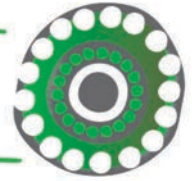




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End of Term 1!

We have had a great time this term here at Chatham High school!

We are very happy to see our students back for another year of teaching and learning!

These few months have been busy. In this newsletter you will see what we have been doing and may even see a face you recognise.

This newsletter also has key information on upcoming events and systems we are now using.

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Principal's Report



Mr Daryl Irvine

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the year unfolds, I am delighted to reflect on the progress we have achieved, powered by a renewed commitment to consistency and determination. Our journey, starting on a high note and marked by significant events and milestones, has proven to be both rewarding and enlightening.

One of our primary goals at the start of the term is to ensure that Year 7 students develop a sense of belonging within the school and among their peers, while also making sure that parents feel welcome. To achieve this, we began the year with a parent meet and greet for the Year 7 cohort. This event offered a wonderful opportunity for parents to connect, share expectations, and offer support for our students as they begin their high school journey. Taking this initial step has been pivotal in fostering a supportive community around our newest members. In a similar vein, parent-teacher interviews have offered valuable insights, enabling us to align on our students' progress and feedback. These discussions are crucial in creating an environment that supports our students' academic and personal growth.

Numerous extracurricular and co-curricular activities have been instrumental in helping our students enhance their collaborative and sporting skills. For instance, the Swimming and Athletics Carnival not only showcased the athletic prowess of our students but also highlighted their sportsmanship and team spirit. Events like these are crucial in nurturing a healthy, competitive, and inclusive school culture. Harmony Week stood out as particularly memorable, culminating in our night market, which was once again a tremendous success! It was a vibrant celebration of our community's diversity, unity, and the shared values that bring us together. The enthusiastic participation and the array of cultures represented were truly heartening.

I am also excited to announce the addition of new permanent members to our team. Please join me in warmly welcoming Mr. James Brooker as our new Science teacher, Mishael Matonhodze in Maths, Stephanie Leahy in HSIE and Ross Ruprecht, who will be joining the CAPA faculty as our Music teacher. Additionally, we acknowledge a significant transition within our school. Mrs. Suzanne Brook has chosen to pursue her passion for leading the Science faculty and has, therefore, resigned from her position as Head Teacher of Administration. We fully support her decision, are thankful for her commitment in her previous role, and eagerly anticipate her continued inspiration and leadership within the Science department. As we celebrate these new additions and transitions, we are actively working to fill the remaining vacancies on our team.

Our unwavering commitment to providing the best educational experience remains our priority, and we are confident in our ability to attract talented professionals to complete our team. Looking ahead, let us continue to support each other and our students. The successes we have celebrated are a testament to our community's strength. Together, we will face challenges and share in the victories that await us.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school.

Warm regards,
Daryl Irvine

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



DUX Assembly and SRC Induction



Year 7 Camp



Lions Youth of the Year

Athletics Carnival

Expo Evening



Cross Country

Harmony Week & Night Market



Easter Celebrations

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Tuesday 5th of March, we held our Dux Assembly and SRC induction, where we recognised the outstanding academic effort and achievement of the 2023 Dux of Chatham High.

Congratulations to the Dux of 2023 ... Jack Baines. This award is recognition of the dedication Jack has consistently shown to his studies. Jack was unable to be with us for the assembly as he has just commenced studies at Charles Sturt University, we wish him all the very best.

The assembly was also an opportunity to welcome Phum, Lauryn, Angel, Lilly O, Aidan, Liam, Hamish, Jannali, Lilly S, Chanel, Ali, Brishaye, Kristian, Harry, Sean, and Jorja to the SRC for 2024. Students were led in the reading of the SRC pledge by our senior leaders. We look forward to having this wonderful group of young people lead our school.

To our new Year 7 students, we look forward to inducting your representatives after the Year 7 Camp.



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YEAR 7 CAMP!

On 6 March our Year 7 students travelled to Coffs Harbour, where they stayed at the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre. They had a wonderful three days getting to know each other and enjoying all the amazing activities on offer at the Adventure Centre as well as exploring the Big Banana!



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LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Five students from Chatham High School recently took part in the Lions Youth of the Year program, an initiative with a long-standing tradition of nurturing leadership qualities in Australian High school students, hosted by the Manning River Lions Club. The program helps cultivate the next cohort of young leaders in Australia through emphasising involvement in the local community, public speaking skills, academic ability, and participation in sports and cultural activities.

Charli Payton, Breea Minnett, Brishaye Baines, Asha Stanic, and Chanel Webber showcased their knowledge, achievements, and skills in oration before a panel of three judges. The competition involved the students giving prepared speeches on topics of personal interest, as well as two impromptu speeches.



Despite the nerve wracking experience of speaking in front of a judging panel, all five students excelled, with Breea triumphing in the Public Speak category, and Charli emerging as the overall winner of the competition. Charli's victory secures her a spot in the upcoming Regional judging phase.

A huge thank you goes out to our senior hospitality students along with Mrs Cooper and Ms Allen for the wonderful dinner they provided to all those who attended.



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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We held our Annual Athletics Carnival Friday 15 March, even though the weather conditions were less than perfect due to the rain, it didn't stop us from having some awesome fun! Our students excelled on the field, earning points for their respective houses and supported their teammates by cheering them on!

Special recognition goes to the Age Champions (below) and Team AWABA for their outstanding performances, demonstrating exceptional skills and clinching the House Champion title. The day was filled with fun, camaraderie, and positivity, illustrating a vivid portrait of our exceptional school community.

Girls: Kianah Martin, Ella Labutis-Mays, Scarlett Horsington, Karla Baker, Jannali Simms and Amelia Haddow.

Boys: Luke Clark, Ben Gates, Tyewuarne Clarke, Kondel Stephens, Cruz Bliss, and Thomas McKay.





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EXPO EVENING

Expo Evening at Chatham High!

Wednesday, 13 March, Chatham High held their annual EXPO Evening. It was another hugely successful evening. Year 6 students and families visited Chatham High School to get a first-hand look at the range of fun and exciting subjects on offer.

After supper our wonderful Peer Leaders guided families around our many faculties where they had the opportunity to chat with teaching staff.

Mr Mowle's fish tanks were hugely popular with both students and parents alike!



CROSS COUNTRY

Chatham High Cross Country

Ready, Set...GO!! We had some fun in the sun at our Cross Country on Tuesday 26 March. Well done to all our students who participated in this event you all did amazing!

Boys: Noah Savage, Tyewuarne Clarke, Brydon Ashford, Rhys Currie, James Kidd, Troy Gates, Jacob Steep

Girls: Tahnee-Jane Cox, Tianna Gulliford, Skye Roberts, Amelia Haddow, Jannali Simms.

Congratulations to Biripi who were named House Champions! Chatham High Cross Country!



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Harmony Week & Night Markets



Students had the opportunity to taste a variety of food from different cultures including Japanese sushi, Vietnamese spring rolls, Chinese dumplings, Thai basil chicken and a South African dish Pap en vleis. Thank you to our staff who assisted in creating this wonderful cultural experience.

Harmony Week Night Market

Chatham High School once again held the Harmony Week Night Market on Friday, 22 March. It was a magnificent evening celebrating the end of Harmony Week and cultural diversity!!

It was wonderful to see our community come together for an evening of food, stalls and music. Thank you to all the stall holders who made the evening such a success.

We would also like to give our appreciation and thanks to Chim Young Thai,, Mentges Master Meats, and Leizel Budden for generously donating food, allowing everyone to experience a variety of cuisines.



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EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Lots of lunch time Easter fun was had on the 28 March. From the colourful display of hats and bunny ears to games and music, there was something for everyone.

The SRC just managed to keep up with the demand for milkshakes and ice creams, raising money to help fund activities later in the year.

Congratulations to super SAO Rachel on winning 1st prize in the Easter raffle, with 2nd prize going to Ebony Gordon and 3rd prize to our fabulous senior leader Eli Heard.





TALENTED ATHLETE PROGRAM



TAP Term 1

Our TAP students have had a great first term training, competing, and developing their knowledge and skills within both the sporting and academic world!



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Look at our new menu for 2024!

Don't forget to register with Flexischools to easily place orders online.



FOOD MENU

BURGERS

Chicken Burger	\$4.50
Cheese Burger	\$4.80
Beef Hamburger	\$6.00
Chicken Hamburger	\$6.00

PIZZA

Hawaiian	
Ham & Cheese	
Meat Lovers	\$4.00
Gluten Free	
Vegetarian	

WRAPS

Chicken Chilli	\$3.50
Salad	\$4.50
Meat & Salad	\$5.50

ROLLS

Salad	\$5.00
Meat & Salad	\$6.00
Meat, Cheese & Pickles	\$5.00

HOT FOOD

Beef Traveller Pie	\$4.50
Cheese & Bacon Pie	
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Chicken Wedges (4)	\$3.00

SANDWICHES

Egg & Lettuce	\$4.50
Curried Egg	\$4.50
Salad	\$4.50
Meat & Salad	\$5.50
Meat, Cheese & Pickles	\$4.50

SALADS

Meat & Salad	
Greek Salad	\$8.50
Cesar Salad	
Meat NO Salad	\$6.00

DRINKS

Water	from \$2.00
Flavoured Milk	from \$3.00
Up & Go	\$2.50
Juice	\$4.50
Poppa	\$2.50
Sugar Free Cans	\$3.50

SNACKS

Pop Corn, Aussie Drops, Chips, Grain Waves, Yogurt Cups, Yogurt & Muesli, Fruit Tub, Fruit Cup, Salad Tub
from 0.60 to 4.50 each

ICE BLOCKS

Quelch Stick/Snap Stick	\$1.00
Ice Cream Cup	\$1.50
Slushie	\$2.50
Paddle Pop	\$2.00



HOW TO PLACE AN ORDER

WITH *flexischools*



- 1 Click "Order food" at the top of the home page on your app.
- 2 Select the child you want to order for, then the date you wish to receive your order on.
- 3 Choose the food items you wish to purchase, then select "Confirm Order".
- 4 Choose your desired payment option.
- 5 Press "Place Order" to confirm your purchase.



ENJOY!



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Attendance matters means explaining all absences



If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business



Let us know

So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing

Every day matters



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



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Make friends



Build skills through fun

Change of Contact Details

Please complete this form if there are changes to your student's contact information and return it to the school as soon as possible – these details will replace those currently on our records.

Student Name: _____ **Year:** _____

<u>Parent/Carer</u>	<u>Parent/Carer 1</u>	<u>Parent/Carer 2</u>
First Name:		
Last Name:		
Mailing Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms)		
New address:		
Home phone:		
Work phone:		
Mobile:		
Email Address:		
<u>Emergency contact</u>	<u>Emergency Person 1</u>	<u>Emergency Person 2</u>
Name:		
Phone:		
Mobile:		
Relationship to student:		

Additional Comments:

Students will ONLY be allowed to leave with their Parent/Carer or their Emergency Contact

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

❖ It is vital to always keep the school updated with your child's medical details