



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

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back on-site to our Preps and Grade 1/2s!

I've often spoken about and frequently reflected on the strength of the community here at Mitcham Primary School, it has felt quite alien to not have the community physically around us for such a long time, but on Tuesday morning we finally saw the light at the end of the tunnel as we welcomed back our Prep and Grade 1/2 students, we are counting down now for the return of our Grade 3-6 students on the 9th of June.

We are a strong community and we need to be in support of each other. I appreciate and value the many positive comments we have received from parents about how their children have positively engaged in our remote and flexible teaching and learning program and how they have appreciated all the work our teachers have put into providing a stimulating and engaging remote learning platform – thank you so much for your support and encouragement of what we have done and for your support and understanding of the processes we have put in place for our gradual, safe and smooth return to school.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

This week is National Reconciliation Week, National Reconciliation Week 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.



In 2020 Reconciliation Australia marks twenty years of shaping Australia's journey towards a more just, equitable and reconciled nation.

Much has happened since the early days of the people's movement for reconciliation, including greater acknowledgement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights to land and sea; understanding of the impact of government policies and frontier conflicts; and an embracing of stories of Indigenous success and contribution.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We strive towards a more just, equitable nation by championing unity and mutual respect as we come together and connect with one another.

On this journey, Australians are all In This Together; every one of us has a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures.

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](#)

Wishing all families a lovely weekend.

Erin Norman

Principal



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PREP

2021



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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:

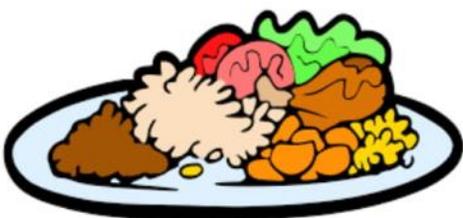
- 1. Name of recipe**
- 2. Student name and grade**
- 3. Ingredients**
- 4. Method**
- 5. Email to: fundraising.mitcham@gmail.com**

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

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](#)

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 Lily in 3/4 A:

Book Title: Clementine Rose

Author: Jacqueline Harvey

What is it about?: This is a series about a little girl who goes on many fun adventures. But, she wasn't born the 'normal' way, at a hospital, she came from a van in a box of dinner rolls!

Why do you think it's great? I enjoy Clementine's character, she is a very kind girl and there are many surprises in her life!

Review By: Lily 3/4 A

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

[CLICK HERE TO SEE IT](#)

OUR PREPS ARE 'WILD THINGS!'





PARKLAND FUN

1/6/20 - 11/7/20



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT

 **KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU**



Come join the Kelly Sports crew for some fun sport lessons in a reserve near you! Our aim is to provide kids with a fun learning environment to develop and teach them new skills in their favourite sports.

All programmes run weekly for 6 weeks. Each session is one hour. Soccer, Footy and Kinder program will be repeated on Saturday mornings.

The sports we will focus on are:

Monday - Multi Sports @ Highbury Park Dates: 1/6/20- 6/7/20 (no session 8/6/20)

Tuesday - Footy @ Highbury Park Dates: 2/6/20- 7/7/20

Wednesday - Soccer @ Highbury Park Dates: 3/6/20- 8/7/20

Thursday - Pre School Games @ Highbury Park Dates: 4/6/20- 9/7/20

Friday - Fitness Fun @ Highbury Park Dates: 5/6/20- 10/7/20

Saturday Morning Fun @ Highbury Park Dates: 6/6/20- 11/7/20

9:30-10:30am for ages 5-6 Footy or Soccer.

9.30-10.30am for ages 3-5: Sport for kinder kids

10:30-11:30am for ages 7-8 Footy or Soccer.

10.30-11.30am for ages 3-4: Sport for kinder kids

Highbury Park - Corner Blackburn Rd and Highbury Rds, Burwood East

All weekday classes run from 4pm-5pm. Saturday mornings commence at 9.30am and 10.30am

PRICE: \$60 (6 WEEK PROGRAM)

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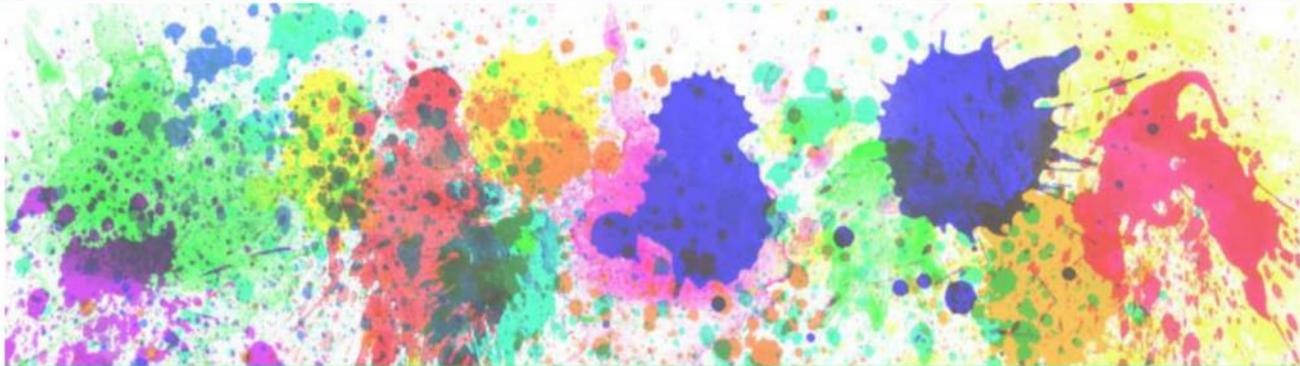
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CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

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**

**Enter
NOW!**