IMPORTANT DATES
Mon 15 Feb Swimming Carnival
Tues 16 Feb Meet the Staff BBQ

WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to our wonderful Chatham Public School learning community. Classes were formed upon return to school and students and teachers have settled back into teaching and learning nicely. We look forward to another great year of teaching and learning.

Kindergarten - Miss Welch
Kindergarten - Mrs Wells / Mrs Wykes
Year 1 - Mrs Ross
Year 1 - Miss Faith
Year 2 - Mr Murray
Year 2/3 - Mrs Grieve
Year 3 - Miss Anderson
Year 4 - Miss Morris
Year 4/5 - Mrs Coote
Year 5/6 - Ms Jensen
Assistant Principals
K-2 - Mrs Julie Grieve
3-4 - Mrs Narelle Drake
5-6 - Mr Matthew Muller
Instructional Leader K-2
Mrs Alison Clifton

WELCOME TO OUR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
What a fantastic group of students! Chatham Public School welcomed two classes of Kindergarten students to school on Monday 1 February. We look forward to sharing the educational journey with our Kindergarten students and their families.

Pictured right are Ruby Grant and Ryder Rayneau from the Kindergarten classroom enjoying some reading time.

PBL MASCOT VOTING
The Blue Tongue was the successful mascot, and the name that was voted is “Buddy”.

Buddy the Blue Tongue is pictured above.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our swimming carnival for students 8 years and over will take place on Monday 15 February. Miss Anderson will send details home in the near future.

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ
Our Chatham Public School Meet the Teacher BBQ will take place on Tuesday 16 February from 1.30pm. Thank you to Mrs Julie Grieve and Mrs Kristy Hay for coordinating the activity.

P&C MEETING
Our first P&C Meeting for the year and our AGM will take place on Monday 22 February from 7.00pm in the old hall. New members are always welcome!

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Canteen volunteers are sought for the 2016 school year. If you are able to assist please contact Anna or Di at the school canteen or by phoning 65523024.

COMMUNICATION
As discussed in our term 4 P&C meeting last year Chatham Public School is trialling a facebook page during term 1 2016. We will be seeking feedback from parents in regards to the way we communicate with our families. Chatham Public School currently has a fortnightly newsletter, SkoolBag app, and a facebook page. Our facebook page will be a discussion point at our upcoming P&C meeting.

If you haven’t already liked our page please do so and share it with your friends, feedback from our learning community so far has been positive. Our page can be found at https://www.facebook.com/ChathamPS/?ref=hl
THANK YOU
As a school staff we feel very fortunate to work within such a great community. We look forward to talking with you all personally at our Meet the Teacher BBQ.

Regards

Mr Matthew Royan
School Principal

K-6 HOME READING
All students in our school this week eagerly took home their home readers. Evidence has shown that students who engage in home reading, go on to become enthusiastic readers who understand the importance of learning in all environments.

Parents and carers are encouraged to support their children in the home reading program by creating regular opportunities to listen to your child or children read. Records of nights read are to be kept in the child's log book. When students reach goals, that are clearly marked with stars, their class teacher will reward them. Rewards include bookmarks, erasers, pencils, rulers, icy poles and books depending on the goal reached. This is outlined in their logbook. Thank you for supporting our students in this wonderful learning experience.

Mrs Julie Grieve - Assistant Principal

EARLY STAGE 1 AND STAGE 1
Welcome to Kinder 2016 and our new students in Years 1 and 2.

Programs have already started in K-2 and I have been amazed at our students commitment to their learning. More information around specific class information, will be sent home tomorrow.

Kinder has made an impressive start to 'Big School' settling in quickly and eagerly discovering new things each day. They are roaming in their literacy groups and have started to learn to read.

2/3G are very excited to be the first Chatham Chicken caretakers, 2M have presented the first infants assembly for the year and Year 1 are reading 'Eric Carle' Books. They are very enthusiastic about these wonderful stories and engaging illustrations. So as you can imagine all students are already very busy learning. It is exciting to imagine how much your child will develop this year.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please contact the office to make an appointment with your child’s teacher or myself.

Mrs Grieve - Stage Supervisor

SCRIPTURE
If your child is a “no” to attend scripture, could you please send a note with your child to your class teacher to let them know.

Thank you
Mrs Scrivener - Scripture Coordinator

CAPTAINS & PREFECTS 2016
Our school captains and prefects for this year are: (pictured below) Back row (L to R) Chloe Muir (captain), Jasmyn Sawyer (prefect), Jak McCartney (prefect) Front row (L to R) Skye Kvist (vice captain), Levi Doran (captain) Kyrus Scott (prefect), Briny Bullock (prefect) and Lee Single (vice captain).

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2016
House Captains for this year are (pictured below - L to R): Bilinga - Riley Garland & Crystal Ingham Nuruna - Jacobi Shaw & Abbey Kozlowski Perala - Liam Moran & Lataya Ridgeway Alinga - Jake Smith Minett & Sophie Wisely
CRUNCH & SIP
All classes will have “Crunch & Sip” as part of each day. A note will go home to all families with this newsletter with lots of handy tips to assist families.

Miss Welch - Coordinator

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER
Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have started their new school year with great anticipation. The students and their teachers are looking forward to enriching learning and teaching times with many new and interesting activities. All classrooms have begun to put in place learning routines which promote engaging and fun activities.

As an Instructional Leader within our school I take great pride in watching our teachers prepare and plan as they continue to provide our students with quality learning opportunities.

Parent / Carer Information Sessions ...
This year it is hoped that we will be able to provide for our school community opportunities to be involved in information sessions in the area of literacy, numeracy and nutrition.

PaTCH ...
The Parents as Teachers and Classroom Helpers (PaTCH) program will be offered this term. We are hoping to start sessions in March. An information session will be held for all parents and carers who are interested in finding out just what the program is all about on Wednesday 2nd March (morning) at 9:30am in the Old Hall.

Reading ...
Across all years, K to 6, a strong focus on home reading has been put in place. You will have noticed that your child has been bringing home a 'Home Reading Log' booklet. In this booklet all students are encouraged to record the home reading they do each night. This program has a rewards system in place which is outlined in the log. I encourage you to take time to read with your child or find a few minutes to listen to them read. Research has shown that Students who regularly read (look at our Facebook page for this information) manage their learning more confidently.

Alison Clifton - Instructional Leader

BOOK CLUB
Welcome to another year of Book Club. There have been some changes to Book Club this year with the major one being only a single brochure with titles suitable for K-6 students. The first issue for the year has been sent home this week and orders can be placed online or sent to the Library by February 25th. Remember all purchases made through Book Club help us to earn free books and resources for our school.

GOING ON A HOLIDAY???
If you are planning a family holiday within the school term, it is a Department of Education requirement to obtain a Certificate of Leave from the Principal. An application form is available at the office. Please ensure you apply for a certificate prior to your trip.

CHATHAM NEWSAGENCY
Visit Chatham Newsagency, in Chatham Avenue, for an extensive range of Darrell Lea chocolate. With Easter fast approaching, they will also be able to assist you with all of your Easter needs.

MEDIA PERMISSION & LOCAL EXCURSION NOTES
Next week, media permission and local excursion notes will go home with ALL students. Please complete and return to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you

Pictured right are Aaliyah and Oliver from Class 1F showing their Home Reading Log Books.
MICROSOFT OFFICE DOWNLOADS
As part of the DEC’s enterprise agreement with Microsoft, students can download the full suite of Microsoft Office applications for use on their home devices.
Students are entitled to the full Microsoft Office suite of software and mobile apps for Windows PCs, Apple Mac computers, tablets including iPad, and mobile phone devices. That is, OneNote, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Publisher and more. This software and the mobile apps can be used on up to 15 devices owned by students at no charge, as long as they are a student or of the Department of Education.
The download can be accessed via logging into DEC Office 365 (via the link under My Learning Tools in the portal). Use the links shown on the landing page below to choose the appropriate option for your device.
If you would like any further information about this please contact Mrs Drake.
Mrs Drake - IT Coordinator

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2015
The P&C raised over $1200 from our Christmas raffle for 2015. Thank you all for supporting our school.
The Christmas raffle winners were:
1st prize - Janine Cattell
2nd prize - Melanie Ruprecht
3rd prize - A.Schneider
Student Lucky Door Prize of a bike - Chloe Muir
Class Mystery Prize Winners were:
KRed - Leland Burnes
KBlue - Leo Parker
K/1Yellow - Bailey Moss
1/2F - Tyler Higgins
2C - Nathaniel Burnes
2G - Camron Hughes
2/3A - Jack Hardy
3/4S - Caitlin Sheldon
4/5M - Amy Cross
5/6Blue - Shanai Hardy
5/6Red - Kate Allomes Fleming

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking has commenced for Term 1. Banking is every Monday. Please hand your bank books to your class teacher first thing Monday mornings. There are great prizes to be won.
Di Walsh - School Banking Coordinator

COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES
We currently have a fortnightly newsletter, skoolbag app and now a facebook page.
We would like feedback from parents/caregivers as to which means of communication are valued and how we could improve upon our current practices.
Feedback provided will assist the school in evaluating our progress against strategic direction 2 of our school plan, Authentic Relationships and Partnerships.
Thank you to our community, we are very fortunate to have such a supportive and dynamic learning community.

THE SWANS VISIT CPS
Last Tuesday, we had a visit from some players from the AFL Swans team. Students firstly enjoyed a chat then many students had the opportunity to learn some new skills from the players.
Pictured below are Lee Single and Sophie Wisley learning the art of AFL...

P&C MEETING
AGM
Monday 22 February 2016
OLD HALL 7PM
All new parents are welcome to attend