

## Chatham High School

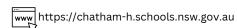
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### Welcome to Term 3

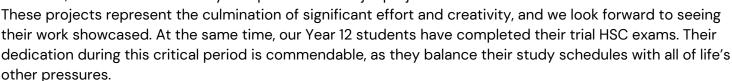
G'day Everyone,

As we reach the midpoint of Term 3, it's a good time to reflect on the activities and significant achievements at Chatham High School. Our school community continues to thrive, with students, staff, and parents working

together to create a supportive and engaging learning environment.

A highlight this term has been the success of our students at the recent Mid Coast Council Youth Awards (Kondel Stephens is absent from photo). These accomplishments underscore the dedication and talent within our student body, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and commitment.

Congratulations are also in order for our Industrial Technology students, who have successfully completed their major projects.





Among a host of sporting activities, we are thrilled to announce that our school cheer team, the Bullsharks, achieved first place in their division at the recent Cheercon championships. This outstanding accomplishment is a testament to their hard work, teamwork, and spirit.

**Looking ahead**, we have several initiatives on the horizon. Our focus remains on fostering a culture of high expectations and support for all students, as outlined in our Strategic Improvement Plan. The recently

launched Learning Pathways program is progressing well, with students and mentors working closely to tailor individual learning journeys that align with their aspirations.

We look forward to your continued support and engagement as we work together to create a thriving educational environment for all our students.

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Daryl Irvine



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## **Term 3 Events**

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	26/8	27/8 Camp Elim Day Trip – SL	28/8 Parent Teacher Interviews	29/8 Literacy & Numeracy Week	30/8 Literacy & Numeracy Week  Clontarf Regional Table Tennis Comp Newcastle
7	2/9 Literacy & Numeracy Week	3/9 Literacy & Numeracy Week	4/9 Literacy & Numeracy Week	5/9	6/9
8	9/9	10/9	11/9 Yr 8 into 9 Subject Selection Parent Information Evening	12/9 RuOK Day Clontarf Ross Kelly Cup	13/9 WOW Day Clontarf Big Day Out
9	16/9 P&C Meeting 6.15pm Yr 11 Exams	17/9 Yr 11 Exams	18/9 Yr 11 Exams Clontarf Surf Camp	19/9 Yr 11 Exams  Clontarf Health Checks  Clontarf Surf Camp	20/9 Yr 11 Exams Clontarf Surf Camp
10	23/9	24/9 Clontarf Yrs 7&8 Coffs Harbour Camp	25/9 Clontarf Yrs 7&8 Coffs Harbour Camp	26/9 Clontarf Health Checks Yr 12 Final Assembly and Farewell	27/9 Last day of Term

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## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING





Year 10

Student Information and Assessment Handbook 2024

Year 9 & 10

Elective Course Booklet 2024 - 2025



**Education Week** was a fantastic showcase of the talents within our school community. A special shout-out goes to our music students, who took their talents downtown and entertained crowds with their busking performances. Their energy and skill were well-received, and they represented our school with pride.

Year 10 Subject Selection Interviews Building on the Subject Selection Evening held last term, students and their families have participated in interviews to assist in making informed choices about their senior courses. To further strengthen our curriculum offerings, we are pleased to announce the appointment of new staff members to key areas, including English, Mathematics, Technology, and Agriculture.

Year 8 into 9 Elective Selections Following on from the Year 10 subject selections, our Year 8 students will make their selections later this term, setting the stage for their senior years. the Year 8 interest program will include a TAP (Talented Athlete Program) option, providing a pathway for students who are considering the full TAP experience in Year 9.

Learning Plans and SMART Goals In recent Mentor sessions, students worked on establishing a literacy SMART goal for the year. Depending on a student's stage of learning, these goals can range from increasing confidence in reading to improving academic writing skills. We encourage parents and families to talk with their students about their literacy goal for the year and discuss ways they can support them in achieving it.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



Talented Athlete Program (TAP) we are currently calling for Expressions of Interest from students keen to extend their sporting expertise as part of this fabulous program. In 2025 TAP will include Rugby League, Basketball, and for the first time, Football (soccer). We are also excited to offer options in Cheerleading and a non-aligned sport category for high-potential students with a passion for other sports. The program aims to assist students in developing an athlete's mindset, emphasizing achievement through hard work and dedication. Full-time coach/mentors support students on the field and in school.

Parents and Citizens Meeting It was exciting to see a number of new faces at the recent Parents and Citizens (P&C) meeting. Having a strong community voice is vital in guiding school decision-making, and we value the contributions of all who attend. The P&C has been active in supporting students attending representative sporting opportunities and has endorsed the transport support offered to the South Taree Koori Knockout juniors. Please consider joining the team, meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month from 6:00pm including a light supper.

**Science Week Celebrations** Our students explored the wonders of science through various engaging activities and experiments. The enthusiasm was obvious as they delved into scientific concepts and showcased their projects.







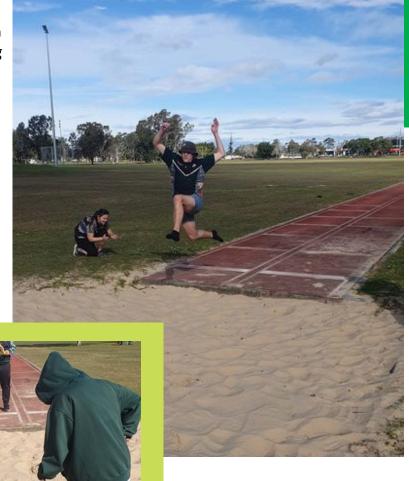


Olympic & paralympic excitement spread to our PDHPE classes. Inspired by the likes of our current Australian Olympic longer jump representatives: Brooke Buschkuehl, Christopher Mitrevski and Liam Adcock, SL1 and SL4 practiced leaping and jumping at Taree Sports ground.

Students also learnt about how to officiate an athletics field event, including correct measuring, recording and maintaining an even sand surface.

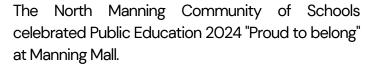
Best jump of the day was achieved by our senior Jeremy, who consistently soared over 4 meters! Congratulations to all students on their collaborative effort and enthusiasm!











Student's works were on display along with musical performances from the Cundletown School Choir and Chatham High School's bands.

Our crochet crew drew lots of attention with their wonderful creations.

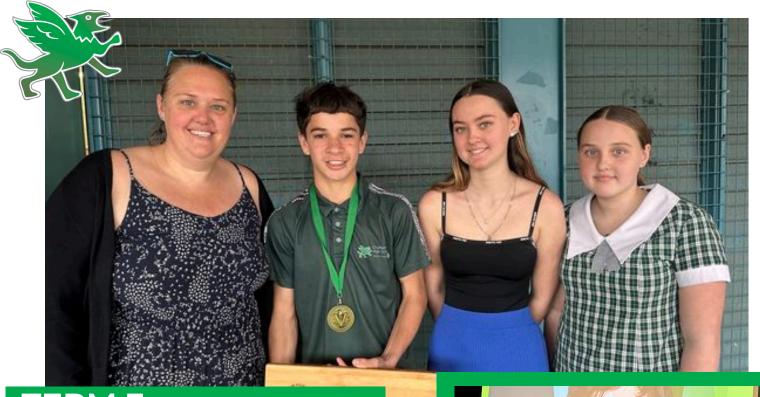
Thank you to the wonderful community and families who continue to support our students!











TERM 3
SPORTS ASSEMBLY

During Week 4 we celebrated the outstanding sporting achievements of our students at the Sports Assembly. Our students have excelled not just in their athletic pursuits but also in their support roles, including refereeing at Manning PSSA carnivals, local basketball and soccer games, and helping coach our primary school teams.

A special congratulations to those students who competed at both Manning and Hunter region, along with our Age Champions and Sport Athletes of the Year, your achievements are a testament to your commitment and talent.

Thank you to the Dyball family for continuing to support our young athletes through the Liam Dyball Memorial – 14 year old Athlete of the Year award. This year's recipient is Tyewuarne Clarke ... Well done! Thank you to everyone for making this a great year for our school's sports community







## NAIDOC CELEBRATION

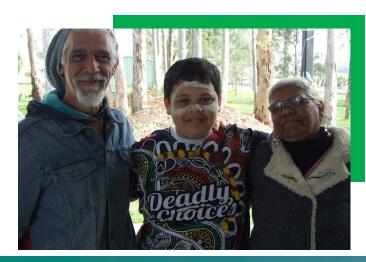


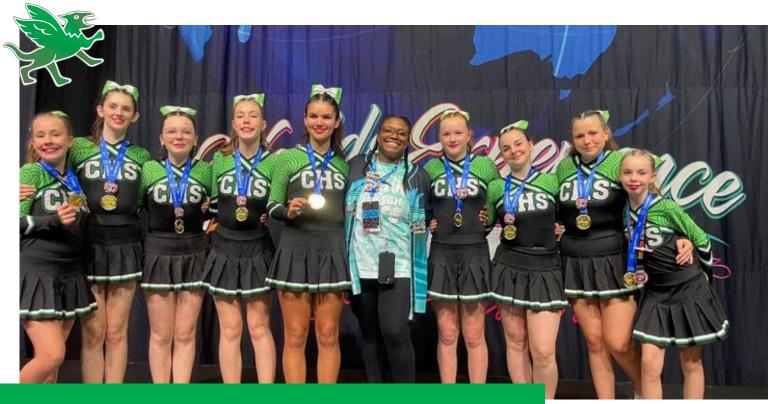
On Friday 2 August 2024, we finished our NAIDOC Celebrations with a whole school assembly. Aunty Gloria Rowsell gave a Welcome to Country followed by Mikah Gibson who spoke about the importance of NAIDOC and this years theme 'KEEP THE FIRE BURNING, BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD'. Uncle Jeremy Saunders then led our deadly dancers who did an amazing job of entertaining our school and Elders. Following the entertainment our dancers were invited to a morning tea with the Elders.

During breaks the school held a fundraising stall, selling cupcakes, soft drinks and lollies along with traditional food tasting provided by Clontarf.

Thankyou to everyone involved, with special thanks to our beautiful Elders who attended.







### **Cheer Team Success**

On Friday 9 August, Chatham High School's Cheer Team, the Bullsharks, completed in their 1st competition of the season at Cheercon in Sydney. After a long, exciting and nerveracking day the Grand Champions were finally announced with the Bullsharks taking out first place in the Scholastic Division, winning the girls a partially funded bid to compete in the USA!

Congratulations to you all!



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Our Year 11 Biology Class participated in an excursion to the Awabakal Environmental Wetlands Centre at Shortland, Newcastle.

The class got the opportunity to gather abiotic and biotic data from the wetlands and conduct a report for their depth study assessment.

Students used specialised scientific equipment and techniques to gain insight into the diversity and abundance of macroinvertebrate organisms to indicate the health of the local ecosystem. The excursion promoted careers in such areas as Environmental Science, Marine Science, Biology, Agriculture and Town Planning.







Chatham High was represented in the 5-A-Side Soccer tournament at Lake Macquarie Regional Football Complex. This was a Year 7 only competition.

Our boys were highly competitive scoring several goals and defending strongly. We had two draws and 3 narrow losses in our pool games. Our playoff round against Maitland Grossman was a highlight with many goals scored and great team work on display. Special mention to William Clarke, who scored 6 goals over the games & to Nathan Hammond, who was fearless in goals.

Team members were Leon Brown, Rhys Currie, William Clarke, Nathan Hammond, James Kidd, Noah Savage, Kaige Ward & Jiy Wilson.





## MARINE STUDIES EXCURSION



Year 11 Marine Studies headed to Harrington to complete their recreational and commercial fishing studies module. Students had the opportunity to practice different types of fishing methods. 8 fish were caught in total, with a good sized, 48cm flathead, caught by Brodie Hill. Excellent work by Madeline Hile for catching her first fish ever, a nice 32cm flathead. The students then took their fish back to school to conduct dissections of the fish anatomy.





# FOOD MENU

#### **BURGERS**

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

#### PIZZA

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

#### **WRAPS**

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

#### **ROLLS**

Salad Meat & \$5.00 Salad \$5.00

Meat, Cheese & Pickles \$5.00

#### **HOT FOOD**

Beef Traveller Pie \$4.50 Cheese & Bacon Pie Ricotta and Spinach S/Roll Sausage Roll \$3.50 Chicken Wedges (4) \$3.00

#### **SANDWICHES**

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

#### **SALADS**

Meat & Salad
Greek Salad \$8.50
Cesar Salad
Egg Salad (No Meat) \$6.00

#### **DRINKS**

Water	from \$2.00
Flavoured Milk	from \$3.00
Up & Go	\$3.00
Juice	\$4.50
Poppa	\$3.00
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





## CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL'S CANTEEN NEEDS YOU!

We are a P&C run canteen with all profits going to the P&C to be used to support our students.

Our canteen provides healthy, nutritious food at reasonable cost to our students and staff.

We follow NSW government guidelines and adhere to the Fresh Tastes school policy.

Our canteen is in great need of volunteers and would appreciate your help. One day a month or even a few hours a day would make a difference.

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

Please contact Deb Greenaway, our Canteen Manager, between 8.30am – 2.00pm on 65522588



# HOW TO PLACE AN ORDER WITH Sexischools

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

**ENJOY!** 







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## Chatham High School's P&C is held on the 3rd Monday of the month. Come along for dinner and a chat!



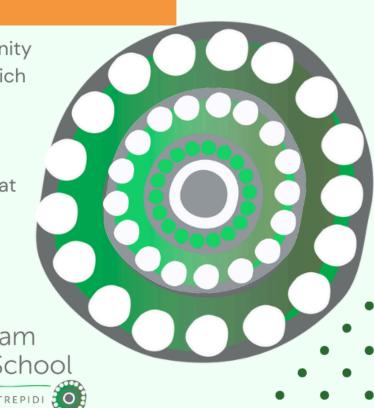
## MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER AT 6.15PM

#### WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

We invite all members of our school community to join us for dinner at our P&C meetings which are held on the 3rd Monday of the month.

P&C is a great place to meet our staff, other families and be part of the exciting things that are happening around the school.

P&C provides you the opportunity to have a say and ask questions.



# 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...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun





## Please ensure that all your contact details are up to date.

#### **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:				
Parent/Carer	Parent/Carer 1	Parent/Carer 2				
First Name:						
Last Name:						
Mailing Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms)						
New address:						
Home phone:		7				
Work phone:						
Mobile:						
Email Address:						
Emergency contact	Emergency Person 1	Emergency Person 2				
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