

CHATHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

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| MONDAY | 19 | NOV | THREE WAY INTERVIEWS BEGIN |
| FRIDAY | 23 | NOV | 2019 SCHOOL LEADER SPEECHES - 12PM |
| MONDAY | 26 | NOV | P&C MEETING OLD HALL 3.15PM |
| THURSDAY | 29 | NOV | KINDER 2019 TRANSITION 11AM - 2.30PM SCHOOL DISCO |
| TUESDAY | 4 | DEC | TAREE HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION |
| WEDNESDAY | 5 | DEC | PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLY |
| THURSDAY | 6 | DEC | KINDER 2019 TRANSITION 11AM - 2.30PM SCRIPTURE ASSEMBLY K-6 |
| FRIDAY | 7 | DEC | KINDER 2018 GRADUATION |
| TUESDAY | 11 | DEC | YEAR 6 FAREWELL - CLUB TAREE |
| FRIDAY | 14 | DEC | YEAR 6 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY |
| WEDNESDAY | 19 | DEC | LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS |

OUR SCHOOL CANTEN IS OPEN EACH WEEK ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

COLOUR FUN RUN

2018's School Colour Fun Run was another successful fundraising event for our school. Students and staff had a great time getting soaked or colour thrown at them as they navigated their way around the course.

The amount raised for our school was \$.

Thank you to everyone for their contribution and effort for this event. *See below and right for pictures, which are also continued on page 4.....*



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

THE VOTES ARE IN!

92% of surveys responses indicated that parents/caregivers would attend three way interviews with their child.

As a result of this feedback the school will be piloting three way interviews during the weeks 6-9 of this term.

Mrs Drake sent home correspondence on Tuesday. I encourage all parents/caregivers to attend. In the event parents/caregivers are unable to attend phone interviews will be offered.

We look forward to working with our community to implement the initiatives discussed during our survey period.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Please support our school community by purchasing P&C Christmas raffle tickets.

Many local businesses are supporting us, with donations from Taree Tenpin, Officeworks, Taree Fish Co-op, Alcorn Sportscene, Bridgey's Sportslocker, Charcoal Chicken, McGrath Meats and Coles.

Additional books are available from the school's canteen if required. Further information can be obtained by phoning the canteen on 6552 3024.

Have a great week!

Mr Matthew Royan
School Principal

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER REPORT

Semester 2 Student Reports

As a parent/carerguardian you will receive two written reports each year. These reports will help you understand how your child is progressing and how schools support your child's development. Teachers plan, teach, assess and report students' learning using the Australian Curriculum. The Australian Curriculum sets high standards for what all young Australians should be taught and what they should know and be able to do as they progress

through school. Each learning area has achievement standards. These standards describe in plain language what students should typically know, understand and be able to do, by the end of each year level. These levels can be found on the Australian Curriculum website:

www.australiancurriculum.edu.au. The website also includes helpful examples of student work at different levels of achievement.

What are the requirements for student reports?

Written reports are just one way that schools communicate with you about how your child is progressing at school. All schools in New South Wales provide parents and caregivers with two written reports each year that:

- report on all subjects studied by their child
- are based on a five-point achievement scale
- use plain language
- identify areas of strength and areas that need more development.

Years 1-6 student reports are based on an A-E achievement scale, supported by a description of what this means in relation to their progress against the achievement standard.

Reports for Early Stage One students use descriptive wording about students' progress over the semester referenced to the Early Stage One level achievement standard.

How do teachers allocate grades?

Teachers use a range of different assessment strategies and tools to gather evidence of student achievement with reference to the achievement standards in the Australian Curriculum. Based on the evidence, teachers make an on-balance judgement to decide which grade best matches the standard the student has achieved.

Chatham Public School teachers are currently writing student reports. Reports will be distributed to parents and caregivers at the end of Term 4.

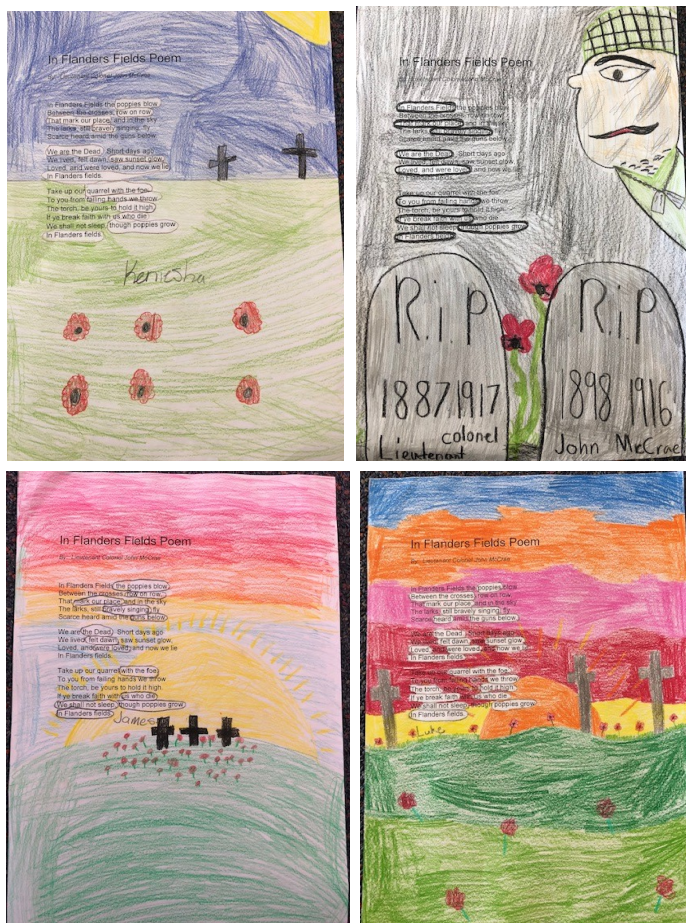
Mrs Alison Clifton
Instructional Leader

REMEMBRANCE DAY IN 4H

4H read a remembrance Day poem called "In Flanders Fields". We talked about the meaning behind the words. Then we used the black out poem method to construct our own poems using the original words of the poem. They did a fantastic job with both the poem and the illustrations (as pictured below by Keniesha, Lochlane, James and Luke)

Mrs East

Class Teacher/Assistant Principal



YOUTH OUTREACH WORKER

The Youth Outreach Worker is a new position at Chatham Public school. This position was created to provide support to parents and care providers of the children at the school.

This support can be provided in different ways depending on the circumstances of the family.

Short term and crisis counseling is offered to parents to discuss personal or social issues. This can include dealing with trauma or complex relationship issues in the family.

Discussions on enhancing parenting skills are also part of the role. This may include dealing with children who have difficulty regulating their emotions and their behaviour.

The Youth Outreach Worker can assist with making referrals to other services that may be appropriate for the family. Some of the services include Counseling and other Support Services. Housing, Health, NDIS and Domestic Violence services are also covered.

This service is confidential and draws on the strengths of the participants.

The Youth Outreach Worker is available on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Chatham Public School. Phone reception on 6551 1081 if you wish to make an appointment.

Cathy Braiding

Youth Outreach Worker

VISIT FROM SNAKE TAILS

Students had the opportunity to meet some reptiles yesterday with a visit from 'Snake Tails'.

There were reptiles such as snakes, turtles and lizards. Students had the chance to get up close to some of the animals as seen below as Brody from class 2/3L meets a friendly snake.



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CREATING GREAT EXPERIENCES

Students from Stage 3 had the opportunity to attend a 3 day excursion at 'The Great Aussie Bush Camp' last week. They had a fantastic time canoeing, aiming for the bullseye at archery, going through the obstacle course at MudWorld, got some height on the giant swing, tested their balance on the high ropes, flew on the dual flying fox and did some activities on the beach. The fun continued into each night with discos and games. They returned back to school quite exhausted but with big smiles on their faces.

Pictures can be seen below and on the following page showing their experiences of their adventure.





BOOK CLUB

Book Club order forms went home this week. If you would like to place an order, please have it in by Friday 23 November 2018.

THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS

We would like to thank Shirley from Resonate Churches for the generous donations to our school. They are very much appreciated by staff, students and our community.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Friday 9 November 2018, our students stopped for a minutes silence to 'Honour the Pride' of our nation's army personnel who battled for our country to be free and end all wars, 100 years ago. Students from K-6 made poppies which we used to create our own 'Flanders Field'.

Pictured below are (top) poppies made by our students and (below) Linkin, Kingston and Tianna pictured with the limited edition Gallipoli Centenary Bear which was donated to our school by these students wonderful neighbour, Flo.



ASSEMBLIES

FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2018 (Week 6)

9.10am YRS 3-6 To be confirmed

10.40am YRS K-2 1B to present

EGGSPERIMENT

Science can be so much fun! Some students have been making hypotheses and then carrying out simple experiments to see if what they thought would happen actually does.

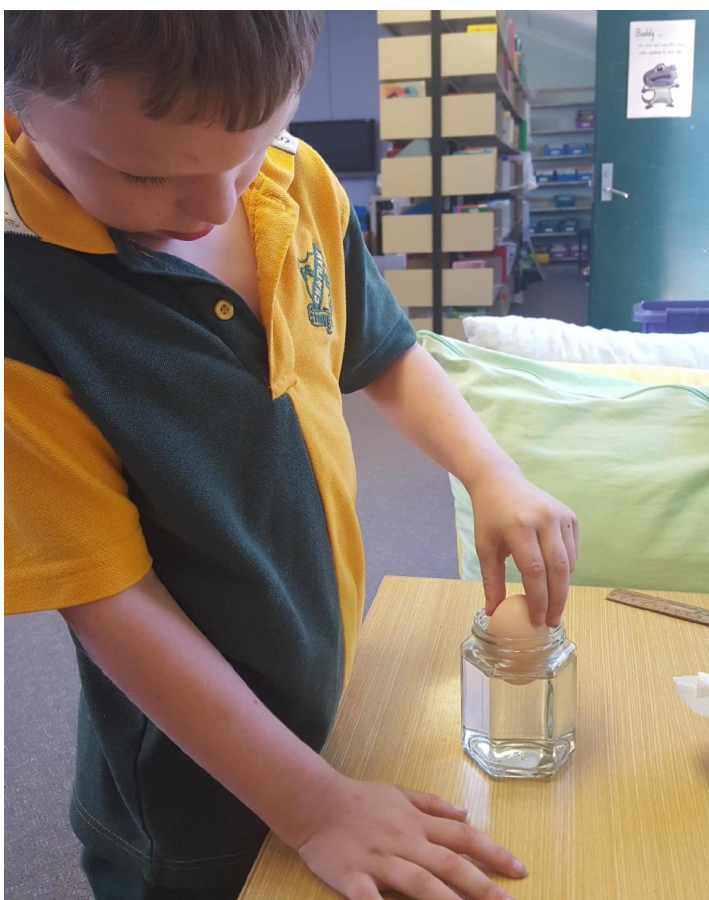
You can do this simple eggsperiment at home and have some fun discovering with your children. All you need is vinegar, a jar, an egg and time. Pour vinegar into a jar and gently place a raw egg into the vinegar. Replace the lid and leave it to do it's magic. Observe the egg over a couple of weeks and check if your hypothesis was right.

This is a great way to also develop conversational language with your children and have some fun with science.

Mrs Brettle

Learning and Support Teacher (LaST)

Pictured below is Andrew from class 1W, working on the eggsperiment.



LEGO CONSTRUCTION

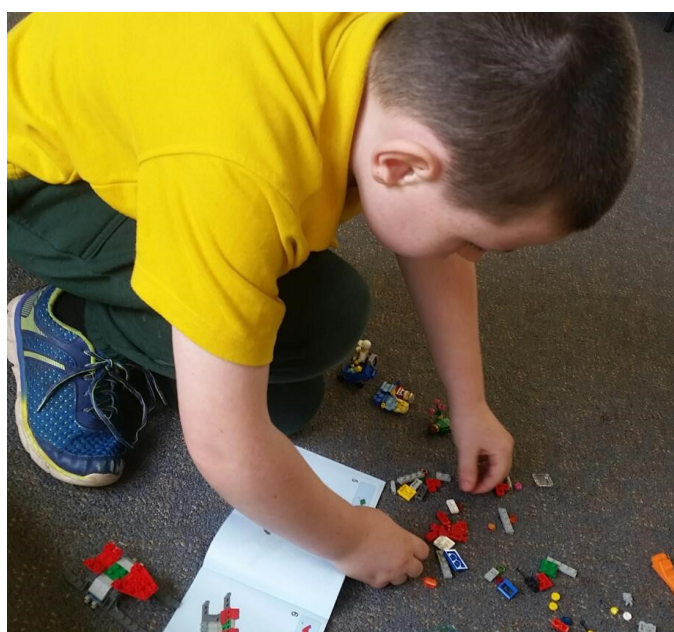
We have again been very fortunate to have staff from Communities of Children working with us. The students who have had the opportunity to join Lego Club have had an enjoyable and enriching experience. This week was our last time for Lego Club for this year, but we are hoping that we can work with Leanne and Jess again next year.

We may also be able to offer another program with their assistance next year. Keep your eyes peeled for it, we are excited!

Mrs Brettle

Learning and Support Teacher (LaST)

Pictured below are Emily and Lachlan following their written instructions to construct their lego.



AWARDS

Silver 9 November 2018

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|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| Jayda 2G | Lachlan 2G | Samuel 2G |
| Skyla 2/3L | Percy 2/3L | Clayton 2/3L |
| Jiy 1W | Kurtis 1W | Levi 1W |
| Cody KA | Cooper KA | Ella KA |
| Kayden KA | Peniel KA | Violet-Rose KA |
| Indianna 3/4T | Joshua 3/4S | |

Gold 12 November 2018

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| Candice 6M | Lauryn 3/4S | Bethany 3/4T |
| Lily 6M | Reuben 6M | Damon 6M |

P&C NEWS

Our next P&C Meeting is on Monday 26 November 2018, in the Old Hall at 3.15pm.

Please remember to return your raffle books and money for our Christmas raffle to the school canteen. Donations of non-perishable food items are still urgently required for our Christmas hampers and can also be left at the school canteen.

Thank you

P&C Committee

CANTEEN NEWS

Our healthy canteen is going well. Slushies and milk icy's are very popular in this warmer weather. More people are using flexischools to order their lunches. There is now a Flexischools App you can download to your phone to make ordering even easier.

Canteen Committee

THREE WAY INTERVIEWS

Three-way interviews are planned for Term 4 2018. Students will be involved in the interview process where they will update their parent/caregiver on their progress in writing. We would encourage all parents/

caregivers to attend these interviews. The interview is a good opportunity for teachers, students and parents/caregivers to share in each students' learning progress and achievements.

This interview process strengthens the important partnership between the school and home. It is requested that every effort be made for siblings not to be present at the interview to ensure that each child is able to fully celebrate their achievements. The duration of the interview will be 10 minutes, if you require more time or wish to discuss anything in greater detail please arrange another time with the teacher. The three-way interview notes were sent home on Tuesday, if you have not received a note please contact your child's teacher. Interviews will occur on the dates below. We look forward to seeing our parents and caregivers attending their child's three-way interview.

Mrs Alison Clifton

Instructional Leader

VISIT FROM WHIZZY THE WATERDROP

K-2 students had a visit from Whizzy the Waterdrop (*pictured below*) this week to discuss some great ideas on using water wisely in our everyday lives.

