Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

Welcome back to Cheltenham. What a delight to come back to school to see all boys and girls enthusiastic and ready to commence the 2015 school year. This year our school will celebrate and acknowledge its proud history of 160 years. In my role as Principal, I will be looking forward to supporting and guiding the many outstanding programs that are offered at Cheltenham.

I would like to thank all our teachers and office staff, who gave up their holiday time, to ensure school organisation tasks were set up and rooms were ready for our students’ return.

UNIFORM
Only a handful of students came to school without hats on the first day, quickly rectified by the second day! I ask that parents support our uniform policy by making sure your children are in full uniform each day, including CPS school bags, no jewellery, hair neat and tidy [long hair tied securely] and appropriate foot wear. [If buying new shoes, please refrain from extreme, fluorescent colours]. I have asked teachers to be vigilant in following up uniform breaches. Please also name articles of clothing, particularly bomber jackets, windcheaters and hats. Please consider embroidered/printed name tags, to assist our staff in return of misplaced clothes items.

STAFF OF 2015
Arthur Chronopoulous was farewelled at the end of the year, having taught at Cheltenham PS for 9 years. Arthur will be sadly missed, but he is looking forward to new challenges as area coordinator at a nearby school.

We welcome back Emma Pfeiffer, from family leave and also welcome three new staff members to our wonderful team; Todd Cummins, Daniel Harrington and Hayden McLennan.

Principal: Margaret McIntosh
Assistant Principal – Bronwyn Morgan
Business Managers: Lottie Maroney & Jezz Langworthy
Front Office Manager – Robyn Colbert

Grade Teachers:
Mrs Day (PA)
Mrs Holley (PB)
Ms Gadsby (PC)
Mrs Arndtehim (1/2A)
Mr Page (1/2B)
Mrs Greenhough (1/2B)
Miss Smith (1/2D)
Ms Tame (1/2E)
Mr Cummins (3/4A)
Mrs Godina (3/4B)
Mr Senior (3/4C)
Mrs Wells (3/4D)
Miss Coles (5A)
Miss Hollowood (5B)
Mrs Carlisle (6A)
Mr Harrington (6B)
Mr Hogan (6C)

Specialist Teachers:
Visual Arts – Mrs Kozlowski
Performing Arts – Ms Griffiths
Physical Education – Mr McLennan
Science – Mrs Kinsey
Library – Mrs Rose
LOTE – Mrs Pfeiffer
Kitchen/ Canteen – Ms Leason
Garden – Mr Piscioneiri
Grounds – Mr Dawes
ICT Support:
   Mr Lu
Integration Aides:
   Mrs Dillon and Mrs Wagstaff
Music Teachers:
   Guitar – Ken Spencer
   Keyboard – Karen Watts, Meg Myatt, Rachel Walker
   Flute/Clarinet – John Sutton
   Brass – Jason Xanthoudakis

WORKING BEES
Our eight school working bees, conducted twice each term are pivotal to the schools ability to provide safe and maintained grounds for our children. Many regular maintenance works around our spacious grounds are identified as suitable to occur during working bees. We ask families to nominate for two working bees each year. Support from our families assists considerably in saving the school exorbitant costs incurred if it were necessary to outsource these regular maintenance works.

Working bees only go for 3 short hours; if we have a good turnout, we can usually accomplish all items that the Buildings & Grounds team have identified. I would ask that all families give considered thought to nominating two working bees of their choice and making a commitment to attend. The school relies on the families who nominate and plan working bee tasks accordingly. Our first working bee after the Christmas break is one of the most crucial.

Nomination forms are still coming in and being collated with no final number of families identified for the First working bee of the year on 22 February. If your family is able to attend on this day 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, and you have not yet returned your form contact the office on 8585 3200 to let us know you will attend.

SCHOOL WORKS:
Our ground works are almost complete. In addition to looking magnificent, most of the works were essential to curb flooding [around the school hall] and remedy the garden beds and tree roots that were posing a hazard to the main thoroughfare of the school.

I would like to thank all our families for the generous contributions made to the fund raising activities over the past two years by the Parents Teachers and Friends Association [PTFA]. While costs of urgent works and maintenance works were met by the school global budget, without the generosity of our school community, we would not have been able to extend works to include the fabulous outdoor seating/learning/play area and re-surfacing of volleyball/tennis court specifically for use of all students. I urge you all to continue to support 2015 PTFA fundraising that goes directly to students.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret McIntosh
Principal

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
From 1st January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

Important dates for your diary:

FEBRUARY 2015

Thursday, 19th  Prep Parent Literacy
   Evening 7.00-8.15pm
Saturday, 21st  Working Bee 9.00-12noon
Monday, 23rd  School Leaders’ Badge
               Ceremony
Thursday, 26th  Prep Parent Maths
                Evening 7.00-8pm

MARCH 2015

Monday, 9th  LABOUR DAY PUBLIC
            HOLIDAY
Friday, 13th  School Photo Day
Monday, 23rd  School Council 7.30pm
CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen will be open for lunch orders and counter sales on Thursday 5th February 2015. Please refer to the new 2015 Canteen Menu attached to this newsletter.

Thank you to Miranda Brett and Tania Small who will be helping me make the children’s lunches this Friday 6th February. 10.30am – 1.30pm.

If you wish to volunteer to help in the Canteen please complete the Canteen form in your pack and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Jennifer Leason
Canteen Manager

KITCHEN CLASSROOM NEWS

The children and I would like to give a big thank you to Lara Freney’s mother Catherine, for volunteering to make the Kitchen Classroom aprons over the holiday period. The children look fabulous in them and they certainly brighten up the kitchen.

Jennifer Leason
Marco Piscioneri
Kitchen Classroom Coordinator
Garden Specialist

TERM DATES 2015

Term 1 - 29th January to 27th March
Term 2 - 13th April to 26th June
Term 3 - 13th July to 18th September
Term 4 - 5th October to 18th December

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Cheltenham Primary School
Canteen Price List - 2015

Available Thursday & Friday

SUPER SANDWICHES – Wholemeal Bread only

Rolls 20c extra

➤ Vegemite or Cheese $2.60
➤ Super Salad $4.20
➤ Chicken/Ham & Salad $4.70
➤ Tuna & Salad $4.70

Ingredients, tomato, carrot, cucumber, mayonnaise, lettuce.

TOASTIES -

➤ Cheese $3.00
➤ Cheese & Tomato $3.20
➤ Ham & Cheese $3.50
➤ Ham, Cheese & Tomato $3.70
➤ Baked Bean or Spaghetti $3.20

HOT ROLLS -

➤ Cheese $3.20
➤ Cheese & Tomato $3.40
➤ Ham & Cheese $3.70
➤ Ham, Cheese & Tomato $3.80

HOT DOG - $3.60

SUPER SAUSAGE DOG - $4.00
Ingredients, sausage, melted cheese and sauce.

PIZZA – Supreme/Ham & Pineapple $3.20

SUPER SALAD LUNCH – $7.00
Choice of Chicken, Tuna or Ham with lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, egg, olives, seasonal fruit and garlic bread.

DRINKS

➤ Mineral Water $2.00
➤ Just Juice $1.40

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SNACKS/FRUIT

➤ Seasonal Fruit $1.00
➤ J.J Rings $1.20
➤ Ovalteenies $1.00
➤ Gingerbread $1.20
➤ Chocolate Chip Biscuit $1.20
➤ Ropes $0.50
➤ BBQ Shapes - 3 for 10c

FROM THE FREEZER

➤ Sunny Boys $1.00
➤ All Paddle Pops $1.30
➤ Frozen Yoghurt $1.50
➤ Zooper Doopers $0.50
➤ Calipos $0.80

Available Thursday Only

Sushi $2.50
Chicken, Tuna and Vegetarian

LASAGNA - $4.50

Available Friday Only

Sausage Rolls $2.60 (large)
Meat Pie $3.80 (97% Fat Free)
Party Pies $1.20
Vegetable Pastie $3.80

Tomato Sauce no extra charge
GUIDELINES FOR CANTEEN PURCHASING

The Canteen is open two days a week, Thursday and Friday.

Ours of operation –
11am – 11.25am Morning Recess
1pm – 1.30pm Lunch

To order lunch:

Use a clean paper bag large enough to hold items ordered.
(If using an envelope/other add 10 cents for the supply of a bag)

On the outside of the bag clearly write:

- Name of Child
- Grade of Child
- Items Ordered
- Price
- Enclosed $_______ (Correct money would be appreciated)

**Write on the bag if change needed.**

Please ensure that money is wrapped tightly in foil/glad wrap.

**Do not staple or tape the bag closed.**

Thank you for supporting the Canteen

Jennifer Leason
Canteen Manager
Welcome to PTFA 2015!

Welcome back to all CPS family and friends. It is going to be another exciting year ahead for PTFA with many plans in the pipeline for fundraising and social events. You may have noticed the building works going on in the school ground of a new boat that was the result of all the support and hard work of families and friends of ‘CPS’ over the past 2 years. This will be a fantastic addition to the school grounds and will serve a dual purpose as a source of entertainment for the kids and an outdoor classroom for all grades to share.

The PTFA can only operate with the support and help from our generous family and friends of ‘CPS’ so we are calling out for many new and old to join us this year. Many hands make light work!

The first meeting will be held tomorrow, **Tuesday 3rd February at 1030am in the school hall**, directly following the ‘tea and tissues’ morning tea for prep families. The meetings are then held on the first Tuesday of each month, alternating between a 2.30pm start and a 7.30pm start. All are welcome to attend- the more the merrier!

**NEXT MEETING**

*Tuesday 3rd February 2015- 1030am*

*Following Prep Tea and Tissues morning*

*School Hall*

*All Welcome to Attend!*

All PTFA Inquiries please email:

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