



MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

EDUCATION WEEK

We have had a fantastic Education Week this week with many visitors coming to the school to celebrate and learn about the wonderful learning opportunities and education students at Mitcham Primary School are offered. Our Saturday Open Day and our Working Open Day both saw a very large number of prospective families visiting the school, I was exceptionally proud of the feedback I received from these families about the thoughtful insights and mature conversations that our student tour guides provided as they toured the school. We were also very fortunate to have very talented buskers positioned around the school, demonstrating their musical talents, this was enjoyed by many.

Additional highlights this week included the official opening of our new Ian Sloane Sportsfield, opened by our wonderful former principal Mr Ian Sloane.

Our participation in National Simultaneous Storytime was also a brilliant way to celebrate reading during Education Week, all our students were thoroughly entertained as we gathered in the PAC to watch and listen as author Matt Cosgrove read his book *Alpacas with Maracas* live to the millions of students across Australia. We are very grateful to our wonderful librarian Miss Prim for organising our participation in this event.



Today has certainly been a wonderful finish to this year's Education Week, the theme of which has been Careers and on this last day of celebration we asked all our children to come to school dressed up in the clothing associated with their dream career, we have had children dressed as astronauts, ballerinas, coding experts, spies, chefs and footy players to name a few professions, and our teachers decided that they would turn back time and dress as Mitcham PS students, celebrating the fond memories they have of being primary school students!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONTINUED

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Next week is National Reconciliation Week, this is an annual celebration of respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. All our students will be participating in activities that celebrate our wonderful Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture in their classrooms next week. This afternoon am I very much looking forward to walking with our Grade 6 School and House Captains down to Nunawading Civic Centre to participate in a National Sorry Day Flag Raising Ceremony.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY – YEAR 4 TO 6

The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual online survey conducted by the Department of Education to help schools gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. This will again run in the next week. We value what the students say about engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and the survey's purpose is to

gauge the views of the students and then the Department reports back the results to us. This enables us to plan programs and activities that addresses the feedback we receive.

Students in Years 4 to 6 across Victoria will participate in the online survey which during school hours. The survey only takes about twenty minutes to complete. The survey is a purpose built secure online tool and each student will be provided with a unique login to complete it. The identifier is only used to link data for statistical and reference purposes only and all responses are anonymous. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file thus ensuring the confidentiality of each student's response.

More information can be found by [clicking here](#) or typing the following into your web browser:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>

Wishing all families a lovely weekend!

Erin Norman

Principal

CAREERS DRESS UP DAY SNEEK PEAK!



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MITCHKIDS

Mitchkids was held today, Friday 24th May, from 10.00 – 11.00 in the Art room. The new children who started were also able to decorate a special 'Mitchkids' bag that they can bring with them to the sessions. The other main craft activity was to decorate an owl or butterfly hand puppet or to decorate a PJ Mask character mask.



There were many other different activities for the children to participate in, including different art and craft activities, construction, puzzles, play dough and colouring. We always share a story and sing some songs to end the session. We read the story 'The Crunching Munching Caterpillar' by Sheridan Cain.



It is a lot of fun for the children and a great way to become familiar with school. All pre-school

children are welcome to attend. Tea and coffee is provided for parents.

Thanks to our Grade 5 and 6 students for helping at this session. Many parents comment to me about how great our students are with the younger children and how caring and patient they are.

The next session is on Friday 7th June, 10.00 – 11.00 in the Art room.



EDUCATION WEEK 18TH – 25TH MAY

OPEN DAY

Last Saturday we had our Open Day. We had a number of families come to have a tour of the school. A number of our Year 6 students volunteered to be tour guides and gave up their time to be at school on Saturday. We had many very positive comments from the visitors, letting us know what good ambassadors they were for the school. They commented on how well informed the students were and how polite and helpful they were.

Many thanks to the students and to our school councillors, who came to help with the tours and to be there to welcome visitors to the school.

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL VISITORS DAY

We had a wonderful day on Monday, welcoming so many grandparents and special visitors to the school. It was lovely to see the excited anticipation in the rooms as the children waited for their visitors to arrive and then the welcoming smiles and hugs that were exchanged. Every classroom was filled with excited

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONT

students and adults working together on a variety of activities and sharing the things done at school. There was a variety of activities in all rooms and many visitors were also included in our specialist programs too.

Then at lunchtime grandparents, special friends and children were sharing special lunches and chatting about their time at school. Unfortunately, the weather was not suitable for sitting outside and most families stayed inside to have lunch together.

Many thanks to all who came up on the day it was such a fun and positive experience enjoyed in all of our grades across the school.



come, visit the school, and see the students working in their grades or at specialist programs. Thanks again to all our student tour guides who continued to show visitors around in a most informed and friendly manner.

ROBOTICS

Since last Friday, many students have been participating in the Robotics program run by Kevin and Pauline Taylor. I have been across to the room to see the very creative robots that the students have worked hard to design. It is great listening to them working together to meet the challenge and to see how the students go about problem-solving together to get the best outcome.



NAPLAN

The NAPLAN tests have been completed and were picked up from the school last Friday. The school will notify parents when the results are available. This will be later in the year.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Just a reminder that our School Photo day will be on Friday 31st May. Photo ordering forms have been distributed to all students this week. Instructions regarding payment and family photos are included on the photo envelopes and included in this newsletter.

BEFORE SCHOOL READING

There are a number of students who come to 'Before School Reading on Tuesdays from 8.15. It is great to hear them read and to see the improvements they are making in reading. Please note that the students should not arrive before 8.15.

THURSDAY OPEN DAY

The school was open again on Thursday between 10.00am and 1.00pm. It was a great opportunity to



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONT

STUDENT SURVEY

Every year primary school students from grades 4, 5 and 6, in Victorian Government schools, participate in a student survey. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting this survey helps us to find out about your child at our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to continue to improve all student's schooling experience. This will be completed in the next few weeks at school.

PUPIL FREE DAY REMINDER

Our next pupil free day is coming up soon Tuesday 11th June. Children are not to attend school on that day. If you will need to use OshClub for your child on this day, please ensure that you make a booking as soon as possible.

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED: FRIDAY 21 JUNE

Due to stocktake, our uniform supplier shop, RHSports will be closed on Friday 21st June. Unfortunately, this means no orders will be shipped, no orders via the web will be downloaded and packed, and the shop will be closed for walk-in parents. The shop will be re-opened on Monday 24th June.

Heather Wood

Assistant Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Escher - 4/6 A

Nathan - 4/6 B

Alaya - 5/6 B

Rueben - 3/4 B

Oscar - 1/3 B

Daisy - 5/6 A

Jasmine - 3/4 B

Kaitlyn - 3/4 C

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
24 May	Mitchkids Robotics Workshop School & House Captains Sorry Day Ceremony Excursion
27 May	'You Can Do It Too' Show
31 May	School Photos
3 June - 6 June	Book Fair Open for Sales
7 June	Mitchkids
10 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
11 June	Student Free Day
14 June	Grade 5/6 Winter Sport
21 June	Grade 5/6 Winter Sport Mitchkids
24 June	House & School Captains Sorry Day Excursion
25 June	Woolworths Earn and Learn Ends
26 June	After School Chess Finishes for Term 2
28 June	Last Day Term 2
15 July	First Day Term 3

DATE	EVENT
19 July	The Ridiculous Rhyme Show Visit
17 - 23 August	Book Week
23 August	Grade 5/6 Summer Sport
26 August - 28 August	Grade 3/4 Camp 1
28 August - 30 August	Grade 3/4 Camp 2
2 September	District Athletics
5 September	Grade 5/6 Performance
6 September	Grade 5/6 Summer Sport
20 September	Last Day Term 3
7 October	First Day Term 4
4 November	Student Free Day
6 November	Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Commences
15 November	Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Ends
18 November	Prep - 2 Swimming Commenced
29 November	Prep - 2 Swimming Ends
20 December	Last Day Term 4



Mitcham Primary School

~ Book Fair ~



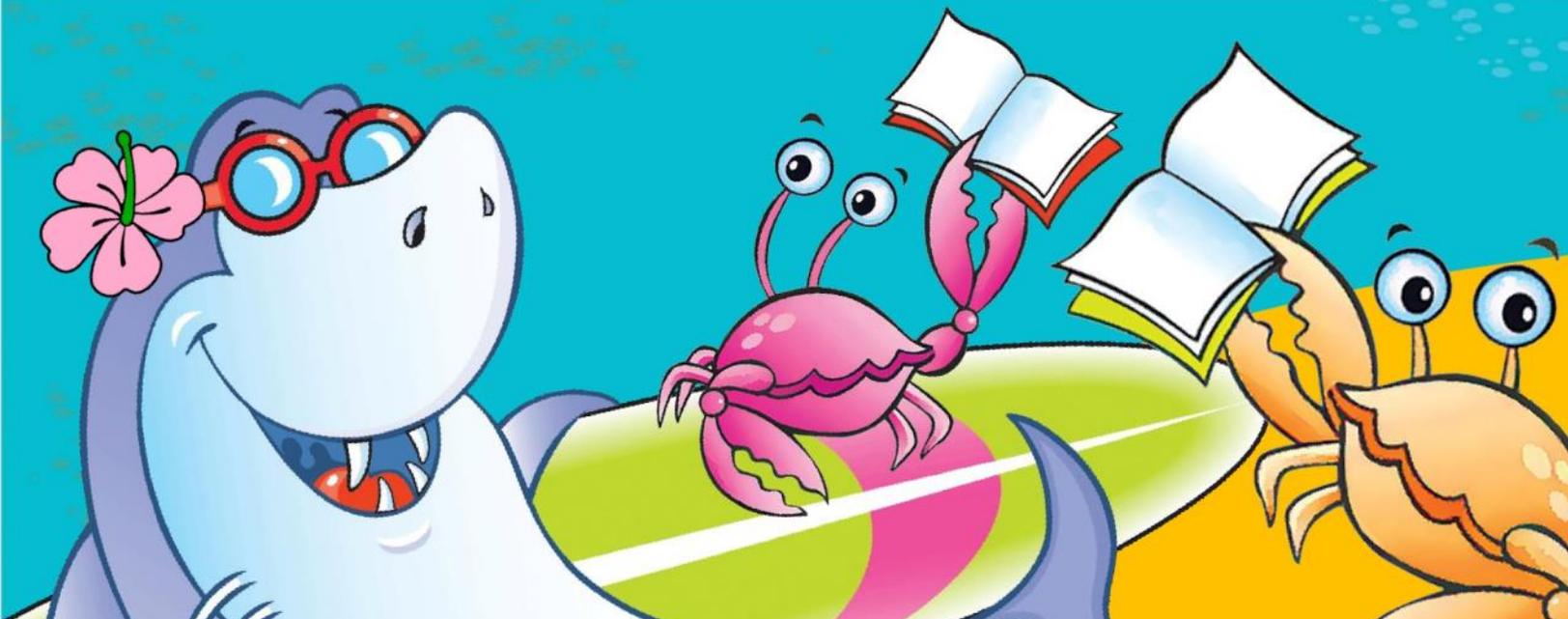
MONDAY 3 JUNE - THURSDAY 6 JUNE

Before School: 8.15 am - 8.45 am

After School: 3.15 pm - 3.45 pm

See you in the Library

GUESSING COMPETITION . RAFFLE . DESIGN A SURFBOARD



FROM THE MITCHAM PRIMARY OFFICE

CSEF (CAMPS & SCHOOL EXCURSIONS FUND)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- School camps or trips
- Swimming and school-organised sport programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions and incursions.

Applications for 2019 are now open and will close on **28 June 2019** (end of Term 2). Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

Successful applicants will receive \$125 per year for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the individual student. Most payments start from March onwards.

Payments are for the application year and cannot be claimed for previous years.

The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, or formals/graduations.

You will only need to submit an application form in 2019 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- Your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply at the same school in a previous year
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

We are able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year.

The payment system only allows one application per student. Parents in shared custody situations (who both hold a concession card) must make the decision beforehand who applies for the CSEF at the school on behalf of their children.

If you have already paid for some camp, sports or excursion costs up front, you have the option to:

- Allocate the payment towards remaining activities in 2019
- Carry over the amount to be used on eligible activities in 2020

Please note, CSEF funds cannot be directly refunded to families.

If you think you may be eligible, and are yet to apply, or would like more information, please see the information and application sheets enclosed in the later pages of this newsletter.

Alternatively, contact our school office for more information.

STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF

Prep students who are applicable for the CSEF fund may also be able to receive support for school uniforms through State Schools' Relief.

State Schools' Relief helps with the cost of new school uniforms, shoes and books for families who are facing hardship.

The Victorian Government has provided more than \$15.65 million to State Schools' Relief to help provide 100,000 students with free or discounted new school uniforms, shoes and books over four years (2015-19).

For students commencing prep in 2019, State Schools' Relief can provide a winter warmer uniform package:

- 1 x rugby top or windcheater or polo long sleeve
- 1 x tracksuit pants
- 1 x pair of shoes (lace up or t-bar or runner/sneaker)

To apply, make sure you lodge your application for CSEF before the closing date and ensure you speak to the office about a uniform pack.

If your application is successful, uniform items and vouchers may be given directly to you, or the school. The school will contact you to pass on the items.

Please see the ladies in our office for more information or assistance.

This is



MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL 2019
Grade 5/6 Performance

What'S There Not To Like?

By **MARK & HELEN JOHNSON**
AND **STEWART HENDERSON**

ART ROOM DONATIONS

The art room welcomes your donations. Most supplies on the list are recyclable materials commonly found around the home. If you have other unique items that are not on the list but think they could be used in art, do not hesitate to contact Miss McFarland. We appreciate any donations to use in class throughout the year. We are very creative artists and can find a use for most things!

- Magazines and newspapers
- Paper towel rolls
- Plastic cups or tubs
- Foil trays
- Clean tomato sauce bottles
- Cling wrap and aluminium foil
- Small cardboard boxes e.g. coffee pod/sachet boxes
- Milo/coffee Tins
- Bottle tops

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year the school photos will be taken on Friday 31st May. The company will send out packs to all students closer the date. Please note this date in your diary.

BOOK FAIR: HELPERS NEEDED

The Book Fair is nearly here and we need your help! Open for sales before school (8.15am – 8.45pm) and after school (3.15pm – 3.45pm) from Monday 3 June until Thursday 6 June, we are in need of Parent Helpers to assist with sales throughout each session.

If you have completed the Parent Helper training with Kathy Lawson this year, hold a current Working with Children Check, and are happy and willing to help with sales at the Fair, simply contact or visit our school Library to add your name to the roster situated on the window behind the circulation desk.

Any assistance at all will be greatly appreciated.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is to shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From 1st May until 25 June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet (coming home with your child today) and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at the Woolworths in Eastland. Additional Sticker Sheets are available from the School Office.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

LUNCH ORDER PROVIDER

Lunch orders are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Simply [click here](#), or search the following address in your browser: www.classroomcuisine.com.au

You will need to register an account in your name and select Mitcham Primary School. Once you are in your account there is a tab to add a child. Please add your children and select Mitcham Primary School and their grade.

Placing orders can be done up until 8.30 the morning of the lunch day.

The option to select future dates is available to place orders, if your child is not attending school on the future day you can cancel the order the morning of the absence.

Payment is required at the time of ordering with a credit card.

See our lunch order menu in the following pages.

MitchKids Playgroup



May
Friday May 10
Friday May 24

June
Friday June 7
Friday June 21

10.00 - 11.00am



Mitcham Primary School
294 Mitcham Road, Mitcham
Phone: 9873-1551

July
Friday July 19

August
Friday Aug 2
Friday Aug 16
Friday Aug 30

September
Friday Sept 13



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES 2019

CLUB/ACTIVITY	COST (Y/N)	DAY OF WEEK	WHEN	STUDENTS INVOLVED	ORGANISER
Before School Reading	N	Tuesday	Before school	All Welcome	Heather Wood
Bonsai Club	Y	TBC*	During school	Grade 5/6s	Marina Rich
Chess Club	Y	Wednesday	After school	All Welcome	Heather Wood
Five Six Mix Choir	N	Thursday	During lunch	Grade 5/6s	Natalie Wickham
Gardening & Sustainability Club	N	Monday	During lunch	All Welcome	Marina Rich, Laura Luscombe & Kate Medcalf
Hot Shots Tennis	Y	Multiple	During & After School.	All Welcome	Contact Office
Instrumental Music	Y	Various	During school	All Welcome	Contact Office
Junior School Council	N	Various	During school	Elected students	Jayne Koth, Tracey Irvine & Kate Medcalf
Kelly Sports	Y	Multiple	During lunch	All Welcome	Contact Office
Lunchtime Library Sessions	N	Wednesday & Friday	During lunch	All Welcome	Erin Norman
Media	N	Thursday	During school	Media Team	Tracey Irvine & Emma Bates
Mitcham Melodies Choir	N	Thursday	During lunch	Grade 3/4	Jess Yuen, Emma Bates & Deb Williamson
Mitcham Music Makers	N	TBC	During lunch	Grades 4-6	Natalie Wickham
New Zealand Exchange	Y	N/A	N/A	Grade 5/6s	Heather Wood
Peer Mediation	N	Various	During recess	Grade 6s	Tracey Irvine, Laura Luscombe & Marianne McKay
Perceptual Motor Program	N	Monday	During school	Preps	Val Berardini
Quiet Space	N	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	During lunch	All Welcome	Michelle Dybing
Robotics Club	N	Friday	During lunch	TBC	Netanel Koles
Running Club	N	Friday	Before school	Grades 3-6	Laura Ellis & Tracey Irvine
Street Dance Studios	Y	Tuesday	During lunch	Grades 4 - 6	SDS Staff
Snack and Study	N	Thursday	After school	EAL Students	Michelle Dybing
Tournament of Minds	N	TBC	TBC	Grade 5/6s	TBC
Grade 5/6 Games	N	Friday	During Lunch	Grade 5/6	Paul Bremner (Volunteer)



MSP Photography is excited to be photographing Mitcham PS on Friday 31st May 2019



As school photo day is fast approaching, school photo order envelopes have been handed out to every student! It is important to follow the order instructions on your personalised envelopes.

We offer a variety of pack choices starting from just \$20. Jump online at www.msp.com.au to view these packages, alternatively they are all pictured & listed on your personalised photo order envelope.
Please follow the below steps for a smooth ordering process and photo day experience.

Ordering:

Payment Options include Cash or Online

TO ORDER WITH CASH

- On your envelope please select which package you would like to purchase & enclose CORRECT MONEY in your child's envelope
- Please include correct money as there is NO CHANGE AVAILABLE on or after photo day

TO ORDER ONLINE

- Using your child's SHOOTKEY logon to www.msp.com.au and click ORDER ONLINE. Following the on screen prompts you may select your chosen package and make payment
- You will receive an email once the order is complete. Please record your child's Reference Number on their envelope
- The online ordering system closes at midnight of photo day

Sibling Photos:

FAMILY PHOTO SLIPS ARE ATTACHED TO YOUR ELDEST CHILD'S PHOTO ENVELOPE

- Please leave the slip attached to your envelope and follow listed instructions
- Pay online using the family SHOOTKEY
- Spare Family Slips are available at the school office if you did not receive one

****PLEASE NOTE FAMILY ORDERS MUST BE MADE ONLINE & MUST BE MADE BEFORE 11.59PM THE NIGHT BEFORE PHOTO DAY.****

All students will need to hand their envelope to the photographer on photo day regardless of payment method as all students have their photo taken on the day whether or not an order has been placed. Please do not seal envelopes inside of each other. If you have any further queries or questions please contact us.



MSP Photography | North East Melbourne

P 9466 7331 | E admin.nem@msp.com.au | 7/9 Mirra Court, Bundoora VIC 3083

www.msp.com.au

Dear Mitcham OSHClub Parents,

Hello everyone! This week children have been outside most of the time in the mornings and the afternoons running around the Sportsfield (which they love!) and playing footy. The days we were indoors, we were busy with aboriginal dot painting. We also welcomed stick insects to the program! We have enjoyed watching them moving about. Special thanks to Katrina from Gymparoo for donating the stick insects to us, and showing the children how to hold them. We were also fortunate to witness the opening of the new Sportsfield and see Mr Sloane.

We have been informed of an upcoming Pupil Free Day at MITCHAM Primary School on Tuesday 11th June 2019. Please see attached flyer for details.

We are working on providing varied play areas based on children's interests, please feel free to pop in and provide suggestions or feedback. We will be soon saying good bye to our tennis table and some of our old cupboards, if you're interested, please come in and have a look.

We are in the process of developing a program specific philosophy. If anyone is interested, please ask for a questionnaire sheet. Any input will be highly appreciated.

UPDATE IN THE BOOKING POLICY FOR BSC AND ASC SESSIONS

- Parents will not be able to book online within 24 hours as the system is locked 24 hours before the session commence time.
- Parents can book their child(ren) into the program on the day by calling or texting 0422 097 497.
- Program times are from 7am—9am 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). This fee was waived last term for goodwill as the CCS was stabilising – it is part of our usual T&C's.
- When a child is booked but does not attend, and

there's 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 full fee.

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

Please remember to update your family's contact details, especially phone numbers, addresses, and any medical conditions on the enrolment form if there is any change. This can be done online at:

www.oshclub.com.au

WEEK 6 : BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Popsicle Stick Winter Animals & 3 Legged Race
TUESDAY	Winter Animal Bookmark & Ga Ga Ball
WEDNESDAY	Winter Beanies & Foosball Tournament
THURSDAY	Winter Poster & Silent Ball
FRIDAY	Finger Knitting & Chinese Whispers
WEEK 6 : AFTER SCHOOL CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Winter Mini Book & Footy Drills/Skills
TUESDAY	Healthy Eating/Recipe Book & Duck, Duck, Goose
WEDNESDAY	Frosty Winter Scene & Basket Ball Tricks
THURSDAY	Winter Tree Finger Painting & Running Race
FRIDAY	Winter Paper Lanterns & Visit the Junior Playground

Enrol Now: www.oshclub.com.au

OSHClub Program Phone: 0422 097 497

OSHClub Head Office: 1300 395 735

Program Coordinator: Jagruti

Program Assistants: Lekky and Jess (permanent),



OSHCLUB NEWS: PUPIL FREE DAY

UPCOMING PUPIL FREE DAY

We have been informed of an upcoming Pupil Free Day at Mitcham Primary School on Tuesday 11th June 2019. Mitcham OshClub will run if we receive a minimum of 15 bookings for the day.

If going ahead, 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.

Please book prior to 5.00pm on Tuesday 4th June 2019 to register your interest. We will advise on this day if we have enough bookings to proceed.

PUPIL FREE DAY: 7.00 AM - 6.30 PM

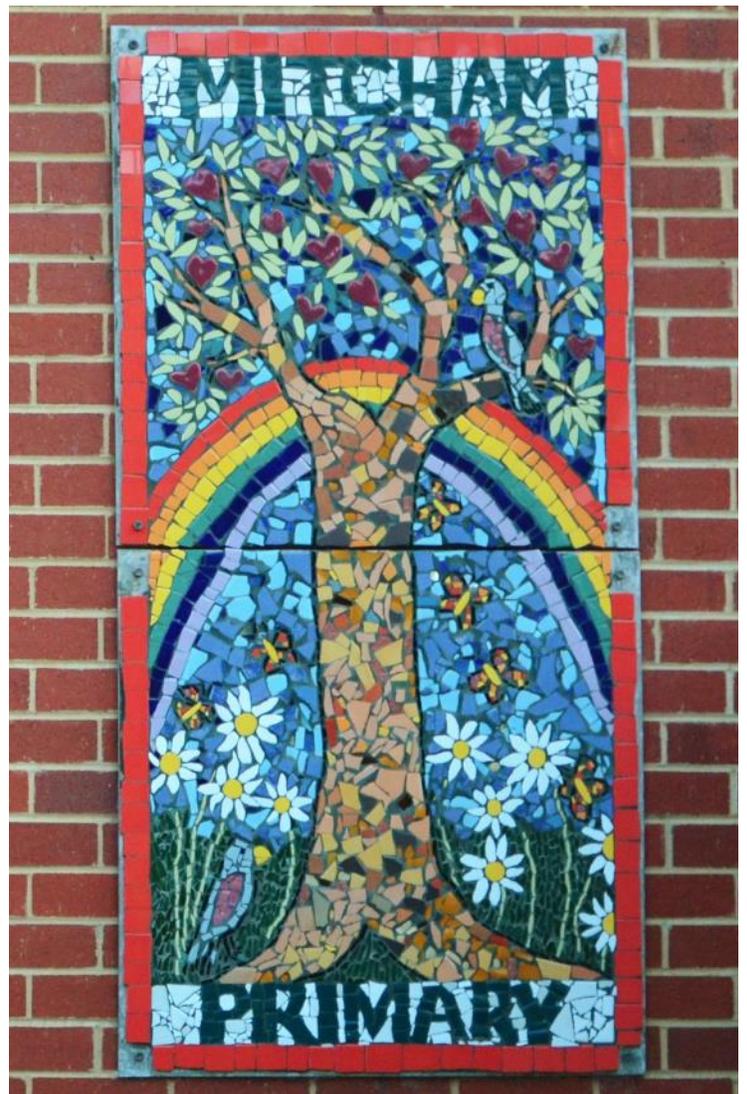
Tuesday 11 June 2019

FULL FEE

\$65.00

FURTHER INFORMATION

- 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.
- All regular Before and After School Care bookings have been removed.



HOW TO BOOK

Please log in to your account online at www.oshclub.com.au and book in under the Pupil Free Day Room.

WHAT HAPPENS

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

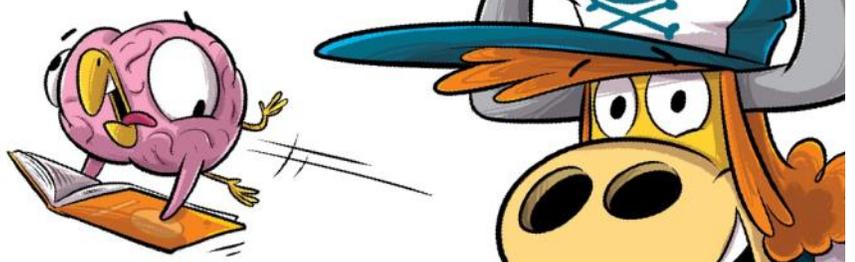
WHAT TO BRING

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

SESSION CONFIRMATION OR CANCELATION NOTIFICATION

Parents will be notified by the end of business on the Tuesday 4 June, 2019 if the day will proceed.





DEAR FAMILIES,

If we want children to read independently, they need to have easy access to a wide assortment of fiction and nonfiction books, choice in what they read, and time to practise reading. Given a good selection of books, all kids read more. And those who read more books get more practice and become better readers.

Here are some great ways to get your child reading:

- 1 Set aside a regular reading time. Pick a time that is suitable for everyone. It might be before bedtime or even after homework.
- 2 Pick a reading place. It is important that everyone is comfortable so they can enjoy the book. Try reading in the living room, or maybe seated at the dinner table works best.
- 3 Read together. One person can read the book, or family members can take turns.
- 4 Visit your local library. Enjoy free resources such as books and read-aloud events.
- 5 Involve and engage the whole family. Before reading, point to the book's title, author and illustrator. Ask listeners, 'What do you think the story is going to be about?' As you read, ask them what they think will happen next. And be sure to use exciting voices to engage listeners!
- 6 Fill your home with reading materials. Place books, magazines, newspapers, cookbooks and more throughout the house so your child is surrounded by things to read.
- 7 Get caught reading yourself. When your child sees you read, they will be inspired to read.
- 8 Have older siblings read to younger siblings. By reading to a younger sibling, the reader will gain confidence.
- 9 Start seasonal traditions. Pick a book to read every year when your child goes back to school. You can also read the same special book during a holiday.
- 10 Keep favourite books around. It can be comforting for a new reader to build confidence and fluency by practising when re-reading a favourite book.

**READ
10 MINUTES
EVERY DAY IN MAY**



Research shows that children who read books for just **10 minutes a day** perform better in school.*

*Research conducted by the National Centre for Family Literacy.

Illustrations from *Cowboy and Birdbrain* by Adam Wallace and James Hart.
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bringing up great kids

Would you like to understand why your **child** behaves the way they do?

Are you interested in knowing more about why you **parent** the way you do?

Would you like to explore how to enhance your parenting and relationship with your child?

Bringing up Great Kids (BUGK) is a program that uses mindfulness and reflection to support parents / carers of children as they review and enhance their patterns of communication with their children.

The BUGK Program supports parents as they explore what influences their parenting practices, and the messages they're passing on to their children.

The program aims to work with parents as they establish a new relationship context with their children.

For more information or to register, please contact Sandra Fawcett on 9871 1802

Who Parents / Carers of children aged 0-10 years

Where Mitcham Family Centre
15 Brunswick Road
Mitcham

When Thursdays
6th June – 27th June 2019
(4 consecutive weeks)

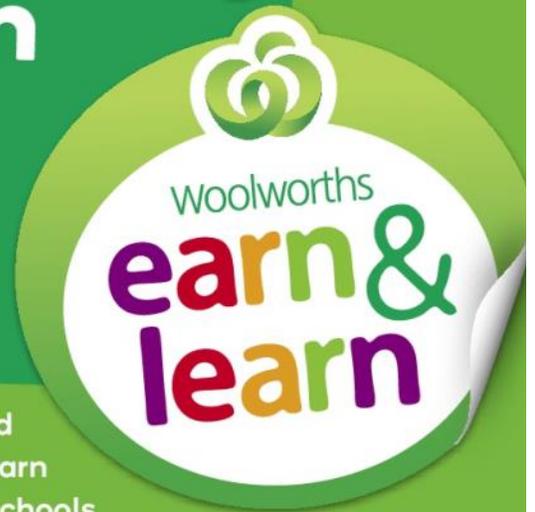
Time 9.30am – 12pm

Cost Free
(tea/coffee/snacks provided)

*Sorry no child minding available

This program is funded by the City of Whitehorse

Anyone can earn stickers to help local schools



The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives schools and Early Learning Centres around Australia the chance to earn amazing school equipment. In 2017 we had over 15,000 schools and Early Learning Centres involved, and delivered over 300,000 new pieces of equipment to kids all over Australia.

Here's what to do:



Between 1 May and 25 June 2019, collect as many stickers as you can.

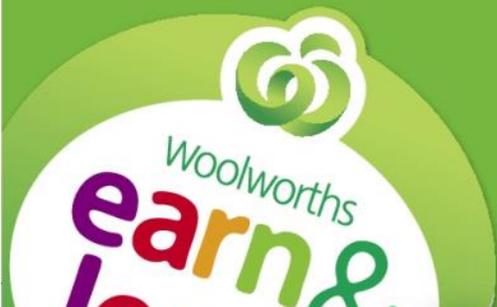


Stick them on the sticker sheets and give them to your local school or Early Learning Centre. Or drop them into a collection box in store.

Don't forget, you can always download and print extra sticker sheets at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Need more information?

To read our Frequently Asked Questions and Terms & Conditions visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn



My Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers



Stick your Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers in the squares below.
Give them to your local school or Early Learning Centre, or drop them
into a collection box in store by 25 June 2019.

My name: _____

Collecting for: _____

Entry to the promotion is open to primary and secondary schools, and eligible Early Learning Centres (ELC) in Australia. Promotion runs 1 May 2019 until 25 June 2019. Speak to your school or ELC to ensure they are registered, or visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn and check online. Participants must be registered by 25 June 2019. One Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker is given for every \$10 spent in a single transaction at Woolworths Supermarkets, Woolworths Metro and online, excluding liquor, tobacco, gift cards and other specified purchases. While stocks last. Stickers must be counted and submitted by 7 July 2019. Stickers must be redeemed for equipment by 21 July 2019. Retain stickers for validation. For full terms and conditions, please visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Commencing a Trial with MITCHAM PRIMARY in T1, 2019!

A Two Course Lunch is \$8.95 and a Three Course Lunch is \$10.35

AVAILABLE – MONDAY'S, WEDNESDAY'S & FRIDAY'S!

LUNCH ITEM ONE

SALADS

- Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF)
- Brown Rice & Mixed Bean Salad (GF)
- Thai Style Noodle Salad (GF)
- Quinoa, Tabouli & Tuna Salad (GF)
- Pasta Salad (GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box – Vegetarian (GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box with Ham (GF)

SUSHI

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

BAKERY

- Cheese and Bacon Roll
- Cheese and Vegemite Scroll
- Supreme Pizza Roll
- Topped with Only Cheese Roll

PITA PIZZAS

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

SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

- Ham, Cheese and Tomato Sandwich
- Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce and Cheese Sandwich
- Ham and Cheese Roll
- Gluten Free Ham & Cheese Sandwich (GF)
- Simple Salad Roll
- Gluten Free Ham & Cucumber Sandwich (GF)
- Vegemite Sandwich
- Mild Salami and Salad Roll
- Beetroot 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
- Chicken and Salad Roll
- Wholegrain ROLL Tuna and Salad
- Salad with Ham (No Cheese) ROLL

LUNCH ITEM TWO/THREE

FRESH FRUIT & VEG

- Fresh Fruit Combo
- Freshly chopped Orange Segments
- Freshly chopped Strawberries with Green Grapes
- Apple with Lemon Juice, Brown Sugar & Cinnamon
- Freshly chopped Cantaloupe & Watermelon
- Freshly Chopped Watermelon pieces
- Chopped Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
- Freshly chopped Pineapple with Orange Pieces
- Lightly Steamed Corn Wheels & Broccoli
- Sugar Snap Peas, Beans & Cherry Tomatoes
- Cherry Tomatoes with Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers

BAKED GOODS

- Choc Chip Cookie
- Fruit Bun
- Hedgehog Slice
- Finger Bun with Sprinkles
- Banana Cup Cake (GF, DF)
- Iced Cup Cake
- Choc Cup Cake (GF,DF)
- Blueberry Muffin
- Apple & Cinnamon Cake

YOGHURT

- Chobani Yoghurt - Strawberry
- Chobani Yoghurt - Blueberry
- Chobani Yoghurt - Passionfruit
- Chobani Yoghurt – Plain
- Chia, Banana, Coconut and Strawberry Bowl

DIPS & CRACKERS

- Tzatziki dip with Rice Crackers
- Avocado dip with Rice Crackers
- Spring Onion dip with Rice Crackers
- Moroccan Carrot dip with Rice Crackers

POPCORN/SNACKS

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

DRINKS

- Apple Juice
- Orange Juice
- Nippy's Chocolate Milk

For more information check out our website

www.classroomcuisine.com.au

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
 - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (29 January 2019) or term two (23 April 2019).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2019 closes on 28 June, 2019.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.