IMPORTANT DATES
Fri 11 Mar K-2 PLP BBQ
Tues 15 Mar Kinder Info session
Wed 23 Mar Cybersafety for parents 4pm to 5.30pm
Thurs 24 Mar Netball Gala Day Easter Hat Parade
Fri 25 Mar Good Friday
Mon 28 Mar Easter Monday
Mon 4 April School Photos

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE
Our school established a facebook page late last year. I encourage our school community to like and share our page. One of the major benefits of the page is that it enables us to share information with our school community in real time rather than waiting for the fortnightly newsletter.

CRICKET
I was delighted to congratulate our Cricket team on Monday assembly in relation to their well deserved win last Friday. Tinonee Public School played very well, however our team emerged victorious. Both teams are to be commended on the high levels of sportsmanship displayed on the day. Thank you to Mr Steve McCleary for taking the boys on the day.

BUS TRAVEL
Parents are reminded that in order to access the subsidised bus travel scheme students must abide by the code of conduct. A link to the document is below.

ATTENDANCE
The message is simple - in order to achieve at school, you must attend. Over the page is a table which outlines the impact of non attendance. Mrs Annette Gleeson is the attendance manager at our school.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
Our school completed a school and park clean up on Monday afternoon. I was very impressed with the pride taken in our school by our students.

PaTCH INFORMATION SESSION
Thank you to all parents who participated in the PaTCH information session. The program will go forward with 6 participants. Welcome to our Chatham Public School team.

Regards

Ms Matthew Royan
School Principal

SCHOOL LEADERS ON RADIO 2RE
Each year Anthony Zanos at radio 2RE conducts fortnightly sessions with our school leaders. These sessions are designed to let our community know what has happened and what is coming up at our school and to also give our leaders the experience of being on radio and learn a little of how it all works.
Thank you to radio 2RE and Anthony for giving our leaders this wonderful experience.

Pictured above are school captains Chloe Muir and Levi Doran with Anthony.
ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but........

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How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won’t affect my child?

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Every Day Counts

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!

S.R.C. BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE!

Chatham Public School has brought back the Student Representative Council (S.R.C.) S.R.C. is a group of Students that have meetings to talk about ways to raise money and to come up with ideas that will help improve the school. Congratulations to these people who have been nominated as a member for the S.R.C:

23G: Bonnie Minns, Toby Wilson
3A: Ryan Box, Shayla Grange
4M: Caitlin Sheldon, Candice Moran
45C: Ethan Armstrong, Eboney Chapman
56M: Ela-Rose Allen, Will Edmonds
6J: Ruby Purnell, Taj Cusack-McLeod

Jayden Budden (pictured right)

Public Relations Officer
ASSEMBLIES

Primary Assemblies are:
Alternate Weeks (on even weeks)
Fridays at 10.30am

Infant Assemblies are:
Alternate Weeks (on odd weeks)
Thursdays at 2.30pm
The week number can be seen on the front page of this newsletter.

AWARDS 7.3.16

ThinkuKnow
On Wednesday March 23rd we will be holding an after school video conference from 4:00 till 5:30 for parents and carers on the topic of Cybersafety.
ThinkUKnow is a free, evidence-based cyber safety program that provides accessible cyber safety education to parents, carers and teachers. ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank, delivered in conjunction with State and Territory Police. More information will be sent home in a separate note.

Mrs Drake
Technology Coordinator

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.

NETBALL GALA DAY
On Thursday 24 March, 2016, our mixed netball team will be participating in a gala day at the Taree Rec Grounds. The team have been training hard led by Miss Tyrie.
Pictured below are the boys of the team who are very keen and turned up to training early.

Bella Kington
Brishaye Baines
Candice Moran
Chloe Hayes
Chris Jones
Isabella Britton
Jakahn Crisp
Jesse Cook
Joshua Wisely
Khailea Lakeman
Liam Budden
Liam Dunkley
Lochlane Hayward
Luke Shevill
Madeline Hile
Madison Starr
Saska Cooper
Selwyn Tan
Sophie Williams
Thomas Baines

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION
A booklet is going home with this newsletter called “Staying Healthy at Chatham Public School”. It is full of helpful tips and guidelines on how to prevent infectious diseases. Our PBL mascot, Buddy the blue-tongue lizard, encourages everyone to have a read to remind us how to maintain high standards of hygiene and to promote good health.
**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY AT SCHOOL**

Last Monday, students were busy doing their bit for “Clean up Australia Day”. All classes were designated an area to clean up and pick up any litter. They were amazed at what you could find when you really look!!

*Pictured below are students (L to R) Jack, Chanaye, Caitlin and Tyrone.*

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**RETURNING OF NOTES**

Notes were sent home recently with all students regarding media permission, local excursion permission and the updating of all students details. Thank you to everyone who have returned these notes. If you have not done so yet, please return as soon as possible. It is vital that all this information is kept up to date.

**PaTCH**

An information session for the PaTCH (Parents as Teachers and Classroom Helpers) was held on Wednesday 2nd March. What a wonderful response! There were many parents and carers who attended. The first PaTCH course is now full. The interest in our volunteer course has been more than expected, so it has been decided to run a second PaTCH course across terms 3 and 4. Thank you for your interest and enthusiasm. I am delighted with the response. I look forward to working with the first group of PaTCH participants who I will contact with the course dates.

*Alison Clifton*
*Instructional Leader*

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**TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT SURVEY**

Chatham Public School is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey, which will be completed by students from Years 4, 5 and 6 will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. The survey is completely confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The data collected from the survey will be used to help inform future school planning. More information regarding the *Tell Them From Me* student survey can be found at:  [http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/TTFM_Student_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers.pdf](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/TTFM_Student_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers.pdf)

Please complete the section below and return to the school office by Monday 14th March, 2016 if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in the survey.

*Kristy Hay*

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**Tell them From Me Student Survey Non-Consent Form**

*I DO NOT* give consent for my child/children to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

Student Name: ................................................................................................................. Class: ......................

Parent / Carer Name: ..........................................................................................................

Parent/Carer Signature: ......................................................................................................
BRISBANE SPARTANS BASKETBALL PLAYER VISIT
Students from Years 3-6 were treated to a visit from Jonny Miller, James Trustman and Elliot Bruton from the Brisbane Spartans Basketball Team on Monday 7 March. Students had a great time learning about how the players got to become professional basketballers as well as having the opportunity to learn some new ball skills and shoot some hoops. 

*Pictured below are some of our students learning the art of dribbling.*

EASTER HAT PARADE
Our annual Easter Hat Parade is fast approaching. Parents and carers are invited to come along to school and celebrate this event with the students. We will be holding our parade on Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} March at 12:15 in the School Hall. Special Easter Treats will be available at the canteen on the day.

Premier's Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is officially underway and continues until the 19\textsuperscript{th} of August. Many students have been busily reading at school and some are nearly halfway to completing the Challenge. Students must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

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<th>Challenge</th>
<th>Number of books you must read</th>
<th>Minimum number of PRC books</th>
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<th>PRC booklists you can read from</th>
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All students who complete the challenge are eligible to receive a PRC Certificate in Term 4.

ROAD SAFETY

Please remember the 40km/hr school zone speed limit.

To increase motorists’ awareness of the school speed limit, triangular dragon’s teeth road markings are painted on the road to indicate that you are entering a school zone.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

**PHOTO DAY IS MONDAY 4 APRIL, 2016.**

School photo envelopes will go home with this newsletter. If you would like to place an order for your child’s school photos, please complete their envelope and return to your child’s class teacher before photo day. Payment can be made in two ways:

1. Online - please ensure the order envelope is completed and returned to your child’s teacher with the reference number.
2. Cash - please ensure the correct money is placed in the envelope.

NO CHANGE IS AVAILABLE.
THE OFFICE DOES NOT KEEP CHANGE.

Please check the spelling of your child’s name on the envelope. If there are any corrections to be made, please contact the office.

If you would like to order a sibling photo, prepay envelopes can be obtained from our school office and once the order is completed can be returned to the school office.

For all orders that are placed after photo day, you will need to contact the photography business directly.

We encourage all students to be in full school uniform each day however please be mindful of the importance of photo day.
LYNK STARRED WITH THE BAT
On Friday, 4th March, our Boys' Cricket team (pictured below) played Tinonee PS at the Rec Ground. We bowled first and dismissed Tinonee for 51 in 18 overs. Wicket takers were: Taj 1; Chris 3; Riley 1; Thomas 3 and Blake 1. We reached Tinonee's total in 9 overs. Run scorers were: Jacob 4; Levi 4; Taj 1; Blake 3; Brady 1 and Lynk 35 not out (which included six 4's and a 6.) It was a very good win. All the boys played well and were very good sports. Thank you to all our supporters who cheered the boys on and helped out on the day.

Pictured below are the boys before the start of the game.

Mr Mc Cleary
Cricket Coordinator

MONEY IN OFFICE
Just a reminder that no money is kept on school premises therefore no change can be given when a payment is made. Please ensure correct money is given when payment is made to the school. Thank you

KINDER INFO SESSION
A Kinder Information Session will be held on Tuesday 15 March, 2016, from 2.15pm to 3pm. There will be many topics of discussion including:
• 21st century learning
• Classroom set-up
• How parents can assist their child at home.
This is a great opportunity for our kinder parents/carers to understand how our kindergarten rooms operate in the 21st century.
We look forward to seeing our Kinder parents/carers attend.

Mrs Grieve
Assistant Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER
Mon 14 Mar  Fay Van Vegchel, Katie Bell
Tues 15 March Rebecca Muir, Di Walsh
Wed 16 March Simon Morse, Fay VanVeg chel
Thurs 17 March Rebecca Muir, Louise Martin, Di Walsh, Jess Murray
Fri 18 March Fay Van Vegchel, Katie Bell
Mon 21 March Fay Van Vegchel, Di Walsh
Tues 22 March Rebecca Muir, Di Walsh, Fay VanVegchel, Simon Morse
Thurs 24 March Rebecca Muir, Louise Martin, Di Walsh
Fri 25 March GOOD FRIDAY

The canteen would appreciate assistance from some new volunteers. If you can spare a few hours once a month, fortnightly or weekly, please contact the canteen supervisor on 6552 3024.

P&G NEWS
A reminder to buy your tickets in our Easter raffle for only 50c per ticket or pick up your lucky number for only 20c, which are proving very popular. There are great prizes to be won. It will be drawn at our Easter hat parade on Thursday 24 March, 2016.
Thank you to all staff and parents who have already donated eggs for our Easter raffle. It is very much appreciated.

P&C Committee

RUGBY LEAGUE TALENT
Students Lee Single, Levi Doran, Shaun Weldon, Jack Lamborn and Blake Dumas travelled to Forster yesterday to participate in the PSSA Rugby League Trials. All students played very well with Levi, Blake and Shaun then gaining selection to represent the Manning Zone PSSA at the Hunter Regional Rugby League Trials in Raymond Terrace next Friday 18 March, 2016.

Pictured below are two of the selected players Levi and Blake.