Good afternoon,
Another term finished and as usual a busy one with sports trials and PSSA games, disco, Easter Hat day, merit selection processes, Cross Country and many staff professional learning activities.

I expect students will be looking forward to the holiday. A reminder to you to exercise care in everything you do. Never swim or go near water without an adult, wear your bike helmet, fasten your seat belt, cross the road at pedestrian crossings and always be aware of who you speak to or go with when not with mum or dad.

During the break we expect the extension to the COLA to be completed, this will give us almost total protection from the elements in this area.

Unfortunately this term our numbers were just short of retaining our 13th class. Numbers have fluctuated over the last five years and this year we didn’t get as many kinder students as previously. This is in line with most schools in the area. This meant we had to disband one class which, when using the class size calculator, was Mrs Annand’s class. This is fortunate in one way as Mrs Annand will be on maternity leave for the rest of the year, however it means we have had to place those students in other classes. I tried every avenue to resist this directive but eventually I had no choice but to do as directed by the Director of Staffing. This change comes into effect at the commencement of next term.

Next term teachers will have two Staff Development Days, Monday and Tuesday (29,30 April). The second day is a dedicated day to explore the new English Curriculum which will be implemented at the commencement of 2014.

All students will return to school on Wednesday 1st May.

On a personal note, I have no exit date planned for my career and I fully expect that I will be leading the school into the 2014 school year. I wish to thank my staff and the many parents and community members who continue to support me.

Have a safe and happy holiday break.

Mr Marshall Callow
School Principal

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**NEWSPAPER**

**LAST DAY OF THIS TERM**
Friday 12th April (TOMORROW)

**FIRST DAY OF NEXT TERM**
FOR STUDENTS
Wednesday 1st May
SPORTS REPORT

Cross Country

Last Friday, Chatham Public School had 32 students representing at the Zone Cross Country in Wingham. All students ran a fantastic race even though it was a muddy track. Three of our students qualified to represent our school at the Regional Cross Country on 10 May, 2013, in Broadmeadow, Newcastle. They were Ethan Martin, Jade Fowles and Charli Muir (pictured above). Congratulations to these students and Good luck in Newcastle.

Soccer

The Schools FFA 5-a-side Soccer Gala Day was held yesterday. We had three teams participating which were a girl’s, boy’s and mixed team from Stage 2. Both the girl’s and boy’s teams had a great day with Jade Thomas, Chloe Campbell, Ethan Martin and Max Sheldon winning the shoot-outs. There was a Sportsmanship Award given to a student playing on the day from any of the schools and that was awarded to Selwyn Tan. Thanks to Jade, Larry, Jordan, Charli, Evan and William for refereeing. Tryouts for the Senior Girl’s and Senior Boy’s soccer teams started this week with a lot of interest from students.

Winter Trials

The Zone Winter Trials will be held tomorrow in Newcastle. Good Luck to Jade Dargan (netball), Jordan Moscatt, Kalani Cross and Zac Sheldon (hockey) and Jade Fowles, Kaleb Corbett and Kurt Fowles (soccer). We hope you have a great day.

Cricket

We have our boys cricket team playing in the PSSA Cricket Knockout tomorrow against Wingham Public School. Good Luck to these boys too.

Miss Anderson - Sports Coordinator

Rugby League/League Tag

The Years 3/4, 5/6 Non Competitive and Girls League Tag teams played at the Rec.Ground on Wednesday 3rd May in a competition arranged by the Country Rugby League. This is a competition where students who do not normally play rugby league in a Saturday competition or league tag get the chance to learn footy skills in a fun environment. They had been training hard in their own time and I am pleased with the improvement that the students have shown. Next term we move onto the PSSA Knockout with our first game being against either Taree West or Wingham. We will also be taking part in the Group 3 Gala Day. I will advise when these games are to be played as soon as information comes to hand.

Mr McCleary

Assistant Principal

STAGE 3 REPORT

School Camp

The Stage 3 excursion is on Monday 11th November to Wednesday 13th November (Term 4 Week 6). With all the deposits we have taken, spots are just about full. If any parents/caregivers are still interested in their child attending camp, please contact the school’s office as soon as possible to discuss as positions are filling fast. A new payment plan has been sent home with this newsletter for all students who have already paid their deposit.

Mrs Gray - Stage 3 Coordinator/Assistant Principal
STAGE 2 REPORT
Stage 2 have been working hard finishing off our Theme unit about the First Fleet and preparing speeches and projects. We are all looking forward to a well-earned two week break. The teachers hope that the student’s good attitude and manners will continue for the rest of the year.

There have been a lot of children participating in sport activities from this stage, with some children going on to the next levels, congratulations. We have also been working hard on our Eisteddfod items for next term.

We have had a great term. Well done everyone.

Ms Hardy - Class Teacher

STAGE 1 REPORT
On 28th March, 2013, classes KP and KW walked to Bushland Place Hostel to sing Easter songs to the residents. The students were all beautifully behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done Kindergarten!

Mrs Wells - Class Teacher/Stage Coordinator

EASTER SOCIAL/DISCO
It was very pleasing to see the large number of students, relatives and friends who attended our disco on Thursday, 28th March. I have been teaching all classes the different dances during PE lessons and it was great to see so many students joining in and having fun (not to mention parents and staff!). Thanks to everyone who attended and especially staff who gave up their time to help.

Mr McCleary - Assistant Principal

STAGE 3 REPORT
Stage 3 students had the pleasure of listening to extraordinary stories from 3 people who have suffered brain injury due to an accident (pictured below). It was a time for students to sit back and listen to how your life can change so quickly and a chance for students to listen to it through someone else’s life experiences. The message was clear about how to prevent many injuries and it could be as simple as wearing a helmet, putting on a seat belt, wearing headgear when playing football and using protective gear when on motorbikes.

Mrs Gray - Stage 3 Coordinator/Assistant Principal

BRAIN INJURY UNIT

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Not only is walking a wonderful way to get to where you want to be, but it also gets your health and your child’s health on the right track too. Once again our school will be participating in National Walk Safely to School Day. At this point in time, we are looking at holding this on Friday, 10th May (Week 2 Term 2). I will send out more information early next term.

Mr McCleary - Assistant Principal

QUICKSMART/MULTILIT
Our fourth group of Quicksmart Maths students have just finished the programme. All 25 students showed great improvement in their results. All students are pictured below (absent Sammy -Jo Gill). Also pictured is Mitchell Sheldon and Leilani Bussey who have completed the Mulilit Program, Ryan Dening also finished but is absent from the photo.

Mrs McKenna
We urge all parents/caregivers to please label all of their children’s clothing. As we come into the cooler months, many jumpers have already been handed in to lost property without a name. Please take the opportunity over these school holidays to ensure your child’s clothing is clearly labelled to assist school staff in returning lost property to the rightful owner.

STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House Donation Drive 2013 is asking for your donation to support the 1800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and ACT. Donation envelopes are available from our school office for those interested.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

It's Back!!

Woolworth’s Earn and Learn Sticker promotion is on again. Collect 1 sticker for every $10 you spend on grocery items and stick them to a sticker chart, which is available from Woolworths. You can either put your stickers in the box outside of Woolworths at the City Centre or bring them into school and place them in the box outside 3H and 3/4F’s classrooms.

Miss Faith - “Earn & Learn” Coordinator

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BREKKY CLUB

Thanks to Andy’s Cake Kitchen for their donation of bread to our Breakfast Club each Tuesday and Thursday.

ANDY’S CAKE KITCHEN

P&G NEWS

OUR NEXT P&G MEETING

MONDAY 27th May 2013

7pm

IN THE VC ROOM (OLD HALL)

Kristy Hay  P&C President

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Thursday 9th May, 2013

Gifts available for purchase for $3

All purchases are to be pre-ordered

by tomorrow (Friday 12th April)

Order Form/Note went home last week

SCHOOL SPORT SHIRT SURVEY

We would appreciate if parents/caregivers could please complete the School Sport Shirt Survey and return it to the school’s office by tomorrow if you haven’t already done so.

All completed surveys go into the draw for the chance to win a $35 voucher at our School’s Uniform Shop.

Thank you

LIBRARY NEWS

National Reading Month is May and we will be having a Book Fair to celebrate. More information will be available next term.

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