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MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

- DEC 3** PREP TRANSITION
- DEC 6** 3/4 CAMP GROUP 1 DEPARTS
- DEC 7** PREP ORIENTATION
- DEC 8** 3/4 CAMP GROUP 2 DEPARTS
- DEC 9** PREP – 2 SWIMMING
- DEC 13** MRS. LAWSON'S AFTERNOON TEA
- DEC 14** GR. 6 GRADUATION
- DEC 14** SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
- DEC 15** 1/2 CARNIVAL DAY
- DEC 16** GR. 6 BIG DAY OUT
- DEC 16** STUDENTS' LAST DAY
- DEC 17** STUDENT FREE DAY



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VALUE OF THE
MONTH

RESILIENCE



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

AFTERNOON TEA TO CELEBRATE THE EXCEPTIONAL CAREER OF MRS KATHY LAWSON

At the end of this year we will farewell Mrs Kathy Lawson from Mitcham Primary School, Kathy has been a much loved teacher at Mitcham Primary School for 44 years. There is no doubt that Kathy's long standing commitment to Mitcham Primary School has contributed to making the school the wonderful learning place that it is. We would like to extend an invitation to our current and past families to join us on Monday the 13th December at 4.00pm, to celebrate the wonderful career of Mrs Kathy Lawson. Please RSVP by completing the google form available by clicking [here](#), or by telephoning the school office on 9873 1551.

This year we will also be farewelling Deb Williamson and Meg Steeds. Deb Williamson has made the decision to pursue other interests next year including her Master's Degree in Education and continuing her training in dog therapy with her beautiful dog, Frankie. We are saddened to be saying farewell to Deb from our permanent staff but are excited that she will continue to work with us in a casual (CRT) capacity. We wish you lots happiness and success Deb. Meg Steeds will also be leaving us to focus her attention on her family. We have loved having Meg on our staff this year and will miss her, but again we are excited that Meg will also continue to work for us in a casual capacity. We wish you wonderful happy days Meg.

We are currently finalising our 2022 teaching teams and will share these with you next week.

WORKING BEE PARTICIPATION THANK YOU

Last Sunday we held our first working bee in over 6 months, thank you to all the families that attended. It was lovely working and chatting with you on such a beautiful sunny day with the purpose of tidying and beautifying our grounds for our students. A huge thank you to Lucille and Adam Matthews for their wonderful organisation of us all on the day. This was Lucille and Adam's last working bee for MPS, as their daughter Teagan graduates this year, as well as being the MPS School Council President for the last 3 years, Lucille and her husband Adam, have enthusiastically run our

Buildings and Grounds Committee, managing many school improvement projects, including the installation of our fabulous sportsfield and the planning and planting of our beautiful garden beds. We are so grateful for all of your work and contributions Lucille and Adam, we will miss you!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXCITEMENT

Today and yesterday's Christmas Stall was a wonderful success, the excitement our students showed at being able to browse and purchase independently was lovely to watch. We are incredibly grateful to our parent fundraising team who pulled this all together so seamlessly. I hope all the children who purchased items at the Christmas Stall have wrapped these or hidden them carefully until Christmas morning!



THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

The next two weeks we will be running with a different Specialist Timetable, this is because of Grade 3/4 Camp

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONTINUED

and the multiple Transition, Wellbeing, End of Year Celebrations and Graduation activities planned. I have summarised these activities for parents below:

Monday 6th - Our first group of Grade 3/4 campers depart for Narmbool.

Tuesday 7th - Grade 6 - Year 7 Public School Transition Day. Mitcham Primary School Kinder to Prep Transition and Meet your 2022 Class Day.

Wednesday 8th - Our second group of Grade 3/4 campers depart for Narmbool and our first group of campers return home.

Thursday 9th - Prep - Grade 2 Swimming

Friday 10th - Second group of Grade 3/4s return from Narmbool

Monday 13th - Special assembly with students to celebrate the incredible career of Mrs Kathy Lawson. 4.00pm celebration afternoon tea for Mrs Lawson with parents and friends.

Tuesday 14th - 6.00—8.00pm Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony and disco.

Wednesday 15th - Grade 1/2 Carnival Day.

Thursday 16th December - Grade 6 Big Day Out. Last Day of Term 4 - Students will be dismissed at 3:15pm.

We have some wonderful fun filled days ahead!

Wishing all families, a restful weekend.

Erin Norman

Principal



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IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
3 December	Prep 2022 Transition: 12.00 pm
6 - 8 December	3/4 Camp: Group 1
7 December	Prep 2022 Orientation Day: 9.00 am
8 - 10 December	3/4 Camp: Group 2
9 December	Prep - Grade 2 Swimming
13 December	Kathy Lawson's Afternoon Tea
14 December	Grade 6 Graduation Second Hand Uniform Shop
15 December	Grade 1/2 Carnival Day
16 December	Grade 6 Big Day Out Last Day of Term 4 for Students - 3.15pm finish
17 December	Student Free Day
20 December	OSHClub Vacation Care Program Begins



GRADE 1/2 'OLDEN DAY'



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

MPS SUSTAINABLE SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

A pop-up Second- Hand Uniform shopping opportunity is coming your way!

MPS Second-hand uniform sales will be staffed by our wonderful Education Support Staff Team from 9.30am to 10.30am on Tuesday 14th December – the last week of term. The stall will be set up outside the PAC building on the basketball courts. We ask that COVID-Safe protocols are followed.

This time will also be an opportunity for you to donate your pre-loved or out-grown uniform items. (Please only donate items that are laundered and in good saleable condition).

Our sustainable Second-Hand Uniform Shop encourages reuse and recycling and enables MPS families to look for second-hand items first before buying new. This supports MPS values for improved environmental sustainability and provides for a fundraising opportunity. Any profit made from our second-hand uniform sales is invested in our current school programs and directly benefits our students.

We have a wide selection of school attire available in all sizes with pricing from \$2.00 to \$5.00.

We look forward to your generous support and an opportunity for you to pick up a bargain.

Warm regards,

Michelle Shearn

Business Manager

PURCHASING NEW UNIFORM ITEMS

If you are seeking to purchase *brand new* items of school uniform, please visit our uniform supplier, RHSports.

Click the link below to view all available Mitcham Primary School Uniform items:



[PURCHASE NEW UNIFORM HERE](#)

INDONESIAN BILINGUAL PICTURE BOOKS

As part of their Indonesian specialist classes, Grade 3 to 6 students have been working on digital bilingual picture story books, they then enjoyed sharing them with younger MPS students!



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Social Inclusion Week

For Social Inclusion Week, the children enjoyed different activities to celebrate, such as colouring, writing about why they are good friends and how they can include people, and matched pictures to emotions. We also brainstormed ways that we can include other people.

World Disability Day

This week, we spoke about what having a disability means and talked about how we treat people with a disability. Students participated in activities such as the disability symbol paper chain, colouring in an awareness poster, and made their own chatter box.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're in need of donations for Vacation Care!

The Vacation Care team are currently in need of donations to run a few activities, here is a list of what we searching for:

- Shoeboxes
- Bottle tops
- Glass jars with lids
- Recycled materials

We appreciate any donations you are able to contribute.



One More Feather Added

Congratulations to the Mitcham OSH Team and our awesome children and families.

We have been lucky enough to receive a Whole Child Award for our Term 4 project, Project Give Back Club. We would like to thank all families for your donations. Great job team Mitcham!

End of Year Party

We will be holding an end of year party and saying farewell to our Grade 6 students on Wednesday 15 December. Please book your child in for ASC session to join us.

CLUB NEWS

Project Give Back: Gift for the Elderly

This week in our Project Give Back Club, the children planted their own flowers in a pot to gift to an elder. They will keep their pot here watering it every day and once the flowers start to bloom, they will give it to an elderly person. For the last Project Give Back Club children made friendship bracelets using seven strings to give to a friend.

Art Master class: Dot colouring

For our last art master class, the children chose an Australian animal that they wanted to colour in. They coloured in their animal using dot markers using a dot technique.



OSHCLUB NEWS: CONTINUED

COORDINATOR CORDER

A message from Jagruti:

Term 4 and Term 1 means being sunsmart!

Term 4 and 1 means that children will need their hats at OSHclub. We provide Coles sunscreen for the children to use if they don't supply their own. We also record what time they put their sunscreen on

We are in the middle of updating medical documents on our new template. Once complete, we will be emailing them to parents to go through and modify as required.

QUALITY AREA REFLECTION

Quality Area 2: Children's Health & Safety

Quality Area 6: Collaborative partnership with

Enrol Now: www.oshclub.com.au

OSHClub Program Phone: 0422 097 497

OSHClub Head Office: 1300 395 735

Program times are from 7.00 am - 9.00 am and 2:30pm—6:30pm, bookings will be confirmed during these times. Please notify the program if your child will be absent if you are unable to cancel the booking online. A courtesy phone call, voicemail or text will be highly appreciated and allow our team to focus on the children in attendance.



RECIPE TIME: CHOCOLATE CAKE

Ingredients:

- 1 3/4 cups all purpose flour, or (plain flour)
- 3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoon bi-carb soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups white granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup boiling water

Recipe:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C standard or 160°C fan/convection.
2. Lightly grease 2x 9-inch (22cm) round cake pans with butter. Line base with parchment paper.
3. Sift together flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt into a large bowl. Whisk in sugar, then add eggs, milk, oil and vanilla. Whisk well to combine until lump free, about 30 seconds.
4. Pour boiling water into batter, mixing well. Cake batter is thin in consistency.
5. Pour batter into cake pans and bake for 30-35 minutes or until a wooden skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.
6. Let cool for 10 minutes, then turn out onto wire racks to **cool completely before frosting**



NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free



Monday 20 December

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

IN-SERVICE

Put on your best Elf costume today! Santa has given us some very special tasks to do - complete acts of Kindness!

Create gift boxes and cards for children and our elderly community in need. Make your own Elf on the shelf!



Monday 10 January

COLOUR FUN RUN

IN-SERVICE

Be sure to wear old clothes and a white t-shirt as you emerge from our colourful day full of rainbow happiness.

Participate in the OSHCLUB colour run! Explore the world of colour through rainbow experiments and splat art!



Tuesday 21 December

WINTER WONDERLAND IN NEW YORK

IN-SERVICE

OSHClub Airlines will be leaving headed for New York City today, in time to celebrate Christmas in the Big Apple!!

Create a Big Apple snow globe, bake New York Christmas cookies, and get ready for New York fashion parade.



Tuesday 11 January

THE BIGGEST PRODUCTION

IN-SERVICE

Are you a budding artist, actor or dancer or maybe you're an enthusiastic video creator? Whatever your specialty, there is something for you today!

Produce your own OSHC movie! Make some tickets and costumes, get the popcorn popping, sit back and enjoy!



Wednesday 22 December

IN + \$19.00

FURRY AND SCALY FRIENDS

INCURSION - FEATHERS, FUR & SCALES: A VARIETY OF GREAT AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE!

Get an up close and personal experience with a marsupial, an owl, turtle, lizards, snakes and even a crocodile!



Wednesday 12 January

EX + \$28.00

ZOOLOGISTS IN THE MAKING

EXCURSION - MELBOURNE ZOO

Go on an adventure with us as we get up close and personal with the animals at the Melbourne Zoo today!



Thursday 23 December

GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL!!

IN-SERVICE

Charmander's are red. Squirtle's are blue. If you were a Pokémon, I'd choose you!

Find Pikachu and his missing gang! Design Pokémon, with it's own playing card and make a Pikachu bracelet!



Thursday 13 January

SNAP, CRACKLE, POP!

IN-SERVICE

Be delighted and amazed today as we journey through the wonderful world of science of snap, crackle and pop! How far will we go? The sky's the limit!

Test coke and mentos, elephant toothpaste, bubble bombs, volcanoes and the mad scientist colouring competition.



Friday 24 December

NO PROGRAM DAY

NO HOLIDAY PROGRAM TODAY



Friday 14 January

IN + \$24.00

AFL AND SPORTS CARNIVAL

INCURSION - COLES HEALTHY KICKS

Immerse yourself in the routine of an AFL/AFLW superstar through Coles Healthy Kicks. This 2hr interactive incursion involves 4 x 25 min quarters, including fitness, mindfulness, nutrition and teamwork aimed at developing stronger, healthier kids.



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Monday 17 January

THE GREAT OSHC BAKE OFF

IN-SERVICE

Are you the next key ingredient to baking success? We knead you! Come with us today and battle it out to find the great Baker! The winner bakes all!

The ultimate cupcake challenge! Design your own cupcake, learn piping skills and decorate your own apron.



Monday 24 January

TENNIS FEVER

IN-SERVICE

Today we are celebrating all things tennis! Will it be a competition? Will it be trivia? Will it be a game of tennis? Who is your hero tennis player?

Participate in a tennis workshop and quiz! Bake yummy lamingtons and decorate your own Australian flag!



Tuesday 18 January

IN + \$15.00

DISCO DANCER

INCURSION - BOP TIL YOU DROP DISCO

Get your dancing shoes on and get your best singing voice ready for today's disco party! Today we will sing and dance along to some of your favourite disco tunes! Do you have the disco moves? It's time for some disco fever with your friends!



Tuesday 25 January

IN + \$19.00

ANIMATION DOMINATION

INCURSION - ALPHATOONS: WHERE CARTOONING MEETS CREATIVITY

Come on a journey filled with creativity and challenges where you will meet fun characters and we will design wonderful heroes.



Wednesday 19 January

ZOMBIE PARTY

IN-SERVICE

It's time to party! Come dressed in your spookiest costume as we have a frighteningly good time dancing and playing with our friends!

Includes musical zombies and brain toss! Make spooky glow in the dark slime and Frankenstein sun catchers.



Wednesday 26 January

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SERVICE CLOSED



Thursday 20 January

EX + \$43.00

JUMPING JOLLY JOY

EXCURSION - BOUNCE TRAMPOLINE PARK KEYSBOROUGH

Fly high and low today at Bounce Indoor Trampoline centre in Keysborough!



Thursday 27 January

EX + \$37.00

SPORT AND MOVEMENT

EXCURSION - SUPER ZU PLAY CENTRE

Bounce, climb and swing your way through all the fun at the Super Zu play centre!



Arrive by 8.30am

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Friday 21 January

SUMMERTIME FUN

IN-SERVICE

Prepare for a splashtastic day of fun as we celebrate the best of summer! Don't forget to bring a towel and change of clothes.

Cool off with water games and make frozen yoghurt pops! Use your creativity to build awesome sandcastles!



Friday 28 January

READY, SET, ROLL

IN-SERVICE

Enjoy your bikes, scooters, skates, blades or skateboards for a day of riding fun. Helmets and safety gear must be worn, no equipment can be shared.

Design your own car with recycled materials. Bake some wagon wheels and make a mosaic tile art to take home!



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.**

What we offer

- A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
- Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



We are a child safe organisation



What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smartphones) at home.



Healthy Eating

OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at <https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au>

Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (due to unforeseen circumstances) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.



Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with OSHClub prior to booking via oshclub.com.au. Bookings made within 5 days for a Holiday Program session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 days notice is required for cancellation of a Holiday Program booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Please note that bookings cannot be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or by emailing oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au

Child care subsidy

Our services are registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Subsidy on your fees. For further information please visit www.education.gov.au/childcare-FAQ

Children with additional needs

We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/her needs or require inclusion support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 0422 097 497 for staffing purposes.



ENROLMENT 2022



TUNSTALL SQUARE KINDERGARTEN

77 TUNSTALL ROAD, DONCASTER EAST

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

www.tunstallsquare.kindergarten.vic.gov.au

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1 of 3

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T&Cs Apply

School's Out, Fun's In

Get ready for the Ultimate Playdate with your chance to WIN!

Leave the playdate to us and take it easy these summer holidays by knowing your kids are happy and having an amazing time! Club-based days, incursions and adventures outside to exciting destinations, our team is working overtime to provide the best summer holiday experience yet!

Additionally, for every individual day that your child attends OSHClub these holidays, you enter a chance to WIN one of three \$1,000 Luxury Escapes gift cards. This means more chances to win with every day attended!

If you would like to learn more, you can [visit our website here](#).

We have limited spots available so book in today!

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OSHClubChildCare



HOOKIN2HOCKEY

HOOKIN2HOCKEY IS A BEGINNERS PROGRAM FULL OF FUN AND GAMES!



WOULD LIKE TO TRY THE AMAZING SPORT OF HOCKEY?

Come n Try Session on Wednesday 8th December, 5pm—6pm

Doncaster Hockey Club: Mullum Mullum Reserve, Corner of Springvale Rd & Reynolds Rd, Donvale (next to Donvale Bowls Club)

All equipment provided. Some great giveaways for participants. Cost: \$2.00 which includes a BBQ sausage.

REGISTRATION LINK BELOW:-

Come n try Hookin2Hockey - Doncaster Hockey Club - revolutioniseSPORT

