# **CHATHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Monday 23 August BOOKWEEK COMMENCES** 

**Tuesday 24 August** KINDERGARTEN 2022 ORIENTATION

Monday 25 October STAGE 3 CAMP COMMENCES

#### **EDUCATION WEEK**

Education Week was celebrated virtually last week. This year's theme was 'Lifelong Learners' and celebrates education as a lifelong journey from before a child enters an early childhood setting, progressing to primary and secondary school and continuing their learning journey into adulthood.

Pictured below, right and on page 3 are some of our students and staff in our education setting.



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## WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES EACH MONDAY - 9.15am SCHOOL HALL





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#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### **KINDERGARTEN 2022**

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2022. Planning has commenced for the upcoming orientation and transition days which will be conducted by Mrs Wells and Mrs Berry.

#### **OLYMPIC READING CHALLENGE**

A Home Reading Log Booklet went home with students earlier this week for the 'Olympic Reading Challenge'.

The challenge involves reading at home each day, recording this in the Home Reading Log Booklet provided and returning this booklet to your child's class teacher by the due date for the chance to win some great prizes.

A Book Exchange Box will be under the main COLA for students to borrow and exchange books if required. All instructions are in the booklet.

#### A REMINDER TO FAMILIES

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test. Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received. Find your local testing clinics at this link for COVID-19 clinics.

#### Mr Matthew Royan School Principal

#### **CURRICULUM LEADER REPORT**

It has been a positive start to the term. In every classroom I have been to this week, students are highly motivated and engaged in their learning. Our reading Olympics has begun and it has been wonderful to see so many students exchanging their books each morning and borrowing something new and exciting to read. Remember, students

must read every night to be eligible to go into the draw.

A friendly reminder, students who are riding a bike or scooter need to remember to wear a helmet. This is for their own safety and protection.

#### Ms Long

#### Curriculum Leader / AP Stage 3

Pictured below are 5/6H students Madison, Lily and Skyla engaged in their learning.



# INTENSIVE SWIMMING SCHEME FULL PAYMENT NOW DUE

For those parents/carers of students in Years 2 and 3 participating in the Intensive Swimming Scheme, full payment is now overdue. If you have not made the full payment, please do so as soon as possible. The scheme commences on Monday 23 August, 2021.

A statement will be going home with those students as a reminder of the amount owing.

Thank you

#### **FACEBOOK LINK ON SCHOOL WEBSITE**

For those parents/carers who do not have a face-book account or are unable to access facebook, a link has been attached to the homepage of the school website. Any information that is posted on facebook can be viewed here, just scroll down a little on the homepage under 'Social Media'. While you are on our website, you can also access a lot of great information, all newsletters and see some great photos.

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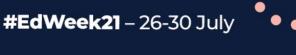














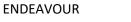








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#### HOME READING PROGRAM

Our school has recently purchased a lot of home readers to significantly upgrade our home reading library with many beautiful brand new books. The home reading library is for our K-3 students however all students may have access to the system.

Each K-3 class has their own set of colour-coded book tubs. Students are instructed by their teacher as to which tub to borrow from.

The purpose of home-reading is to practise reading skills and for FUN! Therefore, it is always important for children to be reading home-readers at home that are a few levels below their at school 'instructional' class reading level. A home reader should not be too challenging for students to read so that reading fluently can be practised. Our new colour-coded system allows for this and we are so happy that students have started to borrow the new books.

Ideally all students should be reading at home daily for at least 5-10 minutes a day and changing their home-reader about 3 times per week. It is ok for students to read the same home reader a couple of nights in a row and the benefits for developing reading skills can not be understated! I would like to thank our Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO), 'Miss Jen' in particular for all of her help with setting up the new system. Also, thank you to the team of supporting staff that helped; label, stamp, sort and organise the many, many books in the home reading library: Miss Burgess, Sarah, Suzie, Maddie, Chloe, Jackson, Larissa, Fiona and Sally... It would have taken one person months to complete the tasks and our big team effort has allowed us to get the new books out to students much sooner.

Happy Home Reading,

#### **Mrs Annand**

#### **Learning and Support Teacher**

Pictured below is Mrs Annand with Adam, Hailie-May and Maytlyn from class 2C with their home reading books.



#### **OLYMPIC READING CHALLENGE**

The Olympic Reading
Challenge has commenced! Students were
given the Reading Log
Booklet earlier this week.



This booklet also has detailed instructions on the challenge.

Happy reading to all of our students!

Pictured below are Phoenix, Aydan and Allira

looking at the great books in the Book Exchange
tub.



#### TAREE CONNECTED BEGINNINGS

Playgroups have started again for the Term. Come and join us, please call 65521233 for more information.

Here are some tips from Emergingminds.com.au Play is a vital part of child development and wellbeing. Like leisure activities and hobbies for adults, play is a way for children to relax and cope with stress. It gives them the opportunity to be creative and test out their problem-solving skills. It also gives them a sense of accomplishment and confidence in their own abilities.

Play can also help your own mental health. It's a chance to take a break from worries and focus on something that is fun and nurturing for you both. It offers a chance to step into your child's world and share the wonders of their creativity and imagination. Playing together strengthens the parent-child relationship, which helps build children's resilience and lays the foundation for mental health throughout their lifetime. The following five tips can help you use play to support your child's development. Over the next five newsletters there will be more information to help you.

- Make play part of your routine
- Create a safe space
- Follow your child's lead
- Share a story together
- Be kind to yourself

#### THANK YOU EZZY FAMILY

Chatham Public School recently had a kind donation from Mrs Margaret Ezzy. Mrs Ezzy is the wife of the late Mr Robert (Bob) Ezzy who was a teacher at Chatham Public School pre 1980's.

Mrs Ezzy has very kindly donated a beautiful painting (pictured right) of Chatham Public School. It is displayed in the foyer of the school office.

Thank you to Mrs Ezzy for your very thoughtful donation.

#### **ZONE ATHLETICS AT TUNCURRY**

Last Friday, 20 students from Chatham Public School travelled to Tuncurry to participate in the PSSA Zone Athletics.

All students put in a big effort in their events and encouraged each other along the way.

Pictured below are Dominic and Joey in their race and some of the students who attended.







#### **AWARDS**

#### **WEEKLY PBL & ATTENDANCE**

WEEK 2 PBL: Cooper KW, Shelby 2P, Caleb 4/5M, Olivia 3/4M and Charlie 5/6H.





WEEK 2 ATTENDANCE: Lillia KW, Hollie 2C, Isabella 3/4B, Shakanya 4/5M and Madison 5/6H.





WEEK 3 TERM 3 PBL: Alexis KW, Aria 2C, Charlee 3/4M, Jiy 4/5M and Taleigha 5/6G.





WEEK 3 TERM 3 ATTENDANCE: Imogen KW, Ebany 2P, O'Shay 3/4B and Latifa 5/6G.



#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

#### KINDERGARTEN TALK SCIENCE

Kindergarten have just completed a Science Unit on 'Living Things'.

Pictured below is Miss Sarah with Kamarli and Makaila from KW preparing to plant some bean seeds.



#### **MULTIPLICATIVE THINKING**

Pictured below are 3/4M students Noah, Kyan, Molly, Olivia, Charlee and Kurtis completing some multiplication challenges.





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# DO YOU KNOW OR DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING KINDERGARTEN IN 2022?

#### TERM 3 - ORIENTATION DAY

Tuesday 24 August, 2021 - 9.30am to 10.30am

#### TERM 4 - TRANSITION VISITS

Tuesday 2 November, 2021 - 9.30am to 1.00pm Tuesday 9 November, 2021 - 9.30am to 1.00pm

These visits are a time for the children to experience 'a day at big school'.

They will need to bring a hat, fruit, a snack and some packed lunch.

To complete an enrolment form prior to our Kindergarten transition program, please contact our office on 6551 1081 or

email: <u>chatham-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u>



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### HEALTHY WINTER WARMERS

Here's a few ideas for healthy meals that are cheap, delicious, full of everyday foods and will keep you warm in winter!

- Soups try pumpkin, vegetable, lentil, tomato or minestrone
- Toasted sandwiches fill them with your favourite everyday fillings like baked beans & cheese or ham, cheese and tomato.
- Mini Pizzas make them with English muffins or wholegrain wraps
- Slow cooker casseroles pack them full of vegetables like potato, carrot, celery or pumpkin





HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/

#### SCHOOL UNIFORMS ON SALE AT LOWES



For today and tomorrow, Thursday 5 August and Friday 6 August, 2021, Lowes have 20% off school uniforms. Conditions apply. See in-store for details.

#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

- Taree Torpedoes Rapids an action packed fun, fast and furious gala day. Sunday 8/8/21. To register www.swimleague.com.au/register
- Tuning into Teens A six week program on Wednesdays from 6 October to 10 November, 2021. Children aged 10-18 years. Aims to teach participants how they can help their teenagers develop good emotional skills. Contact Michelle at MSS on 6551 1818.

#### SCHOOL DRINK BOTTLES

Chatham Public School now has drink bottles for sale from the school office.

They are \$10 each and as you can see from the picture below there is a place for parents/carers to put their child's name.

We will also have some in our PBL/
Attendance prize bin for those students who have the opportunity to pick a prize after being drawn out for 100% attendance or displaying our school core values.



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