IMPORTANT DATES

Today      10 Dec      K-2 Concert 12pm
                  P&C Christmas raffle drawn
Fri        11 Dec      Reports go home
Mon        14 Dec      ACMF Performance
                  Christmas Disco
Wed        16 Dec      Last day of school
                  for students for 2015
Thurs      28 Jan      First day for students for 2016

CHRISTMAS DISCO
On Monday 14 December, 2015, we will holding a
Christmas Disco. Students from K-2 will “dance their
hearts out” from 1.30pm to 2pm and students from
years 3-6 will be from 2pm to 2.45pm.
All students are encouraged to wear a Christmas shirt
for the day.
The canteen will be open with drinks, slushies, lollies
and cakes.

K-2 CONCERT
Today we had our K-2 concert in the hall and their
performances were fantastic!
Classes KRed and KBlue sang “Lion Sleeps Tonight”
and “Wheels on the bus”.
K/Yellow danced to “Afro Circus” and then joined
with class 1/2F to sing “Catch a falling star”. 1/2F also
sang another song “Sailor went to sea sea sea”.
The next routine was from class 2G where they
danced to “Straya” and the boys then performed an
Indigenous dance. 2C did a great job in dancing to
“I’ve been everywhere”.
The finale was all students from K-2 singing
“Celebrations”.
Kinder were then presented with their graduation cer-
tificates and our P&C Christmas raffle was drawn.
Thank you to all students, staff and everyone involved
in making this concert such a success.
See over page for photos of the dress rehearsal.

We would like to wish our students and
their families a very Merry Christmas and
safe, enjoyable holidays.

A reminder that:
The last day for students for 2015 is
WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER, 2015.
The first day for 2016 for students is
THURSDAY 28 JANUARY, 2016.
Many new learning ideas, involving our community and our parents and carers, will be offered in 2016. We, as a staff of committed caring people, look forward to you, our families, taking on these new ideas, working together with our children in our excellent learning space of Chatham Public School where we strive to excel. Thank you for the opportunity to work in a wonderful learning space. I look forward to continuing this in 2016.

Alison Clifton - Instructional Leader (Early Action for Success – a NSW Department of Education initiative).

STATIONERY FOR 2016
A note is coming home with this newsletter regarding stationery requirements for 2016. We encourage all students to please bring those items for next year. We do ask that they are not toy or novelty items; just standard equipment.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.
Thank you

STAFF CHANGES
We would like to wish teachers Mr Paul Carpenter and Miss Courtley Mancell (pictured below in class KRed) all the best for their futures. Unfortunately they will not be returning to begin 2016 at Chatham Public School. Mr Steve Farr will also be officially retiring at the end of this year. Mr Farr has been an SLSO and cleaner at our school for about 18 years. We hope Mr Farr thoroughly enjoys his well deserved retirement.

We also farewell Mick Eyb who is our instructor for the music program ACMF.
Thank you to Mr Farr, Mr Carpenter, Miss Mancell and Mick Eyb for their time and effort for our school and we wish you all the best for the future.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER REPORT FOR 2015
As we come to end of a busy year my reflections for our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students in their learning, are growth, growth and more growth. The students and their classroom teachers have worked exceptionally hard throughout the year, particularly in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy.

They have been admirably supported by each other, their friends, the school learning support officers and external trainers who have guided them and nurtured them in reading, writing, spelling, counting and many classroom-based activities.

Without this valued support our students, your children, would be finding many learning areas very challenging and would not be demonstrating and experiencing such success.
STUDENTS EXCITED FOR CHICKENS
As reported, Chatham Public School is getting chickens!! Students are very excited and it has been a discussion point in some classrooms as you can see from the letter below addressed to Mrs Clifton from class 2G.

Dear Mrs Clifton,
We have written you this letter to discuss the chicken situation at our school. In the last newsletter Mr Royan asked some questions about chickens and we would like to provide some answers for you. Firstly, chickens will need food and water. Chickens can eat scratch mix, you can buy this at the supermarket, Pet Barn or Elders. We can also give the chickens’ food scraps from our lunchbox and canteen. Secondly, the chickens will need a chicken coop to keep them safe. The chicken coop will need somewhere for the chickens to lay their eggs and a shelter for them to get out of the bad weather. Lastly, as for the question of will the chickens listen quietly during assembly. We believe when they first arrive they might be a little noisy but then like all wonderful Chatham Public School children they will learn to be quiet and listen during assembly.
We are very excited and hope the chickens will come next year to our school.
Yours sincerely,
2G
Pictured below are 2G students Bruce Felton and Lily Scerri in the chicken coop.

DENTAL VAN VISIT
The Mobile Dental Care Clinic was to be visiting our school this month. Unfortunately the clinic will not be visiting until early in the new year. We apologise for the changes that have occurred. This is a busy service that is provided for our students and circumstances arise that are out of our control. All permission notes that have already been returned to the school can be used for the service that is provided when they visit our school next year.
Thank you
Mrs Brettle - Coordinator

CANTEEN NEWS
ROSTER
Mon 14 Dec   F. Van Vegchel, K. Bell
Tues 15 Dec  D. Walsh, D. Shaw, R. Muir
Wed 16 Dec  F. Van Vegchel, N. Barber
P&C News
The P&C Christmas raffle was drawn at the conclusion of our K-2 Concert today. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, we appreciate your support.

CHATHAM NEWSAGENCY
CALL IN TO
OUR LOCAL CHATHAM NEWSAGENCY
FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS AND
GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS!

GREAT DAY OF LEAGUE TAG
On Wednesday the 25th of November we had 4 rugby league teams and 1 league tag team compete in the Buderus 7’s fun day. The day was all about having fun and good sportsmanship. All the boys and girls that represented our school displayed wonderful skill on the field and great support and behaviour off the field. Well done to all the students! A special thank you to Ms Larissa, Mr Carpenter and Mr Single for helping on the day and all the parents who came to support the teams!
Pictured below are Eli Heard and Jason Ross.
FAREWELL FUN

Last week we formally farewelled our Year 6 students at a graduation assembly, where they received certificates acknowledging their fine achievement of making it through Primary. Later in the afternoon they returned to school looking glamorous and handsome ready to celebrate this milestone. After an impressive photo shoot they went across to the Leagues Sports Club and enjoyed a game of barefoot bowls before sitting down to a formal dinner. It was a fun night for all students and teachers who attended. Thank you to the parents who helped decorate the dining room, you did an amazing job. Also, thank you to all Year 6 parents and carers for your time spent finding outfits and doing hair and makeup for the big event.

Mr Muller - Assistant Principal

Pictured are all students from Year 6 enjoying their time at the Farewell which was held last Tuesday.