



MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- NOV 10** AUTHOR TALK
- NOV 11** REMEMBRANCE DAY
- NOV 12** GR. 5/6 PRODUCTION
- NOV 12** PREP TRANSITION
- NOV 26** PREP TRANSITION
- 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 16** GR. 6 BIG DAY OUT
- DEC 17** STUDENT FREE DAY



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VALUE OF THE  
MONTH

**CONFIDENCE**



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Monday was a wonderful day, welcoming back our whole cohort of students from Prep to Year 6. It is a great feeling to have the school with students in it, as we had almost forgotten what it was like. And today there has been a fabulous party atmosphere in the school as our Prep students have celebrated 100 days of on-site learning ... a little later than normal years, but certainly better late than never!!!



### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

We are so pleased that some of the events we had planned for this year can still go ahead, and while not exactly as we had planned, we are so excited that next Friday 12 November, our senior school students will be able to present their Seussical the Musical performance, sadly we are unable to invite parents and friends, but the children will perform for all the Mitcham Primary School students. We will be having the performance professionally filmed so that all families will have the opportunity to be entertained by our very talented students.

On Wednesday next week, the 10th of November, our students will be receiving a much anticipated visit from Author and Illustrator, Heath McKenzie, in which he will address how he develops his wonderful and wacky stories and characters.

On Remembrance Day, 11th November, our school captains will participate in the Remembrance Day service hosted by the Rotary Club in Mitcham's Halliday Park, all other students will mark

Remembrance Day at 11.00 am at school.

Luckily, we have been able to rebook our Grade 3/4 Camp to Narmbool, Ballarat, this will be happening in the week beginning 6th December.

Our Kinder and Montessori transition to school programs are able to recommence next week, we are extremely grateful that this can happen as these sessions are invaluable in preparing students for school life and provide us with insights that support our class placement of new students.

Instrumental music lessons have now recommenced, and we are very excited that next week will see the return of some of our extracurricular activities including chess club, Kelly Sports and after school Netball training.

Please keep your eyes out for other exciting activities and events that your children will have the opportunity to participate in throughout the remaining weeks of this term.

### HATS AND SUNSCREEN

Please remember that now we are in Term 4 hats are required to be worn by all children when they are outside, we also encourage children to bring and apply sunscreen prior to heading out for play times.

### ARRIVALS AND DISMISSALS

From next Monday 8th November we will stop the early departure of our Prep students and all children will be dismissed at 3:15pm. Children will be dismissed from their classrooms and be able to depart from any of the school gates, the school gates will then remain open until approximately 4.00 pm.

The school gates will continue to be opened at 8:30am and students are expected to go directly to their classrooms.

We request that parents who need to visit the office enter via the Mitcham Road front entrance. Parents will need to sign in using the QR code and present proof of vaccination. We request that parents please do not enter any other school buildings or classrooms.

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CONTINUED

## SCHOOL BURGLARY

I am very saddened to report that Friday 29th October, Mitcham Primary School did fall victim to a burglary, thieves stole all of our electrical gardening tools, our wipper snippers, chain saw, hammer drill, leaf blowers and more, several thousand dollars' worth in total. We have provided the police with our CCTV footage of the event and are hopeful the culprits will be apprehended. Disappointingly this follows an attempted break-in that occurred only one month earlier, where a window was smashed, and an external junior school toilet door was pushed in and an attempt was made to access the Montessori building. As a result of these acts the school is currently reviewing the storage of our gardening tools and equipment, our external lighting arrangements and the placement of our CCTV cameras.

## PARENT PAYMENTS 2022

Mitcham Primary School is committed to excellence through innovative educational programs to improve student outcomes, put in place to cater for the needs and interests of our students. We make every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. Each year School Council meets to consider the school's financial position and prepares a budget to cover the educational programs, administration, facilities development, and maintenance for the next school year. On Monday you will receive information regarding the parent payment requests for 2022.

## PLANNING FOR 2022

Next year we will be welcoming several new families to Mitcham Primary School, similarly, we will also be farewelling some of our lovely families, if you know that your children will not be returning in 2022, we request that you let the office know as soon as possible so that we can finalise our planning for 2022.

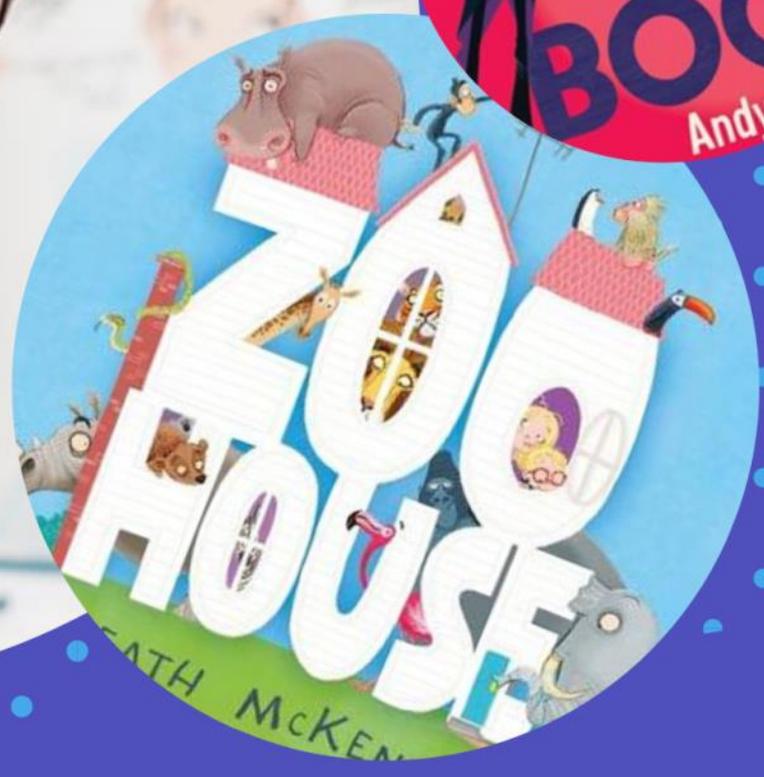
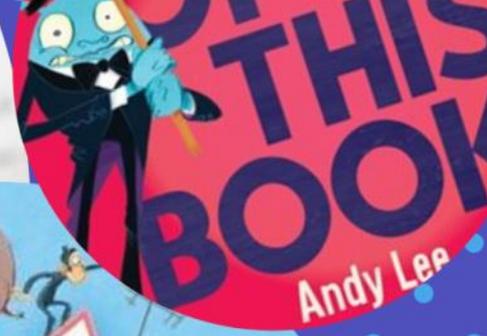
Our teachers will spend considerable time constructing classes for 2022. Students are placed by staff in class groupings best suited to their learning needs. Many factors are considered to create classes that are balanced – academic, social and behavioural factors, along with teachers' knowledge of students. This

process is about creating positive learning communities across the school for everyone's benefit. If you have information of social or educational significance that you wish to be taken into consideration by teachers as class lists are prepared, please provide that information in writing to Erin Norman by Friday 12th November. While taken into consideration, we can of course not guarantee that your request will be met. Please note that requests for specific teachers will not and cannot be considered. Classes are structured around the needs of ALL students.

**Erin Norman**  
Principal

## 1/2 FANCY HAT PARADE





AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

# HEATH MCKENZIE

VISITING ON WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

**BRING ONE OF HEATH'S BOOKS FOR THE VISIT**

STUDENTS OF FAMILIES WHO ORDERED A BOOK THROUGH LAMONT BOOKS WILL RECEIVE IT ON THE DAY. YOU MAY ALSO LIKE TO BRING ONE YOU HAVE AT HOME! ...HE MAY HAVE TIME TO SIGN IT!

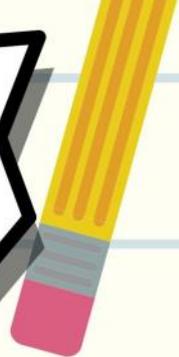
# IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
10 November	Author Talk: Heath McKenzie
11 November	Remembrance Day
12 November	Grade 5/6 Production Filming Prep 2022 Transition: 10.00am
3 December	Prep 2022 Transition: 12.00pm
7 December	Prep 2022 Orientation Day: 9am
6 - 8 December	3/4 Camp: Group 1
8 - 10 December	3/4 Camp: Group 2
16 December	Grade 6 Big Day Out
17 December	Student Free Day

## PREP 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL



# Young Authors Club



"YOU CAN MAKE ANYTHING BY WRITING."  
- C.S. LEWIS

You have heard of big name authors, but what about a group of Young Authors? The Young Authors' Club is a new club for budding writers from Years 3-6 at Mitcham Primary School. The purpose of this club is to share our love of writing and collaborate as a group.

To get into the Young Authors' Club, we wrote application letters about why we like writing and why we'd like to join.

We have met once a week during Remote Learning and we are looking forward to beginning to meet in person from this week!

Some things we do as part of the Young Authors' Club include:

- Working together to create writing pieces
- Improving our writing skills
- Organising and setting up writing events and competitions at our school
- Writing for the MitchChat newsletter
- Inspiring others to create their own amazing writing

**One pen, one notebook and a bunch of kids that love to write.**

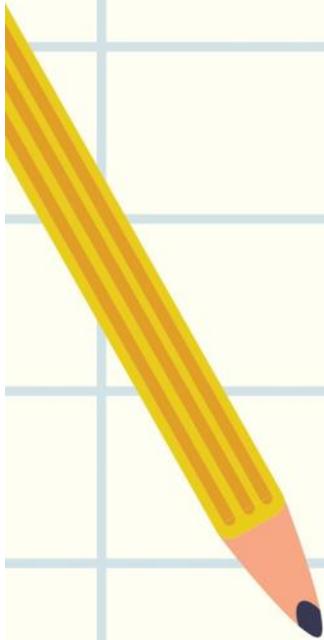
**We're the young authors club.**



**Ashleigh 1-3B**  
**Zeina 4-6B**  
**Ren 3/4B**  
**Finn 3/4C**  
**Salina 3/4D**  
**Tara 5/6A**  
**Micaiah 5/6A**  
**Erin 5/6B**  
**Ahmed 5/6B**  
**Carissa 5/6B**  
**Josie 5/6B**  
**Violet 5/6C**  
**Zita 5/6C**  
**Selena 5/6D**



# I write stories



Stories, fragments of our wandering heart;  
Immortal tales of forgotten legend.  
A wistful dream in the shards of reality -  
Everlasting whispers of past faded lessons.

For, I love to write stories,  
To weave a tapestry of words;  
Create a utopian world -  
A fantasy's birth.

To build realms of myth and magic,  
Forge history and ancient lore  
Of rose-hued happy endings;  
Of drawn-out, bloodstained wars.

My passion in sculpting my characters;  
Their destiny written in the stars.  
Each dear to me as my own soul -  
Because in every way, they are.

I share my spirit with the world;  
Sagas of battles and glory.  
Because when all is lost, reality crushed,  
One can dream and write stories.



**TUNE IN EVERY  
WEEK TO READ OUR  
WRITING IN  
MITCH CHAT!**

**By Selena Feng (5/6D)  
Young Authors' Club**

# OSHCLUB NEWS

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

**Welcoming children back to school and Happy Diwali to all the Indian families In the community.**

On the 18th of October we had the return of some students from Remote Learning, it was great to have more children at OSHclub! The children were really excited to come back and be with all of their friends.

This week we focused on drinking more water, the children were encouraged to drink water every 30 minutes and then they colour in a drop on a water drop chart to see who drank the most amount of water.

Over the last few weeks we have been very busy with Halloween and Melbourne Cup Day activities, and celebrating Diwali with yummy food and sparkling diya decorations.



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parents we need your help with our Project Give back Club!**

In our Project Give back club we are focusing on giving back to the community. We will be making things to give to a special group of people and we need parents help to make sure it gets to them.

Students' creations are to be given to an essential worker, someone who is less fortunate, the elderly, or homeless animals. If you know of someone that may be able to help, or would benefit, please let us know.



## CLUB NEWS

**Two new clubs ar OSHClub!**

**Project give back and Art Masters class STARTING 25th OCTOBER.**

We have been super busy over the lockdown period putting together this purpose built, exclusive OSHClub Club!

Over the next six fun filled weeks, we will be running Project Give Back every Thursday, where we will work together to give back to the community, and Art Master class every Friday.

In the final week we will get to share all the amazing things we have learnt with a big celebration.

Come and join in all the fun of Project Give back every Thursday.



# OSHCLUB NEWS: CONTINUED

## COORDINATION CORNER

### A message from Jagruti...

It was great to see the happy smiley faces coming back to school.

### Term 4 Means Being Sun Smart

Term 4 means that children will need their hats at OSHclub. We provide Coles brand sunscreen for the children to use if they don't have their own. We also record the time sunscreen is applied.

### Medical Information

We are in the middle of updating medical documents on our new template. Once completed we will be emailing them to parents to go through and modify if needed.

### Term 4 Goal

Encourage children to drink more water. Healthy practice.



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

### Blue Berry Muffins

100 g unsalted butter

140g golden syrup

2 large eggs

140g natural yoghurt

1tsp vanilla extract

2 tbsp milk

250g plain flour

2 tsp baking powder

1 tsp of bicarb soda

125g blueberries

### Step 1

Pre heat oven to 180 degrees fan forced. Line 12 hole muffin tin with paper cases.

Beat the butter and caster sugar together until pale and fluffy. Add the eggs and beat in for 1 min, then mix in the yoghurt, vanilla extract and milk.

Combine the flour, baking powder and bicarb in a bowl with  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp fine salt, then tip this into the wet ingredients and stir in.

Finally, fold in the blueberries and divide the mixture between the muffin cases.

### Step 2

Bake for 5 minutes, then reduce oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4 and bake for 15-18 minutes more until risen and golden, and a cocktail stick inserted into the centre comes out clean.

### Step 3

Cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then carefully lift out onto a wire rack to finish cooling.

Will keep for 3-4 days in an airtight container – after a day or two, pop them in the microwave for 10-15 seconds to freshen up.



# PREP TRANSITION

## 2022 STUDENTS

We have made some changes to our transition schedule...

WE'LL SOON BE SEEING YOU ON ZOOM!

### OCTOBER

- ★ **Friday 15 October:** Zoom Session  
10.00am - 10.30am
- ★ **Friday 29 October:** Zoom Session  
10.00am - 10.30am

### NOVEMBER

- ★ **Friday 12 November:** Onsite Session  
10.00am - 11.00am
- ★ **Friday 26 November:** Onsite Session  
10.00am - 11.00am

### DECEMBER

- ★ **Friday 3 December:** Onsite  
Lunch & Story Time  
12.00pm - 1.00pm
- ★ **Tuesday 7 December:** Onsite  
Orientation Day  
9.00am - 10.30am

PROPOSED TIMES & SESSIONS ARE  
SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS





## Parenting Workshops and Webinars

2 hour sessions \* Free of Charge \* Bookings Essential

### Alleviate your Child's Anxiety

**Monday 15th November 2021**

**Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

**For parents of children 5 to 12-year olds**

Discover the causes of anxiety and learn a parent-led approach to alleviating your child's worries. Learn the skills of resilience, and strategies to help your child obtain a more resilient mindset. Email Laurie to register your interest: [laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au)

### Learn to Play, Play to Learn

**Monday, November 1st 10:00 to 12:00 pm**

**For parents of children 0 to 5-year-olds**

Understand how young children's play supports early learning and development. Discover a variety of free and low-cost activities to engage your child at home  
Bookings: [Click here](#)  
Enquiries: [sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au)

### Setting Boundaries

**When: Monday 22nd November**

**Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**For parents of children 5 to 12-year-olds**

Discover how to work together to develop clear boundaries with school-aged children and what to do when boundaries are challenged.  
Bookings: [Click here](#)  
Enquiries: [sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au)

### Teens and their Screens

**When: Wednesday 1st December 2021**

**Time: 7.00 pm to 9:00pm**

**For parents of children 0 to 5-year-olds**

An interactive webinar to explore strategies to encourage young people to balance screen time and real life. Support in how to establish clear screen time rules together  
Bookings: [click here](#)  
Enquiries: [sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au)

The logo for Ejays, featuring the word "Ejays" in a stylized, cursive font with a swoosh underneath.

Lilydale EJAYS Softball Club

# COME & TRY SOFTBALL



**SATURDAY 30.10.21 & 6.11.21**

10am U12, U15 & U18 girls & boys

COVID SAFE  
PRACTICES

11:30am ALL seniors

Pinks Reserve - Liverpool Rd  
Kilsyth (next to basketball)

Bring your friends!!

ALL welcome - fun for the  
WHOLE family

For more information call  
Mark 0409546699 or check  
our our Facebook Page!



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