



M.P.S.

CONNECTIONS

TERM 4 | WEEK 1 | ISSUE 1 | FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On behalf of our school, I want to say a big thank you to all our students, parents and carers for your continued resilience and support throughout this year. I know remote and flexible learning has not always been easy, but through our collective efforts, our students have continued to make valuable progress in their learning. You can be confident that Mitcham Primary School will support any student who has fallen behind to catch up. Term 4 is important for every Victorian student, and our teachers will strive to deliver high-quality learning for everyone. Our focus for Term 4 is on making sure that every student is supported in their wellbeing, learning and transition needs.

Our school, working with you, has shown it can be flexible and adaptable in responding to the challenges of coronavirus (COVID-19) and will continue to meet student needs as we look towards the end of the 2020 school year and ahead to 2021.

We look forward to Monday and are very excited to have our school full of noise and laughter again. Only 3 more sleeps!

Erin Norman: Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
12 OCTOBER	RETURN TO ONSITE LEARNING
19 - 23 OCT.	BOOK WEEK
22 OCTOBER	BOOK WEEK DRESS UP
20 OCTOBER	BOOK WEEK STORY COMP. LAST DAY BOOK WEEK BOOK TRAILER COMP. LAST DAY
23 OCTOBER	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
3 NOVEMBER	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
5 NOVEMBER	'COUNT US IN' CELEBRATION DAY
16 NOVEMBER	SCHOOL PHOTOS
18 DECEMBER	LAST DAY TERM 4

STORYBOX LIBRARY

Our MPS Community can access Story Box Library to enjoy stories read aloud by authors, illustrators, & performers. Our login details are:

Username: Mitcham Primary School

Password: MPS

[CLICK HERE TO LOG IN](#)

FROM THE OFFICE

Important changes to CSEF for 2020

In acknowledgement of the significant and ongoing challenges facing our parent community, the Minister for Education has approved that the eligibility to qualify for CSEF be extended to 5 October 2020, with applications due by 27 November 2020.

CSEF payments for these students will be made at 50 per cent of the standard primary and secondary rates, recognising that opportunities for camps, sports and excursions have been limited in 2020.

In addition, schools will be able to use CSEF payments for voluntary school charges, books and stationery for the remainder of 2020.

If your family have recently received a concession/Health Care Card, or already possessed a Health Care Card but did not apply for CSEF, please contact our school office in order to apply for these funds to assist in your child's school needs.

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Book Week Dress Up Day

We're dressing up on...

Thursday 22 October

In celebration of Book Week, all students from Prep to Grade 6 are invited to come to school dressed up in a book themed or book character costume!

Look out for our
Virtual Parade

In the days following the event



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Dhiya, Prep B: For your wonderful attitude and positivity in returning to school on Monday!

All of Prep D: For being respectful towards each other during the Google Meets and always trying to do your best. I am sooo proud of you all for your efforts during Remote Learning. I cannot wait to you all on Monday!

Blake 1/2B: For his excellent efforts during remote learning and making everyone smile in the Google Meets. Well done!

Blake (Again!) 1/2B: For showing a huge improvement with handwriting. Well done! Keep up the great work. - Mrs A

Charlie 1/2C: For making a video of himself reading to show what a good reader does. Great work, Charlie.

Aidan 1/2C: For showing a huge improvement with handwriting. Well done! Keep up the great work. - Mrs A

Adelle 1/2C: For showing a huge improvement with handwriting. Well done! Keep up the great work. - Mrs A

Ethan 3/4C: For responding to feedback and trying his best with his learning.

Joshua 3/4C: Thank you for consistently producing high quality work every week for MacqLit. I have seen great improvement in your work. Very well done - Mrs A

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Will 3/4D: Will, I love your contribution and enthusiasm during our Google Meet sessions – go you! Thank you for all of your efforts during Remote Learning.

Oliver 3-6A: Thank you for consistently producing high quality work every week for MacqLit. I have seen great improvement in your work. Very well done - Mrs A

Dylan 3-6B: For launching into Term 4 with enthusiasm and contributing his ideas in the google meet !

Riella 5/6 A: Your creative, gentle and calm personality is a wonderful part of our classroom, Riella. You always persist, even when things get tough. Keep up the great work and it will be great to see you next week!

Ben 5/6B: Ben, I am so impressed with how you actively participate in all our Google Meets and the dedication you have shown to remote learning. Thank you for always pushing yourself to do your best. Well done!

Ryan 5/6 C: Your efforts and work this term have been incredible! We love having you in our 5/6C class community and are very excited to see you shine in our return to school!

Victoria 5/6 D: I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing you putting in a lot of effort into your school work, Victoria! You are communicating with me for help if required and completing a higher standard of work overall! Looking forward to seeing you next week! Good on you, Vic!

SCHOOL BANKING

With the pause of the School Banking Program we acknowledge that students were unable to make deposits in the usual way and therefore missed out on receiving tokens for their deposits. During this time, parents may have transferred deposits directly, or even made deposits at local branches. To recognise their efforts, we have decided to give active School Banking students an ex-gratia reward item. This means that any student bankers who completed a deposit in Term 1 will be eligible to receive a reward! When we're finally back to school keep an eye out for these rewards coming your way!

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

START SMART

Start Smart: these resources have been created to improve money-management skills, and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.

THE BEANSTALK

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

Keep saving those dollars!





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MPS BOOK WORMS

Mitcham Primary School students have had their head buried in books! 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!](#)

Title: Wings of Fire: Dragonslayer

Author: Tui T. Sutherland

What's it about?: Ivy doesn't trust the Dragonslayer. He may be her father and the beloved ruler of Valor, but she knows that he's hiding more than just treasure. Leaf doesn't trust dragons. They're the reason his favourite sister is dead, and he will do anything it takes to slay even one. Wren doesn't trust anyone. She swore off humans for trying to sacrifice her to dragons. She now only has one friend, a small and wonderful Mountain Dragon.

Why do you think it's great? I think this book really caught me because it has 3 people telling their story and they are all linked together and this is really unlike Tui T. Sutherland's way of writing but it was a smasher.

Review By: Azeen 5/6 C

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

[CLICK HERE TO SEE IT](#)

MITCHAM PRIMARY COOKBOOK

Another week, another sneak peak of one of the many excellent recipes to be included in our upcoming Mitcham Primary Cookbook:

WENDY'S SPONGE CAKE

Lily 3/4 A

Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 3/4 Cup (165g) caster sugar
- 1/2 Cup (100g) wheaten cornflour
- 1/4 Cup (30g) custard powder
- 1 Teaspoon Cream of Tarter
- 1/2 Teaspoon bicarbonate soda
- 300ml thickened cream
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 Cup (80g) strawberry jam, warmed
- 250g strawberries. Sliced thinly
- 1 Tablespoon icing sugar, extra

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C if fan forced). Grease two deep 22cm-round cake pans; sprinkle with flour, shake away excess.
2. Beat eggs and caster sugar in a small bowl with electric mixer for about five minutes or until thick and creamy; transfer to a big bowl.
3. Sift dry ingredients twice onto baking paper before sifting over egg mixture; gently fold ingredients together.

4. Divide mixture evenly between pans; bake about 20 minutes. Turn sponges immediately onto baking -paper-lined wire rack; turn top- side up to cool.

5. Beat cream, icing sugar and extract in a small bowl with electric mixer until firm peaks form. Place one cold sponge on serving plate; spread first with jam, then with cream mixture. Top with strawberry slices, then with remaining sponge. Dust with sifted extra icing sugar.

When folding flour into egg mixture, you can use a large metal spoon, a rubber spatula, a whisk, or use one hand like a rake.

To see our previous recipe, click the link below:

[PREVIOUS RECIPE](#)

MPS MASTERCHEF

Olivia 3/4D has been crafty in the kitchen and made the Lemonade Scones recipe we shared previously!





BOOK WEEK STORY COMPETITION

ENTRIES OPEN
18 SEPT.

ENTRIES CLOSE
20 OCT.

Write a story. As long or short as you like.

**SHARE IT WITH MISS PRIM ON
GOOGLE DRIVE**

Name the the file: 'Book Week
Story Comp 2020'

Winning entry will be shared in our School Library.
Winner will receive a medal in acknowledgement.

Contact Miss Prim with any questions.



RULES & WHAT TO DO

Select one of the four prompts and create your own 90 second film

Create a Book Trailer

Create a 90 second book trailer that captures the essence of your chosen book. Think intrigue over recount, just like a movie trailer. Your video should entice your audience to hunt down the book and read it right now!

A Dramatic Scene or Reading

Breathe life into a key scene from your chosen book by reading it, or acting it out. Read it straight from the book, or memorise it word to word, just remember to be clear and expressive.

A Book Review

Film your review of the best (or the worst!) book you have read this year. Tell us why. If you loved it, how did it win your favour, if you hated it, what on earth did it do wrong? Convince us to read it (or not!)

A Film Makers Dream

Are your creative juices flowing and you have another book inspired idea you're bursting to share? Film it. Make it. Create it. Just make sure you provide a quick explanation (outside of the 90 seconds) about what it is.

- Videos should be no longer than 90 seconds
- Videos can be acted, stop motion, animated - whatever you desire, surprise us!
- Remember, no silly or inappropriate behaviour
- Name the video file 'Book Week Film Comp 2020'
- Share your finished video with Miss Prim on Google Drive (her full last name is Primerano - just in case you can't find her!)
- The winning video will be shared with our Mitcham Primary School community
- The winning student will receive a medal
- Contact Miss Prim with any questions



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MPS COOKBOOK: ORDER YOUR COPY!

After weeks of sneak peek recipes, Mitcham Primary School's first ever cookbook is finally available to purchase!

With over 300 recipes from our school community, this cookbook would make a great Christmas gift, or as a memento to mark this extraordinary year!

Get busy in the kitchen and feel the joy shared by the Mitcham Primary School Community.

Orders must be placed by **Friday 23rd October**.

\$20 per book

Due to restrictions preventing parents on school grounds, orders for the cookbook need to be made via trybooking:

[ORDER HERE](#)

www.trybooking.com/666453

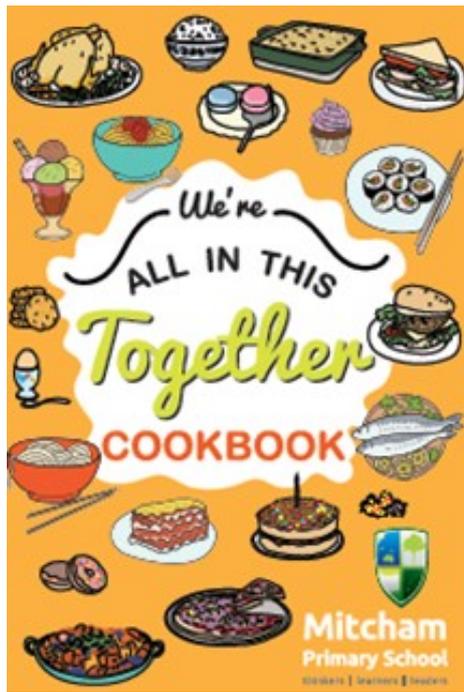
Once ordered, cookbooks will be delivered to student classrooms in late November.

Thank you for your support in raising vital funds which will go towards projects to improve our school.

If you are unable to purchase a book via the trybooking site, please contact the school office on 9873 1511 to discuss payment via another method.



Fundraising



2021 ENROLMENTS

If you have children starting Prep next year, we encourage you to complete an enrolment form, these are available from the Prep & Transition page of our website or by clicking the link below:

[PREP ENROLMENT](#)

Hoping for a school tour first? Unfortunately we are unable to hold on site school tours at the moment, however, please enjoy a virtual tour, available from the homepage of our website, our Facebook page, or click below:

[VIRTUAL TOUR](#)

SPOONVILLE

Have you recently visited the MPS Spoonville in Halliday Park to find it gone? Don't worry! Spoonville has been moved to the safety of our school grounds.

People around the world are creating Spooky People to live in Spoonville, little towns in parks and streets that are inhabited by Spooky People. Originating in England, the idea has now made it's way to Melbourne, Australia, and right here at Mitcham Primary School!

If you haven't made a Spooky Person yet, and would still like to have yours join our MPS Spoonville, you can simply bring them along with you to school to add to the new Spoonville settlement.

Visit the links below to learn more about Spoonville, and have a look at the flyers on the following page to find out about our very own MPS Spoonville:

[SPOONVILLE WEBSITE](#)

[SPOONVILLE VIDEO](#)



Mitcham Primary School's

SPOONVILLE RULES

Place your Spooky Person during your daily exercise.

Sticks from the garden make great arms and legs!

Spoony People don't love dogs. Dogs, please stay back!

Come and visit Spoonville, but don't stay long, and no touching.

Make sure your Spooky Person can take the rain - Nail polish is good for our faces!

Make sure bits don't blow off your Spooky Person - We don't want to litter!





LETTERS TO ESSENTIAL WORKERS

During Remote Learning our Grade 5/6 students wrote letters to many essential workers. Our students sent these important members of our community messages of hope and thanks, general 'chit-chat', as well as plenty of questions. We have been so excited to have received some responses to our letters. Have a look at some of them below:

RESPONSE TO MAX

Hey Max,

Thank you very much for your letter. It's heart-warming to receive these lovely letters from you and your friends and I can't thank you enough for that

I know that lockdown has been hard for everyone, but we really appreciate everyone like you who has been doing the right thing.

Hopefully the home-schooling is nearly done, and you can be back at school playing with all your friends again. I really appreciate the sacrifice you've had to make by following the rules.

To become a police officer you have to do an exam, an interview, a fitness test and then you get accepted. It's a long process but it's a very rewarding job. I get to help people and speak to wonderful people just like you!

Thankyou for being so kind when there's so much hate being thrown our way. If I could give any advice, there's always going to be someone who doesn't like what you do. Just make sure you like what you do and you'll always be happy!

The biggest honour I have being a policeman is to help those in need and I'm thankful enough that I've been able

to save people.

When this lockdown is over if you like we can sit down and chat all about my police work and any stories you might be interested in.

I have two questions for you Max. What do you want to be when you grow up, and what is your favourite thing in the world to do?

Thank you again for all your support and your letter and keep up the good work.

All the best,

Andrew : First Constable

Glen Waverley Police Station

RESPONSE TO KAELA

Hello Kaela,

Thank you for your letter! I can confirm that those people are right – I LOVE coffee and I drink at least one Coffee every day. Which is why I must work hard, because it can be expensive.

I'm glad to see that you and your friends at Mitcham Primary School are supporting us by sending us these letters. Yours was especially funny by the way (I got your joke).

I see that you have some interesting questions for me, so hopefully I can

answer them for you. But before I get onto those, I would like to say that I hope you and your family are going well during this lockdown period. It is a tough time for everyone right now, especially when you can't hang out with your friends! Hopefully everything goes back to normal soon.

Now for your questions – unfortunately people steal stuff for lots of reasons, but mostly because they just want whatever it is that they're stealing, and they don't want to pay for it.

I do lots of things on my breaks. I'm a bit of a dork (please don't tell anyone), so I play some video games, I do a lot of gym exercises and I love to watch lots of sports like Football, Soccer and Basketball. I also like to go to out for dinner and to the movies with my friends and my partner... But unfortunately we can't do that right now.

I really like my job. I think it's very interesting, it's exciting and it feels rewarding to help people that need it. It's especially rewarding when we receive nice letters like yours. That's why I became a Police Officer. Oh yeah, it also helps me pay for all the Coffees!

Yes, we sometimes we do have donuts here. Though not as many as Chief Wiggum from the Simpsons would have!

Thank you again for your kind words and interesting questions Kaela.

All the best,

Simon: Constable

Glen Waverley Police Station

2020 Community Seminar Series

ONLINE SEMINAR

EATING DISORDERS

DATE	MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2020
The workshop will be presented by:	CYMHS Enhanced Eating Disorder Team
This workshop will focus on:	<p><i>Information about eating disorders</i></p> <p><i>What to look for when you are worried about someone</i></p> <p><i>How to support a young person with an eating disorder</i></p> <p><i>How to seek professional support including pathways of referral to Eastern Health CYMHS</i></p>
Target audience:	Professionals working with young people in the health, welfare and educational sectors
Time:	9.30am to 11.30am
Cost:	\$30.00 (including GST, and seminar materials)
Bookings & Registration:	Email to: communityseminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au or complete the Registration Form and fax to 039870 7973
Contact:	Marion Bernard Community Engagement Seminars on 9871 7710
Seminar Location:	ONLINE DELIVERY

All prices and dates quoted are subject to change by CYMHS. Seminar fees are kept as low as possible. Enrolled participants will be notified of any changes to advertised programs when necessary. Participants are not entitled to a refund unless **WRITTEN** cancellation has been received at least 24 hours prior to the event. The department reserves the right to cancel any scheduled programs when necessary and course fees will be refunded if the course is cancelled. www.easternhealth.org.au

2020 Online Community Seminar Series

Registration Form

Instructions: Press Tab key (on your keyboard) or click on position field and type in your information.

Seminar Title Attending:	EATING DISORDERS		
Date:	26 OCTOBER 2020	Amount:	\$30.00 per person

Organisation Name:	
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People attending

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PAYMENT DETAILS: (Organisation or Self-funded)

Click box to select

Organisation to pay
Please fill out details for invoice below:

Self-funded
Please fill out details for invoice below

Organisation Name:			
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Contact Email:			

Self-funded Attendee Name:			
Address for Invoice:			
Street:			
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Phone:			
Contact Email:			

PLEASE NOTE:



Payment can be paid once you have received your invoice from Eastern Health. *(Full payment details on your invoice)*



- SAVE FORM
- COMPLETE
- RE-SAVE
- ATTACH VIA E-MAIL

For registration, please complete this form and email to: communityseminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au

Alternatively you can fax your registration details to 03 9870 7973

If you have not received an email confirmation of your attendance at this event within three business days of submitting this form, please contact administration on above email address.

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2020 Community Seminar Series

ONLINE SEMINAR

WORKING WITH PARENTS AROUND SCHOOL REFUSAL

DATE *Thursday 19th November 2020*

The workshop will be presented by: *Staff from CYMHS Specialist Child Team*

This workshop will focus on:

- *Understanding school refusal*
- *Learning what can be done to prevent school refusal*
- *Understanding how to help a young person who is refusing to attend school re-integrate back to school*

Target audience: Staff working in a range of settings including education, child and family services and youth services

Time: 9.30 AM to 12 PM

Cost: \$30.00 (including GST, and seminar materials)

Bookings & Registration: Email to: communityseminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au or complete the Registration Form and fax to 039870 7973

Contact: Marion Bernard Community Engagement Seminars on 9871 7710

Seminar Location: **ONLINE DELIVERY**

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2020 Online Community Seminar Series

Registration Form

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Seminar Title Attending:	WORKING WITH PARENTS AROUND SCHOOL REFUSAL		
Date:	19 NOVEMBER 2020	Amount:	\$30.00 per person

Organisation Name:	
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People attending

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Organisation Name:			
Address for Invoice:			
Street:			
Suburb:	Pcode:		
Phone:			
Contact Email:			

Self-funded Attendee Name:			
Address for Invoice:			
Street:			
Suburb:	Pcode:		
Phone:			
Contact Email:			

PLEASE NOTE:



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Girls Cricket is Growing at Mitcham!

Mitcham Cricket Club is looking for new players to field 2 girls' teams in the upcoming season.

The club's first girls' team was established last season. Many of the girls were new to cricket but had lots of fun & went on to win a joint premiership.

**Beginners welcome
Ages: 8 to 14
Home ground: Walker Park**



Some feedback from last season:



“My daughters made new friends and enjoyed competing with other teams”

“She has developed a love for the game thanks to the coaches”

“The girls really enjoyed the season”

“Our daughter enjoys the game and also the social element”

- **Stay tuned for a girls' clinic/come & try session in late October**
- **Safely complying with all COVID-19 restrictions**
- **Contact juniors@mitcham.cc for information**