

# CHATHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## IMPORTANT DATE

FRIDAY	22	JUNE	K-2 NOVELTY DAY
WED	27	JUNE	KINDERGARTEN PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
THURSDAY	28	JUNE	ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (STUDENTS TURNING 8 IN 2018 & OLDER)
MONDAY	2	JULY	P&C MEETING 3.30PM IN THE OLD HALL
THURSDAY	5	JULY	SCHOOL DISCO
FRIDAY	6	JULY	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
TUESDAY	24	JULY	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
THURSDAY	9	AUGUST	EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS
WED	7	NOV	STAGE 3 EXCURSION COMMENCES

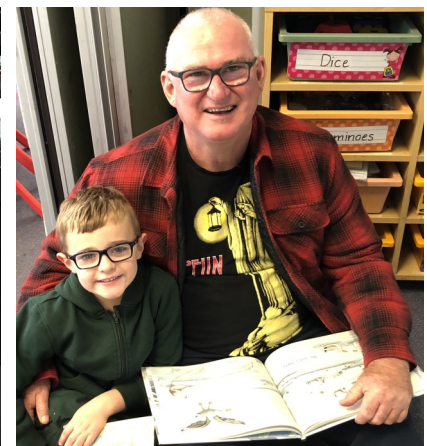
**SCHOOL CANTEEN IS OPEN EACH WEEK ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS**

## READING TOGETHER

Last Thursday morning Chatham Public School parents and caregivers were presented with an insight of the diverse activities students are offered to participate in, during their school week – all in the name of Reading Together. Activities chosen to be represented included ACMF drumming and singing, and K-2 choir and reading strategies that support students with their reading. A huge thank you to Mrs Coote, Matt Zarb, Miss Tyrie and Mrs Annand who prepared each item for parents and caregivers to view. Parents and caregivers then moved into their children's classrooms (pictured right) for a time of Reading Together finishing with a picnic lunch—thank you Mrs East.

We look forward to seeing our families participating in the next Reading Together event. Turn to page 3 for important information about how reading can make a difference for you and your child.

Mrs Clifton  
Instructional Leader



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### POPULAR GAME

Fortnite has been a popular game among students lately. Advice from the Office of the e-Safety commissioner can be found below.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking/fortnite>

### SOCIAL MEDIA READINESS

Social media use has been a consistent concern over recent years.

The school has implemented digital citizenship courses for students, ran parent courses and invited the Police Youth Liaison Officer to speak with students.

Parents and Caregivers are requested to familiarise themselves with the information contained in the link and to have a conversation with their children. Courtesy calls will be made to parents if teachers become aware that a student has a social media account.

Thank you to our school community for their support.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/social-networking/social-media-readiness>

### GOOD NEWS PHONE CALLS

It is that time of year again when the weather is cold, the days are short and your time as parents is limited.

It is also the time of year when we kick off our Good News Phone Calls, we know our parents are busy but we need to get the good news to you.

Our teachers are busy writing reports and they have lots of good news to share.

There has been discussions around excellent work in literacy, numeracy, science, history, art, debating, public speaking, sport, music, the staff room is awash with stories of student success.

The challenge we have set ourselves is to make contact with all of our parents by week 5, term 3 to share all of the wonderful things your children have been doing at school.

If you receive a call from the school, don't be alarmed. It is just your child's class teacher sharing some good news.

### SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports are well underway. Reports will be sent home on Wednesday 4 July 2018.

Parents/Caregivers who wish to request an interview with their child's class teacher can do so by returning the request slip that will come home with the report.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place from Tuesday 24 July to Friday 3 August 2018.

### AWARDS

8 June 2018

Scott 3/4T	Chloe 3/4T	Amitee 1B
Ayesha 1B	Cameron 1B	Kurtis 1W
Anthony 3/4S	Montana 5/6B	Crystal 6M
Lara 6M	Nathan 6M	Wes 6M
Tanisha 6M	Candice 6M	Eli 6M
Lily 6M		

### LIBRARY NEWS

Pictured below are Ryan, Zane and Mikey enjoying the challenge of chess in their recess break.



Skoolbag   
Smartphone school to parent communication

## READING TOGETHER

Why is reading so important?

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance.

In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading they also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and have greater success in Numeracy.

What difference can you make as a parent?

You can make a huge difference! Parents are the most important educators in a child's life and it's never too early to start reading together. Even before they're born, babies learn to recognise their parents' voices. Reading to your baby from birth, even for just a few minutes a day, gives them the comfort of hearing your voice and increases their exposure to language.

- reading aloud to your child, talking about the words and pictures, and sharing ideas about the book;
- reading yourself – children who see adults reading, and enjoying it, are much more likely to want to read themselves;
- surrounding your child with books – you don't need hundreds of books at home, but go to the library or bookshop regularly to borrow books, spend time together, browse and make choices. In this way, reading becomes a habit.

"Reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success later in life, outside of an education. Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones who are most likely to fulfil their ambitions. If your child reads, they will succeed – it's that simple."

Bali Rai

Mrs Clifton  
Instructional Leader

Pictured right shows staff, students and their families enjoying the activities of "Reading Together".



## PIRATE DAY

Our SRC Pirate Day fundraiser to raise money for Childhood Brain Cancer was a great success. We raised \$228.40. Thank you to all students who dressed up and families who supported our chosen charity. Students participated in a variety of Pirate themed activities. A fun day was had by all.

Mrs East

Pirate Day Coordinator

Pictured below are students enjoying Pirate Day taking pride in their effort in dressing up and taking part in the fun activities.



## STAGE TWO NEWS

We have incorporated a sharing circle every morning and afternoon into our classroom routines. Students have been learning to listen to others and to contribute to discussions that have centred on having an opinion, how they are feeling and why. We have noticed an improvement in confidence in many students and look forward to continuing this practice for the rest of the year. Our homework science project is due in week 9 and 10. Classes have been accessing the library for extra research time and cardboard is being ordered for those who need it. If you have any questions about the project please speak to your child's teacher.

Mrs East

Stage 2 Assistant Principal

## THE VOLLEYBALL CRAZE

Pictured below are student in Stage 2 (top) and Stage 1(bottom) having a great time with the volleyball equipment that you will see around our school.



## SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

K-2	Friday 22 June 2018	10.40am
Class 1W performing		

3-6	Friday 22 June 2018	9.10am
Class 5M presenting & performing		

### 5/6B QUALITY LITERATURE STUDY

Class 5/6B are reading 'Rowan of Rin' by Emily Rodda. We have been using information gained from the novel to construct a map of the journey that the characters make in the story.

Pictured below are Brea, Summer, Brishaye, Zane and Rhianna constructing their map.

Mrs Blick

5/6B Class Teacher



### STAGE ONE NEWS

#### HOME READING

We would like to remind all parents/caregivers about the importance of home reading. Please make home reading a part of your daily routine at home. You will assist your child in building an important life skill and spend precious one on one time with your child.

### NOVELTY DAY

Our novelty day is on tomorrow and will commence at 12.30pm and conclude at 1.15pm. Students can wear their house colours. Please see your child's class teacher if you are unsure of your child's sporting house and colour. Students are asked to bring their normal school items for the day and sunscreen. Parents, caregivers and families are most welcome to attend.

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Kindergarten interviews will occur next Wednesday. Parents/Caregivers are reminded to present at the office at their allocated time.

### READING TOGETHER

Thank you to all of the parents/caregivers and visitors that supported our students last week at our Reading Together Event. The students were very excited to have so many special guests in their classrooms.

### ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly (tomorrow) will be hosted by 1W. They will be performing a wonderful song for everyone. Our assemblies will now start at 10:40am.

### BILLABONG EXCURSION

K-2 set off on their excursion this morning to Billabong Koala Park. They were all very excited. We will share more photos in week 10's newsletter. Pictured below are Vienna, Elim, Chase and Clayton very excited on the bus.



Mrs Grieve & Ms Long  
Assistant Principals ES1 & S1

## COMMUNITY NEWS

- Jeff Summers July School Holidays Football Clinic. At Omaru Park. Mon, Tues, Wed of second week of school holidays. Sausage Sizzle each day. Ph 0402 211 738 for more information.
- MSS Program -Taking Responsibility – An 18 week program coming soon for men. Gives opportunity for men to discover and understand their thoughts, feelings and behaviours that either support or break down intimate relationships. At Parkside Room, Fotheringham Park, Taree. Supper is provided. To register or for more info phone 6551 1800.
- Kids Disco - At the Railway Institute Bowling Club - Sat 7 July 2018. 12.30pm start. \$5 entry.

## P&C NEWS

### UNIFORMS

We have plenty of warm pants and jackets available for sale. We also have gabardine long pants in bottle green in various sizes on special for only \$5, while stocks last. School hats are still available for \$5 but only until the end of this term, so don't miss out!

### NEXT MEETING

Our next P&C meeting will be Monday 2 July 2018 at 3.30pm in the Old Hall.

### P&C Committee

## CANTEEN NEWS

Now the cooler months are upon us, we have warm milo's for just \$1. They can be purchased before school. There is also plenty of hot food available to order for both lunch and recess. For example spaghetti bolognese, lasagne, pies, chicken burgers etc.

### Canteen Committee

## LABELLING OF CLOTHING

We urge all parents/caregivers to please label all of their children's clothing. As we move into the cooler months, many jumpers have already been handed to lost property without a name. If students

clothing is labelled, this then allows the school to return the lost items to their rightful owner.

## INFANTS PERFORM AT CHOIR

On Wednesday 13 June 2018 our Infants Choir competed in the Taree and District Eisteddfod. They represented our school with pride and tried their hardest. We did not win but each child received a "Highly Commended" ribbon.

Mrs Coote

Choir Coordinator

Pictured below are the Infants Choir while performing at our school's Reading Together Assembly.



## REMINDER TO PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

A reminder to all parents, caregivers and families that students are not to arrive to school before 8.40am. There is no teacher supervision before this time.

Additionally parents, caregivers and families are not permitted on school grounds to wait for their child before 2.50pm. The conclusion of the school day is 3.05pm. If parents/caregivers need to be on school grounds prior to this time, you are required to sign in at the office on arrival and sign out when you leave. If you need to use the toilet facilities whilst at school, please go to the office to do so. Parents, caregivers and family cannot use the student toilets.

We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation.



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