Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

Our Year 5 and 6 students returned from Roses Gap last week and were able to put some of their Getting Along skills into practice on Wednesday night, sleeping in cardboard boxes ‘under the stars’ as part of their Global Concerns unit in which the children are inquiring into issues that affect different communities across the world and ways they can make a difference. Poverty and homelessness are two of the concerns they have investigated - amongst others such as war, disease, crime, global warming, pollution and refugees. The sleepover highlighted some of the difficulties that homeless people go through each night and gave each child an opportunity to raise some funds for this cause. Gandhi urged us to “Be the change you want to see in the world.” It is wonderful to see our children at Cheltenham becoming leaders for change. My sincere thanks to the Year 5 and 6 teaching team and to the other staff members and parents that provided 24 hour care for the children on this evening.

School Transition
Starting any school is a major life transition. It can be both challenging and exciting as children and their families adjust to new roles, identities and expectations, new interactions and new relationships. On Thursday night our Prep teaching team held a very successful Information Evening for 2015 Preps and their families. My congratulations to Chris Day, Doris Holley and Alana Gadsby, for a wonderful presentation that perfectly captured the personalised and caring approach we provide at Cheltenham.

Thank you to Michelle Clark, President of the Cheltenham PTFA who spoke so beautifully about the school’s community spirit and the depth and breadth of our programs. It was a very special moment for all of us in attendance.

On Friday our Prep 2015 students arrived for their first transition activity. While they were completing some ‘hands on’ activities in the Prep rooms their parents and special friends participated in Circle Time with our Principal, Margaret McIntosh, and I. Margaret posed the question, “Why did you select Cheltenham Primary School for your child?” We received some beautiful feedback that included, the “feeling in the school”; “the Sanctuary”; extensive grounds”; the “Science” and “Performing Arts” programs; “the school’s educational philosophy” but my favourite responses were: “Actually I didn’t choose the school, my child did.” and “My child chose it because of the chooks!”

Speaking of the ‘chooks’, some of you may have noticed that they are no longer with us. Our hens have retired to a large country property. We will be purchasing some chicks in the New Year so the children can once again observe their transition through the stages of the life cycle. I am happy to report that our hens have settled in well and sent us a photograph of their new home.

In conclusion, just a gentle reminder that hot
drinks and children are not a good combination. During the week we had a ‘near miss’ with a member of our school community carrying a hot drink and a child in the main corridor. For Occupation Health and Safety we recommend that hot drinks are not carried amongst children to avoid potential slips, trips and falls.

Kind regards

Bronwyn Morgan
Assistant Principal

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE
Our Annual Christmas Church Service will take place On Thursday, 4th December at 9.15am at St. Matthews Church (corner of Nepean Highway and Park Road). We warmly welcome parents who wish to join us. Our whole school will be singing the Carols for the service and the Preps will have a featured item.

CANTEEN NEWS
Thank you to Michelle Clark and George Halvagis for helping me make the children’s lunches on Friday, 28th November, 10.30am to 1.30pm.

Jennifer Leason
Canteen Manager

LIBRARY NEWS
All library loans are due back by Wednesday, 10th December.

In the School Library, it is especially busy as we finish housekeeping tasks prior to completing the inventory before the end of the school year.

To help with this, we would appreciate it that all books and resources currently on loan are returned to the Library by Wednesday, 10th December. Preliminary statistics show that there are very few overdue items but there are some items missing. Please check to see if any of these may be in your car, your home or office.

Remember that if you find a book which isn’t checked out to your child, it is probably checked out in another’s name. Returning all items to school may save someone else from looking for a misplaced item.

Many thanks for your support of our Library and its program throughout this year.

PS: Watch-out for next week’s news of the Cheltenham Library Summer Reading Challenge!

Isobel Rose
Library Technician

WORKING BEE
A very BIG thank you to all the families who came last Sunday to our final working bee for 2014, your participation in completing all the jobs on the list was very much appreciated. Next year Cheltenham Primary School will be celebrating 160 years, so we look forward to working together with our school community in keeping CPS beautiful. Thank you also to David Senior for his magnificent coordination of working bees throughout the year.

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
Important dates for your diary:

**NOVEMBER 2014**
- 25th-28th: Years 5&6 Beach Program
- Friday, 28th: 2015 Prep Transition (2)
- PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.30pm

**DECEMBER**
- Tuesday, 2nd: PTFA Meeting 7.30pm
- School Council 7.30pm
- Wednesday, 3rd: Piano Soiree
- Thursday, 4th: Church Service 9.15am
- Friday, 5th: 2015 Prep Transition (3)
- Years 5&6 Cake/Stall Market 3pm-5pm
- Monday, 8th: Year 6 Graduation Luncheon & Ceremony
- Thursday, 11th: Instrumental Soiree
- Monday, 15th: Carol’s Evening
- Tuesday, 16th: P-4 Class Parties
- Thursday, 18th: Years 5&6 Class Party
- Friday, 19th: LAST DAY TERM 4 – 1.30PM DISMISSAL

**NUDE FOOD**
Don’t forget “Nude Food Wednesdays” is every Wednesday where all children will be encouraged to bring only packaged free foods in re-usable containers. This rubbish free initiative can encourage children to try different foods that they may not usually like to include in their lunchboxes. This will encourage environmentally friendly lunches by eliminating all unnecessary wrapping!

Alana Gadsby
Prep Teacher

**YEAR 5&6 CAKE STALL ‘CHELTENHAM KIDS CARE’**
Looking forward to seeing you all at the Year 5&6 Cake Stall on Friday, 5th December. Delicious baked goods will be on sale from 3pm to 5pm at the front of the school. The Year 5&6 students will be hosting this event as part of our ‘Global Concerns’ unit. The central purpose of this unit is to assist the students in understanding the different ways they can make a difference in the world by supporting others. All funds raised will be donated to a rural community in need in a developing country.

The 5&6 Team

**INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS AT CHELTENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL 2015**
We are lucky to operate an extensive Instrumental Tuition Program at Cheltenham Primary School. A very large number of students currently participate in the program and this has led to a high standard of musical performance both in solos and ensembles.

We offer lessons in - Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Saxophone and Guitar.

Our Band currently has 52 players and they are working at a high standard with a large repertoire of pieces. If you haven’t already heard them you will have the opportunity to on Carols Night.

These lessons take place in school time and are taught by fully qualified music teachers. Students pay for these lessons.

Please refer to attachment for further detail and an application form.

Mrs Helen Griffiths
Music Teacher
RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
Congratulations to all of the students and families that actively came to school on Tuesday, 18th November. It was wonderful to see everyone making the most of the fine weather, leaving their cars at home and riding or walking to school. We had 196 children walk and 35 children ride to school. This gave us a rate of 64% of children actively making their way to school. Well done to those 231 students who actively came to school and earned 50 points for their House group.

As the weather continues to improve, remember you can drive to school and park a bit further away to get in your morning walk. Part way is okay!
Congratulations to 1A for having the highest number of people making their way to school with 90% of the class actively travelling to school.

The next ‘Hands Up’ survey will be completed on Tuesday, 16th December. Remember every person who actively comes to school on that date will receive 50 house points and benefit their health.

Mrs Andi Carlisle and Miss Jessica Coles
P.E./L.O.T.E. Teacher & Grade 3/4 Teacher

THE GIFT OF GIVING
This year Cheltenham Primary School will be participating in ‘The Gift of Giving’ program run by Ray White Real Estate and Rotary Club of Moorabbin. This appeal aims to collect Christmas present donations for those children and families who would otherwise go without this Christmas. From Monday, 1st December a Christmas tree will be placed in the School Foyer and we encourage you to bring a present, marked for a girl or boy and suggested age group, to be placed under the tree.

There will also be a colouring competition with many prizes to be won for students to participate in. Both the colouring competition and Christmas gift donations will be collected by Ray White on Monday, 8th December.

Let’s get into the Christmas spirit and help those in need this year!

You Can Do it Awards
Confidence is the You Can Do It foundation for this term. It means knowing that you will be successful and believing in yourself. It means not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new. It means looking and sounding confident. These students have won YCDI awards this week!

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Upper Sport           Zoe C
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- These lessons are delivered by fully qualified music teachers
- Lessons are taken in school time
- Students from Grades 3-6 are eligible to take part
- Students must have access to an instrument in order to take part
- Students must commit to regular home practice

Cost of lessons are as follows:-

**Piano & Keyboard**
(2 students – half hour lesson), 8 lessons per term, $120

**Brass, Woodwind, Percussion**
(3 students – half hour lesson), 8 lessons per term & weekly band rehearsal, $112

Expression of interest from students wishing to start lessons on an instrument is now being sought.

**School Band Instruments:**
In order to increase accessibility to the opportunity of playing a musical instrument, our school has purchased several instruments that will be rented to selected students for a 12 month period at the cost of $100. Please note that there are only 12 instruments - 2 flutes, 3 clarinets, 3 trumpets, 4 saxophones and 1 trombone.

We seek expressions of interest from students who may wish to hire one of the above instruments from the school and take part in the Wind & Brass Program, or the Keyboard Program for 2015. If you are interested please complete the form below and send this back to school. If you have any queries please feel free to ring me on - 0423 777 624

Helen Griffiths

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**WIND & BRASS PROGRAM – 2015**

My Child_________________________ Grade__________

Has shown interest in participating in the Band Program in 2015

He/she is interested in playing the ___________________________ 1st Preference

_________________________ 2nd Preference

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We are interested in hiring a school instrument - YES NO

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**PIANO / KEYBOARD PROGRAM – 2015**

My Child_________________________ Grade__________

Has shown interest in learning to play the piano / keyboard
Term 4 Dates to Remember:
- Friday 28th November
- Saturday 29th November
- Monday 15th December

2nd hand Uniform Stall- 2.15-3.15pm
Election Day Sausage Sizzle- 9am-3pm
PTFA Christmas Raffle at the Carols-Flyer attached

Second Hand Uniform Donations Required:
We will be running a second hand uniform shop on Friday 28th November, 2.15pm-3.15pm, to coincide with the 2nd prep transition day. We would greatly appreciate any second hand uniform donations. Please drop them off at the office.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle: Call out for Volunteers!
The PTFA will hold a sausage sizzle at the up and coming State Election on Saturday 29th November from 9am-3pm. Thank you to those family and friends who have volunteered their time to help out on the day.

Christmas Hamper Donations for PTFA Christmas Raffle:
The PTFA will conduct their annual Christmas Hamper Raffle to coincide with the Christmas Carols evening on Monday 15th December. We are calling out to all families to kindly donate a Christmas item to place into each classes Christmas hamper collection box. This can be anything from a Christmas decoration, chocolates, wine, or anything that could be in a Christmas hamper. This is a great family evening and the kids look forward to seeing who is the lucky class/family who has one the many Christmas hampers up for grabs. Please send your donation along with your child to school. Thanks in advance!

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday 2nd December- 7.30pm
School Hall
All Welcome to Attend!

All PTFA Inquiries please email:
cps.ptfa@gmail.com
Cheltenham Primary PTFA is having a Christmas Raffle.

We are putting together Hampers to be raffled off on Carols Night and would love your donations.

We are looking for decorations, chocolates, wine, food, etc.

Donations to be returned by Wednesday December 10th.

Donations can be handed to your child’s class teacher. Wine to be given to the offi