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MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

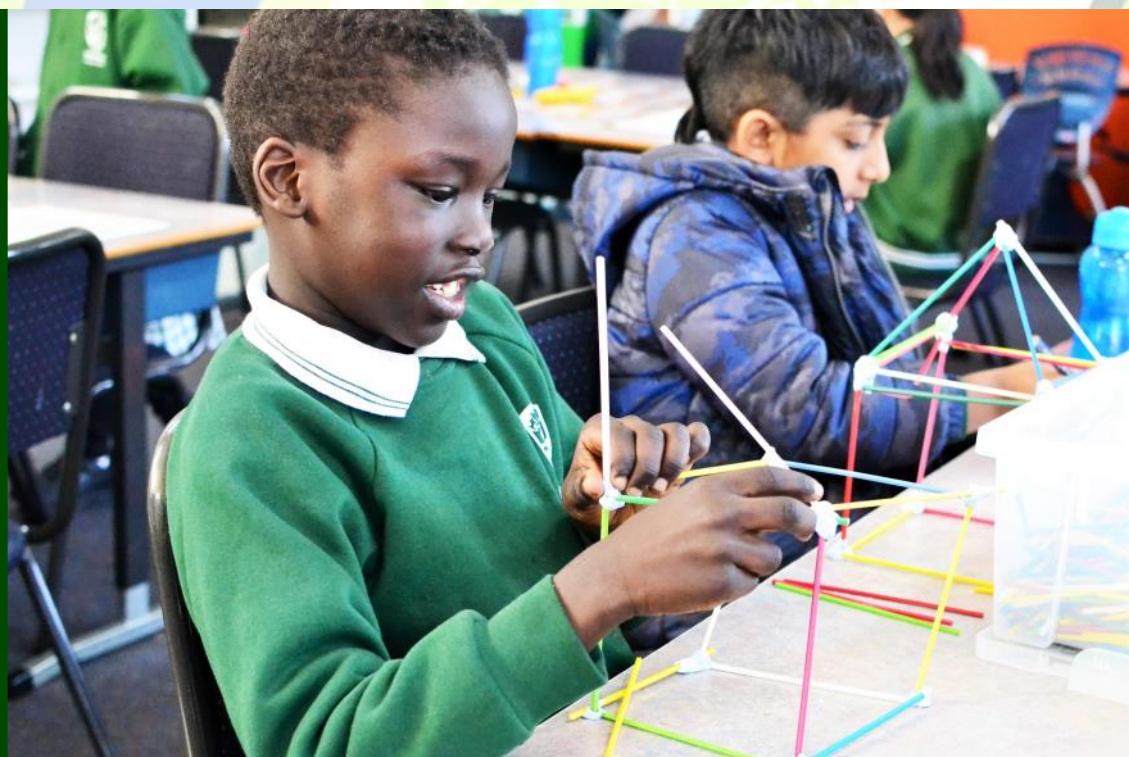
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IMPORTANT DATES

- JUNE 8** PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 - JUNE 9** 3 - 6 BACK TO SCHOOL
 - JUNE 17** COOKBOOK RECIPES DUE
 - JUNE 26** LAST DAY TERM 2
 - JULY 13** FIRST DAY TERM 3
 - SEPT 1** SCHOOL PHOTOS
 - SEPT 18** LAST DAY TERM 3
 - OCT 5** FIRST DAY TERM 4
 - OCT 17** BOOK WEEK
 - OCT 26** BOOK FAIR DAY 1
 - OCT 29** BOOK FAIR LAST DAY
 - NOV 3** PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 - NOV 4** 3-6 SWIMMING BEGINS
 - NOV 22** 3-6 SWIMMING ENDS
 - NOV 23** P-2 SWIMMING BEGINS
 - NOV 27** P-2 SWIMMING ENDS
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VALUE OF THE MONTH

RESILIENCE



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The return to onsite learning for our junior students has been remarkably smooth and I would like to thank all of our students and staff for the way in which it has all been handled. Appropriate learning routines have been established and the reconnect and engage approaches that have been adopted both within the class and more broadly, are functioning well. I would like to acknowledge the remarkable efforts of so many families who have contributed to ensuring the continuity of the education programs and learning that has been achieved.

For parents and students in Grades 3-6 who will be returning on June 9th, there are a few pieces of advice and some practical information that are worth taking on board:

- Re-establish a healthy sleep routine in the lead up to returning to school (7 to 9 hours sleep is ideal). This includes going to bed at an appropriate time, turning off notifications on devices, and getting up at the regular time on school days to allow for getting ready, breakfast and travelling to school.
- Ensure that you organise your school belongings - this includes your uniform, charging your Chromebook, and packing your school bag (No drinking from water fountains, so bring your own water bottle).
- The most important measure on return to Mitcham Primary School is to practise good hygiene. Wash or sanitise hands often and follow coughing and sneezing etiquette. Above all, if students feel unwell, they must stay at home. Students are encouraged to use hand sanitisers which are available all around the school. An additional cleaner is employed during the school day to wipe frequently used surfaces, door handles and clean bathroom areas.

I encourage all parents to carefully review the Updated COVID-19 Return to School Policy Stage 2: Prep - Grade 6 distributed yesterday via Compass, and our school website, paying careful attention to those areas highlighted in yellow.

As students return to Mitcham Primary School, teachers will understand that students will be at different stages in their school work and will provide

support as needed. Students just need to ask their teacher for help, do their best and take the time to participate fully in the reconnect and engage activities.

For all students, the sudden and significant change created by a remote and flexible learning environment has required a rethink of Mitcham Primary's approach to assessment and reporting. The teachers wanted to be able to acknowledge that it was difficult for some students to be able to represent their learning accurately through remote learning and that it could be both challenging and difficult depending on the day.

Therefore, the reports will look different. Whilst there are no grades on these reports, there will be clear documentation of a description of the areas of the Victorian Curriculum taught a succinct descriptive assessment of student learning achievement, based on the Achievement Standards in the Victorian Curriculum and a comment on how the student has adjusted to the remote and flexible learning environment, with reference to the Personal and Social Capability curriculum. Semester 1 Reports will be available to parents via Compass on Wednesday 24th June.

Each day is another step forward and by continuing to work together, any disappointments can be put behind us and with a growth mindset, we can look forward to new challenges and learning opportunities that this experience has provided.

I am very excited to be able to welcome back our whole student community on Tuesday, before then I hope you all enjoy a lovely long weekend.

Erin Norman

Principal



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IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
8 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
9 June	Grade 3-6 Students Return to School
17 June	Cookbook Recipes Due
26 June	Last Day Term 2
13 July	First Day Term 3
1 September	School Photos
18 September	Last Day Term 3
5 October	First Day Term 4
17 - 23 October	Book Week
26 October	Book Fair Day 1
27 October	Book Fair Day 2
28 October	Book Fair Day 3
29 October	Book Fair Last Day
3 November	Melb. Cup Day Holiday
4 November	Grades 3 - 6 Swimming Program Commences
22 November	Grades 3 - 6 Swimming Program Concludes
23 November	Prep - 2 Swimming Program Commences
27 November	Prep - 2 Swimming Program Concludes
15 December	Grade 6 Graduation
18 December	Last Day Term 4



LUNCH ORDERS RESUMPTION OF SERVICE

Wednesdays & Fridays from 29th May

Greetings to everyone at MPS!

We hope that you and your families have all managed well through the Covid19 Change of Life.

It's been wonderful and we are extremely grateful to have received so many emails from your school community sending kind wishes to our business in what has been a particularly difficult time. Obviously, we've been totally shuttered but it's now time, as our children return to face to face learning, to take tentative steps back to life - with your continued support.

Obviously, the landscape looks a bit different for us in terms of running our Food Preparation Kitchen and our Packing Room with the new social distancing guidelines. We want you to know and be assured that we have Food Safety and Occupation Health and Safety at the forefront of our minds. In our workplace Masks, Gloves and Temperature Checks will be the new norm for all of our staff. In terms of Food Handling and Safety we've always adhered to best practice and fortunately never had a food safety issue so we're confident we can operate safely on that level!

In the first instance for the remainder of Term 2, while we find our way in this new normal, we will be operating on Wednesdays and Fridays with a reduced Menu which will be posted online shortly.

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

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MITCHAM PRIMARY COOKBOOK



Become part of history and have your recipe printed in the Mitcham Primary Cookbook!

Share your favourite recipe with our community. 1 recipe per child either sweet or savoury.

Due before: Wednesday 17th June, 2020

The cookbook will be compiled and sold through the school and all the money will go towards school projects. We would love to be able to feature every student in this book, so please get your recipes in.

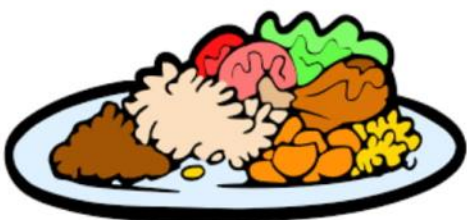
WHAT WE NEED – PLEASE PUT IN A “WORD” DOCUMENT:

- 1. Name of recipe**
- 2. Student name and grade**
- 3. Ingredients**
- 4. Method**
- 5. Email to: fundraising.mitcham@gmail.com**

Further information about purchasing will be available later in the year.

Any questions, please email through to the above email address.

Katie Lang, Nikki Williams and Stacie Timmins.
On Behalf of the Mitcham PS Fundraising Team.



Fundraising

NEWS & UPDATES

MITCHAM PRIMARY COOKBOOK

Many of you would have been cooking your way through the lockdown and we thought that it would be a wonderful opportunity to mark this strange year with something that reflects one way we survived!

The MPS Fundraising team is seeking one recipe, either sweet or savoury, from every MPS student to be included in our Mitcham Primary Covid Masterchef Cookbook. The cookbook will be compiled and sold through the school with all money raised going towards school projects.

We would love to be able to feature every student in this book, so please get on board!

What do we need? A 'Word' document containing the following:

- Student name and grade
- Name of recipe
- Ingredients
- Method

Then, simply email your recipe to: **fundraising.mitcham@gmail.com** by Wednesday 17 June, 2020.

Once we have all the submissions, our team will compile the cookbook.

Further information about purchasing will be available later in the year.

Please email us with any questions.

CSEF APPLICATIONS

Due to the current situation surrounding COVID-19, families may find themselves in different financial situations, and may now be applicable for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). If you carry a Health Care Card, click the link below to fill out the form. Once completed you can print and return it to the school, or alternatively, click 'print' and 'print to PDF' from the printer menu to email it to us.

[CSEF APPLICATION](#)

SCHOOL BANKING

With the School Banking program remaining on

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

[CLICK HERE FOR START SMART](#)

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

[CLICK HERE FOR THE BEANSTALK](#)

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

BACK TO SCHOOL

Following advice from the Victorian Government on Tuesday 12 May, some students returned to school from Tuesday 26 May. The Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that it is safe for Victorian school students and teachers to return to on-site schooling in a two-staged approach:

Stage 1 - from Tuesday 26 May: Early years students (Prep to Grade 2).

Stage 2 - from Tuesday 9 June: Grade 3 to Grade 6 students will return to on-site schooling, subject to health advice.

See the Department's latest advice on Coronavirus by clicking below:

[DEECV COVID-19 ADVICE](#)

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is still running this Term!

Check Compass for full details.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER NOW](#)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Patricia 1/2C: Patricia you are always so helpful to others in the classroom. You constantly smile and make others feel good. Well done, Patricia!

Arsal 1/2E: Sal, we love your natural curiosity for learning and your cheerful nature brightens up our grade everyday.

Seb 3/4A: I am so proud of your effort and resilience you have shown during Remote Learning! It has been lovely seeing all of your wonderful dances and cheer up videos on our Google Classroom. I look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday!

Dani 3/4B: For your positive attitude throughout remote learning.

Amelia 3/4B: You have participated so enthusiastically in the PE remote learning activities. I have really enjoyed watching all of your videos that you shared.

Christina 3/4B: Well done, Christina on learning to work in the EAL google classroom. You have improved so much with your online learning and you're always so cheerful and fun to work with.

Frank 3/4D: Your big and bright personality always brings joy to my day. Thank you for being you!

Poppy 3-6B: For the beautiful song she wrote on Chrome Music Lab!

Nathan 5/6A: For having such lovely manners! It is always a pleasure speaking with you, and you always show an interest in others.

Lyn 5/6B: You have worked incredibly hard with Remote Learning and have faced each challenge head on. Well done, Lyn!

Bella 5/6C: You have been so hard-working throughout Remote Learning. I admire your dedication.

Maxwell 5/6D: You are always driven to try your best, no matter how challenging the task. Your confidence in yourself is growing as a result, which is brilliant! Well done, Maxwell!

2021 ENROLMENTS

Traditionally, in school calendars the month of May is the time of year where schools are visited by many new prospective families, while we have not been able to open our doors for tours, enrolments are now open for 2021 and we have already received many enrolment forms for students beginning in Foundation. If you have children starting Foundation/Prep next year, or know of families wanting to enrol their children in any level at Mitcham Primary School, we encourage you to complete an enrolment form, these are available by clicking the link below, or by visiting the [Prep/Transition page](#) of our website.

PREP ENROLMENT FORM

VIRTUAL CROSS COUNTRY

While we were busy learning from home, unfortunately we were unable to run our normal cross country.

To feel like we still got to enjoy the fun of this annual whole school event, Miss Elis challenged us to grab our timers, head to the local park, oval or athletics track, mark our distance, and run, run, run!

Check out our video of our Mitcham Primary School students getting up and active for Cross Country!

VIRTUAL CROSS COUNTRY

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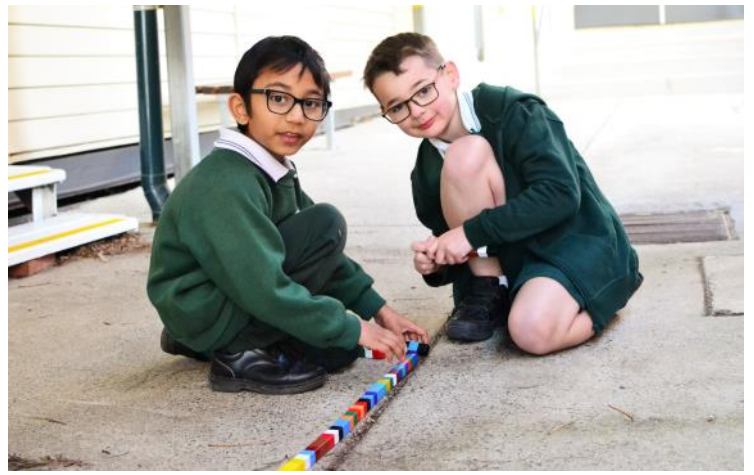
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Feeling anxious about the return to school?

Have a look at this link for the Cool Kids Anxiety Program containing links to worksheets and program information.

COOL KIDS ANXIETY PROGRAM

GRADE 1/2



FROM THE LIBRARY

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

[CLICK HERE TO LOG IN](#)

OUT OF BOOKS?

With all of this reading at home, and our wonderful libraries across the state closed, Grade 4 to 6 students may have found themselves out of books. If you're searching for a story fix, or wanting to tick off some books on your Premiers' Reading Challenge list, be sure to access Story Box Library, and take a look at some of the resources on the Audio Book page of our Remote Learning Site.

[LIBRARY RESOURCES HERE!](#)

VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Year after year, the Premiers' Reading Challenge continues to inspire more children to read, helping to build essential literacy skills that support their education.

The PRC is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 4 September, 2020.

Mitcham Primary School has partaken in the challenge for many years. This year, we have made the shift to giving families access to the Premiers' Reading Challenge online portal. If you're ready to get involved, simply complete the below form to request your child/children's login details and we will email them to you.

[REQUEST YOUR PASSWORD](#)

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and/or teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge by 4 September, will receive a certificate of achievement digitally signed by the Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews. All links and information surrounding the Premiers' Reading Challenge are accessible from the Library page of our Remote Learning Site, see below link:

[PRC PAGE](#)

BOOK REVIEW

Since we've been learning from home, lots of Mitcham Primary School students have had their head buried in a book! If you have read a great book lately, and want to tell us about it, you can send us a book review by visiting the Library Page on our Remote Learning Site, or click below:

[WRITE A BOOK REVIEW HERE!](#)

Check out this review by Claire in 3/4A:

Book Title: Bad Dad

Author: David Walliams

What is it about?: This book is about a dad that does a bad thing...

Why do you think it's great? I liked Bad Dad because it has lots of funny bits. I also like the illustrations.

Review By: Claire 3/4 A

Claire's Book Review will be published on the Library Page of our School Website.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE IT](#)

Dear Mitcham OSHClub Parents,

This week our theme has been multicultural and positivity week. Some activities the children have enjoyed include; making cards for the elderly in aged care, flags of different countries, table soccer, welcome back posters for the school, Lego construction, Gaga ball, fun with Hot Wheels and more.

We have also created a Zumba station in the OSH room. This is where we do our Zumba sessions lead by a Zumba teacher via YouTube and we work up a sweat. On Wednesday, we had a special visit from our regional manager Nat and Senior ROM of NSW Vanessa Hektall. They joined us in our Zumba session Wednesday afternoon. They also presented us with an award for winning the best Vacation Care display. We won a \$50 gift card! A big thank you to our staff and the children who worked hard to create this display.

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 their hands. The children always wash their hands whenever they enter OSHClub from outside. Children also wash their hands before and after eating.

All frequently touched surfaces like the tables and doorknobs are washed and sanitised before and after use. All the toys are washed, sanitised and air dried. Mitcham OSHClub is working hard to keep the children safe.

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

Enjoy the long weekend.

BOOKING INTO OSHCLUB

Remember, ensuring your children are booked to attend OSHClub helps us cater for your children's needs and ensure we are compliant with national

regulations and OSHClub policy. If you are having difficulty using the OSHClub online booking system, please call head office on 1300 395 735. Otherwise, you can book your child into the program on the day by calling or texting 0422 097 497. Program times are from 7.00am - 9.00am and 2.30pm - 6.30pm, bookings will be confirmed during these times. Please notify the program if your child will be absent if you are unable to cancel the booking online. A courtesy phone call, voicemail or text will be highly appreciated and allow our team to focus on the children in attendance.

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

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

WEEK 9: BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Public Holiday
TUESDAY	Lego Building Contest & Zumba
WEDNESDAY	Winter Café Menu & Zumba/Meditation
THURSDAY	Leaf Tree Creation & Zumba/Meditation
FRIDAY	Winter Wonderland Collage & Zumba
WEEK 9: AFTER SCHOOL CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Public Holiday
TUESDAY	Snowflake Making & Winter Tennis
WEDNESDAY	Winter Wonderland Collage & Winter Blue Ball
THURSDAY	Mindfulness Drawing & Running Relay
FRIDAY	Snowmen Creations & Poison Ball

Enrol Now: www.oshclub.com.au

OSHClub Program Phone: 0422 097 497

OSHClub Head Office: 1300 395 735



Whitehorse
Manningham
Libraries
open for discovery

COVID-19 UPDATE

From Tuesday 9 June Whitehorse Manningham Libraries will be able to welcome up to 20 visitors at a time.

We are excited about seeing everyone in person again but our library services will be delivered a little differently while restrictions are still in place.

Each library will have a concierge who will greet you on arrival and provide all the assistance and direction needed to complete your visit. As we are only able to welcome 20 people at a time, we are asking everyone to limit their visit to 30 mins and please be patient if there is a queue.

When you are in the library you can join, browse, borrow, photocopy or print. For now, we are not offering newspapers, meeting rooms or study spaces in our libraries. We are working within government regulations and will have these services open to you as soon as we can. Please follow our [Facebook page](#) and sign up for our e-news for more information.

ONLINE SERVICES WILL CONTINUE

ASK A LIBRARIAN
phone, email or chat
assistance

**ONLINE PROGRAMS &
EVENTS**
see events guide online

E-LIBRARY COLLECTIONS
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elibrary](http://www.wml.vic.gov.au/elibrary)

1 JUNE 2020

- ✓ **BOOK RETURN CHUTES**
open 24/7 at all branches
- ✓ **CLICK AND COLLECT**
place a reservation via
the library catalogue and
contact the library to
arrange a
collection time
- ✓ **HOME DELIVERY**
place a reservation via
the library catalogue and
contact the library to
arrange delivery

9 JUNE 2020

- ✓ **PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE
LIBRARY**
20 people at a time to join,
return, browse, and select
items. Visits limited to 30
minutes.
- ✓ **PREPARED PICK UP**
Place free reservations online
or call library staff to choose
for you so your selection is
ready and waiting.
- ✓ **PUBLIC COMPUTERS/
PRINTING/
PHOTOCOPYING**
Maximum 30 minutes, one
session per day
- ✓ **BOOK RETURN CHUTES**
open 24/7 at all branches
- ✓ **HOME DELIVERY**
place a reservation via the
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contact the library to
arrange delivery

22 JUNE 2020

Service delivery will
be revised in line with
restriction guidelines

WHAT WILL BE AVAILABLE

WHAT IS NOT AVAILABLE

- ✗ **PUBLIC ACCESS TO
THE LIBRARY**
- ✗ **ACCESS TO PUBLIC PCS**
- ✗ **MEETING ROOM
BOOKING**
- ✗ **IN-PERSON EVENTS AND
PROGRAMS**

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- ✗ **IN-PERSON EVENTS AND
PROGRAMS**
- ✗ **STUDY/READING SPACES**
- ✗ **NEWSPAPERS**

FAQ

Opening hours?

Blackburn, Box Hill, Bulleen, Doncaster, The Pines, Nunawading and Vermont South
Mon-Sat: 10am-5pm
Warrandyte: Regular opening hours

What services will be available?

Joining the library, borrow items, return items (via chutes) use a public access computer.

Can I prepare ahead for my visit?

Yes. We strongly recommend preparing ahead before you come. Join and reserve items online to have them ready and waiting for you, reservation charges will not apply. Or phone and ask staff to put aside/select material on your behalf.

Do I need to return my books/pay fines in order to borrow?

No. All of our library chutes are now open which means you are welcome to return if you would like to. All loans have been extended until 1 July 2020. You will not be asked to pay fines during this period before borrowing new material.

Will home delivery service continue to be available?

Yes, home delivery service will continue to be available for residents of Whitehorse and Manningham.

Can I book a computer?

It will not be possible to make a computer booking prior to entry into the library. Once in the library you can make one booking per day for 30 minutes. You will also be able to print during your session.

What are the conditions of entry?

All visitors to the library will be asked to provide their name and contact phone number for contact tracing if the need arises. Details will be stored for 28 days.

You will be asked to limit your visit to a maximum of 30 minutes and to abide by social distancing guidelines from others - at least 1.5m. Do not visit the library if you are feeling unwell or have been in contact with a confirmed COVID case. All visitors will be asked to use hand sanitiser prior to entering the library.

Can children visit the library?

As we are limited to allowing only 20 visitors at a time, we recommend that you nominate one representative from your family to attend the library if possible. Children are always welcome but as they are included in the 20 person limit you may have a longer wait time if they join you.

Can I read or study in the library?

No. Initially you will not be able to sit and read or study in the library. Newspapers will not be available.

Will staff be able to assist me with the computer/printing/photocopying?

Due to physical distancing requirements, computers/printing/photocopying will only be available for independent use. Staff can give you explanations or directions from a distance for you to complete your tasks.

Is it safe to visit the library?

All library users and staff are expected to practice social distancing at all times. Patrons will have access to hand sanitisers before they enter the library and upon leaving. Upon return items are quarantined for 48 hours and staff are cleaning and hand sanitising regularly. All surfaces in the library are being cleaned regularly, and contact points on places such as shared computers are cleaned after each patron. Although these precautions should reduce the risks for both patrons and staff, if you are concerned about the risk please do not visit the library.

WHAT WE ASK FROM YOU



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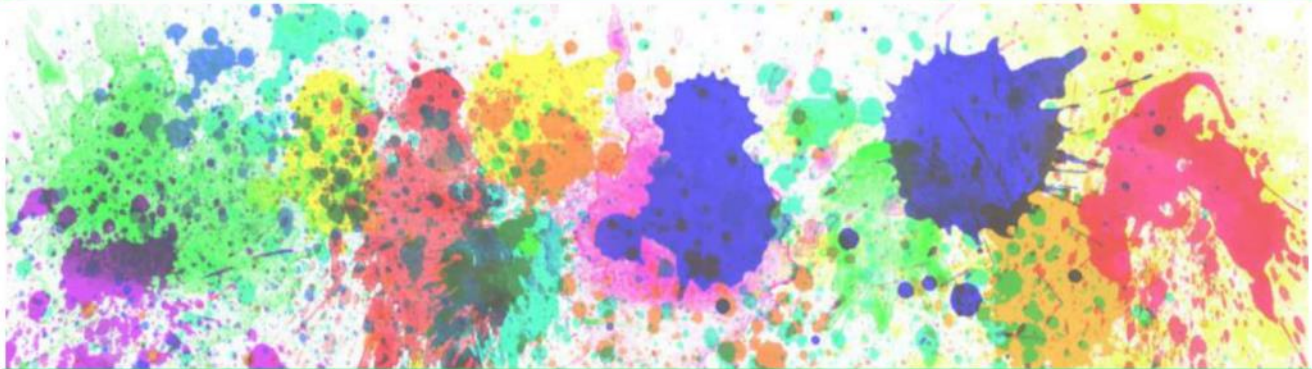
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CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

Conditions of entry

- Entry is open to children up to the age of 12 years old
- Entry is **free** and via email.
- All artwork must be submitted with the following information to be eligible:
 - Title of the work (give your piece a name 😊)
 - Full name and age of child
 - Name and phone number of parent/guardian
- Entries accompanied by the child's first name and age will be displayed on our facebook page and website.
- All art works must be emailed to info@mitchamcommunityhouse.org **by Friday 26th June 2020**
- Submission/s MUST be child's own work
- Judges decision is final
- Maximum of 5 entries per child

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Preschool (up to 4yrs old)
- 5-8yrs
- 9-12yrs

Winners will be contacted separately and listed on our facebook page and website on **Monday 6th July 2020**



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