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MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

- FEB 12** PARENT INFO. NIGHT
- FEB 18** 5/6 CAMP DEPARTS
- FEB 19** NEW PARENT HELPER TRAINING: 2.30PM
- FEB 21** NEW PARENT HELPER TRAINING: 8.50AM
- FEB 26** PARENT HELPER RE-FRESHER SESSION: 3PM
- FEB 27** CYBER SAFETY PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
- MAR 6** 3 - 6 ATHLETICS
- MAR 11** LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
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SHARING



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Mitcham Primary Community,

It has been so wonderful to see all our students so settled already. I would like to thank and express my appreciation to Mrs Wood and all the teachers and education support staff who have worked so hard to prepare and ensure such a great start for all our children.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS

This year we welcome the following fabulous teachers on to our wonderful staff, Mrs Michelle Reynolds (Grade Prep), Miss Francine Cirillo (Grade 1/2), Miss Anika Harris (Grade 1/2), Mrs Tara Buckle (Grade 3/4) and Miss Shea McFarland (Art). All our new staff have all commented on the lovely welcome they have received from parents and students, so thank you!

SCHOOL COUNCIL WORKING BEE

The School Council Working Bee, which is held each year to prepare the school for the commencement of the school year was held on Sunday 3rd February. We had terrific attendance and were able to achieve a great amount. You may have noticed that work has begun on the Kelly Pikia memorial garden, with the installation of a special chair and colourful toadstools, the garden will continue to blossom with the planting of trees and flowers. We will also be hosting a special opening after some of the plantings have occurred.

A big 'thank you' to the following families for attending on Sunday: the Wilson-Douglas and Morey family, the Sims family, the Curtis family, the Higgins family, the Zheng family, the Seong family, the Rui family, the Pilin family, the Fernando family, the Crawford-Boyce family, the Reid family, the Rees family, the Yap family, the Wans family, the Pemberton family and an extra big thank you to Lucille, Adam and Teagan Matthews for their coordination of the morning and for all their work around the school over the school holidays. Adam and Lucille spent endless hours watering, organising tradespeople and opening and closing the school grounds over the holidays, we are extremely grateful and the ground would not be looking so lovely without their commitment.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council is composed of parents, teachers and the Principal. All school councils in Victoria operate under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. Each school council is established by an Order of the Minister for Education, which specifies the council's membership, size and configuration, its objectives, powers, functions and accountabilities and the role of its executive officer who is the Principal.

School councils have three main responsibilities:

Finance – overseeing the development of the school's annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school's financial operation.

Strategic Planning – participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan.

Policy Development and Review – developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect a school's values and support the school's broad direction outlined in its strategic plan.

The MPS School Council Meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month and the final meeting of the 2018 Council will be held in the Conference Room at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 12th.

The terms of office of the following members of our School Council conclude at this meeting, because their elected term is up or their children have all now left Mitcham Primary School.

Parent Members:

Michelle Treeby - President

Sharon Fogarty - Secretary

Trish DeGirolamo - Treasurer

Nasra Higgins

Michael Lafferty

Ford Zheng

Eb Banful

Department of Education & Training Members:

Lauren Lamont

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONTINUED

I would like to take this opportunity to also acknowledge all of the above for their contribution to School Council and sincerely thank them for their time, effort and dedication to Mitcham PS over the last two and more years. The school is noted for its community feel and the work by this group of people has ensured that this reputation continues. We are extremely grateful to them.

The above members with the exception of Michelle, Trish and Sharon, who are no longer parents of children at MPS, can opt to renominate for another term or resign.

The timeline for the school council election is printed below. Nomination forms are available from the office today, Friday 8th February. There are seven elected parent member vacancies and one DET position open for election.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Dear MSPS Community RE:

Call for Nominations for 2019 for members of the School Council for Mitcham Primary School.

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They have legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of the school within centrally provided guidelines.

Functions of a school council

The functions of a school council are outlined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 and include:

- Establishing the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community
- Participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan
- Approving the annual budget and monitoring expenditure
- Developing, reviewing and updating school policies
- Raising funds for school-related purposes
- Maintaining the school's grounds and facilities
- Entering into contracts (such as for cleaning or construction work)

- Reporting annually to the school community and to the Department
- Creating interest in the school in the wider community
- Informing itself of and taking into account the views of the community
- Regulating and facilitating the after-hours use of school premises and grounds
- Operating a children's service at the school or other premises controlled by the Minister.

One of the reasons for our school's success is that we have enjoyed great support from elected parents who offer their assistance in the areas listed above to the school administration and staff. We want this to continue and are looking for supportive parents to nominate for School Council.

Please note that **nominations close next Friday 15th February at 4.00 p.m.**

| SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS & TIMETABLE | | |
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| Mitcham Primary School | | |
| | Event | Date |
| a) | Notice of election and call for nominations | Friday 8th February 2019 |
| b) | Closing date for nominations | Friday 15th February 2019 |
| c) | Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted | Tuesday 19th February 2019 |
| d) | Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed (if required) | On or before Friday 22nd February 2019 |
| e) | Close of ballot (if required) | Friday 1st March |
| f) | Vote Count (if required) | Monday 4th March |
| g) | Declaration of poll | Tuesday 5th March |
| h) | First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside) | Tuesday 12th March |

Erin Norman: Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to all our families. It has been lovely hearing all the wonderful times the children had over the holidays. We look forward to another good year with our students and their families.

PREPS' FIRST DAY

Last Thursday, we welcomed our Preps on their first day of school. They have all made a very positive start to school, with lots of smiles and excitement. Our transition program and the Mitchkids program have been most successful and helped our preps to make a very smooth and happy start to school life. They all looked so 'grown up' in their uniforms.

On arrival, children had their photos taken with their families as a memory of this special day. The children are being picked up at 1.15 each day until Monday 25th February when they will start their full days.



PREP PICNIC

On Saturday lots of our prep families joined us for our prep picnic at Halliday Park. Everyone had a lovely time, children playing with their new friends, and their parents had the opportunity to meet other prep parents. The children had lots of fun on the play equipment and blowing bubbles with the bubble wands and bubble mix that Mrs Berardini brought to the park for the children to play with. It was lovely to see older brothers and sisters who came to join in the fun as well. We were very lucky with the weather too.

Thanks to Mrs Berardini, Miss Koth and Mrs Reynolds for giving up their time on Saturday and helping to make this an enjoyable, fun and happy time for everyone.

NEW STUDENTS

We would like to welcome all our new students and their families to our school. I have been going around to the classes and have been thrilled to see how well all our new students have settled into the school.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Our school captains for this year are Alaya (5/6K) and Noa (5/6K) and our school vice captains are Noelle (4/6M) and Vanessa (5/6K). They have all made a great start to the year and we are sure they will continue to be great leaders and role models for the other students.

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS

Each week, I will be taking photos of students who have already celebrated or who are about to celebrate their birthday. This photo will be published in Mitchat.

AFTER SCHOOL CHESS

After School Chess started on Wednesday and will continue until the last Wednesday of this term, 3rd April. The sessions will be held in the room 6 and room 7. Children need to make their way quickly to the room as the sessions start at 3.20. Parents are expected to come and collect their children at 4.20. If any of the children are going to After School Care, I will walk them down after the session. If you are interested in your child doing

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONT.

After School Chess please let me know.

BOOK SUPPLIES

All students should have their school book supplies if they have been paid for. Please ensure that all items in the book packs have been sent to school.

Any of the items not used straight away are stored safely for your child to use when needed.

You will not know when a particular item is needed and if it is not at school, your child will be disadvantaged.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Next Tuesday 12th February, we will be having our Parent Information Sessions. A notice will be sent home detailing the times and where the sessions will be held. A reminder has also gone out on Konnective.

BEFORE SCHOOL READING PROGRAM

Before school reading will start on Tuesday 12th 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year the school photos will be taken on Tuesday 21st May. The company will send out packs to all students closer the date.

CURRICULUM DAYS/PUPIL FREE DAYS

Our next pupil free day will be on Tuesday 12th March.

Students are not required at school on this day.

OHSClub will be operating provided there are enough bookings for the day.

Heather Wood

Assistant Principal



A glance at our Preps' first day!

IMPORTANT DATES

| DATE | EVENT |
|-------------|---|
| 12 February | Parent Information Night Before School Reading in the Library Commences |
| 13 February | School Banking Starts |
| 15 February | School Council Nominations Close |
| 18 February | Grade 5/6 Camp Departs District Swimming |
| 19 February | New Parent Helper Training: 2.30PM Room 10 |
| 21 February | New Parent Helper Training: 8.50 AM Room 10 |
| 22 February | Grade 5/6 Camp Returns |
| 26 February | Parent Helper Refresher Session: 3.00 PM Room 10 |
| 27 February | Cyber Safety Parent Information Evening 6.00PM - 7.00PM |
| 6 March | Grade 3-6 Athletics |
| 11 March | Labor Day Public Holiday |
| 12 March | Student Free Day |
| 15 March | 'Bullying No Way' Day |
| 21 March | Harmony Day |
| 26 March | Whole School Cross Country |
| 2 April | 3-Way Conferences |
| 5 April | Last Day Term 1: 2.30PM Finish |
| 23 April | First Day Term 2 |

| DATE | EVENT |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 8 May | District Cross Country |
| 21 May | School Photos |
| 22 May | National Simultaneous Storytime |
| 14 June | Grade 5/6 Winter Sport |
| 21 June | Grade 5/6 Winter Sport |
| 28 June | Last Day Term 2 |
| 15 July | First Day Term 3 |
| 19 July | The Ridiculous Rhyme Show Visit |
| 23 August | Grade 5/6 Summer Sport |
| 2 September | District Athletics |
| 6 September | Grade 5/6 Summer Sport |
| 20 September | Last Day Term 3 |
| 7 October | First Day Term 4 |
| 6 November | Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Commences |
| 15 November | Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Ends |
| 18 November | Prep - 2 Swimming Commenced |
| 29 November | Prep - 2 Swimming Ends |
| 20 December | Last Day Term 4 |



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NEWS AND UPDATES

TRAINED CLASSROOM HELPER REFRESHER

Our next refresher session for Classroom Helpers who have already completed the Classroom Helpers course will be taking place on:

- Tuesday 26 February, 3.00pm, in Room 10

All parents need to attend a refresher session if they wish to continue working in classrooms or take part in any activities such as cooking or excursions, and participate in P.E programs.

If you are an existing Classroom Helper and are unable to attend this session, please contact Kathy Lawson as soon as possible.

PARENT HELPER: NEW PARENTS SESSIONS

If any parents wish to help in the classrooms, library, sports programs or assist on excursions, they will need to complete one of the Parent Training Sessions ran by Kathy Lawson. Parents will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement and complete a Working With Children Check via the online form ([available here](#))

Kathy will be holding two full training sessions for new parents on:

- Tuesday 19 February, 2.30pm, in Room 10
- Thursday 21 February, 8.50am, in Room 10

New parents need to attend one of these refresher sessions if they wish to begin assisting at school.

If you are unable to attend either of these sessions, please contact Kathy Lawson as soon as possible.

NEW LUNCH ORDER PROVIDER

We are very excited to introduce our new School Lunch Order provider – Classroom Cuisine.

Lunch orders will now be available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The nutritious menu is simple, fresh and fun and launched at the beginning of this week, Monday 4 February.

Simply [click here](#), or search the following address in your browser: www.classroomcuisine.com.au

You will need to register an account in your name and select Mitcham Primary School.

Once you are in your account there is a tab to add a child. Please add your children and select Mitcham Primary School and their grade.

Placing orders can be done up until 8.30 the morning of the lunch day.

The option to select future dates is available to place orders, if your child is not attending school on the future day you can cancel the order the morning of the absence.

Payment is required at the time of ordering with a credit card.

See our new lunch order menu in the following pages.

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. 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.

School banking starts on Wednesday 13 February and takes place every Wednesday.

Please add this event to your calendar every Wednesday.

If you would like your child to participate in School banking please go to the Commonwealth Bank and open an account in your child's name.

ICY POLE FRIDAY

Icy Pole Friday is BACK! But, we need YOUR help!

Due to popular demand we will be selling a variety of water icy poles and Quelsh Fruit sticks every Friday for \$1.

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

If you can spare an hour or so on a Friday afternoon, please sign up by [clicking here](#).

The students LOVE icy pole Friday and its a great fundraiser for the school.

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Fundraising

Welcome back to a new school year and a big hello to all of our new families. This year we will again have some fun and exciting fundraising events planned throughout the year to help raise much needed funds for our school.

To kick things off and due to popular demand Icy Pole Fridays will return in Term 1.

We will be selling Water Icy Poles and Quelsh Fuit Sticks Ice Blocks in a variety of colours for \$1 on Friday lunchtimes from the canteen. The brand is Coles Smart Buy, should you need to check for allergy purposes.

The children love icy pole Fridays and it's a great fund raiser. If you would like to assist on a Friday lunchtime between 1pm and 2.15pm throughout the term please let me know so I can organise a roster.

Sharon Fogarty

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The Mitcham Primary School Fundraising Committee
putting the fun back into raising money for our school

CYBER SAFETY PROJECT: PARENT EVENT

For children today, growing up digital is a whole new world. Learning safe practices and strategies for maintaining a positive digital reputation starts in the home. It takes a village to raise a child, so understanding what your children are learning at school is crucial in ensuring the messages are consistent and ongoing.

Mitcham Primary School will be hosting a cyber safety session ran by The Cyber Safety Project.

Taking place in our Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 27 February, starting at 6.30pm and

finishing at 7.30pm, parents will be provided with the insights and important information about popular social networking and online gaming platforms for young people today.

Guest speakers will discuss ways you can ensure your children stay safe through making use of an application's privacy setting and help them to build positive digital habits through your families digital user agreement.

Please see the flyer on the following page for more details.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Our Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday 12 February. This will be an important opportunity for you to come up to the school and hear information about the expectations, activities and the learning your child will be doing this year.

The sessions for the Junior Primary Grades Prep – Grade 2 and Montessori Cycle 2 will begin at **6.00pm** in your child's classroom.

The sessions for the parents of children in Grades 3 – 6, will begin at **6.30pm** in the Performing Arts Centre where the Prep – Grade 2 parents will also join them.

At **6.30pm** there will be a meeting for **all parents** in the Performing Arts Centre where the Principal, Erin Norman will introduce the staff and inform parents of events relating to the whole school.

At **6.50pm** parents of children in Grades 3 – 6, will then make their way to the room indicated on the notice sent home this week, where they will hear information directly related to their child at school this year.

We encourage all parents to attend, so you will be fully informed on issues related to your child at school this year. This is not a time for an interview with your child's teacher.

Parent/teacher interviews/3-Way Conferences will be held later in March.

As this is an information night for parents, it is not appropriate for children to attend.



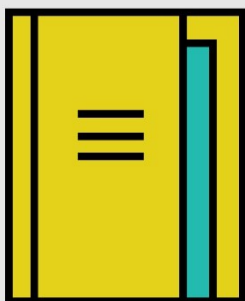


THE CYBER SAFETY PROJECT PARENT EVENT

Focus: Safe online and social media practices

For children today, growing up digital is a whole new world. Learning safe practices and strategies for maintaining a positive digital reputation starts in the home. It takes a village to raise a child, so understanding what your children are learning at school is crucial in ensuring the messages are consistent and ongoing.

This session aims at providing parents with the insights and important information about popular social networking and online gaming platforms for young people today. Building a positive and healthy family environment where digital use is encouraged but managed effectively can be a tough balance. We will discuss ways you can ensure your children stay safe through making use of an application's privacy settings and help them to build positive digital habits through your family's digital user agreement.



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- ✓ Discover the ins and outs of YouTube, Instagram & Snapchat
- ✓ Uncover mobile apps and games that can be potentially harmful
- ✓ Managing and monitoring gaming
- ✓ Explore strategies that foster positive digital experiences for children
- ✓ Discuss ways to manage digital wellbeing for children at home

SPEAKERS



TRENT RAY
Educator & Microsoft
Learning Consultant



SAM MACAULAY
Educator & Cyber Safety
Curriculum Specialist



EVENT DETAILS

DATE: Wednesday 27th February

TIME: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

LOCATION: Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

Diary - check and sign weekly.

Hat (school approved) - bring to

Drink bottle - a necessity in the warmer

Runners - for PE, 5/6 Sport and Recess/Lunch .

Computers - need to come to school everyday, charged and ready!

You must contact the office to let them know of all short and long term absences.

Homework will be sent home on a Monday and is due that Friday.

Prompt return of any notices please.

Spelling and multiplication practice is a must!

Regular reading is vital and recording in diary

There will be icy poles for sale on Fridays during lunch for \$1.00.

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to you and your children, for what promises to be a productive, rewarding and enjoyable year in 5/6!

Term 1 will begin with a focus on developing teamwork and leadership skills.

EXPECTATIONS FOR 2019

A reminder of the high level of expectations we have set at Mitcham Primary School. As grade 5/6 students, the expectation is that all students will be positive role models, and perform to the best of their ability in all that they do.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Students are to arrive on time, organised and prepared each day. Please also remember that no student should be unsupervised at school prior to 8:30am or after 3:30pm. Children arriving after 8.50 a.m. must be signed in by the parent at the office

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please alert the office of any impending absences, both short and long term. Keeping the teacher up to date with these absences is also encouraged.

HOMEWORK

Homework expectations and tasks are outlined in class. Homework is given out on Monday and due that Friday.

5/6 SPORT

The house captains are working alongside Miss Ellis this term to run our 5/6 Sports. This is run first hour on a Friday, and as the weather is still hot, we recommend children bring drink bottles to school.

Miss Ellis is looking for volunteers to assist at the carnival on Wed 6th March. If you can assist please contact her.

FINANCIAL CLASSROOM

We will be running a financial classroom to teach the children skills in business and finance in line with the curriculum. More details at parent information night.

HATS

School hats must be worn in the yard during Term 1 and 4. However, hat, sunscreen and sunglasses are recommended throughout the year for students to be Sun Smart. This means that students need to wear their hats BEFORE and AFTER school as well as during recess and lunch.

PARENT-HELPER TRAINING

If you are interested in helping around the school and on excursions this year, you need to have completed the parent-helper training with Kathy Lawson and hold a Working with Children Check. We welcome your support around the school.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is conducted on a Wednesday morning. There are many exciting rewards for students who make several deposits. If you would like to organise a 'Dollarmites' account for your child, please contact the office.

EXCURSIONS

A reminder that attendance at all excursions is strongly encouraged. Excursions are organised by the school to complement the curriculum and it is anticipated that all students will

FROM GRADE 5/6 : CONTINUED

attend. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the office or the Principal, Erin Norman, to discuss alternative arrangements.

TIMETABLES

Students will write their specialists lessons times into their diaries. These will be reviewed each term. PE clothing will be required for their PE day .

UNIFORM

School uniform is compulsory for all students. This includes black shoes. Runners are permissible ONLY when students are participating in PE and sport, and to change into for recess and lunch times.

PEER MEDIATION

Year 6 students have already been trained. This will commence during this term. They will be given a clip -board, roster and incident slips. All incidents will need to be recorded and handed to the coordinator.

BUDDIES

All 5/6 students will be allocated a Prep buddy for the year, they are required to make sure that they look out for their buddy in the yard as well as assist them in classroom activities.

COMMUNICATION

Communication is important! If you have any queries at all, feel free to contact us through a note

in the diary or through Class Dojo which you will have received notification of. This way, we are able to deal with issues promptly or find a suitable time to meet with you properly.

DIARIES

Student diaries are an important communication tool for parents, teachers and students, however, we prefer Class Dojo as an alternative form of communication. Your child should also be using their diary to record their home reading and spelling words. Managing their own diary is an important organisational skill to prepare your child for secondary school. To support this you could get your child to record important dates, reminders of the due date of notices, projects etc.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES POLICY & PROCEDURE

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to transfer any movies, music or games from their computers to the school server. Any students who have inappropriate files in their folders will lose access to the school network for a minimum of three days. This adheres with the Digital Technologies policy . For purchasing, Chromebooks are preferred and a letter will be sent out shortly detailing the minimum required specifications.

- From the 5/6 Team

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! : 1 JANUARY - 10 FEBRUARY





Dear Mitcham OSHClub Parents,
Hello everyone! Welcome to 2019!

It is great to see you all again and catch up with all the exciting things your children did over the holidays. A warm welcome to all of the Preps and other children who are using the program for the first time this year. Please feel free to drop in to say hello and ask any questions that you may have. We are located next to the Tennis Court. We look forward to meeting and getting to know you all.

Our Vacation Care Program, Pupil Free Day and Prep Day has been jam packed with theme based activities. We have been on excursions to Latitude (an indoor play centre) in Heidelberg, Hoyts at Eastland to watch Ralph Breaks the Internet, and went to Science Works. We have had some amazing incursions also, we were visited by the sea creatures found in Port Philip Bay, had a go at coding with Spheres, and played Nerf War and water games.

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.

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.

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 off 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

| BEFORE SCHOOL CARE ACTIVITIES | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| DAY | ACTIVITY |
| MONDAY | 3D Heart Mobile & 3 Marker challenge |
| TUESDAY | Valentine Heart Blottos & Gaga Ball |
| WEDNESDAY | Bunch of Love-heart Flowers & Blanket Volleyball |
| THURSDAY | Valentine's Day Cards & 2 Leg Race |
| FRIDAY | Draw a picture for a friend to colour in & Colour Game. |

| AFTER SCHOOL CARE ACTIVITIES | |
|------------------------------|---|
| DAY | ACTIVITY |
| MONDAY | Valentine's Day Painting & Sandpit |
| TUESDAY | Love-heart Necklaces & Tennis |
| WEDNESDAY | DIY Heart Plushies & Cricket |
| THURSDAY | Heart-shaped Pancakes & Playground Challenges |
| FRIDAY | Bunch of Love Heart Flowers & Obstacle Course |

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

PREP PICNIC FUN!



Commencing a Trial with MITCHAM PRIMARY in T1, 2019!

A Two Course Lunch is \$8.95 and a Three Course Lunch is \$10.35

AVAILABLE – MONDAY'S, WEDNESDAY'S & FRIDAY'S!

LUNCH ITEM ONE

SALADS

Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF)
Brown Rice & Mixed Bean Salad (GF)
Thai Style Noodle Salad (GF)
Quinoa, Tabouli & Tuna Salad (GF)
Pasta Salad (GF)
Pic(k)nic Box – Vegetarian (GF)
Pic(k)nic Box with Ham (GF)

SUSHI

Sushi - Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (2)
Sushi - Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (2)
Sushi - Avocado Hand Rolls (2)
Sushi - Cucumber Hand Rolls (2)
Sushi – Vegetarian Hand Rolls (2)

BAKERY

Cheese and Bacon Roll
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll
Supreme Pizza Roll
Topped with Only Cheese Roll

PITA PIZZAS

Margherita Pita Pizza
Ham and Pineapple Pita Pizza
Fresh Tomato and Italian Herb Pita Pizza
Spinach & Feta Pita Pizza

SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

Ham, Cheese and Tomato Sandwich
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce and Cheese Sandwich
Ham and Cheese Roll
Gluten Free Ham & Cheese Sandwich (GF)
Simple Salad Roll
Gluten Free Ham & Cucumber Sandwich (GF)
Vegemite Sandwich
Mild Salami and Salad Roll
Beetroot and Salad Roll
Roast Beef, Fruit Chutney, Cheese and Lettuce Roll
Cheese and Salad Roll
Wholegrain Cheese and Tomato Sandwich
WRAP (GF) Ham and Salad
Chicken and Salad Roll
Wholegrain ROLL Tuna and Salad
Salad with Ham (No Cheese) ROLL

LUNCH ITEM TWO/THREE

FRESH FRUIT & VEG

Fresh Fruit Combo
Freshly chopped Orange Segments
Freshly chopped Strawberries with Green Grapes
Apple with Lemon Juice, Brown Sugar & Cinnamon
Freshly chopped Cantaloupe & Watermelon
Freshly Chopped Watermelon pieces
Chopped Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
Freshly chopped Pineapple with Orange Pieces
Lightly Steamed Corn Wheels & Broccoli
Sugar Snap Peas, Beans & Cherry Tomatoes
Cherry Tomatoes with Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers

BAKED GOODS

Choc Chip Cookie
Fruit Bun
Hedgehog Slice
Finger Bun with Sprinkles
Banana Cup Cake (GF, DF)
Iced Cup Cake
Choc Cup Cake (GF,DF)
Blueberry Muffin
Apple & Cinnamon Cake

YOGHURT

Chobani Yoghurt - Strawberry
Chobani Yoghurt - Blueberry
Chobani Yoghurt - Passionfruit
Chobani Yoghurt – Plain
Chia, Banana, Coconut and Strawberry Bowl

DIPS & CRACKERS

Tzatziki dip with Rice Crackers
Avocado dip with Rice Crackers
Spring Onion dip with Rice Crackers
Moroccan Carrot dip with Rice Crackers

POPCORN/SNACKS

Cobs Popcorn, Lightly Salted
Cobs Popcorn Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted
Lightly salted Fav'va Beans

DRINKS

Apple Juice
Orange Juice
Nippy's Chocolate Milk

For more information check out our website

www.classroomcuisine.com.au

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 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 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 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

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 |
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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.

ROCKiSKOOL



ROCKiSKOOL is now accepting new enrolments for instrumental music lessons at Mitcham PS. Tuition is available for guitar, ukulele, bass guitar, drums, singing, tin whistle, recorder, flute, clarinet, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and trombone.

Lessons are in small groups or for the serious Musos, solo lessons are available as well. Lessons take place during school hours.

For more information on the program and to enroll, please visit our website at **www.rockiskool.com** or call Anthony on 0425 738 420.

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Oval 2 Boys Under 9
(Under 8s from 10 Feb)
Oval 1 Boys Under 10, 11 & 12

10am-11am
Oval 2 Boys Under 13 & 14
Oval 1 Girls Under 10, 12, 14 & 16

11am-12noon
Oval 2 Under 15 Boys
Oval 1 Under 17 Boys

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DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Nunawading Basketball delivers a variety of introductory and development programs for children aged 5-12 years.

Sessions are available on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and/or Sunday afternoon and focus on establishing the fundamental skills of the game in a fun learning environment.

Contact luke@nunawadingbasketball.com.au for more information on the most appropriate session for your child.

Monday
Spook Hoops 4:00pm

Tuesday / Thursday
Aussie Hoops 4:00pm
Skills Academy 4:00pm
Next Gen 4:00pm

Sunday
Aussie Hoops 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm
Skills Academy 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm
Next Gen 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMPS

Nunawading Basketball presents a full suite of professionally designed and delivered basketball camps during the school holidays.

Whether you're picking up a basketball for the very first time or looking for specialist junior development, Nunawading Basketball has a camp suitable for you.

COMPETITION DOMESTIC BASKETBALL

Nunawading Basketball is home to the Melbourne East Basketball Association (MEBA), one of Australia's oldest and strongest domestic basketball competitions.

If you're interested in playing competitively, the MEBA has 15+ domestic clubs based across;

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