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MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

- FEB 14** COUNCIL NOMS. CLOSE
- FEB 17** DISTRICT SWIMMING
- FEB 19** CYBER SAFETY EVENING
- MAR 4** ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
- MAR 5** CLEAN UP PARK DAY
- MAR 9** LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
- MAR 10** STUDENT FREE DAY
- MAR 19** HARMONY DAY
- MAR 20** BULLYING NO WAY DAY
- MAR 23** 3-WAY CONFERENCES
- MAR 27** CROSS COUNTRY
- MAR 27** LAST DAY TERM 1
- APR 14** FIRST DAY TERM 2
- APR 16** STUDENT FREE DAY
- APR 25** PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- MAY 17** NZ STUDENTS ARRIVE

...SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE

VALUE OF THE
MONTH

PATIENCE



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This is the end of our second full week at school and so far, it has been great in every way. There is a calmness around the school, mixed with the excitement of starting a fresh new year. All of our students have happily re-engaged with their friends and are eagerly making new ones! There have been smiles everywhere, laughter and great chatter, indicating they are happy to be back at school.

In this last week, we enjoyed a wonderful Prep Welcome - 'Teddy Bear Picnic', our Grade 5/6 students had a very informative writer's workshop tour of the school, which resulted in some very colourful and creative writing, we held our first School Council meeting for the year, collected a brilliant response to our Parent Liaison Representative requests in all classes and received very impressive attendance at our Parent Information Evening. It was wonderful to connect with new and familiar families on Wednesday at our Parent Information Evening and hear from our teachers about the hopes and expectations for the year ahead. We could not wish for more in regard to our fantastic children, the outstanding and devoted staff and the commitment from our ever-supportive parents!

Together we will share a great year.

As the year unfolds, you will be amazed at the wealth of opportunities and activities that will surround you. All this is aimed at continuing to strengthen and enrich our school community. The greater your involvement in your school, the greater the personal rewards will be.

If any parents wish to help in the classrooms, Library, any sports programs, go on excursions work in the canteen, etc. then we require you to complete a Parent Training Session. We have already run two Parent Training refresher courses and will be running courses for new Parent Helpers next Wednesday evening (19 Feb) directly after our Cyber Safety Parent Forum and again on Thursday 20 February at 8:45am and at 2:20pm.

As well as helping in the classroom, on excursions and at school sporting events our School Council President, Lucille, has compiled a list of some of the many different ways parents and friends can involve themselves in the Mitcham Primary School community.

See the below grid for details:

Activity	Time	Duties	Day	WWC & Parent Helper Training Required?	Contact*
Working Bees	3hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Weeding •Mowing •Hedge Trimming •Rubbish Removal •Sweeping •Raking •Cleaning •Furniture removal •Filling sandpit and play areas 	Term 1, 2, 3, 4	No	Adam Matthews
Student Banking	1-2hours on Wednesdays	Counting and re-ceipting deposits	All year	No	Troy Harris

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONTINUED

Bunning BBQ	3hrs	Cooking Sausages, serving customers, cash handling, food preparation.	Term 2 & 4 dates to be confirmed	No	Lucille Matthews
2nd Hand Uniform Shop	3hrs	Sorting uniform, selling uniform	Various throughout the year - TBC	Yes	Chrissie
Icy Pole & Friday canteen sales	1hr	Purchasing goods, selling goods	Fridays	Yes	Lucille Matthews
Easter Raffle	1-2hrs	Notices/Posters/ messages out. Raffle ticket sales and cash count. Free dress/bring an egg day (coordinate collections from each room). Schedule helpers on Sign Up Schedule. Egg wrapping day. Raffle draw day and Assembly prize day.	3 weeks prior to Easter	Yes	Looking for a coordinator! Please let the office know if you are interested.
Stalls: Mother's Day, Father's Day & Christmas	1-3hrs	Requires pre-planning /purchasing/ ordering from catalogues. Receiving and storing goods at school. Notices/ Posters/ messages out. Schedule helpers on Sign Up Schedule.	Week prior to key events	Yes	Katie Lang
School Community Movie Night	3hrs	Ticket Sales, Food Prep, Food sales, Food cooking	17th April	Yes	Looking for a coordinator! Please let the office know if you are interested.
School Disco	1-3hrs	Book date in advance with provider. Notices/Posters/ messages out. Ticket sales. Pre order of glow sticks and food. Coordination and preparation of the hall. Parent volunteer coordination. Pick up and drop off sheets. Teachers allocated to assist.	October, exact date TBC	Yes	Tamara Rapley
School Tea Towels	1-2hrs	Notices/Posters/messages out. Order notice and money collection. Coordinate with Impressions (provider) re dates and artwork requirement. Work with the Art Teacher to confirm requirements and dates. Send artwork to Impressions by the due date. Sort orders when returned in December and deliver to classrooms	November	No	Chloe Rees

Wishing all families a lovely restful weekend - **Erin Norman: Principal**

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

PRESENTATION OF BADGES

On Monday 17th February, the Grade 6 students will be receiving their Grade 6 badges and the Sustainability Monitors for each grade will be receiving their badges at assembly. The Junior School Council badges will be given out on Monday 24th February.

BEFORE SCHOOL READING PROGRAM

Before school reading will start next Tuesday 18th February in the Library. Children can attend from 8.15am to do some extra reading with an adult.

The students will have a reading card that will be filled in each time they attend. They can read their take home book or choose one from our collection. They will have the opportunity to read to me or to another adult.

We are hoping that this will help those families who find it hard to hear their child read or who have difficulty with English. Students need to make their way along the corridor to the library. This program will run every Tuesday morning until the end of term. If you have any questions please ask your child's teacher or you can contact me.

PREP BAGS

All Prep students have been given a bag with books, stickers and general information from the Victorian government. These bags have been given to Preps across all Victorian schools.

CURRICULUM DAYS/PUPIL FREE DAYS

Our next pupil free day will be on **Tuesday 10th March**. Please note this in your diaries along with **Thursday 16th April**.

Students are not required at school on these days. OshClub will be operating provided there are enough bookings.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS / 3 - WAY CONFERENCES

These will be held on Monday 23rd March. Please put this date in your diary. We use an online booking system for this and when we have the booking information, we will send a notice home closer to the date, detailing how you can book a time with the teachers. On this day, we will have a

variation to school hours and students will not be required at school except when they are coming with their parents for their 3-Way Conference.

CHESS

Chess Club started last week and our instructors are Karl for the group in Room 7 and Frank is teaching in Room 6. These instructors will be working with the groups for the term, teaching them skills and strategies that can be used in chess games. We had a great start and we look forward to learning more each week.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year the school photos will be taken on Tuesday 5th May, 2020. The company will send out packs to all students closer the date.

MITCHAM MATHS MASTERS

Mitcham Maths Masters is back!

This week's winner is Jarod (3/4 D) for his enthusiasm towards all of his maths learning.



Heather Wood

Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
17 February	District Swimming Library Open
19 February	Cyber Safety Parent Information Evening 6.00PM - 7.30PM
4 March	Grade 3-6 Athletics
5 March	Clean Up Halliday Park (in lieu of Clean Up Australia Day)
9 March	Labor Day Public Holiday
10 March	Student Free Day
19 March	Harmony Day
20 March	Bullying No Way Day
23 March	3-Way Conferences
27 March	Cross Country Last Day Term 1
14 April	First Day Term 2
16 April	Student Free Day
22 April	Hockey Gala Day (selected students only)
25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
11 May	District Cross Country
17 May	New Zealand Exchange Students Arrive
24 May	New Zealand Exchange Students Depart
27 May	National Simultaneous Story Time
1 June	Grade 5/6 Camp Departs
5 June	Grade 5/6 Camp Returns

DATE	EVENT
8 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
12 June	Grade 5/6 Winter Sports
22 June	Grade 5/6 Winter Sports
26 June	Last Day Term 2
13 July	First Day Term 3
22 July	Grade 3/4 Camp Departs
24 July	Grade 3/4 Camp Returns
22—28 August	Book Week Begins
31 August	District Athletics
4 September	Grade 5/6 Summer Sports
11 September	Grade 5/6 Summer Sports
18 September	Last Day Term 3
5 October	First Day Term 4
30 October	New Zealand Exchange Students Depart Australia
3 November	Melb. Cup Day Holiday
4 November	Grades 3 - 6 Swimming Program Commences
6 November	New Zealand Exchange Students Return to Aus.
22 November	Grades 3 - 6 Swimming Program Concludes
23 November	Prep - 2 Swimming Program Commences
27 November	Prep - 2 Swimming Program Concludes
18 December	Last Day Term 4

NEWS AND UPDATES

VISITING PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSE

Michelle Chappell, a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training, will be attending the school to conduct the Prep health assessments and to see other children as requested by teachers (with parents' consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide children in their first year of primary school with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

The confidential questionnaire, coming home with Prep students shortly, will provide important information about your child's health so the nurse can make an effective assessment. If your child requires further assessment, such as vision, hearing or speech assessments the nurse will see him or her at school.

If you would like your child to participate in the Primary School Nursing Program please indicate this by ticking the YES consent box (page 5), sign and fill out the questionnaire and return the completed student entrant health questionnaire to your child's school.

If you do not wish your child to participate in the Primary School Nurse Program please tick the NO consent box (page 5), sign and return the student entrant health questionnaire to your child's school.

Parents are invited to contact the visiting primary school nurse if there are any issues they wish to discuss. The contact number is 0412161467.

Please ensure the questionnaire is given to your child's school teacher in the sealed envelope by the specified return date.

SCHOOL BANKING

Does your child want to be part of School Banking? The school banking program is a great way to start creating good financial habits.

School banking starts on **Wednesday 12 February** and takes place **every Wednesday**.

Please add this event to your calendar.

If you're interested in your child taking part in School Banking, visit your local Commonwealth Bank branch and ask to open up a School Banking or 'Dollarmites' account for your child.

There are also great reward items to redeem after each 10 deposits, as it is an incentive for banking regularly and not a monetary exercise.

[Click here](#) to find out more about signing your child up.

We're excited to share that the new School Banking theme for 2020 is Treetop Savers. The new range of rewards are designed to appeal to all ages. In response to your feedback in the Customer Experience Surveys, we've made this year's rewards more eco-friendly and sustainable. All rewards are reusable and packaged using sustainably sourced paper.

- Terry Denton's Activity Book – Term 1
- Mini Soccer Ball – Term 1
- Treetop Stationery Set – Term 2
- Treetop Handball – Term 2
- Tomato Seed Kit – Term 3
- Magic Mist Drink Bottle – Term 3
- Emoji Wallet – Term 4
- Snakes & Ladders Game – Term 4



NEWS AND UPDATES: CONTINUED

COMPASS

As you are aware, we are now using many more functions of the Compass Student Management System. From next week, we will be using the Compass Student Management System as the main form of communication between teachers and parents. Teachers will be able to use Compass to send emails to parents. Parents will also be able to use Compass to email their child's teacher.

Please take some time to review the Mitcham Primary School '[Communicating with School Staff Policy](#)', available on our school website.

ICY POLE FRIDAY

Icy Pole Friday is BACK! We will be selling a variety of water icy poles and popcorn every Friday for \$1.

Should you need to check ingredients for allergy purposes, the brand is Coles Smart Buy.

Free Music Lessons

With

ROCKiSKOOL

ROCKiSKOOL is pleased to announce we are now offering **FREE MUSIC LESSONS** in Term 1 at Mitcham PS. The free lessons are available to new students who wish to learn **Guitar, Flute or Clarinet** in a group (grades 2-6 only). Places are strictly limited and this offer will expire 17/2/20 so do not wait.

For more information or to enrol please visit our website at - www.rockiskool.com or phone Anthony on **0425 738 420**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY PREPS!



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 2020 are now open and will close at the 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 2020 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- Your child has started or changed schools in 2020 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 2020.

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.

CENTREPAY

Centrepay is a free bill paying service that allows applicable families to pay bills and other costs, direct from their Centrelink payments.

Using Centrepay you can arrange regular deductions from your Centrelink payment. You can start, change, or stop using Centrepay whenever you like. You can use it for your regular bills and other ongoing expenses, such as rent, electricity, phone and school fees.

Contact the Mitcham Primary School Office, or [click here](#) for more information.

COMPASS

Have you logged into Compass yet? Compass is our new all-purpose communication platform for families at Mitcham Primary School. Using the login details provided on the letter sent home, [click here](#) or visit: mitchamps-vic.compass.education to log in and familiarise yourself with the platform.

MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM ORDER FORM 2020

Pricing Effective from February the 1st 2020

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____ Send to School
 Family Name: _____ Contact Ph No: _____
 Email: _____

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS CAN BE PLACED ONLINE AT: rhsports.com.au

Your school uniform is available at RHSports: Unit 12/100 New Street, Ringwood 3134. Open Monday - Friday: 9am-5pm Ph: 03 9870 1377.

Delivery to school is freight free, orders are sent weekly.

Please refer to our website for full details on delivery costs, refunds, returns and warranty queries.

	Style No.	Garment	Colour	Size C = Child Fit, A = Adult Fit	Price inc GST	ORDER		
						SIZE	QTY	TOTAL
GIRLS	RETMI-DR01	Summer Dress	Bottle / White 0097	C4-C6 C8-C10 C12-C16 A12-A18	\$48.00 \$50.00 \$54.00 \$56.00			
	TU-RH06	Winter Tunic	Bottle / Black / White 1009-9005	C4-C6 C8-C10 C12-C16 A12-A16	\$60.00 \$62.00 \$64.00 \$66.00			
	PA-RH03	Active Stretch Pant	Bottle	C4-C16 A12-A14	\$29.00 \$31.00			
	SK-SP01	Skort	Bottle	C4-C14 S-L	\$26.00 \$28.00			
	CU-RH01	Culotte	Bottle	C4-C16 A14-A18	\$28.00 \$30.00			
BOYS	PA-AG04	Trackpant Straight Leg Reinforced Knee	Bottle	C4-C16	\$28.00			
	SH-RH03	Gaberdine Short	Bottle	C4-C16 A14-A18	\$22.00 \$24.00			
UNISEX	RETMI-PS02	Acacia House Sports Polo (Grades 3-6)	Dark Bottle / Yellow / White	C8-C14 XS-2XL	\$48.00 \$50.00			
	RETMI-PS03	Grevillea House Sports Polo (Grades 3-6)	Dark Bottle / Red / White	C8-C14 XS-2XL	\$48.00 \$50.00			
	RETMI-PS04	Banksia House Sports Polo (Grades 3-6)	Dark Bottle / Emerald / White	C8-C14 XS-2XL	\$48.00 \$50.00			
	RETMI-PS05	Eucalyptus House Sports Polo (Grades 3-6)	Dark Bottle / Sapphire / White	C8-C14 XS-2XL	\$48.00 \$50.00			
	RETMI-PS01	Short Sleeve Polo	Bottle <input type="checkbox"/> or White <input type="checkbox"/>	C4-C16 A14-A20	\$32.00 \$34.00			
	RETMI-PL01	Long Sleeve Polo	Bottle <input type="checkbox"/> or White <input type="checkbox"/>	C4-C16 A14-A18	\$34.00 \$36.00			
	RETMI-WI01	Windcheater	Bottle	C4-C16 A14-A18	\$29.00 \$33.00			
	RETMI-BJ01	Bomber Jacket	Bottle	C4-C16 A14-A18	\$46.00 \$50.00			
HATS, BAGS & ACCESSORIES	SM-RH01	Art Smock	Red <input type="checkbox"/> or Royal <input type="checkbox"/>	S, M, L	\$19.00			
	RETMI-HA04	Legionnaire Hat	Bottle	One Size	\$13.50			
	RETMI-HA03	Bucket Hat	Bottle	S/M, L/XL	\$14.00			
	RETMI-BA01	School Bag – Nyda Active Pak Lite Primary	Bottle	One Size – 25 Litre	\$45.00			
	SO-SP04	Turnover Ankle Socks 2pk	White	9-12, 13-3, 2-8, 7-11	\$12.00			
	SO-AF01	Foldover Ankle Socks 3pk	White	9-12, 13-3, 2-8, 7-11	\$15.00			
	TI-PB01	Tights – Cotton Blend	Bottle	4-6, 7-10, 11-14	\$12.00			

Credit Card: <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> Master Card	*We do not accept cheques, AMEX or Diners	Total Amount: \$ _____
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Card Holder's Name: _____	Card Holder's Signature: _____	Expiry Date: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

Hello everyone!

We hope everyone is settling in well to the school year. Our new preppies seem to be getting the hang of the OSHClub rules and routines, thank you to their buddies for teaching them the right things. This week we have been getting bookings of high numbers. As a result, we have decided to split the children between the hall and OSH room to break up the numbers. Preps - Grade 2s have been coming to the OSH room in the afternoons, whilst the Grade 3-6's are being signed in at the hall and having their afternoon tea and then are offered to come back to OSH room for the indoor activities or go with outdoor play. Any feedback or suggestion regarding our new routine is welcomed.

This week at OSHClub we have focused on getting to know each other and Valentine's Day. Some activities we have run with the children include: finger tree painting, cooking banana cake, playing cricket outside, rainbow clouds made from popsicle sticks, playing with our new giant Connect 4, heart pop up Valentine cards and more.

We have also had a visit from our state manager Chelsea. The children were very welcoming and some even went above and beyond to show her around the room and explain to her our rules and routines. Well done!

Another thing we have been working on is creating an OSHClub family tree in the corridor. The children have been very excited about seeing their faces stuck up on the tree and very thankful of Ash for setting it up!

BRIDGING CARE FOR PREP STUDENTS

During the early dismissal of the Prep classes we will be providing bridging care which means we will be open from 1.00pm. All the Preps will be picked up from their classes in the afternoon and dropped to their classes in the morning when attending school.

PUPIL FREE DAY

We have been informed of an upcoming Pupil Free Day at Mitcham OSHClub on Tuesday 10th of March 2020, which will run if we receive a minimum of 15 bookings for the day. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information.

UPDATING MEDICAL RECORDS

We are in the process of updating our medical records. Please set aside a few minutes when picking up your child, in case we need you to go through the forms.

Also, if your child/ren is going to attend any after school activities like, tennis, chess, Kelly sports or karate please let us know so that we can cater to their needs and get permission forms ready to sign.

SUN SMART POLICY

A kind reminder that during Term 1 we will be following our Sun Smart Policy. 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 when they arrive.

WEEK 4: BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Healthy Eating Word Search & Moovosity
TUESDAY	The Age Game & Moovosity
WEDNESDAY	Healthy Food Colouring & Zig-Zag Ball Passes
THURSDAY	Braiding & Moovosity
FRIDAY	Reflection Journal & Moovosity

WEEK 4: PREP EARLY FINISH	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Rainbow Healthy Eating Plate
TUESDAY	Crazy Construction
WEDNESDAY	Outside Drawing
THURSDAY	Healthy Biscuit Making
FRIDAY	Clean Stick Insects

WEEK 4: AFTER SCHOOL CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Healthy Eating Questionnaire & Cricket
TUESDAY	Healthy Eating Shop & Moovosity
WEDNESDAY	Healthy Eating Poster & Zombie Chasey
THURSDAY	Food Craft & Moovosity
FRIDAY	Guess the Food & Moovosity

OSHCLUB NEWS: PUPIL FREE DAY

UPCOMING PUPIL FREE DAY

Dear Mitcham OSHClub Families,

We have been informed of an **upcoming Pupil Free Day** on **Tuesday 10 March 2020**, and we are planning to run a full day of care on this day, however this is dependent on the number of bookings received. We require a minimum of 15 children to run the day.

Session date: Tuesday 10 March, 2020

Book before: 5.00pm, Tuesday 3 March, 2020

Fees and session times:

PUPIL FREE DAY: 7.00 AM - 6.30 PM	
Tuesday 10 March, 2020	
FULL FEE (Before any applicable Child Care Subsidy)	\$65.00

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 5.00 pm on Tuesday 3 March, 2020 to register your interest. We will advise on this day if we have enough bookings to proceed.

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.

FURTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Seven (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.

If you need assistance, please contact us on:



Enrol Now: www.oshclub.com.au

OSHClub Program Phone: 0422 097 497

OSHClub Head Office: 1300 395 735

Program Coordinator: Jagruti

Program Assistants: Lekky, Jane, Maylee, Ashleigh & Maria



FROM THE COMMUNITY



FREE HOCKEY PROGRAM

AT MITCHAM PRIMARY

MARCH 3, 10, 17
& 24TH
3:30-4:30PM

ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE FREE HOCKEY COACHING, A
HOCKEY GALA DAY AND A FREE T SHIRT

ORGANISED BY BLACKBURN HIGH SCHOOL



Peaceful Kids



"Peaceful Kids" is a Mindfulness and Positive Psychology based program to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in children.

This program is for primary-school children who suffer from anxiety (does not need to be diagnosed) and gives children the skills, practice and support to utilise coping strategies that lessen the symptoms of anxiety and stress.

This program helps children to build their emotional resilience, so they are better equipped to deal with the day to day stresses that life brings them.



To register your interest please leave your details with the

Melanie Fearn on 8878 3806

or

email:
youthandfamilyvic@each.com.au

WHO: Grade 5/6s

DATES: SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Tues 31st March

Wed 1st April

Thur 2nd April

TIME: 9.30am-12.30pm each day

Parent/carer involvement is scheduled at the end of each session from 12.15pm-12.30pm (sibling care will be provided during this time)

WHERE: 14 Silver Grv, Nunawading

COST: Free (morning tea provided)

Please note: Children and parent/s are required to attend a pre-group interview scheduled on either:

Tues 3rd March (appts b/w 1-5pm)

Wed 4th March (appts b/w 9-10am)

Thur 5th March (appts b/w 1-4pm)

located at 10 Silver Grv, Nunawading

(for GPS use '10 Oval Way Nunawading')

Please be aware that only one child is accepted into the program from each school

~ Funded by the City of Whitehorse ~

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 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 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 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

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.