Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

During this year School Council conducted a review of our School Canteen led by Suzie Norwood. We had an amazing response to our community and student surveys, receiving some excellent feedback. 90% of responders considered the nutritional content in the food served in the canteen, as either very important or moderately important. 63% wanted more nutritious options served in the canteen. 86% of responders were in support of online ordering, however many wanted to ensure that children could still purchase snack items such as icy poles with cash at the canteen.

School Council determined that given the poor condition of the current canteen site, if we were to continue canteen operations, it would likely need significant upgrades to meet code. As such, only two practical options remained. The first was to hire a coordinator to operate themed food days; however this had logistical and financial limitations. Further, it seemed likely to increase food costs to students over time. The second was to outsource our canteen service to a provider that delivered the food and allowed online payments. It was determined that if we were to outsource the provision of canteen services, then the service chosen should ideally be using QKR to ensure parents can order using this system.

I am pleased to announce that we now have a provider in place for 2017. Jude Fina Foods is a private family run business that provides canteen service to more than 20 schools across Melbourne. The company uses QKR for all ordering and canteen management. Food is at a similar price point to our canteen when it was operational. Hot and cold lunch options are available, in addition to healthy choice and gluten free options. The canteen will commence at two days per week (Thursday and Friday) operating in our facility. If there is the community need, we can move to three days per week.

Over the counter cash sales at recess and lunch will also be available for the children to purchase snack items. The menu and further information will be sent home in the first week of Term 1, 2017.

Curriculum Information Nights 2017
Next year we will be implementing Curriculum Information Nights to provide an overview of the curriculum expectations for the year, our teaching approaches and special events and programs. There will also be an opportunity at the end for families to connect socially in year levels, hosted by PTFA. I encourage you all to save these dates:

- Years 3/4 Information Night Monday, February 6 @ 7.00pm
- Years 5/6 Information Night Wednesday, February 8 @ 7.00pm
- Foundation Information Night (Literacy/Numeracy) Wednesday 15@7.00pm
- Years 1/2 Information Night Wednesday, February 22 at 7.00pm

Carols
To see and hear all our children play and sing their way through the Carols last night was uplifting. They obviously have much pride in their school and enjoy all that they do alongside their friends and teachers.

The spirit and energy of our students has been evident in all areas of the school this year from Foundation to Year 6. While certainly more evident in the larger, more public events in music, sport, visual arts, performing
arts, house activities, assemblies, Open Night, community service, tours, camps and Graduation Night, it can also be seen day to day in the classrooms, out in the playground and through their interactions with others.

As each child reflects back on their year, I hope that they can draw upon several highlights. Perhaps it was an involvement in a particular activity, some new found knowledge in a certain subject or an achievement not obtained before, that they have been striving towards for a while. It may be the satisfaction of establishing themselves in a new school, broadening their friendship group or having taken up a new interest.

All that we do at Cheltenham would not be possible without the wonderful support that we receive from our parents. The school/family relationship is special and something that certainly strengthens our school community here. Special mention must be made to all those parents who have given their time on School Council and its subcommittees, Parent Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA), or through the Second Hand uniform stalls, school productions, special events, working bees, or as parent helpers in classroom programs, on camps and excursions.

As the year concludes, I would also like to acknowledge the staff at Cheltenham who give so much of their time and energy in support of their students and each other. I particularly wish to recognise those staff who will be leaving at the end of the year and thank them for their service to Cheltenham: Todd Cummins, Steven Hogan and Marco Piscioneri.

I would also like to acknowledge my Principal class colleagues, Margaret McIntosh our long standing Principal who retired this year. Margaret’s innovative leadership over the years at Cheltenham in digital technology and strong commitment to Science, Mathematics and The Arts has provided us with a firm foundation for the implementation of our new STEAM framework this year. We wish Margaret health, happiness and calm seas in her retirement.

Thank you to (the other Bronwyn), Bronwyn Moline who stepped in to help a fellow school for four weeks and stayed for most of 2017! We will be eternally grateful to Bronwyn and Mentone Girls’ Secondary College for their support to our school. Thanks to Bronwyn’s expertise we are now OHS compliant. Bronwyn also facilitated the restructure of our student leadership positions. She is now returning to Mentone Girls’ Secondary next year where she will use the professional learning she has gained her to implement their STEAM initiative. She will also be on hand as Head of the Junior School (Years 7/8) to assist our girls in their transition into Mentone SC which I know will be reassuring for them.

During this year we also said goodbye to our long term Business Manager, Lottie Maroney, who is enjoying travelling the world to visit friends and family.

It is a privilege to be Principal of Cheltenham Primary School but it has also been a real pleasure this year, especially when I get to spend time with our children who have so much energy, enthusiasm, spirit and joy.

My best wishes for a happy, healthy, relaxing holiday as you also enjoy the festive season and I look forward to working with you all in 2017.

Kind Regards

Bronwyn

Bronwyn Morgan
Principal
Guitar Lessons | Enrol now for 2017

Cheltenham Primary School
Enrolment forms available at the Main Office or
contact Daniel on
0409 024 553
daniel@dwmusic.net
IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

Tuesday, 20th | Last Day – 1.30pm Dismissal

2017

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, 1st | First Day Term 1 for Years 1 to 6 Students only

1st – 7th | Foundation Student Testing

Wednesday, 8th | Foundation Half Day

Thursday, 9th | Foundation Half Day

14th – 17th | Years 5&6 Camp

Wednesday, 15th | Foundation Info Night 7pm

Monday, 20th | Years 3-6 Swimming Trials

Tuesday, 21st | School Council 7.30pm

Saturday, 25th | Working Bee

2017 TERM DATES

Term 1: 1/02/17 to 31/3/17
Term 2: 18/4/17 to 30/6/17
Term 3: 17/7/17 to 22/9/17
Term 4: 9/10/17 to 22/12/17

THE ‘EMPTY CHRISTMAS TREE’:
DONATION OF GIFTS FOR DIXON HOUSE HELPING ALL CHILDREN ENJOY CHRISTMAS!

A very BIG thank you to everyone who donated to this year’s ‘Empty Christmas Tree’ appeal.

The gifts were taken to St. Matthew’s by students from Year 6.

Christine Day
P-2 Coordinator
MUSIC at the MARKET

The Cheltenham Primary School mini band performed to great acclaim at the Cheltenham Rotary Christmas Market.

I was very, very proud of their no-fuss ability to perform a 30 minute set of Christmas carols. The music was of a high standard and it resonated with Christmas shoppers who love live music – especially performed by children.

Piano Soiree
Well done to our 59 pianists who entertained large audiences at both Soirees last Tuesday night. Their practise during the year was well rewarded on performance night. Thank you to the piano teachers – Karen, Meg, Rachel and Mrs. Griffiths.

Band Soiree
When our beginning Grade 3 students joined our band this term our numbers swelled to 70 players – a force to be reckoned with!!
Our Soiree evening was a wonderful celebration of the talent of our Band and also that of our musicians as solo players. The evening was an entertaining mix of band pieces and small ensemble pieces.

Many thanks to our teachers John, Jenni and Rachel.

Thanks you also to Mrs Morgan and Mrs Day for attending all soirees.

Helen Griffiths
Performing Arts Specialist
A “HUGE” thank you to the families who have signed up to QKR and are enjoying the benefits of easy payment, no looking for coins on special lunch day and so on.

To make things a bit easier a couple of things will assist when making QKR payments.

Firstly, please ensure that your child has their correct class group attached to ‘their’ name. It will help when printing off labels for special lunch orders as it prints not only their name, but class as well. (This will also need to be updated on your app with your child’s 2017 class when school starts next year).

Secondly, we have had an amazing response from families paying their 2017 school fees on QKR. Just remember to select your child’s correct year level from top of the QKR screen when you have selected ‘payments’ eg; Foundation 2017 (prep), Year 2 2017, Year 6 2017 etc.
Q. How can I keep track of my Qkr! payments?

A. Itemized Qkr! eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! payments.

To view your eReceipts:
1. Open Qkr! and tap ‘Activity’.
2. Scroll down to ‘Order History’ and tap ‘Receipt’ to view eReceipts.

Never lose a receipt: email receipts to your account:
1. Select the eReceipt you wish to email to yourself.
2. Tap on the mail icon at the top right of your screen.
3. Tap ‘Send’ to email the eReceipt to your email address, or enter another email address, and tap ‘Send’.

Use an eReceipt to cancel a food order you have paid for:
1. Select the eReceipt for the order you wish to cancel.
2. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap ‘OK’.
3. Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Q. Should I log out from the Qkr! app for security?

A. Qkr! is provided by Mastercard and is the safe, secure, reliable way to pay for school items. Registration details and card information are not stored on your phone but are saved securely on the Mastercard network.

As a security feature Qkr! automatically logs you out after 10 minutes of inactivity. You will still be able to browse the menus and add items to your cart, but you will be prompted to enter your password to submit payments.

If you wish to actively sign out after each session, you may do so, however, you won’t be able to browse the menus again without logging in. An alternative is to change your settings so that you are prompted to enter your password at the ‘Submit Payment’ step even if you are within the same 10 minute logged in session. This saves you logging out after each session and logging in the next time.

To turn on the ‘Always prompt for password on checkout’ option:
Open Qkr!, tap ‘Settings’ and ensure the ‘Always prompt for password on checkout’ setting is on (green).
CPS Curriculum Day

Tuesday January 31, 2017

Cheltenham Primary PTFA has organised a session at Xtreme Air for CPS students on the day before the school year starts.

Pre order online, just select the school and session on the Xtreme Air website and pay $16.50. Alternatively it is $19.50 if you turn up on the day. Session runs for 2 hours from 1:00pm-3:00pm

($5 per ticket goes back to the school)

Students are grouped so that they are jumping with others of a similar age and size.

Fully supervised.

No external food or beverages except water