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MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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- FEB 18** 5/6 CAMP DEPARTS
- FEB 19** NEW PARENT HELPER TRAINING: 2.30PM
- FEB 21** NEW PARENT HELPER TRAINING: 8.50AM
- FEB 26** PARENT HELPER RE-FRESHER SESSION: 3PM
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VALUE OF THE
MONTH

SHARING



KELLY PIKIA MEMORIAL GARDEN

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Mitcham Primary School Community,

It was wonderful to have so many of our parents attend Tuesday evenings' Parent Information Sessions, there was a fabulous feeling of excitement and possibility coming from all the classrooms as teachers spoke about the programs and their hopes for your children in 2019. I also enjoyed speaking to you all in the Performing Arts Centre and sharing some of our whole school goals and plans for 2019.

During the presentation a question was asked regarding the possibility of purchasing an Android Tablet instead of an Apple iPad, we have had the opportunity to explore the availability of the applications that our students require on their tablets and regretfully not all of the applications are available on an Android tablet, as such we must maintain that all students from Prep – Grade 2 will require an Apple iPad (iPad 5th Generation, 2017 or newer). Some information regarding the iPad program was distributed to our Prep parents last week and further information for all levels regarding the Bring Your Own Device Program, including details about how to purchase through the school, will be coming home shortly.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Tuesday night was also the last meeting of the 2018 School Council. We farewelled Michelle Treeby, our retiring School Council President, Sharon Fogarty, and Trish di Gerolamo, all three have been long standing members of our school council but now no longer have children attending MPS. Ford Zheng, Nasra Higgins, Michael Lafferty and Ed Banful have also all finished their terms of service. I would like to thank each of them for the contribution that they have made to the Mitcham Primary School Community and for their commitment to engaging in a broad range of School Council discussion and decisions that have made a positive impact on our School Community and as members of the School Council have ensured fair and honourable governance. School Councils are very important to schools as they comprise parent representatives and Department of Education and Training (DE&T) employees who support the principal to provide the best possible

educational outcomes for students. Mitcham Primary has indeed been fortunate to have had a combination of parents with diverse and complementary skills that ensures lively discussions with optimal outcomes for the school in terms of Education, Building and Grounds, Finance, Communications and Marketing. I would like to remind parents that nominations for the 2019 MPS School Council are now open and that nominations close this Friday 15th February at 4.00 p.m.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

On Tuesday evening School Council also ratified our 2019 Pupil Free Day Program, please note the following dates are now confirmed Pupil Free Days:

- Tuesday 12th March
- Tuesday 11th June
- Monday 4th November

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is celebrated every year at Mitcham Primary School, it is an Australian Government program that centres on the message that 'Everyone Belongs', reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians. The school will be celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March with a community BBQ and entertainment, a program for the evening will be distributed soon, but in the meantime, please save the date!

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Each Monday at 2:20 p.m. the whole school gathers in the Performing Arts Centre for assembly. The purpose of a school assembly at Mitcham Primary is to help students develop students' pride in themselves, their school and their country. It also enables students to share stories and performances, as well as their abilities and talents. It can also contribute to student motivation through recognition of achievement. Students taking part also have a chance to work with students they may otherwise not usually choose to; opening minds and broadening horizons. Assembly provides a foundation of understanding for the community, in which students can better understand the "big picture" of their learning and

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONTINUED

school life. By being in assembly together, it immediately becomes something that everyone shares and identifies with, fostering greater solidarity and school spirit. I would like to extend to all parents and carers the invitation to attend our weekly assemblies.

CONGRATULATIONS MISS YUEN!

This week was very exciting especially for our Grade 3/4 students who had the opportunity to celebrate and wish Miss Jessica Yuen a wonderful wedding on Wednesday, Miss Yuen is taking two weeks leave from this Friday, she will be getting married to her partner, Alex, next Sunday 24th February, we all send her off with warm wishes and look forward to seeing lots of photos when she returns!

Wishing all families a lovely weekend.

Erin Norman

Principal



We continue to welcome our Prep students!

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

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



BADGE PRESENTATION: GRADE 6 STUDENTS

All Grade 6 students were presented with a special Mitcham Primary School badge for them to wear proudly in their last year at our school. We feel that it is a positive way to acknowledge our grade 6 students.

BEFORE SCHOOL READING PROGRAM

Before school reading started on Tuesday in the Library. Children can attend from 8.15am to do some extra reading with an adult.

The students will have a reading card that will be filled in each time they attend. They can read their take home book or choose one from our collection. They will have the opportunity to read to me or to another adult.

We are hoping that this will help those families who find it hard to hear their child read or who have difficulty with English. Students need to make their way along the corridor to the library. This program will run every Tuesday morning until the end of term. If you have any questions please ask your child's teacher or you can contact me.

PREP BAGS AND BASKETBALLS

All Prep students have been given a bag with books, stickers and general information. These bags have been given to Preps across all Victorian schools.

This year, we are very fortunate to have been given basketballs for all our Preps. This donation came from the Nunawading Basketball Club and we thank them for this generous donation.

CURRICULUM DAYS/PUPIL FREE DAYS

Our next pupil free day will be on Tuesday 12th March. Please note this in your diaries along with Tuesday 11th June and Monday 4th November.

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

CHESS

Chess Club started last week and our instructors, Daniel, for the group in room 7, and Frank is back again and teaching in room 6. These instructors will be working with the groups for the term, teaching them skills and strategies that can be used in chess games. We had a great start and we look forward to learning more each week.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS / 3 – WAY CONFERENCES

These will be held on Tuesday April 2nd. Please put this date in your diary. We use an online booking system for this and when we have the booking information, we will send a notice home detailing how you can book a time with the teachers. On this day, we will have a variation to school hours and students will not be required at school except when they are coming with their parents for their 3-Way Conference.

CORRIDOR DISPLAYS

A number of our families have recently been celebrating Chinese New Year. Please take the time to look at the great display that 3/4A have made on the board opposite the toilets in the BER.

See a photo of the display on the next page.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONT.



SOMERS CAMP

Welcome back to Miss Ellis and all those students who were lucky enough to attend the Somers Camp. By all accounts, everyone had a great time. Thanks to Miss Ellis for attending the camp.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

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

Heather Wood

Assistant Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MITCHAM STUDENTS!



Adithi 3/4 A

Daniel Prep B

Shalet 1/3 A

Elena 3/4 C

Collin 1/2 C

Westin 4/6 B

Ryan 3/4 A

Jaylen 5/6 B

Nishani 3/4 B

Conor 4/6 A

Billy 1/2 D

Tim 3/4 A

Kaela 3/4 A

Zoi 5/6 B

Pippa 3/4 A

IMPORTANT DATES

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

DATE	EVENT
22 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
10 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
11 June	Student Free Day
14 June	Grade 5/6 Winter Sport
21 June	Grade 5/6 Winter Sport
28 June	Last Day Term 2
15 July	First Day Term 3
19 July	The Ridiculous Rhyme Show Visit
23 August	Grade 5/6 Summer Sport
2 September	District Athletics
6 September	Grade 5/6 Summer Sport
20 September	Last Day Term 3
7 October	First Day Term 4
4 November	Student Free Day
6 November	Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Commences
15 November	Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Ends
18 November	Prep - 2 Swimming Commenced
29 November	Prep - 2 Swimming Ends
20 December	Last Day Term 4



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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 2019 are now open and will close on 28 June 2019 (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 2019 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- Your child has started or changed schools in 2019 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 2019.

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.

STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF

Prep students who are applicable for the CSEF fund may also be able to receive support for school uniforms through State Schools' Relief.

State Schools' Relief helps with the cost of new school uniforms, shoes and books for families who are facing hardship.

The Victorian Government has provided more than \$15.65 million to State Schools' Relief to help provide 100,000 students with free or discounted new school uniforms, shoes and books over four years (2015-19).

For students commencing prep in 2019, State Schools' Relief can provide a winter warmer uniform package:

- 1 x rugby top or windcheater or polo long sleeve
- 1 x tracksuit pants
- 1 x pair of shoes (lace up or t-bar or runner/sneaker)

To apply, make sure you lodge your application for CSEF before the closing date and ensure you speak to the office about a uniform pack.

If your application is successful, uniform items and vouchers may be given directly to you, or the school. The school will contact you to pass on the items.

Please see the ladies in our office for more information or assistance.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES 2019

CLUB/ACTIVITY	COST (Y/N)	DAY OF WEEK	WHEN	STUDENTS INVOLVED	ORGANISER
Before School Reading	N	Tuesday	Before school	All Welcome	Heather Wood
Bonsai Club	Y	TBC*	During school	Grade 5/6s	Marina Rich
Chess Club	Y	Wednesday	After school	All Welcome	Heather Wood
Five Six Mix Choir	N	Thursday	During lunch	Grade 5/6s	Natalie Wickham
Gardening & Sustainability Club	N	Monday	During lunch	All Welcome	Marina Rich, Laura Luscombe & Kate Medcalf
Hooptime	N	Thursday	During lunch	Selected	Laura Ellis
Hot Shots Tennis	Y	Multiple	During & After School.	All Welcome	Contact Office
Instrumental Music	Y	Various	During school	All Welcome	Contact Office
Junior School Council	N	Various	During school	Elected students	Jayne Koth & Tracey Irvine
Kelly Sports	Y	Multiple	During lunch	All Welcome	Contact Office
Lunchtime Library Sessions	N	Wednesday & Friday	During lunch	All Welcome	Erin Norman & Emma Bates
Media	N	Thursday	During school	Media Team	Tracey Irvine & Emma Bates
Mitcham Melodies Choir	N	Thursday	During lunch	Grade 3/4	Jess Yuen, Emma Bates & Deb Williamson
Mitcham Music Makers	N	TBC	During lunch	Grades 4-6	Natalie Wickham
New Zealand Exchange	Y	N/A	N/A	Grade 5/6s	Heather Wood
Peer Mediation	N	Various	During recess	Grade 6s	Tracey Irvine, Laura Luscombe & Marianne McKay
Perceptual Motor Program	N	Monday	During school	Preps	Val Berardini
Quiet Space	N	Tuesday	During lunch	All Welcome	Michelle Dybing
Robotics Club	N	Friday	During lunch	TBC	Netanel Koles
Running Club	N	Friday	Before school	Grades 3-6	Laura Ellis &
Snack and Study	N	Wednesday	After school	EAL Students	Michelle Dybing
Tournament of Minds	N	TBC	TBC	Grade 5/6s	TBC

NEWS AND UPDATES

TRAINED CLASSROOM HELPER REFRESHER

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

- Tuesday 26 February, 3.00pm, in Room 10

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

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

PARENT HELPER: NEW PARENTS SESSIONS

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

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

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

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

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

NEW LUNCH ORDER PROVIDER

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

Lunch orders will now be available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Simply [click here](#), or search the following address in your browser: www.classroomcuisine.com.au

You will need to register an account in your name and select Mitcham Primary School. Once you are in your account there is a tab to add a child. Please add your children and select Mitcham Primary School and their grade.

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

The option to select future dates is available to place orders, if your child is not attending school on the future day you can cancel the order the morning of the absence. Payment is required at the time of ordering with a credit card.

See our new lunch order menu in the following pages.

SCHOOL BANKING

Does your child want to be part of School Banking?

The school banking program is a great way to start creating good financial habits. There are also great reward items to redeem after each 10 deposits, as it is an incentive for banking regularly and not a monetary exercise.

School banking takes place every Wednesday.

Please add this event to your calendar every Wednesday.

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

ICY POLE FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

CYBER SAFETY PROJECT: PARENT EVENT

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

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school is crucial in ensuring the messages are consistent and ongoing. Mitcham Primary School will be hosting a cyber safety session ran by The Cyber Safety Project.

Taking place in our Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 27 February, starting at 6.30pm and finishing at 7.30pm, parents will be provided with the insights and important information about popular social networking and online gaming platforms for young people today.

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

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

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



Our grounds are looking fabulous following our recent Working Bee and wonderful new additions. Keep an eye out for more changes to our grounds throughout the year.

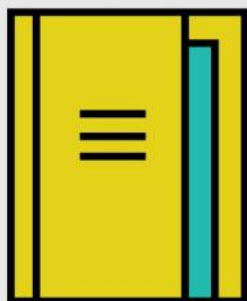


THE CYBER SAFETY PROJECT PARENT EVENT

Focus: Safe online and social media practices

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

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



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

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

SPEAKERS



TRENT RAY

Educator & Microsoft
Learning Consultant



SAM MACAULAY

Educator & Cyber Safety
Curriculum Specialist



EVENT DETAILS

DATE: Wednesday 27th February

TIME: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

LOCATION: Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

FROM OUR SPECIALISTS: TERM 1

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E)

The Prep students will begin the year developing their fundamental motor skills. They will play introductory games and familiarise themselves with different equipment.

The 1/2 and 1-3 students have begun the term with a focus on underarm and overarm throwing and catching. They will participate in many different activities to practice the skill.

Students in 3-6 will be focusing on athletic events this term in preparation for the Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 6th March. They will practice long jump, triple jump, discus, shot put, hurdles and running.

Whole School Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 26th March.

We have Doncaster Hockey Club coming out to run clinics with the 1/2 and 3/4 grades.

Have a great term!

Miss Laura Ellis

P.E Specialist



INDONESIAN

Hai! Apa kabar?

Prep students will learn how to introduce themselves, greet and farewell the teacher in Indonesian. They will participate in speaking activities, such as songs, drama, and dance.

Grade 1/2 and Cycle 2 will learn to greet people according to the time, how to describe their

favourite animals and colours in Indonesian through simple routines, interactive games, stories and songs.

Grade 3/4 will practise useful phrases in Indonesian and share information about themselves related to daily routine, favourite pastimes, family and friends.

Grade 5/6 and Cycle 3 will be exposed to Indonesian culture and the geography of the Asia-Pacific region. They will learn the countries of the world in Indonesian by engaging in interactive learning while they learn fundamental vocabulary and grammar.

Terima kasih.

Salam,

Bu Glenda

Indonesian Language Teacher

VISUAL ARTS

The Preps have begun with short visits to the Art room as they settle into the routine of school. Over the coming weeks they will participate in guided drawing exercises as well as exploring various elements of art including shape, line and colour. They will also experiment with colour mixing using acrylic paint based on the picture story book 'Mouse Paint'.

The Grade 1/2 and Cycle 2 classes will begin the term by participating in guided drawing sessions, focusing on various picture story book characters. They will develop their skills in following the same instructions as those in their class building an understanding that everybody's art piece will look different and unique.

The students in the Grade 3/4, 5/6 and Cycle 3 classes will start the term discussing what they already know about art and how art is used in everyday life. They will explore various forms of drawing and sketching and how different drawing materials and tools can create different effects. Some of these materials include sketching tools, acrylic paint, watercolour pencil and paint as well as chalk and charcoal.

Miss Shea McFarland: Visual Arts Specialist

FROM OUR SPECIALISTS: TERM 1

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

This term is a Music focus.

All students started the year by learning about what it means to belong to a 'Community of Artists', a community being a group of people with a common goal, which includes values such as respect, co-operation and taking risks.

The Prep to Grade 2 and Cycle 2 students are starting off with a unit called 'The Sounds of Music'. They will learn to sing using solfege hand signs and play simple songs on a variety of instruments, including xylophones, drums and marimbas.

The Grade 3/4 students are also learning about the sounds of Music by singing with the 8 solfege

itches as well as playing a variety of instruments including xylophones and drums.

The Grade 5/6 students and the Cycle 3 students will be focusing on team work and a variety of musical concepts including analysing the songs for our Grade 5/6 performance, 'This Is Me'.

Mitcham Melodies and Five Six Mix Choirs will begin this term. Mitcham Music Makers is also starting this term.

Musically yours,

Mrs Natalie Wickham

Music & Performing Arts Specialist

FROM THE COMMUNITY

ANTI-BULLYING KIDS PROGRAMS

CLASSES FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY

MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING

- ✓ BUILDS SELF CONFIDENCE
- ✓ IMPROVES CONCENTRATION AND FOCUS
- ✓ IMPROVES COORDINATION
- ✓ IMPROVES HEALTH & FITNESS BENEFITS



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KIDS & TEENS MUAY THAI

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

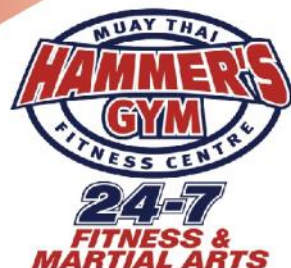
Teen Beginner: 4:30 pm

Teen Advanced: 5:15 pm

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Kids 5-7 years: 4:30 pm

Kids 8-12 years: 5:15 pm



KIDS & TEEN
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KIDS & TEENS BJJ

FRIDAY

Kids 5-10 years BJJ: 4:30 pm

Kids 11-16 years BJJ: 5:15 pm

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FROM CYCLE 3

Welcome to Term 1, 2019!

It has been lovely to see everyone's smiling faces in the mornings. The new children have been busy familiarizing themselves with the room and each other, with many diving straight into their work for the year! We look forward to getting to know the new

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 12th Feb

Parent Info Evening

6.00 p.m. Cycle 2

6.30 p.m. PAC Cycle 2/3

6.50 p.m. Cycle 3 Room 18

Mon 18th-Fri 22nd Feb

Canberra Camp Yr. 5/6

Tue 19th Feb. 2:30pm

Thur 21st Feb. 8:50 am

Parent Helper Training

Tue 26th Feb. 3:00 pm

Parent refresher session

Wed 27th Feb.

Cyber Safety Info Evening

Wednesday 6th March

3-6 Athletics

Monday 11th March

Labour Day

Tuesday 12th March

Curriculum Day

Thursday 21st March

Harmony Day

Tuesday 26th March

P-6 cross country

Tuesday 2nd April

3-way conferences

PUNCTUALITY

Please arrange for your child to arrive at school on time. Late comers miss valuable information and can also disrupt work in progress.

Students are to arrive on time, organised and prepared at the start of each day by 8.45 a.m. Please remember that no student should be unsupervised at school prior to 8:30am or after 3:30pm.

HOMEWORK TERM 1

Book report: Children are asked to read a book of their choice, complete and present a book report.

Handwriting: Children will be completing pages in their formal handwriting book weekly.

At times, children may be asked to complete some classroom tasks.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is conducted on a Wednesday morning. If you would like to organise a 'Dollarmites' account for your child, please contact the office.

SHARING OF FOOD

There are some students in the classroom and in the school community who have intolerances and allergies to certain foods. For safety reasons, the school policy states that the students are not to share their food with other students.

TERM 1: 2019

Maths: Students have commenced a range of mental maths concepts and there is a focus on fractions, decimals and numeracy skills in the four operations. The children will use a variety of learning styles, including the Montessori equipment, computer-based programs and 'Math Lab'.

Individual and small group presentations will be given as the basis for learning.

Literacy: The children have completed the Single Word Spelling Test, and they have commenced weekly spelling practice. They have been introduced to weekly spelling workshops using Montessori concepts and the Smart Spelling approach. These groups are organised according to ability, and provide a great opportunity to have fun with words and improve spelling ability.

Culture: A priority for the Year 5/6 students for the first three weeks has been to complete a unit on Australian Government, including the structure of Local, State and Federal. This goal has been set in preparation for the upcoming Canberra camp. Year 4's are focusing on a unit of work on Australian Geography.

CLASS RULES

We have, as a community discussed the kind of learning environment we would like to create in Cycle 3. As such, we have agreed on a set of class rules based on the values of grace, courtesy and respect that are displayed in our classrooms.

UNIFORMS

School uniform is compulsory for all students. This includes black school shoes or black runners are both acceptable. If wearing leather shoes, please remember to bring runners to change into on PE days.

PARENT HELPER TRAINING

If you are interested in helping in the classroom, school and on excursions this year, you need to have completed the parent-helper training with Kathy Lawson. Kathy will run the refresher courses, as well as

FROM CYCLE 3: CONTINUED

courses for new parents helpers. You must also have a current Working with Children Check.

COMMUNICATION

If you have any queries at all, feel free to contact your child's teacher through a hand written note or a note in the diary. Throughout the year, we will communicate with parents through notes, phone calls, emails, children's diaries, report cards and parent-teacher conferences. We encourage you to contact us, if you have any questions or concerns at any time and we will be happy to arrange a time to discuss any issues.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

I have already had the great opportunity to meet some parents this year. I look forward to seeing

you all at the Information Evening on February 12th. This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers and other parents of Cycle 3. The parent – teacher – child relationship is necessary to assist in your child's overall development and maximise school success.

THREE WAY CONFERENCES

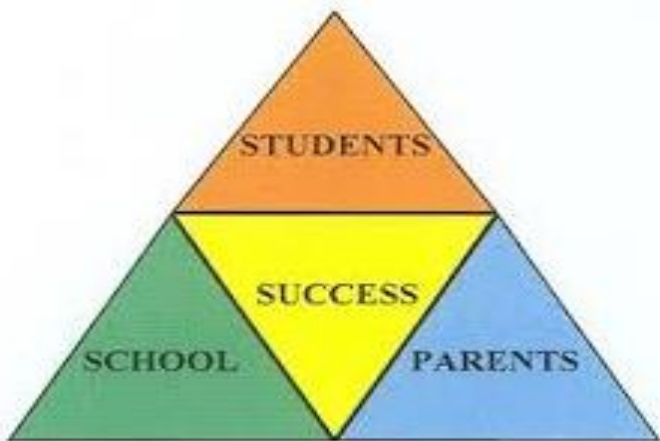
Three way conferences are attended by the teacher, student and parent/s and will be held Tuesday, 2nd April. Interview times will be booked using an online booking system. The system has a 'first in best dressed' approach, so book early. During this meeting you will have the opportunity to let me know any important information about your child. On this day, students attend school for the interview time only.

DRINK BOTTLES

A pop top bottle (no screw tops please) is a necessity in the warmer weather.

Students are encouraged to leave the drink bottle on their tables during work time.

We look forward to catching up with you and working with your child in 2019!



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Dear Mitcham OSHClub Parents,

Hello everyone! This week children were busy making Valentine's Day cards and Valentine's Day bracelets. Most of the afternoons we enjoyed beautiful weather by having a picnic. Our Grade 4s have been responsible buddies for our new Preps and other new children, helping them settle into the program. This term our focus is on **being responsible** for our belongings and actions.

We would like to thank Fernando Pinto (Izzy and Mia's dad) for taking out time to help us set up our colour printer - your efforts are highly appreciated!

Jagruiti will be away from the 12th of March until the 30th of March. During her absence Jane Evans will be supporting Lekky to run the program.

BRIDGING CARE FOR PREP STUDENTS

During the early dismissal of the Prep classes we will be providing bridging care which means we will be open from 1.00pm. All the Preps will be picked up from their classes in the afternoon and dropped to their classes in the morning when attending school.

SUN SMART POLICY

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

BOOKING INTO OSHCLUB

Remember, ensuring your children are booked to attend OSHClub helps us cater for your children's needs and ensure we are compliant with national regulations and OSHClub policy. If you are having difficulty using the OSHClub online booking system,

Please call head 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 4 BEFORE SCHOOL CARE ACTIVITIES	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Paper Bag Tiger Craft & Twister
TUESDAY	Tiger Train & Red Light, Green Light
WEDNESDAY	Paper Plate Tiger & Line Tiggly
THURSDAY	Pasta Snake & Jumping over the Snake
FRIDAY	Snake bracelet & Snake Relay

WEEK 4 AFTER SCHOOL CARE ACTIVITIES	
DAY	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	Learn how to draw a Tiger & Basketball Tricks
TUESDAY	Tiger Mask & Nature Walk
WEDNESDAY	Paper Plate Snakes & Snakes and Ladders
THURSDAY	Spiralling Snakes & Sand Pit Play
FRIDAY	Origami Snake & Recycled Bowling

Enrol Now: www.oshclub.com.au

OSHClub Program Phone: 0422 097 497

OSHClub Head Office: 1300 395 735

Program Coordinator: Jagruiti

Program Assistants: Lekky, Jane, Maylee, Ashleigh & Maria

Commencing a Trial with MITCHAM PRIMARY in T1, 2019!

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

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

LUNCH ITEM ONE

SALADS

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

SUSHI

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

BAKERY

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

PITA PIZZAS

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

SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

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

LUNCH ITEM TWO/THREE

FRESH FRUIT & VEG

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

BAKED GOODS

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

YOGHURT

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

DIPS & CRACKERS

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

POPCORN/SNACKS

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

DRINKS

Apple Juice
Orange Juice
Nippy's Chocolate Milk

For more information check out our website

www.classroomcuisine.com.au

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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

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

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

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

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

MORE INFORMATION

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

HOW TO APPLY

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

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

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

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

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

- - - **OR**

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

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

Student details

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

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.