Chatham students’ skills challenged

They were put to the test and ended up the best.

Year nine students Chloe Woodhouse and Earl Santos have been crowned junior champions during Chatham High School’s seventh annual Numeracy and Literacy Challenge.

Chloe finished as the last person standing to take the spelling bee crown, while Earl topped all comers on his way to winning the maths title.

Spelling bee queen Chloe emerged victorious from a field of 100 students throughout Years 7 to 10.

But it all could have come to an end if she didn’t trust her initial instinct with a particular tricky word.

“I had to spell the word consciousness and I second guessed myself,” she said.

“I took out an ‘s’ and I started spelling it right, but then I second guessed myself, but then I went back to the right one I had first which I thought looked right.”

Maths whiz Earl blitzed a field of more than 400 students to become junior schools’ master of maths.

His run to the title was literally a perfect one, answering every question correctly over the knockout style format, which went from competing against his maths class, before taking on fellow class champions and then finally blitzing the Champion of Champions final with a perfect score of 20 out of 20.

And the one question which came the closest to spoiling his perfect run?

“The hardest was the second last one of the final and the question was 3 x 10 + 70 - 50 = ?,” which took me awhile to figure out,” he said.

“And the questions were given at a very fast pace, read out by the teacher, and we had roughly 10 seconds to answer them, which made it challenging.”

Police sergeant guest speaker

Sergeant Karen Owen APM will be the guest speaker at the September meeting of the Manning Net.

Karen received the accolade of an Australian Police Medal as part of the 2014 Australia Day Awards for 33 distinguished years of service.

She has many achievements, including becoming the first female officer to attain the rank of sergeant in the unit, to achieving international acclaim leading to meeting the Queen in London, as well as participating in the London and Manchester Olympic Games of 2012.

$25, which includes a two course meal with a complimentary drink from the bar, and tea or coffee after the meal. Please inform of any dietary requirements.

If you would like to attend please RSVP by phone or email.