Team Training Clontarf Big Day Out	6/4 PBL Royal Easter Show Excursion Last Day of Term	7/4 Good Friday

