MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

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

JULY 12 FIRST DAY TERM 3

SEPT 17 LAST DAY TERM 3

VALUE OF THE MONTH

RESILIENCE



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

TRANSITION PROGRAM

What a terrific week!

Our third Whole School Mainstream Transition Session was held on Monday and our students Transitioned confidence and excitement. Confidence, with excitement and a little nervousness was also experienced by our graduating year 6 students as many of them headed off on Tuesday to their 2021 Schools for the Year 7 Public School Transition Day. While our Graduates were out we welcomed our 2021 Grade Prep students for a very special 'Meet Your Class' morning, their enthusiasm and eagerness to start school was incredible! On Monday next week, all of our students from Grade Prep - Grade 5 will take part in our 'Moving Up' morning, during this time students will meet their 2021 classmates and classroom teachers. Many hours of work have gone into ensuring all our students are placed into a learning environment that will support their individual learning needs.



MITCHAM MATES

Wednesday saw the launch of our new vertical team Wellbeing program 'Mitcham Mates', Mitcham Mates is a wellbeing program where students are grouped into vertical teams based on their house. Each group has students from P-6 in it and provides an opportunity for students to build connections with others from all over the school. These groups also give students an

opportunity to build relationships with other teachers within the school. Wednesday's activities included tabloid sports and getting to know you activities. Students also discussed the importance of school-wide values; what they think the values of Mitcham Primary School are and if our existing school values need to be improved to reflect changes in the world and our school community. The students' thoughts and reasons for their recommendations were so well considered, we were so impressed by the seriousness that our students approached this task with and there understanding of the importance of their student voice in reshaping our school values.



This project will continue in 2021, with the opportunity to contribute to the redesign of our school values being extended to our parents and staff also. Mitcham Mates will become a regular occurrence next year.

FANTASTIC FRIDAY

Today we have had exciting events occurring all across the school, our current Grade Preps have celebrated 100 days of being on-site for school. Grade 1/2 students have celebrated their year with 'Happy Day,' a day filled with games and fun. Grade 3/4 students across the school have celebrated the end of the year with a day filled with Camp activities. Our graduating Grade 6 Montessori Stream students have enjoyed an opportunity to revisit some of the materials and experiences of their time in Cycle 1 (their pre-school years). Our staff have put lots of thought and energy into these activities, with the aim being to bring positive closure to a very challenging year and to



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONTINUED

celebrate the resilience and the connectedness that our students have maintained this year.

Our Grade 5/6 students' end of year celebrations will continue into the last week of school with tabloid sports, a pizza lunch, a little surprise activity, 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

- **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. We are in the process of appointing the fifth Year 1/2 teacher and hope to make this announcement very soon.
- Year 3/4 Team: Donna Johnston (Year 3/4 Co-ordinator), Tara Buckle, Kathy Lawson and Sam Barkley.
- Year 5/6 Team: Netanel Koles (Year 5/6 Co-ordinator), 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

MITCHAM PRIMARY COOKBOOK

Our Mitcham Primary Cookbook is finally here and we are so excited to try out the wonderful recipes that have been shared by our community.

However, unfortunately one of our fabulous recipes managed to slip through the cracks and didn't make it into the cookbooks we received. It's a fantastic recipe, so we encourage you to print out this page, cut out the recipe and place it in the notes section of your Mitcham Primary Cookbook.

HOMEMADE PEANUT BUTTER

Oscar Reid 1-3A

Ingredients:

- 1kg Peanuts (with skin)
- 180mL oil
- 1 tsp salt

Method:

- 1. Roast peanuts in oven at 180C for 25-30mins or until light brown.
- After cooling, put peanuts in food processor with salt and oil, process until smooth.





MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Traduation Day - YEAR 6 2020 -

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER SPEECHES @ LUNCH IN THE PAC



FROM THE MITCHAM PRIMARY LIBRARY

FINAL BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

With our Book Week celebrations taking place way back in Week 3 of this Term, this week we were absolutely ecstatic to finally award the winners of our Story Writing and Film Making Competitions their very well deserved medals.

Film Competition Winner Henry 3/4 A



Congratulations to Henry of 3/4 A! Henry created an absolutely eye-catching and engaging Book Trailer promoting one of his favourite Geronimo Stilton Books.

To watch Henry's book trailer, make sure you're signed into your child's Mitcham Primary School Google account and click the link below:

WATCH THE FILM NOW!

Well done Henry! You're a future film Director in the making, we look forward to seeing your next big hit!

Story Competition Winner

Evan 3/4 B

Congratulations to Evan of 3/4 B! Evan, evidently a masterful wordsmith, penned a simply amazing short story titled *The UFO*. His use of descriptive language had us enthralled with the story ahead.

Well done Evan! We're looking forward to seeing your future novels hitting the 'best sellers' lists around the world!



Read Evan's winning story below:

THE UFO

By Evan 3/4 B

Connor jovially ambled along the usually-uneventful Area 56 when he caught a glimpse of a silver flying object in the sky hurtling towards him. Goggling at it in astonishment, he perceived white-hot flames trailing behind it, accompanied by thick smoke billowing from its rear. While witnessing the event unfold before his very eyes, it dawned on him that it was losing altitude fast and furiously. As it careened down, he chased it to a grassy open field. The flying object taxied.



FROM THE LIBRARY: CONTINUED

"What's this?!" Connor exclaimed, adrenalin pumping through his veins, approaching it with caution. He kept his eyes peeled on it, before deciding it was safe to enter. "Whoa," Connor gasped with bated breath, astounded by its interior. The spiffy craft was unlike anything he had ever seen. It was decked with the most technologically-advanced equipment.

Connor had a horrifying thought, "What if there are-" "Meep!" a high-pitched voice interrupted him midsentence. Curiosity overwhelmed him and he trailed the noise but made no unique discovery - or so he thought. He scoured its surroundings for clues but did not uncover anything peculiar.

Suddenly, out of the corner of his eye, an adorable, miniscule life-form was seen clinging to the wall. "Meep?" it squeaked. "Who... I mean, what... are you?" Connor queried, half-anticipating a response. "Meep!" it chirped. "Umm... I don't understand you," Connor murmured. After a few moments of awkward silence, Connor enquired, "How do you control this complicated craft?"

Before he could get a response, a gigantic, hairy beast shambled into the corner, blocking Connor and any means of escape. "I control this mega-craft," it growled. "H-hey, keep it cool," Connor stammered. "I just stumbled into this fancy thingamajig and had to explore..." "Well, then.. SCRAM!" it snarled.

Frantic and scared out of his wits, Connor skilfully maneuvered past the infuriated beast and headed for the nearest exit. He darted home in record speed. Once safe and sound, he related the queer and almost unbelievable encounter to his parents but they convinced him that it was his overactive imagination playing out. They shared the bizarre tale with their neighbours and town anyway and the news spread quicker than wildfire.

Before he knew it, a group of scientists and researchers crowded outside Connor's residence and bombarded him

with questions that eventually led them to believe that he sighted a UFO! Connor, leading the pack, bolted to the field at Area 56. However, they watched on helplessly as it blasted off into the horizon. Not only did Connor's discovery make the headlines, his parents never doubted his words ever again.

STORY BOX LIBRARY

With school holidays approaching, don't forget, as a member of the Mitcham Primary School Community, you get free access to Story Box Library!

With Story Box Library, your child can watch and listen to their favourite stories, read aloud by fabulous storytellers, sportspeople, musicians, comedians, and actors, from the comfort of your home. Story Box Library provides us with continually expanding content to inspire Prep to Year 6 students, alongside related 'Classroom Ideas' for each story linked to the current Australian Curriculum.

Reading aloud to children, in particular by diverse and engaging storytellers, greatly improves language and literacy skills, especially in the early years of a child's development – not to mention, it's enjoyable for all involved

Our login details are:

Username: Mitcham Primary School

Password: MPS

CLICK HERE TO LOG IN

LIBRARY BOOKS

The end of the school year is nearly here and all library books must be returned for our end of year stocktake. Please take a minute to search high and low for any library books that may be hiding in schoolbags or within your home.



SNAPSHOTS OF MITCHAM MATES DAY











OSHCLUB NEWS

Dear Mitcham OSHClub Families,

We can't believe it's only one more week to go before school holidays! This week, children have been busy working on lots of Christmas decorations including making Ginger Bread Houses and tree ornaments.

Children have been understanding human rights and responsibilities and making posters as a part of Human Rights Day celebrations. They have also enjoyed working on making a castle from recycled boxes and it is in the process of being painted. Preps have been great walking themselves to and from the classroom, we are very proud of them. We have also started cleaning up bit by bit. Our OSH students have also been working on providing feedback for OSHClub and we love reading their notes.

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.

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.

BEING SUNSMART

A kind reminder that we are following our Sun Smart policy according to UV level index. So, please remember to provide a hat for your child. We supply Coles' branded 50+ protection sunscreen here at the service, however, if your child has specific sunscreen needs, we encourage parents to either leave some with us at the program or ensure that children have some in their bags.

WEEK 11: BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Clean up, Portfolio & Lego
TUESDAY	Clean up, Portfolio & Lego
WEDNESDAY	Clean up, Portfolio & Lego
THURSDAY	Clean up, Portfolio & Lego
FRIDAY	PUPIIL FREE DAY
WEEK 11: AFTER SCHOOL CARE	
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Enrol Now: www.oshclub.com.au

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.







Mitcham Primary School

Monday, 04th January to Wednesday, 27th January 2021

Building Brighter Futures Together

NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free





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.



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.



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



(N) + \$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.



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.



BLUE MOON

IN-SERVICE

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



ROAMING REPTILES



(N) + \$18.00

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?



Mon - Fri 7:00am - 6:30pm Mitcham Primary School - 0422 097 497 294 Mitcham Road (enter via Tirana Street carpark) Mitcham VIC 3132





Building Brighter Futures Together

Monday, 04th January to Wednesday, 27th January 2021

NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free





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



(N) + \$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! Yippeee, lets 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.

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



Vacation Care

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.



supporting young people: transition from primary to secondary school

headspace National in partnership with the Department of Education and Training Victoria, are hosting a webinar for parents and carers with young people who are transitioning from primary to secondary school.

The presentation will include:

- Information to assist your understanding about transition and changes for young people and how this may impact their mental health and wellbeing.
- Information about supporting a young person who is about to start secondary school.
- Information about mental health and wellbeing in adolescence.
- Skills and strategies to enhance your connection and communication with young people about mental health.

- Strategies for you to support your young person.
- Where to access professional support and what supports are available during the holidays.

This webinar is for adults.

When

Tuesday 15th December 2020 7.00 – 8.15pm AEDT

How do I register?

Click here to register via Eventbrite.

After you have registered, you will receive an email confirmation from Eventbrite which will include the Zoom meeting link to access the webinar on the evening.

Contact

For more information email: MHEP@headspace.org.au

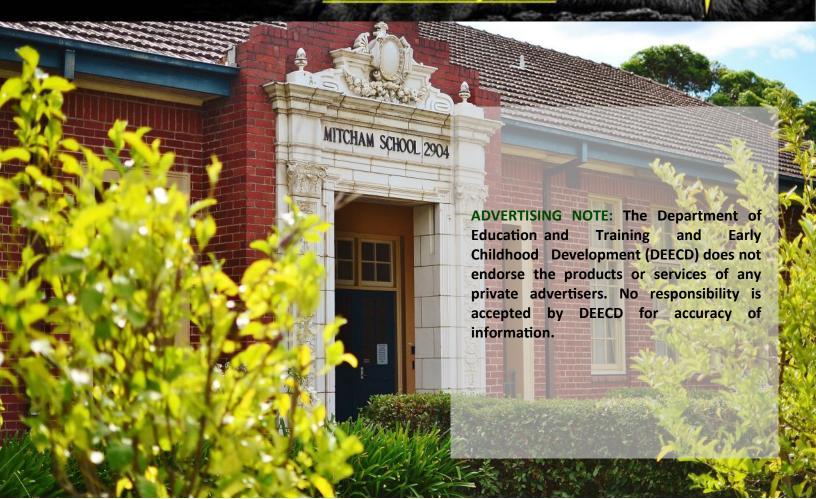








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New player enquiries: registrar@nunanetball.com.au



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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