



MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Mitchat

IMPORTANT DATES

- FEB 8** PREP TEDDY PICNIC
- FEB 12** PARENT INFO. EVENING
- FEB 14** COUNCIL NOMS. CLOSE
- FEB 17** DISTRICT SWIMMING
- FEB 19** CYBER SAFETY EVENING
- MAR 4** ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
- MAR 5** CLEAN UP PARK DAY
- MAR 9** LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
- MAR 10** STUDENT FREE DAY
- MAR 19** HARMONY DAY
- MAR 20** BULLYING NO WAY DAY
- MAR 23** 3-WAY CONFERENCES
- MAR 27** CROSS COUNTRY
- MAR 27** LAST DAY TERM 1
- APR 14** FIRST DAY TERM 2
- MAY 17** NZ STUDENTS ARRIVE

...SEE PAGE 8 FOR MORE

VALUE OF THE
MONTH

PATIENCE



IN THIS ISSUE

- FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK
 - FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK
 - NEWS & UPDATES
 - FROM THE MITCHAM PRIMARY OFFICE
 - OSHCLUB NEWS
- ... AND MUCH MORE



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Mitcham Primary Community,

I have always loved the first day of a new school year, firsts are the best because they are beginnings, everything is bursting with possibility. This year I really want to encourage our students to be curious and remember sometimes the smallest step ends up being the biggest step in your life.

For me, the summer break is always welcome as it gives me the opportunity to catch up with family and friends and to think about what's really important – about what I want for myself and for our students and the school overall. About where we're all heading.

The vision of the Education State has at its foundation a deep belief in the potential of our young people, and in educators' potential to make a real difference. Our commitment to our own lifelong learning is an important part of making that difference. It is incorporated in our school motto:

Thinkers, Learners, Leaders

It will be another wonderfully busy year for Mitcham Primary School. Our emphasis this year will focus on the learning growth of each student, there will be an emphasis on building student voice and agency in their learning, strengthening our wellbeing program and continuing to nurture our strong atmosphere of community engagement.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the families who attended Sunday's working bee thank you so much, the grounds are looking lovely and fresh.

PARENT/CARER CONTACT DETAILS

If you have moved house, changed your telephone number or emergency contact details over the school holidays can you please ensure that you have updated this information with our office staff, it is essential that we are able to contact all parents/carers in the case of an emergency.

PLAYING ON THE PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL

It is lovely to see families staying back after school and enjoying a play on the equipment and eating afternoon tea, however, some children become distracted and do not walk directly home from school and instead stay to play soccer or on the playground equipment, for this reason we do request that children **do not** play on the equipment or on the soccer pitch after school until after 3:30pm. We need to know that those walking home have left straight away. There are picnic tables next to the playground, so perhaps parents wanting to stay and chat could encourage their children to sit and eat afternoon tea until 3:30 and then enjoy playing. If staff see children playing prior to 3:30pm they will direct them off the play equipment and off the soccer pitch.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONTINUED

COMPASS

Please remember we are now using Compass as our primary form of communication with families and for the reporting of student absences, please ensure you have the app on your phone and know how to log in. If you have any questions about Compass, please see Sharon in the office.

MOBILE PHONES

If your child brings a mobile phone to school please remember to remind your children that they must be handed in at the office in the morning and collected from the office at the end of the day. Please also note that this policy also applies to APPLE or SMART Watches that have the capability to make or receive phone calls.



SUN SMART

A reminder to all parents that Term 1 is a Sun Smart term. Protective hats must be worn outside at all times, including to and from school. If students are not wearing their hats, they will be asked to sit in the shade.



LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY DEPARTURES

Please remember teachers are on yard duty from 8:30 am and school starts at 8:45 am, if your child is arriving late to school you **do** need to collect a late pass from the office, similarly if you are collecting your child earlier than 3:15 pm you also need to visit the office and fill in an early departure slip, this is to be taken to your child's teacher when you go to collect them.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website.

For more information about privacy, see [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) – information for parents:

www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx

This information is also available in nine community languages.

TO OUR NEW PREP FAMILIES

We would love to see you all at our Prep Picnic this Saturday 8th February, starting at 11:30 am at Mitcham's Halliday Park. Please remember your picnic rug, a picnic lunch and of course your favourite teddy.



SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

School Council Nominations Notice of election and calls for nominations for School Council will be opened today and close on the 14th of February. Please see below for further information.

Why Should I be on the School Council?

School Council plays an important role in school accountability and improvement processes. It is a legally formed body that is given powers to set the key directions of our school. As part of the school council you can ensure that the educational opportunities for your children are met.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONTINUED

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL IN 2020

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 2019 Council will be held in the Conference Room at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 11th.

The terms of office of the following members of our School Council conclude at this meeting because their elected term is up.

Parent Members:

- Lucille Matthews
- Stacie Timmins
- Stephen Catton
- Joel Curtis

Department of Education and Training Members:

- Jessica Yuen
- Heather Wood

I would like to take this opportunity to also acknowledge all of the above for their contribution to the School Council and sincerely thank them for their time, effort and dedication to Mitcham Primary School. 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 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 7th February. There are seven elected parent member vacancies and one DET position open for election.

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONTINUED

- 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 14th February at 4.00 p.m.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS & TIMETABLE

Mitcham Primary School

	EVENT	DATE
a	Notice of election and call for nominations	Friday 7 February 2020
b	Closing date for nominations	Friday 14 February 2020
c	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Tuesday 18 February 2020
d	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed (if required)	On or before Friday 21 February 2020
e	Close of ballot (if required)	Friday 28 February 2020
f	Vote Count (if required)	Monday 2 March 2020
g	Declaration of poll	Tuesday 3 March 2020
h	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Tuesday 17 March 2020

Wishing all families a lovely weekend,

Erin Norman

Principal

A PEEK AT PREP



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to all our families. It has been lovely to hear about 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 1.25 each day until Monday 24th February when they will start their full days.



PREP PICNIC

This Saturday we are looking forward to our Prep Picnic to be held at Halliday Park. Unfortunately, because of predicted storms last Saturday we had to postpone the picnic until this Saturday. All the Preps are very excited and we look forward to sharing a wonderful time with our Prep families.

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 Scarlett (5/6C) and Matthew (5/6D) and our school vice captains are Andrew (5/6D) and Amber (3-6M). 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, we 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.

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.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONT.

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 Wednesday 12th February, we will be having our Prep to Grade 6 Parent Information Sessions. A notice has already gone out on Compass.

BEFORE SCHOOL READING PROGRAM

Unfortunately, our Before School Reading program will not be able to start until our Prep grade is back in their classroom. We are hoping that they will be in their classroom by the end of next week. After the Preps move back we will be able to begin the Before School Reading Program in the Library on Tuesdays from 8.15. We will send a message on Compass with details once this has occurred.

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 go to the Library. Once this program starts, it 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 5th 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 10th March.

Students are not required at school on this day. OSHClub will be operating provided there are enough bookings for the day.

Heather Wood

Assistant Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



IMPORTANT DATES

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

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

FROM THE MITCHAM PRIMARY OFFICE

CSEF (CAMPS & SCHOOL EXCURSIONS FUND)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- School camps or trips
- Swimming and school-organised sport programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions and incursions.

Applications for 2020 are now open and will close at the end of Term 2. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

Successful applicants will receive \$125 per year for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the individual student. Most payments start from March onwards.

Payments are for the application year and cannot be claimed for previous years.

The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, or formals/graduations.

You will only need to submit an application form in 2020 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- Your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply at the same school in a previous year
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

We are able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year.

The payment system only allows one application

per student. Parents in shared custody situations (who both hold a concession card) must make the decision beforehand who applies for the CSEF at the school on behalf of their children.

If you have already paid for some camp, sports or excursion costs up front, you have the option to

- Allocate the payment towards remaining activities in 2019
- Carry over the amount to be used on eligible activities in 2020

Please note, CSEF funds cannot be directly refunded to families.

If you think you may be eligible, and are yet to apply, or would like more information, please see the information and application sheets enclosed in the later pages of this newsletter. Alternatively, contact our school office for more information.

CENTREPAY

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

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

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

COMPASS

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

MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM ORDER FORM 2020

Pricing Effective from February the 1st 2020

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____ Send to School ☐

Family Name: _____ Contact Ph No: _____

Email: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEWS AND UPDATES

VISITING PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHOOL BANKING

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

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

Please add this event to your calendar.

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

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

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

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

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



School Banking newsletter.

Term 1 update.



CommBank Bushfire Support

In light of the recent devastating bushfires, we want to share how we can help. Applications are now open for Bushfire Recovery Grants to help rebuild community facilities, schools, fire brigades and replace lost or damaged equipment. Please encourage your local community groups to apply by 31 March 2020, for grants of up to \$50,000. If you're a CommBank customer and you've been affected, we can also give you a hand with your finances.

commbank.com.au/bushfirerecovery

2020 Treetop Savers Adventure.

This year, the Dollarmites (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are ready to take children on a Treetop Savers adventure to the enchanted Treehouse of Savings. Here they'll discover lots of fun financial activities and rewards for saving.

Many surveyed parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour*. And this year, we're changing our School Banking rewards for the better. We're introducing new eco-friendly and reusable rewards, alongside other rewards that encourage creativity, as well as indoor and outdoor play.

Activity 1: Add up Addy's pocket money

Addy gets \$2 pocket money every time she does a job in the Treehouse of Savings. If she does 9 jobs, how much will she have earned?

A: \$_____.

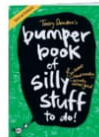
Activity 2: Find and count how many frogs and butterflies you can see

A: _____ Frogs and _____ Butterflies.



Term 1 Treetop Savers rewards

When your child makes 10 deposits with School Banking, they can redeem one of our Treetop Savers rewards. Term 1 rewards are available now, while stocks last.



Terry Denton's
Activity Book



Mini
Soccer Ball

Any questions about the School Banking program? Ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a parent's pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

*Parents of Australian primary school children, School Banking Research, conducted by Fiftyfive5, May-June 2018.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124

NEWS AND UPDATES: CONTINUED

ICY POLE FRIDAY

Icy Pole Friday is BACK!

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.

This is a parent run fundraiser. If you would like to help out, or would like to assist with our future planned fundraisers, speak to your classroom parent representative to find out more.

COMPASS

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

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

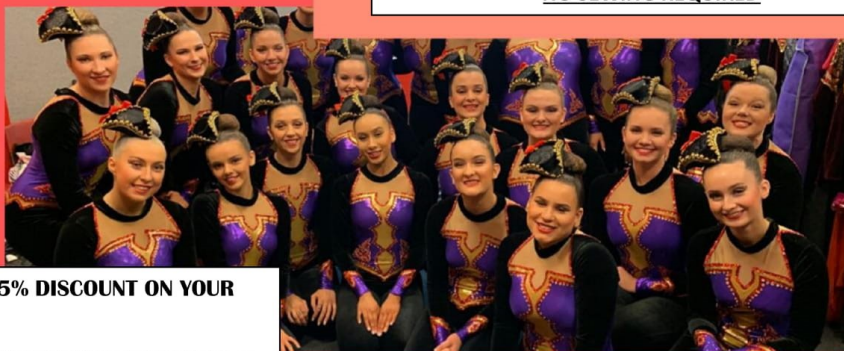


DO YOU LOVE TO SING & DANCE ??

WE ARE OFFERING

FREE COME AND TRY CLASSES !!

NO SEWING REQUIRED



MENTION THIS ADD TO RECEIVE A FURTHER 15% DISCOUNT ON YOUR YEARLY FEES

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE AND JOIN IN THE FUN OF CALISTHENICS CONTACT US:

Email: ellandacc@gmail.com, Website: www.ellandacc.com

Michelle – 0417 883 393 Rosie – 0402 930 112



Hello everyone! Welcome to 2020!

It is great to see you all again and to catch up with all the exciting things you and your children did over the holidays. A warm welcome to all the Preps and other children who are using the program for the first time this year. Lot of Preps attended the Vacation Care Program which helped them get to know us and the program. Our Vacation Care program and Prep day was packed with theme based activities. We went on excursions to Enchanted Adventure Garden and Werribee Zoo. Children loved tie dying their own T-shirts, making slime, a wooden formula-1 car and movable masterpieces from Lego.

We recently welcomed Sian Enderby to Mitcham OSHClub as third permanent educator.

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.

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.

UPDATING MEDICAL RECORDS

We are in the process of updating our medical records. Please set aside a few minutes when picking up your child, in case we need you to go through the forms. Also, if your child/ren is going to attend any after school activities like, tennis, chess, Kelly sports or karate please let us know so that we can cater to their needs and get permission forms ready to sign.

SUN SMART POLICY

A kind reminder that during Term 1 we will be following our Sun Smart Policy. So, please remember to provide a hat for your child. We supply Coles' branded 50+ protection sunscreen here at the service, however, if your child has specific sunscreen needs we encourage parents to either leave some with us at the program or ensure that children have some in their bags when they arrive.

BOOKING INTO OSHCLUB

Remember, ensuring your children are booked to attend OSHClub helps us cater for your children's

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 7.00am - 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

WEEK 3: BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Portfolio Decoration & Moovosity
TUESDAY	Get to Know You & Moovosity
WEDNESDAY	Coles Order & Moovosity
THURSDAY	Love Heart Collage & Running Race
FRIDAY	Valentines Butterflies & Connect 4

WEEK 3: PREP EARLY FINISH	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Finger Tree Painting
TUESDAY	OSHClub Family Tree
WEDNESDAY	Easy Banana Cake
THURSDAY	Circle Storytime
FRIDAY	Sand Pit Play

WEEK 3: AFTER SCHOOL CARE	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Portfolios & Cricket
TUESDAY	Getting to Know You & Line Tiggly
WEDNESDAY	Cleverpatch Order & Moovosity
THURSDAY	Valentines Day Cookies & Moovosity
FRIDAY	Pop Up Valentine & Game of Choice

FROM THE COMMUNITY

**KANDO
BLACKBURN
SOUTH**

**CLASSES FORMING NOW
FOR
CHILDREN AGED 3+**



0490-607-804 CALL US NOW!



blackburnsouth@kandomartialarts.com.au



kandomartialarts.com.au



Peaceful Kids



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

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

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



To register your interest please leave your details with the

Melanie Fearn on 8878 3806

or

email:

youthandfamilyvic@each.com.au

WHO: Grade 5/6s

DATES: SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Tues 31st March

Wed 1st April

Thur 2nd April

TIME: 9.30am-12.30pm each day

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

WHERE: 14 Silver Grv, Nunawading

COST: Free (morning tea provided)

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

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

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

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

located at 10 Silver Grv, Nunawading

(for GPS use '10 Oval Way Nunawading')

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

~ Funded by the City of Whitehorse ~

FROM THE COMMUNITY



Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club

REGO & COME AND TRY

BOYS & GIRLS | AGES FROM 4* - 18 YRS

FEBRUARY
TUESDAY
18TH

STARTS
5^{PM}

COLCHESTER
RESERVE

CNR COLCHESTER RD
& BERESFORD DR
BORONIA

for more information email: secretary@easternraptors.com.au

www.easternraptors.com.au

T (03) 9873 1551

E mitcham.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

W mitcham.ps.vic.edu.au

Follow Us:



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
 - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (29 January 2019) or term two (23 April 2019).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2019 closes on 28 June, 2019.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

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