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## MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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- JULY 13** FIRST DAY TERM 3
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- SEPT 1** SCHOOL PHOTOS
- SEPT 18** LAST DAY TERM 3
- OCT 5** FIRST DAY TERM 4
- OCT 26** BOOK FAIR DAY 1
- OCT 29** BOOK FAIR LAST DAY
- NOV 2** PUPIL FREE DAY
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- NOV 4** 3-6 SWIMMING BEGINS
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- NOV 27** P-2 SWIMMING ENDS
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MONTH

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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

## TERM 2, WEEK 11

Dear Mitcham Primary School Community,

And so we have finally reached the end of a term that has been so different from anything we have ever had before. Judging by the increasing numbers of community transmissions, we may be in for more disruptions in Term 3. We certainly hope not and thankfully, the term break is coming at a good time. I will keep you updated on changes that may affect us.

Finally, I would like to again thank our entire MPS community for your efforts this term. Students, parents and staff have been magnificent and it has been a career highlight for me to see our great community swing into action to support one another.

Thank you.

## WACKY WEDNESDAY

Thank you for supporting our Wacky Wednesday fundraiser for the State Schools' Relief Fund, the gold coin donations we collected raised \$577. One in 10 Victorian state school students are supported by State Schools' Relief and the practical service ensures that every student, regardless of their background, can fully participate in education.



## PUPIL FREE DAYS

Now that we are back onsite and refocusing on our school's Annual Implementation Plan, we have two pupil free days coming up. School Council has approved both days, with the first being **Monday 24 August**. The purpose of this day is for 3-Way Conferences, which will be held online via WebEx.

Each family will be given a time slot with their child's teacher and the teacher will run through their child's progress, achievement and the next steps in their learning. Details regarding the conferences will come out early next term. The second pupil free day will be **Monday 2 November**, the purpose of this day will be to work on our English and Mathematics scope and sequence documents.

## CAR PARKING

Unfortunately, I have had reports that several of our parents are not driving at the required speeds through the streets that our students are dropped off in.

Please be extra cautious when parking for drop-offs or pick-ups. Expect the unexpected as children do not have the peripheral vision you may think they do and often their thoughts are not on road safety but the fun ahead at school. Let's make sure they get to experience that fun, by being very careful. Please also be mindful not to park over our neighbours' driveways.

## PREP 2021

We continue to have many enquiries from prospective families for 2021, while school tours cannot be conducted we have put together an informative virtual tour, this can be viewed via our website, our Facebook page or clicking the link below:

**VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR**

We encourage prospective parents to contact us if they have any questions. Please pass this on to families you know. If you already have children at Mitcham Primary School, please enrol your child as soon as possible, particularly if you wish for them to attend Transition in Term 3. As soon as school tours are permitted, we will let the school community know.



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONTINUED

## UNSW ICAS TESTS

After much deliberation and with the many changes to schooling this year because of the COVID-19 virus, we have decided that we will not be holding the University of New South Wales ICAS tests. The focus of our curriculum expectations will continue to be the acquisition of key content and skills that students must have to move forward. The teachers will do this by continuing to collect data on knowledge, skills and understandings in the curriculum.

## LAST DAY OF TERM

Please note students in Grades P-2 and Montessori 1-3 will be dismissed from the basketball court at 2:15 pm. Grade 3-6 students will be dismissed from the basketball court and Kelly Pikia garden at 2:30 pm.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and relaxing Term 2 break. We look forward to seeing you return on **Monday 13 July**. Please note, staggered starts and finishes will still be in operation unless there are changes over the term break. If so, we will keep you informed.

Warmest regards,

**Erin Norman**  
**Principal**

## WACKY WEDNESDAY





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# IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
26 June	Last Day Term 2
13 July	First Day Term 3
24 August	Pupil Free Day
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
2 November	Pupil Free 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



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## WACKY WEDNESDAY



## 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:

**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 START SMART](#)

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

[CLICK HERE FOR THE BEANSTALK](#)

## ADVERTISING NOTE

The Department of Education and Training and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) does not endorse the products or services of any private advertisers. No responsibility is accepted by DEECD for accuracy of information.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

**Anderson 1/2 B:** For always caring for others and spreading lots of happiness in the classroom! Keep it up, superstar!

**Sarah 1/2 B (Indonesian):** For showing how caring you are when learning about the wonderful world of orangutans and their rainforest. Bagus sekali dan terima kasih! (Well done and thank you)

**Miranda 1/2 B (Indonesian):** For showing how caring you are when learning about the wonderful world of orangutans and their rainforest. Bagus sekali dan terima kasih! (Well done and thank you)

**Arushi 1/2 C:** For always being so positive in the classroom and your willingness to help others. Keep up the great work, Arushi!

**Aarav 5/6 C:** For persistence and determination. You always try your best! Well done, Aarav.

**Tyson 5/6 D:** Your constant desire for feedback on your work and the way you conduct yourself in class is such a great quality you possess, Tyson! Brilliant, T-dog!

## 2021 ENROLMENTS

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](#)

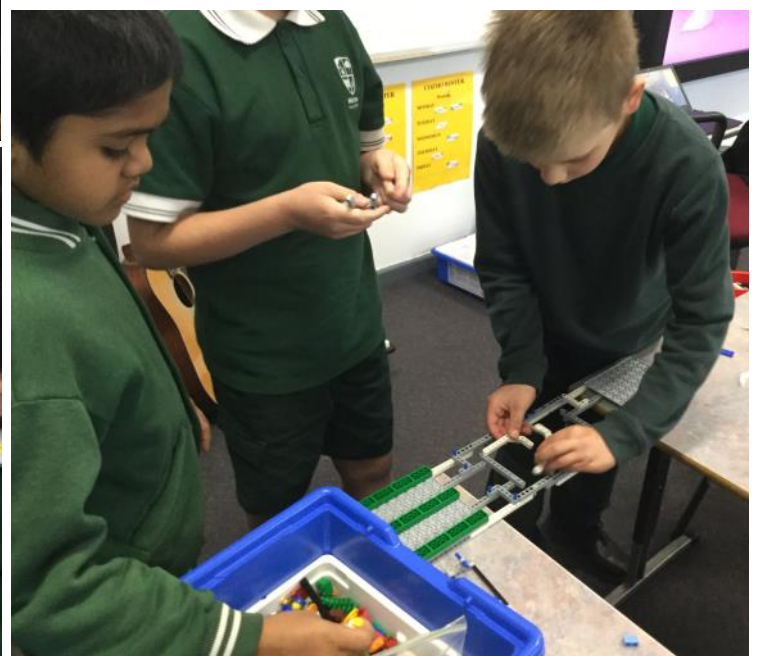
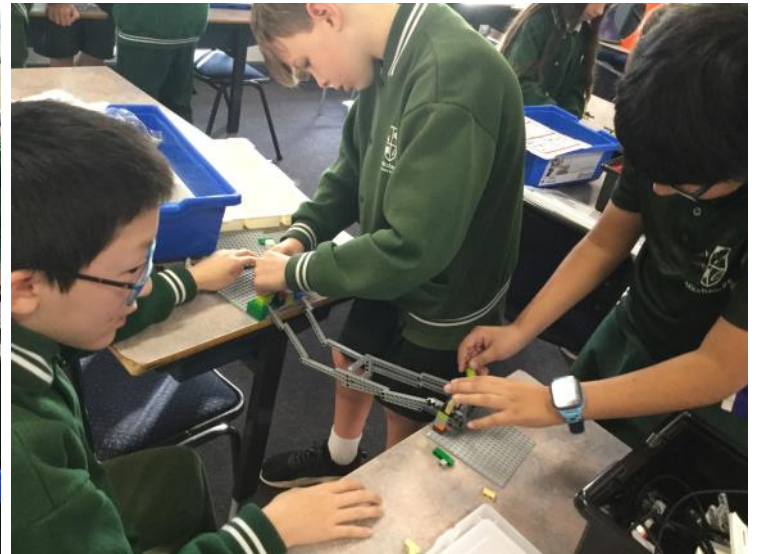
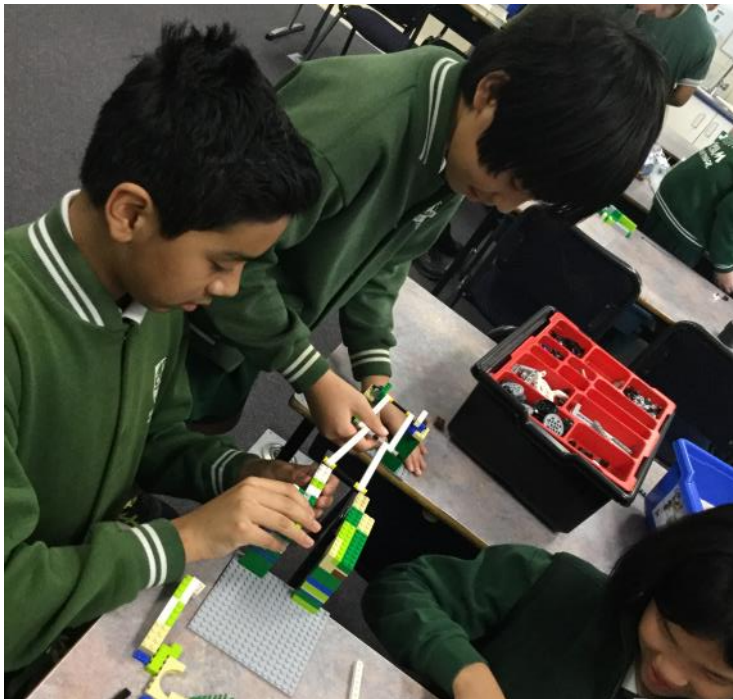


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## 5/6 STEM: LEGO BRIDGE CHALLENGE



# 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

Even though we are now finished with Remote Learning, lots of MPS students still have 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 Azeen in 5/6 C

**Book Title:** Funny Kid: Peeking Duck

**Author:** Matt Stanton

**What is it about?:** A family road trip to hell, a dares competition, the Tower of Dying Deathly Doom and a dancing motorcycle gang called the Fat Skulls are just some of the things that are in store for Max and his friends in this brand new adventure!

**Why do you think it's great?** It's just literally the King of Comedy. That is just ALL I can say about it!

**Review By:** Azeen 5/6 C

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





# WACKY WEDNESDAY





Dear Mitcham OSHClub Parents,

We hope everyone had a restful weekend and are looking forward to the upcoming holidays.

This week we have been getting ready for vacation care. The children have helped with getting the room tidy and ready, including organising the bookshelf into sections for each grade level and display the Winter vacation care board. Our educator, Jade, and the children redid our multicultural display board, it represents all the flags from the countries that every child in OSHClub's families originate come from. Children are asked to write their name beside the country flag they originate from.

There is a new routine that the children have learnt where they wait for staff to collect them at the basketball courts. Children are experts at washing hands for 20 seconds or more every time they enter the building, before/after eating food and after playing outside.

For hygiene and safety reasons, parents/carers are requested to knock on the door or call us on 0422 097 497 when dropping or collecting your child(ren) and we will collect them or bring them to you. The OSH building door will be locked all the time. Also, the Tirana street car park will be locked at 8:15 am and again at 5:45 pm.

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

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

## WINTER VACATION CARE

Bookings are now open for the Winter School Holidays at Mitcham OSHCLUB.

Please the flyer outlining all the exciting in-service activities on offer each day on the following page.

Our educators have prepared a program for our families that's jam-packed each day with structured activities including indoor and outdoor play. Our heightened focus on safety and hygiene means we will not be running excursions or bringing in incursion providers these school holidays.

To secure your child's place it's as easy as logging into your online account and making your bookings.

## 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](http://www.oshclub.com.au)

WEEK 1: VACATION CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Manga Art
TUESDAY	Winter Wonderland
WEDNESDAY	Rocket to the Moon
THURSDAY	A Day on the Green
FRIDAY	Shopping Frenzy

WEEK 2: VACTION CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Mystery Bag Challenge
TUESDAY	Mindfulness Magic
WEDNESDAY	Dress to Impress
THURSDAY	Pocket Pets
FRIDAY	The Commonwealth Games

**Enrol Now:** [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au)

**OSHClub Program Phone:** 0422 097 497

**OSHClub Head Office:** 1300 395 735





NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EXCURSION

INCURSION

### Monday 29 June

#### MANGA ART

IN-SERVICE

Enter the world of Manga! Today we will explore this popular Japanese artwork which is usually found in Japanese comic books.



### Monday 06 July

#### MYSTERY BAG CHALLENGE

IN-SERVICE

An exciting challenge for you and your team's imaginations... what will you find in the mystery bag!



### Tuesday 30 June

#### WINTER WONDERLAND

IN-SERVICE

Each snowflake is like a falling star smiling beauty that's spun afar. Come along as we create our own Indoor Wonderland!



### Tuesday 07 July

#### MINDFULNESS MAGIC

IN-SERVICE

Take a moment to relax and unwind in a world of mindfulness magic.



### Wednesday 01 July

#### ROCKET TO THE MOON

IN-SERVICE

I'm building a rocket, it will be finished soon and then I'm taking my friends on a trip to the moon.

Come ready to explore outer space with lots of fun hands on activities.



### Wednesday 08 July

#### DRESS TO IMPRESS

IN-SERVICE

Whether your style is casual, crazy, fancy or formal, today's the day to dress to impress!



### Thursday 02 July

#### A DAY ON THE GREEN

IN-SERVICE

Feel the grass between your toes as we head outside today for some fun in the sun.



### Thursday 09 July

#### POCKET PETS

IN-SERVICE

Good things come in small packages, including pocket pets. Do you have any pocket pets at your house? Bring a photo of your pet today.



### Friday 03 July

#### SHOPPING FRENZY

IN-SERVICE

Grab a cart and roll it in, our supermarket day is about to begin! Get ready to shop, buy and sell.



### Friday 10 July

#### THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES

IN-SERVICE

Become an athlete today as we celebrate and participate in our own Commonwealth Games! Become an olympic athlete for the day as we go rollerskating



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](http://oshclub.com.au). 48 hours' 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 24 hours 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](mailto: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](http://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.





# 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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