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MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

MAR 14 WORKING BEE

MAR 16 1/2 HISTORY BOX INC.

MAR 17 PARENT HELP TRAIN.

MAR 22 PUPIL FREE DAY

MAR 25 HARMONY DAY

MAR 26 KABOOM INCURSION

MAR 26 FREE DRESS DAY -
BRING EASTER EGG

APR 1 CROSS COUNTRY

APR 1 LAST DAY TERM 1:
2.30PM FINISH

APR 19 FIRST DAY TERM 2

MAY 10 DISTRICT X-COUNTRY

MAY 11 NAPLAN BEGINS

MAY 13 NAPLAN ENDS



VALUE OF THE
MONTH

PATIENCE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

CLASS CHATS

At the beginning of each school year I enjoy meeting individually with each classroom teacher for a 'Class Chat', in these meetings we discuss the learning needs of the students in their class, I have been struck by the depth of knowledge each classroom teacher already has about each of their individual students, their learning needs and their personal interests, and so impressed by the goals they have set for each child to meet the next steps in their learning.

CYCLE 2'S "LONG BLACK STRIP"



Another part of my job that brings me great enjoyment is spending time in the classroom, participating in lessons with the students. On Wednesday I visited the Montessori 1-3 C classroom and was able to be a part of a lesson given each year in the first few weeks of Cycle 2, Montessori's "Long Black Strip" lesson.

The lesson is designed to give learners perspective on how recently, in Earth's timeline, humans entered the scene. 1-3C's teacher, Judith, slowly unrolled a long expanse of black fabric representing the number of years since Earth's creation.

As Judith walked and unrolled the fabric, she slowly talked about how the darkness that came after the creation of the universe went on for a long, long time, and then how it rained and volcanoes erupted again and again for a long, long time. On the tip of the unspooled fabric was a single coloured strip of fabric that represented the number of years humans have lived on Earth. I was so impressed about the thoughts students shared about



the role of humanity in the universe. The lesson was one not only of history, but also of humility and awe.

CATCH UP TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE

We know remote learning last year was different for every child. While some students thrived, some did not fully engage. For most students, our regular high-quality teaching, along with our extra-curricular programs, will be enough for them to progress to the expected level of learning in 2021. Some students will benefit from additional intensive learning support.

As you may be aware, in response to this, the Victorian Government is investing \$250 million in the Tutor Learning Initiative to enable schools across Victoria to engage around 4100 teachers as tutors in 2021 to support students who need additional assistance with their learning. Schools will determine how this initiative is best implemented for their students and will ensure students will get this support in a way that minimises disruptions to other learning of school activities.

At MPS we have been looking at data from last year and identified students who need support. These students range from those who did not progress, or only progressed six months and are below standard to those who are above standard but still did not progress or only progressed six months. Students who did make 12 months progress but are still behind are also being supported, however the Tutor program is only intended for those who did not progress the 12 months.

We have appointed three teachers as tutors under the Tutor Learning Initiative, Sandy Stuart, Erena Cain and Renee Patel, all three teachers are all well known to MPS students and staff and have worked at MPS in many different teaching roles for many years. This week, our tutors began meeting their students and conducting initial assessments and interviews. The initiative will continue right through until October of this year with students moving in and out of the tutoring groups as required by their learning needs. If your child is going to be involved, the classroom teacher will notify you and keep you up to date with progress made.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club has quickly become a much loved routine at MPS. Our School Breakfast Club runs two mornings each week, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8.00 a.m. (children are welcome to attend on both mornings). If you would like your child to attend and you have not yet completed a permission slip it is available on Compass, please complete the form and have your child return it to their teacher. If you have already completed the form, there is no need to complete it again. Students attending Breakfast Club are to meet at the Bowling Green Lane pedestrian entrance at 8:00 a.m. Please note that food is not served after 8:20 a.m.



On Thursday this week we were very excited to welcome the State Government Member for Ringwood, Mr Dustin Halse, and Kerrin and Sean from Foodbank to observe our Breakfast Club in action and experience the fabulous Mitcham Primary School community spirit.



MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL VISION AND VALUES

We are updating the vision and values of Mitcham Primary School to better reflect our current

community. We have already consulted and surveyed the MPS students and staff and now we would love feedback from our parents and carers, about what you think we should incorporate into our revised school vision and values. If you would like to provide your thoughts and ideas on the vision and values please complete the survey available here:

VISION & VALUES FORM

(<https://forms.gle/J4jDz6VHSEz4UYpu5>)

Please submit your form before Tuesday 16th March.

Wishing all families, a restful weekend.

Erin Norman

Principal

EASTER RAFFLE

We are excited to be running the Annual Easter Raffle to help raise much needed funds for our awesome school! There will be 60+ Easter egg/themed prizes to be won

Raffle tickets have been sent home with students, and are to be sold for \$1 each. The ticket stubs and money are due back at school by Friday 26th March. Please make sure you send all sold tickets back to school with all details filled in, and in a sealed envelope with the relevant money.

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER:

DATE	EVENT
5-26 March	Sell your raffle tickets!
26 March	Raffle ticket stubs & money due
26 March	Free dress day—bring an egg to donate to the prize pool
29 March	Top 3 prizes drawn & announced
30 March	Minor prizes distributed





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OUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR LOVE AT OUR

Working Bee

SUNDAY 14 MARCH | 9.00AM - 12.00PM

We can run a COVID friendly working bee by entering via one gate (the gate nearest the pirate ship sandpit) we will need to register your attendance, practice social distancing, and not enter any buildings.

Jobs for everyone!

WEEDING, WEEDING AND MORE WEEDING!
MULCHING
HEDGE TRIMMING
RUBBISH REMOVAL
SPREADING NEW SURFACE ON PLAYGROUNDS
SWEEPING
MOWING

Bring your gloves, a drink bottle, a hat, and your own snacks. Tools are provided, but if you prefer your own tools, you can bring them too!

Remember...

Attend only 2 working bees in the year to have your \$60.00 Building & Grounds fee refunded. We require a full 3 hours of your time for each working bee to qualify for this.

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
14 March	Working Bee
16 March	1/2 History Box Incursion 3-6 Ed Tech Commences
19 March	Bullying, No Way Day
22 March	No Students at School
25 March	Harmony Day
26 March	Kaboom Percussion Incursion Easter Raffle Ticket Stubs & Money Due Free Dress Day - Bring an Easter Egg Donation
29 March	Top 3 Easter Raffle Prizes Drawn at Assembly
30 March	Minor Easter Raffle Prizes Distributed
1 April	Cross Country Last Day Term 1 - 2.30pm Finish
19 April	First Day Term 2
26 April	Public Holiday
10 May	District Cross Country
11 - 13 May	NAPLAN
14 - 21 May	Robotics Incursion
18 May	School Photos
19 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
4 June	5/6 Interschool Sport
14 June	Public Holiday
18 June	5/6 Interschool Sport
25 June	Last Day Term 2 - 2.30pm Finish

DATE	EVENT
12 July	First Day Term 3
21 - 27 August	Book Week
3 September	5/6 Interschool Sport
14 September	5/6 Interschool Sport
17 September	Last Day Term 3 - 2.30pm
4 October	First Day Term 4
2 November	Public Holiday
3 November	3 - 6 Swimming Starts
12 November	3 - 6 Swimming Ends
15 November	Prep - 2 Swimming Starts
26 November	Prep - 2 Swimming Ends
17 December	Last Day Term 4

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HARMONY DAY

Thursday 25 March

**WEAR CULTURAL/ TRADITIONAL
CLOTHING, OR THE COLOUR ORANGE**

Special
Lunch

Recess chalk
drawing

'Harmony
Share'

Parade

Lunchtime photo booth
& cultural dance
performances



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Thursday 4th March the Grade 3-6's Sustainability Monitors went to Halliday Park to collect rubbish as part of Clean Up Australia Day. The children were very surprised to find so much rubbish this year. Most of the rubbish was from parties held at the park. There were many popped balloons, straws, bottles, plastic confetti and other items. We hope that everyone is more mindful at the park and that people use the bins and clean up properly. A big thank you to the parents who helped on the day.



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 2021 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 2021 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- Your child has started or changed schools in 2021 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 2021.

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 2020
- Carry over the amount to be used on eligible activities in 2021

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 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.

ACTION AT ATHLETICS





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Extra Curricular Activities

2021

ACTIVITY	COST	DAY	BEFORE, DURING OR AFTERSCHOOL	STUDENTS INVOLVED	ORGANISER
Art Club	N	Thursday	During lunch	Alternate Weeks Prep - 2 3 - 6	Miss McFarland
Chess Club	Y	Wednesday	After school	All Welcome	Mrs Wood
Five Six Choir	N	Tuesday	During lunch	Grade 5/6s	Miss Kolokathis
Gardening Club	N	Wednesday	During lunch	All Welcome	Marina Rich
Hot Shots Tennis	Y	Tues & Friday	During lunch	All Welcome	Contact Office
Instrumental Music	Y	Multiple	During school	All Welcome	Contact Office
Junior Dance Club	N	Friday	During lunch	Prep/1/2s	Ms Cerra & Ms Buckle
Junior Glee Club	N	Monday	During lunch	Prep/1/2s	1/2 Team
Kelly Sports	Y	TBC	Lunch & after school	All Welcome	Contact Office
Lunchtime Library	N	Mon & Friday	During lunch	All Welcome	Ms Norman & Ms Holzer
Quiet Space	N	Tue, Wed, Thur	During lunch	All Welcome	Mrs Dybing
Robotics Club	N	Friday	During lunch	Grade 4 - 6	Mr Koles
Running Club	N	Friday	Before school	All Welcome	Miss Ellis
Three Four Choir	N	Monday	During lunch	Grade 3/4s	Miss Kolokathis
Wellbeing Club	N	Monday	During lunch	TBC	Miss Cirillo

A GLANCE INTO BREAKFAST CLUB

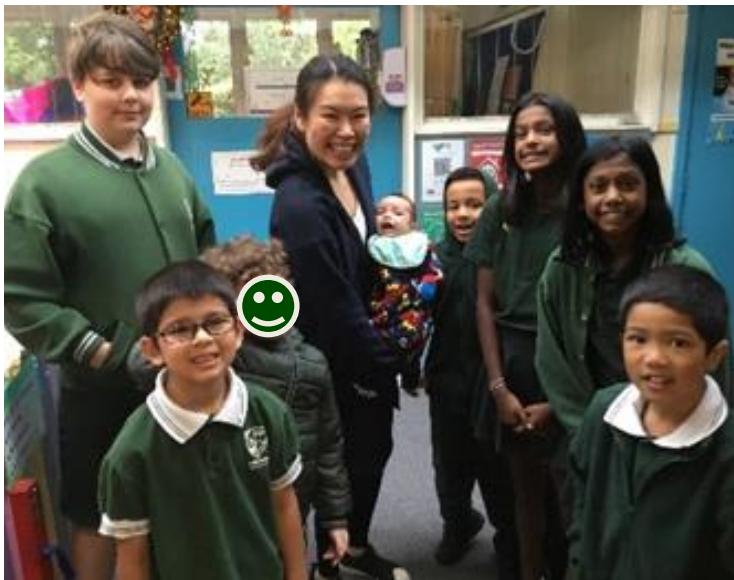


WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Celebrating wildlife day, international women's day and Welcoming autumn.

This week we celebrated Wildlife Day and the children created a giraffe using paper and glue. They also created different animals of their choice using their handprints.

We also welcomed autumn by creating paint trees using autumn colours as well as making different types of leaves. The children also created girl paper chains to celebrate international women's day. We were also lucky enough to get a visit from Bu Glenda, and baby Zakk.



Moovosity has been going great and a lot of kids are enjoying and participating in all the activities that are run, it is a great way for children to stay active while still having fun.

We have also started to plan a bird watching club, the kids are very excited about it. We will be running it every Tuesday in Term 2 and children use their bird book to record what they have seen.

UPCOMING DATES

22nd March – Pupil free day

24th March – Party for being national winners

6th April – Vacation care

POLICY CORNER

4.3 Delivery & Collection of Children Policy

Non-Arrival of Children

This procedure must be implemented when a child is booked into After School Care and does not arrive at the Service.

When a child does not arrive at the After School Care session within 10 minutes of 3:15PM, these steps will be followed:

1. **Within 5-10 minutes after school finishes:** Contact the school office to enquire whether the child was at school on the day and / or went home sick.
2. **Within 5 - 10 minutes after school finishes:** An educator is required to search the licensed area and school grounds for the child. A head count is required.
3. **Within 10-15 minutes after school finishes:** If the child cannot be located on the Coordinator or responsible person is to contact the parent and/or guardian to enquire about the child's whereabouts.
4. **Within 15-20 minutes after school finishes:** If parents/guardians cannot be contacted via phone or text, contact emergency numbers listed on the enrolment record until contact is made and the child is located. An educator to check with the school office for any further details.

REMEMBER...

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

Ensuring your children are booked to attend OSHClub helps us to 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 NEWS: CONTINUED

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 7.00 am - 9.00 am 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.

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.

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. 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 versa.

BOOKING POLICY FOR BSC AND ASC SESSIONS

Parents will not be able to book in within 24 hours of a session as the booking system is locked 24 hours before the sessions commencement time. Parents can book or cancel their child's attendance on the day by calling or texting 0422 097 497.

A late booking fee of \$4 will automatically be charged when a booking is made at short notice (0-24 hrs ahead of the start time of the session).

When a child is booked into a session, but does not attend, and there has been no notification that they will be absent, a \$5 'no-show' fee will be incurred. A 'no show' creates additional work for the educators as they must confirm whether a child is legitimately absent.

Our cancellation policy is 48 hours before the session commences. Cancellations within 48 hours will incur full fee.

Enrol Now: www.oshclub.com.au

OSHClub Program Phone: 0422 097 497

OSHClub Head Office: 1300 395 735



OSHCLUB NEWS: PUPIL FREE DAY

PUPIL FREE DAY: MONDAY 22 MARCH

We are pleased to inform you that a Pupil Free Day has been confirmed at Mitcham PSHClub and will be running on Monday 22 March.

The session will run all day from 7.00am - 6.30pm at the cost of \$65.00 (before any applicable Child Care Subsidy).

PUPIL FREE DAY: 7.00 AM - 6.30 PM	
Monday 22 March, 2021	
FULL FEE (Before any applicable Child Care Subsidy)	\$65.00

Many families are eligible for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), 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.

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: 0422 097 497

Enrol Now: www.oshclub.com.au

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OSHClub Head Office: 1300 395 735



NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EXCURSION

INCURSION

Monday 05 April

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SERVICE CLOSED



Monday 12 April

THE DEEP BLUE SEA

IN-SERVICE

Down below in the deep blue sea, my oh my what can you see? Today we will dive down to the ocean floor to explore what lies beneath.



Tuesday 06 April

SECRET GARDEN

IN-SERVICE

Let's go on a journey of fun through the wonderful Secret Garden. What will you find hidden deep in the garden?



Tuesday 13 April

EX + \$43.00

RUN AWAY TO THE CIRCUS

EXCURSION - CIRCUS SKILLS AT NICA

Ready to run away to the circus? Try your hand at 3 types of circus skills at the National Institute of Circus Arts! How flexible are you?



Arrive by 8.30am

Wednesday 07 April

EX + \$37.00

A BLAST OF FUN

EXCURSION - CARIBBEAN ROLLERAMA ROLLERSKATING

Get your skates on and dance moves ready! Test your balancing skills and join your friends having an exciting, fun-filled time skating to the music in the Caribbean Rollerama rink!



Arrive by 8.30am, don't forget your socks!

Wednesday 14 April

SUPERHEROES UNITE

IN-SERVICE

Superheroes to the rescue! Channel your very own superhero powers. Who has the greatest powers and why? Is it X-Ray vision or the ones that can fly?



Thursday 08 April

SPACE ADVENTURE

IN-SERVICE

All aboard the galactic space ship. Be sure to look out the window as we soar through the galaxy and explore outer space.



Thursday 15 April

IN + \$19.00

MASTER BUILDERS

INCURSIONS - S.T.E.M SPORTS (ROBOTICS)

Are you ready to experience the new world of S.T.E.A.M Sports? You'll have the opportunity to use 'Sphero Robots' in some fun games including Long Jump, Hurdles and Soccer. There may even be a giant maze race and Chariot Building and Racing.



Friday 09 April

IN + \$24.00

THE GREAT AUSSIE ADVENTURE

INCURSION - ABORIGINAL CULTURE VIA VIRTUAL REALITY

Immerse yourself in Aboriginal Culture as you put on your virtual reality goggles and turn back time. You'll be taken on a journey through Indigenous Australian history and experience what our wonderful country has to offer.



Friday 16 April

PET PARTY

IN-SERVICE

Do you love pets? Then you'll love today's Pet Party, where we'll be celebrating all our hairy, furry, scaly and fluffy friends!



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.**

Vacation Care

OSHClub

Before & After School Care



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



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.



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: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(education.vic.gov.au\)](https://education.vic.gov.au)

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 (27 January 2021) or term two (19 April 2021).

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: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(education.vic.gov.au\)](https://education.vic.gov.au)

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 2021 closes on 25 June, 2021.
CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

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