IMPORTANT DATES
Fri  26 Feb  Yrs 3-6 PLP BBQ
Wed  2 Mar  Patch Info Session
Fri  4 Mar  PSSA Cricket
Fri  11 Mar  K-2 PLP BBQ
Mon  4 April  School Photos

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
PARENT TEACHER BBQ
Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teacher BBQ. We appreciated the opportunity to chat with our students and their families.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Thank you to Miss Heidi Anderson for her co-ordination of our 2016 Swimming Carnival. It was delightful to see so many of our students striving to achieve their personal best.

P&C MEETING
Our AGM was held on Monday night. Thank you to all who attended.
2016 Office bearers are -
President - Rebecca Muir
Vice President - Kellie Mitchell
Treasurer - Di Walsh
Vice Treasurer - Laura Moss
Secretary - Donna Shaw
We look forward to another productive year.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Students under the age of 13 are not permitted to use social media. This includes apps such as facebook, instagram and snapchat. Teachers have been made aware that some of our primary students have social media accounts. We are requesting parent assistance by ensuring that accounts are deleted and that student technology use is monitored. Constable Dave Russell from Taree Police will be visiting our school in the near future to discuss, among other things student social media use.

BYOD AND TECHNOLOGY ITEMS AT SCHOOL
Bring your own device programs have increased in popularity in recent years, in the past students have been able to bring devices to school when requested by teachers as part of an educational program. During the 2015 school year Chatham Public School purchased iPads and computers for student use.

For the 2016 school year teachers have requested that students do not bring technology items (phones, iPads, Ipods etc) to school unless a written request has been sent home by teachers. This measure is to decrease the possible risk of loss, theft, breakage or misuse of items.

HOME READING
What a school! We are so impressed with the number of students regularly completing their reading logs. Well done Chatham Public School!

CLASSROOM VISITS
During the past fortnight Mrs Clifton and I have visited all classrooms. We were very pleased to note the high level of engagement, quality learning activities and content rich learning spaces in all classrooms around our school. We look forward to another great year!

Have a great week!

Mr Matthew Royan
School Principal

Pictured below are Brea and Caitlin enjoying our swimming carnival. See report over page..
NO HAT NO PLAY
Please ensure your child has a hat in their bag each day they come to school. Students love to play out on our grassed areas but cannot do so if they do not have a hat on. We do encourage a school hat but other brands of hats are permitted.

Pictured below is Charlea of class 2M proudly demonstrating one of our school hats.

REMINDER OF RETURNING OF NOTES
Notes went home last week with all students regarding updating of student details, local excursion permission and media permission.
Thank you to those who have returned their child’s notes. If the notes have not been returned, please do so as soon as possible so all of your child’s details can be updated.

VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL
If you have any plans to volunteer at school, for example helping in the classroom, working in our school canteen or transporting students, a “working with children” check is required. It is a simple process. Just go online and search for “working with children check NSW”. This will lead you to the link to do the application. After printing off the required information, you take that to the RTA with the required identification where the information is processed and an email is sent to you with your WWC number.
If you have any questions, please contact our school office for further information.

CHATHAM NEWSAGENCY
EASTER IS COMING!!
Drop into Chatham Newsagency to check out the great range of Darrell Lea chocolate.

HEADLICE
There has been evidence of head lice in our school. Please check your child for head lice regularly. If they are present, please treat as per directions. Treatment can be purchased at your local pharmacy.
It would be appreciated if you could regularly check your child’s hair. If we all work together, we can keep it to a minimum.

PHONE APP
Don’t forget our school has its own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent/caregiver/student community. You can also notify the school of reasons for your child’s absences. We are asking parents/caregivers/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name “Chatham Public School” in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

THIS IS A FREE APP AND IS A GREAT WAY TO GET A REMINDER OF WHAT IS COMING UP AT SCHOOL

CLASS 1R ARE FARMING
Pictured below are Toby and Indianna proudly showing their classrooms “Eco-system Future Farm”.

RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY - ENDEAVOUR
SUCCESS IN THE POOL
On Monday 15th February, 2016, our annual school’s swimming carnival was held. All students who turn 8 this year and older were able to participate. It was a great day with lots of enthusiastic students keen to have a go in the pool and create a great atmosphere by cheering on their fellow house mates.
Pictured below are (top) two students showing perfect diving technique and (bottom) some of those students who were keen to give it a go in the novelty events.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALINGA ON BEING THE WINNING HOUSE!!

Many students clocked great times in their races with 19 qualifying to compete at the Zone Swimming Carnival which was held yesterday at the Taree YMCA Aquatic Centre.
Student Brady Cross was very successful at the Zone meet where he swam a personal best time of 36.5 seconds in the 11yo 50m freestyle race to qualify for regionals.

Pictured right are Brady with Ethan showing off their ribbons from our swimming carnival.

Pictured above are two students showing their “James Magnussen” style in the pool in their backstroke and butterfly events.
Below is Jacobi enjoying a breather after his race.
PaTCH
An information session for the PaTCH (Parents as Teachers and Classroom Helpers) will be held for all parents and carers who are interested in finding out what the program is all about on Wednesday 2nd March (morning) at 9:30am in the Old Hall. From this session we will know how many people are interested in participating in the program, and days and dates will be set. Come along and find out how you can be a volunteer in the Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms assisting with literacy and numeracy activities.

Pictured below are Mrs Clifton with students and the PaTCH participants for 2015.

HOME READING
How is your child’s home reading going? Are they reading to you, their brother or sister, Aunty or Uncle, maybe Nan or Pop?
Did you know studies have shown that the more, and more often, children read the stronger they grow in their learning, confidence and social interactions.
Why? Children who read many, many different books begin to think more quickly they put their thoughts together better, making stronger connections between subject areas like literacy and maths. They begin to predict what could happen when reading books and start to question as they read.
So give your child some of your time by letting them read to you or you read with them.
Help your child have the advantage on their learning - get them reading!

Mrs Alison Clifton
Instructional Leader

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**Good for Kids**

We’ve all heard that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and it’s true! Research has shown that children who eat breakfast before school have higher levels of concentration and are less likely to feel lethargic.

Below are some ideas for a nutritious breakfast:

- Wholegrain cereals such as Weetbix, Cheerios and Sultana Bran
- Untoasted muesli topped with low fat yoghurt
- Wholegrain toast topped with avocado, tomato or low fat cheese
- Raisin toast
- Fruit & vegetable smoothies
- If you’re short on time, some quick ideas to send to school with your child includes: a tub of low fat yoghurt, cereal to munch such as fruity bites, breakfast drinks such as Up & Go or some fruit.

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