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MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

- OCT 5** FIRST DAY TERM 4
- OCT 20** LAST DAY TO ENTER
BOOK WEEK FILM &
STORY COMP.
- OCT 22** BOOK WEEK DRESS
UP DAY
- OCT 23** PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- OCT 23** LAST DAY TO ORDER
MPS COOKBOOK
- NOV 2** PUPIL FREE DAY
- NOV 3** PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- NOV 5** 'COUNT US IN'
CELEBRATION DAY
- NOV 16** SCHOOL PHOTOS
- DEC 18** LAST DAY TERM 4

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VALUE OF THE
MONTH

**DOING
YOUR BEST**



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

TERM 4, WEEK 2

It has been wonderful to see all our children returning to onsite learning. The sounds of excitement as the children saw their friends for the first time in months, rang out across the playground on Monday morning. Our teachers were just as excited to welcome students back into classrooms and the sounds of laughter and chat in each classroom were much welcomed after the months of silence. A school is just a set of buildings without our students, and now it is again a lively place of learning, happiness and optimism.

It is our fabulous families that have made remote learning and our return to school the best it could possibly be. I would like to thank all our parents for following the guidelines that I sent out last week, including wearing masks and limiting the time you spend on-site collecting your children. We will continue with the existing arrival and departure practices until we hear from the Department of Education that we are permitted to modify these. Thank you also to those families who have brought in wipes and hand sanitiser for use in the classrooms, your donations are greatly appreciated.

BOOK WEEK

I hope that your children are getting very excited about Book Week next week, Miss Prim and classroom teachers have organised a wonderful week of activities and I can't wait to see the students dressed up as their favourite book characters on Thursday. This is a wonderful time of year to encourage children to sit down and enjoy reading a book just for pleasure.

PLANNING FOR 2021

Often at this time of year families make decisions to move house and as such we will be welcoming several new families to Mitcham Primary School next year, similarly, we will also be farewelling some of our lovely families, if you know that your children will not be returning in 2021 we request that you let the office know as soon as possible so that we can finalise our planning for 2021.

Our teachers will spend considerable time constructing classes for 2021. Students are placed by staff in class groupings best suited to their learning needs.

Many factors are considered to create classes that are balanced – academic, social and behavioural factors, along with teachers' knowledge of students. This process is about creating positive learning communities across the school for everyone's benefit. If you have information of social or educational significance that you wish to be taken into consideration by teachers as class lists are prepared, please provide that information in writing to Erin Norman by Friday 13th November. While taken into consideration, we can of course not guarantee that your request will be met. Please note that requests for specific teachers will not and cannot be considered. Classes are structured around the needs of ALL students.

PUPIL FREE DAY

The next pupil free day will be on **Monday 2nd November**. Children are not required at school on this day. Please ensure that you contact OSHClub if you need to have your child minded on this day.

Wishing all families a lovely weekend.

Erin Norman

Principal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Aidan 1/2C: For your ability to stay focussed on what we are doing in class. It is great to see your new enthusiasm for school. Keep up the great work

Ashleigh 1-3B: In recognition of the tremendous effort you put into the verb sentences.

Priscilla 1-3B: In recognition of the tremendous effort you put into the verb sentences.

Jarrah 3/4D: Jarrah it is so wonderful to see your bright face again. Your attitude and enthusiasm about being back at school is very much appreciated!



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Mitcham Primary School

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2021



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IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

DATE	EVENT
17 - 23 October	Book Week
20 October	Book Week Story Writing Competition Last Day Book Week Film Comp. Last Day
22 October	Book Week Dress Up Day
23 October	Public Holiday
2 November	Pupil Free Day
3 November	Melb. Cup Day Holiday
5 November	'Count Us In' Celebration Day
16 November	School Photos
18 December	Last Day Term 4

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO CSEF FOR 2020

In acknowledgement of the significant and ongoing challenges facing our parent community, the Minister for Education has approved that the eligibility to qualify for CSEF be extended to 5 October 2020, with applications due by **27 November 2020**.

CSEF payments for these students will be made at 50 per cent of the standard primary and secondary rates, recognising that opportunities for camps, sports and excursions have been limited in 2020.

In addition, schools will be able to use CSEF payments for voluntary school charges, books and stationery for the remainder of 2020.

If your family have recently received a concession/Health Care Card, or already possessed a Health Care Card but did not apply for CSEF, please contact our school office in order to apply for these funds to assist in your child's school needs.

[CSEF APPLICATION](#)

SCHOOL BANKING

With the School Banking program remaining on hold, the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students. In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

Start Smart: these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills, and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework

[CLICK HERE FOR START SMART](#)

The Beanstalk: offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE BEANSTALK](#)

2021 ENROLMENTS

If you have children starting Prep next year, we encourage you to complete an enrolment form, these are available from the Prep & Transition page of our website or by clicking the link below:

[PREP ENROLMENT FORM](#)

Hoping for a school tour first? Unfortunately we are unable to hold on site school tours at the moment, however, please enjoy a virtual tour, available from the homepage of our website, our Facebook page, or click below:

[VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR](#)



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Book Week Dress Up Day

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We're dressing up on...

Thursday 22 October

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In celebration of Book Week, all students from Prep to Grade 6 are invited to come to school dressed up in a book themed or book character costume! ✨

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✨ Look out for our
Virtual Parade

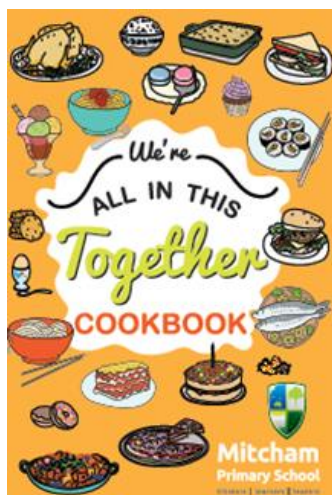
In the days following the event

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MPS COOKBOOK: ORDER NOW!

After weeks of sneak peek recipes, Mitcham Primary School's first ever cookbook is finally available to purchase!



With over 300 recipes from our school community, this cookbook would make a great Christmas gift, or as a memento to mark this extraordinary year!

Get busy in the kitchen and feel the joy shared by the Mitcham Primary School Community.

Orders must be placed by **Friday 23rd October.**

The price is **\$20 PER BOOK .**

Due to restrictions preventing parents on school grounds, orders for the cookbook need to be made via trybooking:

ORDER YOUR COOKBOOK HERE

www.trybooking.com/666453

Once ordered, cookbooks will be delivered to student classrooms in late November.

Thank you for your support in raising vital funds which will go towards projects to improve our school.

If you are unable to purchase a book via the trybooking site, please contact the school office on 9873 1511 to discuss payment via another method.

MPS COOKBOOK: RECIPE SNEAK PEEK

Another week, another sneak peak of one of the many excellent recipes to be included in our upcoming Mitcham Primary Cookbook:

KOSHARI

(Egyptian rice, lentils and macaroni with spicy tomato chilli sauce)

Mina, Prep D

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup medium grain rice
- 1 cup brown lentils
- 2 cups small macaroni
- 2 cups vegetable stock
- 1 garlic clove, quartered
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 can crushed tomato
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/4 teaspoon red chilli flakes (optional)
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- Salt & pepper to taste

Crispy Onion Garnish:

- For the Sauce
- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small onion, diced finely
- 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 2 large onions, finely sliced
- Salt
- Oil for deep-frying
- 1 can chickpeas, rinsed, drained and warmed

Method:

1. Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the rice and fry it for 2 minutes, then add the vegetable stock. Bring it to a boil, decrease the heat to low, cover and simmer for 15 minutes or until the rice is cooked.
2. Rinse the lentils under cold water and add them to another medium saucepan with 2 cups of water. Add the garlic and cumin and bring it to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer for 20-30 minutes or until the lentils are tender. Once cooked, add the salt and stir to combine. Strain any excess liquid if necessary.



3. Cook the macaroni according to package instructions until al dente.
4. Note: Prepare the rice, macaroni and lentils while the sauce is simmering and leave them covered in the pots to keep warm.
5. To make sauce: Heat the oil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat and add the onion. Cook until soft and translucent, about 5-7 minutes. Add the garlic until golden brown. Add the tomato, coriander, salt and pepper to taste, chilli flakes (if using) and vinegar. Bring it to a simmer, reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add salt to taste.
6. To make the crispy onions: heat the oil in a skillet. Add the onions and fry until dark brown. Using a slotted spoon, remove them from the oil and place them on paper towels to drain and cool.
7. Add the rice, lentils and macaroni to a large bowl and toss to combine (or simply scoop out desired amounts of each onto the plates). Serve topped with some of the spicy tomato sauce. Top with chickpeas and the crispy onions. Serve warm.

MPS MASTERCHEF

Amelia 3/4B tried out Lily 3/4A's Sponge Cake recipe for her Dad's birthday. What a cake!



LUNCH ORDERS RESUMPTION OF SERVICE

Wednesdays & Fridays

Greetings to everyone at MPS! We hope that you and your families have all managed well through all that COVID has thrown our way.

Please know and be assured that we have Food Safety and Occupation Health and Safety at the forefront of our minds. In our workplace masks, gloves and temperature checks are the new norm for all of our staff. We have completed a COVID Safe Plan in accordance with the mandated guidelines from DHHS. In terms of Food Handling and Safety we've always adhered to best practice and fortunately never had a food safety issue so we're confident we can operate safely on that level!

In Term 4, we will be operating on Wednesdays and Fridays, with option available from the attached menu.

We look forward to resuming our service and continuing to delight your school community with our Lunch Service.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)

www.classroomcuisine.com.au

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MENU – TERM 4, 2020

Order ONLINE until 8.30am on the DAY LUNCH IS REQUIRED.
Please see Website 'Order Now' page for Days we deliver to your School!

LUNCH ITEM ONE

SALADS

Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (V, GF)
Pic(k)nic Box – Vegetarian (V, GF)
Pic(k)nic Box with Ham (GF)

SAVOURY MUFFINS

Zucchini, Pea & Mint Homemade Muffin (V)
Pumpkin & Feta Homemade Muffin (V)

SUSHI

Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (2)
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (2)
Avocado Hand Rolls (2)
Cucumber Hand Rolls (2)
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (2)

BAKERY

Cheese and Bacon Roll
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (w/m)
SCROLL with Ham & Cheese
Semi Dried Tomato and Olive Scroll
Topped with Only Cheese Roll

PITA PIZZA'S

Margherita Pita Pizza
Ham and Pineapple Pita Pizza
Fresh Tomato and Italian Herb Pita Pizza
Spinach and Feta Pita Pizza

SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce and Cheese Sandwich
Gluten Free Ham & Cheese Sandwich (GF)
Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (GF)
Vegemite Sandwich
Mild Salami and Salad Roll
Roast Beef, Fruit Chutney, Cheese and Lettuce Roll
Cheese and Salad Roll
Wholegrain Cheese and Tomato Sandwich
WRAP (GF) Ham and Salad
GF Vegemite & Tasty Cheese Sandwich
Chicken and Salad Roll

LUNCH ITEM TWO/THREE

FRESH FRUIT & VEG

Fresh Fruit Combo
Freshly chopped Strawberries & Grapes
Apple with Lemon Juice, Brown Sugar & Cinnamon
Freshly chopped Watermelon
Celery & Carrot Sticks with Sultanas
Chopped Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
Whole Fruit – Banana
Lightly Steamed Corn Wheels with Broccoli
Sugar Snap Peas, Beans & Cherry Tomatoes
Edamame (Lightly Salted)
Freshly Chopped Orange Segments
Cherry Tomatoes with Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers

BAKED GOODS

Choc Chip Cookie
Finger Bun with Sprinkles
Hedgehog Slice
Choc Cup Cake (GF,DF)
Blueberry Muffin

YOGHURT

Strawberry Chobani Yoghurt
Blueberry Chobani Yoghurt
Plain Chobani Yoghurt
Passionfruit Chobani Yoghurt

DIPS & CRACKERS

Tzatziki Dip with Rice Crackers
Avocado Dip with Rice Crackers
Spring Onion Dip with Rice Crackers

POPCORN/SNACKS

Popcorn, Lightly Salted
Popcorn Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted
Lightly salted Fav'va Beans

DRINKS

Apple Juice
Orange Juice
Full Cream Milk
Nippy's Chocolate Milk
So Good Soy Milk

Healthy, Interesting & Affordable Lunches Delivered to School!

For more information; Ingredients, Portion Size and Pricing visit the Our Menu Page at

www.classroomcuisine.com.au



RULES & WHAT TO DO

Select one of the four prompts and create your own 90 second film

Create a Book Trailer

Create a 90 second book trailer that captures the essence of your chosen book. Think intrigue over recount, just like a movie trailer. Your video should entice your audience to hunt down the book and read it right now!

A Dramatic Scene or Reading

Breathe life into a key scene from your chosen book by reading it, or acting it out. Read it straight from the book, or memorise it word to word, just remember to be clear and expressive.

A Book Review

Film your review of the best (or the worst!) book you have read this year. Tell us why. If you loved it, how did it win your favour, if you hated it, what on earth did it do wrong? Convince us to read it (or not!)

A Film Makers Dream

Are your creative juices flowing and you have another book inspired idea you're bursting to share? Film it. Make it. Create it. Just make sure you provide a quick explanation (outside of the 90 seconds) about what it is.

- Videos should be no longer than 90 seconds
- Videos can be acted, stop motion, animated - whatever you desire, surprise us!
- Remember, no silly or inappropriate behaviour
- Name the video file 'Book Week Film Comp 2020'
- Share your finished video with Miss Prim on Google Drive (her full last name is Primerano - just in case you can't find her!)
- The winning video will be shared with our Mitcham Primary School community
- The winning student will receive a medal
- Contact Miss Prim with any questions

STORY BOX LIBRARY

Don't forget, as a member of the Mitcham Primary School Community, you get free access to Story Box Library! Our login details are:

Username: Mitcham Primary School

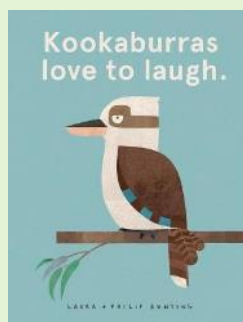
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BOOK REVIEW

Even though we are now finished with Remote Learning, lots of MPS students still have their head buried in a book! If you have read a great book lately, and want to tell us about it, you can send us a book review by visiting the Library Page on our Remote Learning Site, or click below:

[WRITE A BOOK REVIEW HERE!](#)

Check out this review by Julie in 3/4 B



Book Title: Kookaburras Love to Laugh

Author: Laura Philip Butting

What is it about?: A ton of kookaburras all love to laugh... except one.

Why do you think it's great? I enjoyed this book because it is really funny.

Review By: Julie 3/4 B

Julie Book Review will be published on the Library Page of our School Website.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE IT](#)

LETTERS TO ESSENTIAL WORKERS

During Remote Learning Grade 5/6 students wrote letters to many essential workers. Our students sent these important members of our community messages of hope and thanks, general 'chit-chat', as well as plenty of questions. We have been so excited to have received some responses to our letters. Have a look at one of them below:

Hello Teagan,

Thank you very much for your letter. It is great to know that you and all the other students at Mitcham Primary School are supporting us. I will try to answer your questions:

Is it true you have donuts at the police station? Well... actually no, not very often. But many of us like donuts as a special treat every once in a while. My favourite is the chocolate iced donuts with sprinkles and jam inside.

What is the worst thing that you have had to sort out? At the moment, the hardest thing to sort out is trying to keep people safe, and all doing the right thing during the restrictions of COVID-19 – Coronavirus. Many people are feeling bored and lonely because they can't do the things they normally do. I know that lockdown has been hard for everyone, but we really appreciate everyone like you who has been doing the right thing.

How long does it take to train? When you first start with the police, you go to the Police Academy for training. It takes around 7 months before we graduate, but we never stop learning. Every day I continue to learn new things about my job, about people, about computers. It's great to learn new things!

Do you sleep at the police station or do you go home if there are no jobs? No, I drive from my home each day to the police station and go home after. We are normally rostered to work 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, but our start time and finish time changes so that we can operate the police station 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with police officers both on the road to help people and also at the police station to answer phones and complete paperwork.

Thank you again for all your support and your letter and keep up the good work. Below is a photo of me and my dog "Buddy" at the Glen Waverley Police Station. Sometimes he comes to work [photo not included in this newsletter].

All the best,

Luke : Constable - Glen Waverley Police Station



BOOK WEEK STORY COMPETITION

ENTRIES OPEN
18 SEPT.

ENTRIES CLOSE
20 OCT.

Write a story. As long or short as you like.

**SHARE IT WITH MISS PRIM ON
GOOGLE DRIVE**

Name the the file: 'Book Week
Story Comp 2020'

Winning entry will be shared in our School Library.
Winner will receive a medal in acknowledgement.

Contact Miss Prim with any questions.

Dear Mitcham OSHClub Parents,

We are so happy that we can welcome everyone back and hope you and your family are well and safe.

This week we worked on being SunSmart by creating our sunscreen station and filling in our sunscreen record. Each afternoon we selected a different SunSmart activity that was fun and educational.

The children have all been very happy to see each other and have enjoyed playing and decorating our recycled cardboard cubby house by adding periscope to turn it into submarine. They also played with all the OSHClub toys such as zoobs, train tracks, and soccer table. The children have settled into the routine of reading and homework for 10-15 minutes.

We are constantly monitoring the children's hand washing routine. We have reiterated to the children that they must wash their hands for 20 seconds or more. Some ways we have suggested this to them is by signing the alphabet or singing the happy birthday song while washing hands.

If you have any concerns and or questions regarding the COVID-19 situation, please communicate this to our staff.

Have a safe weekend.

NOTE: All the Preps, Grade 1's and 2's will be picked up from the basketball court in the afternoon and dropped to their classes in the morning when attending the school. The Tirana street car park gate and the pedestrian gate will remain closed all the time. If you are dropping or picking up the child/ren from OSHclub please call us on 0422 097 497 and Oshclub staff member will escort child to from the gate to the osh building and vice a versa.

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

Please remember to update your contact details, especially the phone numbers and address along with any medical conditions on the enrolment form if there is any change. This can be done online at www.oshclub.com.au

BOOKING POLICY FOR BSC & ASC SESSIONS

Parents will not be able to book their child online within 24 hours of a session's commencement time. Parents can book

their child into the program on the day by calling or texting 0422 097 497.

Program times are from 7.00am - 9.00am and 2:30pm - 6:30pm, bookings will be confirmed during these times.

A late booking fee of \$4 will automatically be charged when a booking is made at short notice (0-24 hrs ahead of the start time of the session).

When a child is booked but does not attend their session, and there has been no notification that they will be absent, a \$5 'no-show' fee will be incurred.

Our cancellation policy is now 48 hours before the session commences. Cancellations within 48 hours will incur the full fee.

WEEK 3: BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Lego Beyblade Tournament & Hangman
TUESDAY	Bring Your Favourite Book & Gaga Ball
WEDNESDAY	Design a Book Character & Playground Play
THURSDAY	Create a Book & Watering the Plants
FRIDAY	Cubby House & Adventure Net

WEEK 3: AFTER SCHOOL CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Bookmark Making & Sandpit
TUESDAY	Mask Making & Soccer Tournament
WEDNESDAY	Read a Storybook & Hide and Seek
THURSDAY	Dress Up Day & Night at the Museum
FRIDAY	Reflection Journal & Book Treasure Hunt

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