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MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

DEC 9	MITCHAM MATES DAY
DEC 11	1/2 HAPPY DAY
DEC 11	PREP 100 DAYS
DEC 11	3/4 CAMP DAY
DEC 15	GRADE 6 GRADUATION DAY
DEC 17	GR. 6 BIG DAY OUT
DEC 17	LAST DAY TERM 4
DEC 18	PUPIL FREE DAY
DEC 18	LAST DAY TERM 4
JAN 28	FIRST DAY TERM 1
APRIL 1	LAST DAY TERM 1
APRIL 19	FIRST DAY TERM 2
JUNE 25	LAST DAY TERM 2

VALUE OF THE
MONTH

RESILIENCE



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

CHRISTMAS STALL

It is hard to believe that we only have two more weeks of school left for 2020. With the easing of restrictions, we have been able to plan and enjoy some of our annual activities. Monday's Christmas Stall was a wonderful success, the excitement our students showed at being able to browse and purchase independently was lovely to watch. We are incredibly grateful to our parent fundraising team who pulled this all together with not much more than 48 hours' notice. I hope all the children who purchased items at the Christmas Stall on Monday have wrapped these or hidden them carefully until Christmas morning!



A DAY IN YEAR 7

On Wednesday our Grade 5 and Grade 6 students were able to experience what school is like for a Year 7 student. Students were all assigned Homeroom Classes and had to follow a High School timetable for the day. The morning began with an address from Mullauna College's Vice Principal Jeff McMillin, they learnt about what they could expect at high school, including a 'how to' session on locker combination locks. Second period was a Science lesson with Mr Norman from Ringwood Secondary College, students learnt to understand the importance of observations in Science and then to use those observations to answer an investigation question, treated to some exciting demonstrations, and the opportunity to conduct their own experiment. I think most of our Grade 6 students are very excited about exploring their High School Science Labs. Back in

their Year 7 classrooms, the taste of High School continued with lessons in Product Design and Advertising. Mr Koles, Miss Cirillo, Miss Gerostathos and Miss Cerra our Grade 5/6 teachers did an amazing job ensuring students felt that they were at High School.



THE WEEK AHEAD

For the next two weeks we will be running with a different Specialist Timetable, this is because there are multiple Transition, Wellbeing, End of Year Celebrations and Graduation activities planned. I have summarised these activities for parents below:

- Monday - Our third Whole School Mainstream Transition Session 12:35 - 1:35pm.
- Tuesday - Grade 6 - Year 7 Public School Transition Day. Mitcham Primary School Kinder to Prep Transition and Meet your Teacher Day.
- Wednesday - Whole School launch of our vertical team Wellbeing program 'Mitcham Mates'.

The intention of Mitcham Mates is to encourage relationships with students and staff in vertical teams across the school in a non-threatening and fun environment. We recognise the importance of students having relationships with teachers other than their own and a relationship that continues throughout their school life. Research confirms that one of the most effective ways of preventing bullying is involving

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONTINUED

students in multi-age grouping. Mitcham Mates will become a regular activity next year, it will be a common time for all students and staff to discuss values, and learn and practise social skills.

- Friday - Grade Preps will celebrate 100 days of on-site school... a little later than most years we are excited to be celebrating this very special day. Grade 1/2 students will be celebrating their year with a 'Happy Day', a day filled with games and fun. Grade 3/4 students will celebrate the end of the year with a day filled with Camp activities.

Our Grade 5/6 students' end of year celebrations will continue into the last week of school with lawn bowls, tabloid sports, a pizza lunch, and especially for our Grade 6 students - Graduation Day on Tuesday 15th and their Big Day Out excursion to Fun Fields next Thursday 17th December.

2021 TEACHING TEAMS

Today I am very excited to announce our 2021 teaching teams. We are currently finalising class placements and students will meet their 2021 classmates and teacher on Monday 14th December.

- **Prep / Foundation Team:** Emma Bates (Prep Co-ordinator), Jayne Koth and Ashlee Holzer.
- **Year 1/2 Team:** Kate Medcalf (Year 1/2 Co-ordinator), Deb Williamson (Learning Specialist and Junior School Co-ordinator), Anika Harris and Isaac Delany.
- **Year 3/4 Team:** Donna Harris (Year 3/4 Co-ordinator), Tara Buckle, Kathy Lawson and Sam Barkley.
- **Year 5/6 Team:** Netanel Koles, Francine Cirillo, Stephanie Gerostathos and Lauren Cerra.
- **Montessori Cycle 2:** Marina Rich, Judith Sivasubramaniam, and Val Berardini.
- **Montessori Cycle 3:** Judith Ryall (Montessori Co-ordinator) and Sandy Kaye.
- **Our Specialist Team:** *EAL:* Michelle Dybing; *PE:* Laura Ellis; *Art:* Shea McFarland; *Indonesian:* Emily Chong (Grade Prep - 2) and Kate

Xenophontos (Grade 3-6); *Performing Arts:* Caitlin Kolokathis.

LAST DAY OF TERM 4

The last day of Term 4 is Thursday 17th December. Students will be dismissed at 3:15pm.

Wishing all families, a lovely weekend.

Erin Norman

Principal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Riella 5/6 A: We love your calm presence in our crazy classroom! You are very thoughtful and insightful on different topics. You have wonderful and interesting ideas and we love getting to sometimes see your amazing artwork!

Matteo 5/6 B: You are always making your classmates smile with your humour and the enthusiasm you bring to 5/6B is contagious! Keep being your awesome self! :)

Hayata 5/6 C: Hayata, Hayata, Hayata... Thank you for your energies, thoughts and inclusivity. You have amazing friendships with so many of your peers and I cannot wait to watch you shine in Year 6!

Yazmin 5/6 D: I love the way you participate in classroom discussion. You always share what you think and you ALWAYS share why as well. Such a valuable and enviable skill. Go you, Yaz!

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

Password: MPS



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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Dear Families that ordered from Issue 7,

I am very sorry that your books took so long to arrive! There were some issues at Scholastic & Australia Post. Thanks for your patience. Other than a couple of back ordered items, all books should now have been delivered to students. Please contact me directly if you have any queries. I hope that you are enjoying them!!

Issue 7 was amazingly popular - The school has earned \$885.00 in credits for books and classroom supplies. Thankyou for your continued support.

Volunteer Needed

Next year I will be unable to continue as the Bookclub Coordinator. The Bookclub provides much needed resources to the school and the kids love it - I feel like Santa delivering the books! Bookclub cannot go ahead without a volunteer to run it. Please contact me if you would like to be the next MPS Book Santa. I think it is one of the loveliest volunteer jobs around, the kids beam when they see you!. You can do it solo or as a partnership/group. Please contact me for more details.

SUPERSTAR STORY

Students in class 1 - 3 B were asked to write a story using a selected 12 words. Ashleigh created this marvellous piece.

The 12 featured words are: Dinosaur, acrobat, aqua, purple, terrific, encourage, fraction, education, advanced, sanitiser, distance, watching, detention.

Scaley - By Ashleigh 1-3 B

Once upon a time, there lived a purple dinosaur. The purple dinosaur's name was Scaly. He had a friend who was a terrific dragon acrobat. Scaly's friend, who was called Bob, always encouraged Scaly to become an acrobat as well. Scaly thought it was too hard, too advanced.

One day, a student who was in school got detention,

and while he got yelled at and told he needed more education, he saw Scaly, walking around outside. His jaw dropped, and he told his teacher. His teacher told him to stop being silly, but when she saw Scaly, her jaw dropped too!

Bob was walking along with Scaly, and was telling him to work a fraction harder on acrobatics.

Acrobatics was Bob's biggest passion, and he always tried to persuade people to learn acrobatics and perform their new tricks. Scaly sighed and put on an aqua shirt. "You know, acrobatics is an extremely important life skill." Scaly rolled his eyes and started practicing. Backflips, backbends, handstands, front-flips, you name it, he did it.

In the distance, they could see some donkeys.

Bob and Scaly walked over and saw they were selling lemonade. They pumped some hand sanitiser onto their paws, and the donkeys were shocked. They had never seen such a sight! A purple dinosaur wearing an aqua shirt! But the donkey knew kindness was the right thing to do, they greeted Scaly, and offered Bob and Scaly two free bottles of lemonade. They gulped it down and thanked the donkeys. The donkeys started chatting about how strange Scaly looked. Scaly and Bob walked home happily together, as they chatted about their day.

YOUR COMPASS NEWSFEED

Don't forget, Compass is the main way our school communicates with our families, and now more than ever, we rely on Compass to get all of our important information to you.

Make sure you check your Compass newsfeed for information regarding 2021 School Fees and our Device Program (iPad Program for our 2021 Preps, and Chromebook Program for our 2021 Grade 3, and Montessori Grade 4 students).

All fee payments, as well as payment plans, are able to be made via Compass in this contact free environment.

Dear Mitcham OSHClub Families,

During Week 9, in preparation for Christmas, we set up the Christmas tree, which was donated by one of our parents. For both before and after school sessions, the children enjoyed decorating the tree with many ornaments and lights. One of the suggestions made was to make a Christmas Countdown poster, outlining how many days are left till Christmas day. During this week, our OSH Club educators, with the help of children, managed to finish planning and ordering resources for our Vacation Program in January 2021.

In recognition of World Disability Day, we organized a poster competition for 'Preps – Grade 2' and 'Grade 3 – Grade 6'. Children were asked to replicate a poster titled 'We are Equal'. Winner for the age group, Preps – Grade 2 is Patricia 1/2 C. For age groups Grade 3 – Grade 6, we had equal winners: Seb 3/4 A, Cristiano 3/4 A, Zeina 3-6 B and Hugo 3-6 A.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preps Getting ready for Grade 1: From the 7th of December, Preps will be walking down independently to and from OSH Club before and after school from their classrooms. OSH Club educators will be watching the preps from a distance.

Farewell Party for Grade 6's: In celebrating the Class of 2020, we will be hosting a Farewell Party for OSH Club Grade 6's on Wednesday, 16th December 2020 at 3.15pm. All Grade 6's who have attended OSH Club at some stage are welcome. Please confirm your attendance by texting us on 0422 097 497 by Tuesday, 8th December 2020.

PUPIL FREE DAY: 18 DECEMBER, 2020

We are pleased to inform you that a Pupil Free Day has been confirmed at Mitcham OSHClub and will be running on Friday 18th of December, 2020. Please log in to your account online at: www.oshclub.com.au and book in under the Pupil Free Day Room.

Please note that bookings cannot be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the Mitcham OSHClub service directly on 0422 097 497.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bookings are now open for the Summer School Holidays at Mitcham OSHClub. You can see all the details of the fun-packed program in the brochure on the next page.

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

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.

NOTE: The Tirana street car park gate and the pedestrian gate will remain closed all the time. If you are dropping or picking up your child 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.

WEEK 10: BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Paper Plate Santa & Dancing Contest
TUESDAY	Santa Hat & 17 Days for Christmas Song
WEDNESDAY	Paper Santa Bell & Adventure Net
THURSDAY	Christmas Baubles & Christmas Tree Biscuits
FRIDAY	Christmas Origami & Christmas Music
WEEK 10: AFTER SCHOOL CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Paper Ornaments & Soccer
TUESDAY	Paper Christmas Tree & Tag
WEDNESDAY	Christmas Tree Cut Out & Hide N' Seek
THURSDAY	Human Rights Activities & Playground
FRIDAY	Lego Santa Sleigh & Moovosity

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OSHClub Program Phone: 0422 097 497

OSHClub Head Office: 1300 395 735

OSHCLUB NEWS: PUPIL FREE DAY

UPCOMING PUPIL FREE DAY

Dear Mitcham OSHClub Families,

We have been informed of an **upcoming Pupil Free Day** on **Friday 18 December 2020**.

The session will run all day from 7.00am to 6.30pm at the cost of **\$65.00** (before any applicable Child Care Subsidy). Many families are eligible for Child Care Subsidy, which reduces the out of pocket cost of outside school hours care. To establish what level of CCS you may be entitled to please contact the Centrelink Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50.

PUPIL FREE DAY: 7.00 AM - 6.30 PM	
Friday 18 December, 2020	
FULL FEE (Before any applicable Child Care Subsidy)	\$65.00

HOW TO BOOK

Please log in to your account online at:

www.oshclub.com.au

...and book in under the Pupil Free Day Room.

Please note that bookings can not be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the Mitcham OSHClub service directly. The service's phone number is 0422 097 497, and can be found by visiting our website and searching for the service.

WHAT HAPPENS?

We provide fun activities for all ages including arts and craft, games, sports, drama, board games, dress ups and fun with friends.

WHAT TO BRING

Please bring morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Make sure your children wear/bring appropriate footwear and clothing, including a hat.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- All regular Before and After School Care bookings have been removed.
- 7 days' notice is required for cancellation of the Pupil Free Day, to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs.
- A \$4 late booking fee applies for bookings made within 5 days of the session commencing.

If you require further assistance, please contact your Service Coordinator on 0422097497.



NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EXCURSION

INCURSION

Monday 04 January

IN + \$18.00

DANCE FITNESS

INCURSION - STREETDANCE WITH PROACTIVITY

Experience the most exciting dance program - Streetdance. This program combines the genres of Hip Hop, Reggaeton and Dancehall. The program uses 10 basic steps to create a contagious dance routine, suitable for all abilities.



Monday 11 January

CUTE CRAFTS AND CRAZY KITES

IN-SERVICE

Today's your chance to get crafty as we make some amazing kites and all kinds of colourful creations!



Tuesday 05 January

A BURST OF COLOUR

IN-SERVICE

Who doesn't love a bit of colour? Join us as we splash about in our own world of colourful fun.



Tuesday 12 January

BUILD SOMETHING BIG

IN-SERVICE

Today's the day to build something big! Participate in lots of fun building challenges and activities using all types of materials.

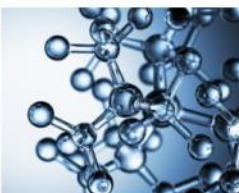


Wednesday 06 January

ALL THINGS SCIENCE

IN-SERVICE

Science is not just about experiments. Explore the world of science with us today as we research and create within the scientific boundaries.



Wednesday 13 January

MOVIE MANIA

IN-SERVICE

Are you a movie buff? Let's get the popcorn ready and test your knowledge on some classic movies. Lights, camera, action, here we go!



Thursday 07 January

IN + \$18.00

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

INCURSION - BUILD A BEAR WORKSHOP

Bring to life your very own Build A Bear in our FURbulous Build-A-Bear Workshop! Your new furry friend will be pre-filled with just the right amount of cuddliness, ready for you to add a heart and personal touches.



Thursday 14 January

DRAWING OUR WORLD

IN-SERVICE

Picture your favourite place in the world... Is it hot or is it cold? What does it look like? Today we explore the world through drawing.



Friday 08 January

BLUE MOON

IN-SERVICE

Put your astronaut helmet on as we head towards the Blue Moon for a fun-filled day in the galaxy!



Friday 15 January

IN + \$18.00

ROAMING REPTILES

INCURSION - AUSTRALIAN REPTILES: FROGS, LIZARDS & FIERCE PREDATORS

Today you will get to meet and touch insects, frogs, lizards, snakes and even a Saltwater Crocodile! What is your favourite reptile?



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EXCURSION

INCURSION

Monday 18 January

LIFE IS A BOARD GAME

IN-SERVICE

Life is a board game! Let's explore our collection of our favourite and classic board games.



Monday 25 January

AUSTRALIA DAY

IN-SERVICE

Explore the wide brown land we call Australia. Learn about how we live today compared to the past, as we start our Australian adventure.



Tuesday 19 January

IN + \$18.00

A DAY FULL OF MAGICAL CRAFTS

INCURSION - FUNNY BONES MAGIC SHOW

Now you see it, now you don't kids! Not only is there magic in the air, there are plenty of laughs also!



Tuesday 26 January

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SERVICE CLOSED



Wednesday 20 January

HAWAIIAN LUAU

IN-SERVICE

Aloha! Get set to head to our tropical island paradise of fun. There will be beach-inspired games, music and activities!



Wednesday 27 January

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY!

IN-SERVICE

As we prepare to head back to school, let's wind up the school holidays with a party! Food, games and a whole lot of fun!



Thursday 21 January

JUMP FOR JANUARY

IN-SERVICE

New Year, New You! Yippee, let's jump for January and have some summertime fun!



Friday 22 January

NATURE PLAY DAY

IN-SERVICE

We get out in nature and feel the grass between our toes as we collect natural resources for today's activities.



Junior Adventures Group continues to pioneer the OSHC sector, building stronger communities and brighter futures for more than 70,000 children, 50,000 families and more than 450 schools across Australia.

Our Values

- Considerate - Be there for others
- Passionate - Bring energy and determination
- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our vision to **build brighter futures together.**

Vacation Care

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Before & After School Care



What we offer

- A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
- Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



We are a child safe organisation



What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smartphones) at home.



Healthy Eating

OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at <https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au>

Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (due to unforeseen circumstances) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.



Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with OSHClub prior to booking via oshclub.com.au. Bookings made within 5 days for a Vacation Care session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 days notice is required for cancellation of a Vacation Care booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Please note that bookings cannot be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or by emailing oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au

Child care subsidy

Our services are registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Subsidy on your fees. For further information please visit www.education.gov.au/childcare-FAQ

Children with additional needs

We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/her needs or require inclusion support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 0422 097 497 for staffing purposes.



Mitcham Primary School

Christmas Tree Fundraiser!



Our wonderful friends at the Bill Waters Rovers Crew (a section of 1st Nunawading Scout Group) have sold freshly cut Christmas trees within the local community for over 40 years.

This year they have partnered with Mitcham Primary to support our fundraising efforts and will **donate \$10 per tree** and **\$7 per stand** to Mitcham Primary School, for any trees/stands purchased through our exclusive [booking link](#)

Please feel free to share this link with friends or family who would like to buy a beautiful, fresh cut Christmas tree and support our school.

Cost	Standard 5-7ft (1.5-2.14 metre) trees: \$60 each
Collection Dates	Once pre-paid, you can collect your tree anytime on a weekend between the below dates: 3pm Friday 27th November - 6pm Sunday 20th December
Delivery Dates	If you want to have your Christmas Tree delivered to your home, you can select a weekend delivery date on the website. Delivery \$15
Collection Address	Trees can be collected contact-free from: 43A Springvale Rd Nunawading
Stands	Christmas Tree stands are available for purchase. These stands will screw into the base of your tree with a water reservoir to keep your tree hydrated! Stands can be re-used annually. See website for more details. Small Stand \$40/ Medium Stand \$60
Tree Removal	The Scout Group can come and remove your tree after Xmas, on an agreed date. Price is \$10.
Booking Link	https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=659415&
Questions	Contact the Scout Group directly via the Booking Page or Chloe Rees (MPS Fundraising) (chloerees1@gmail.com)

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Under 11

Under 13

Under 15

Under 17

Open Age Groups



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NUNAWADING NETBALL CLUB

****NEW MEMBERS****

Half price club fees for Autumn 2021

***Competition is at the new state of the art purpose built stadium
at HE Parker on Friday afternoons (U9s) and all day Saturdays**

***Training is at Mitcham Primary netball courts**

***We train on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays**

***All our coaches are accredited with Netball Victoria**

***Two seasons a year, following the school terms**



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Our café offers plenty of dinner options ranging from burgers to pizza along with our cinema classics such as popcorn and choc-tops.

Pile the kids into the car and enjoy dinner and a movie at Lunar Drive-In this summer.

COMING THIS

BOXING DAY



X-MAS

- ★ The Santa Clause (G)
- ★ The Grinch Who Stole Christmas (PG)
- ★ Elf (G)
- ★ Home Alone (PG)

**SUMMER
RETRO**

- ★ Grease (PG)
- ★ Shrek (PG)
- ★ Frozen (PG)
- ★ Jurassic Park (PG)

- ★ Dirty Dancing (M)
- ★ Back To Future (PG)
- ★ Daddy's Home (PG)

- ★ E.T (G)
- ★ Bohemian Rhapsody (M)
- ★ The Greatest Showman (PG)



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