



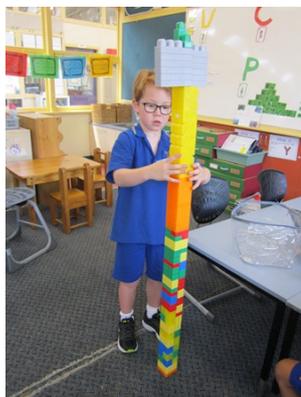
From our Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

Welcome back everyone. After our sad start to the school year, it was such a happy day for all of us, when the children came back to school. Thank you to all the families that came in to enjoy the experience with your children. Your warmth and positive support made a very difficult day, easier for all of us. I spent the morning, touching base with children and staff in all classes across the school, and felt renewed by their joy at being back together with their 'school family'.

My father was in the military and frequently used to say, 'It's important to know who you can rely on in the trenches.' I cannot commend the staff of our school more highly to you (both new and established). They all understood how coming back to an organised, welcoming classroom or learning space would be even more important given the circumstances and came in to school, in the week preceding individually and in teams for many hours over days and weeks. The school office staff were also in early, completing the multitude of administrative details required in the start up to a new school year.

Building caring relationships is always important at the start of a new school year. It is even more so, after loss. Our focus for the first month of school is on establishing trusting and caring relationships within our school. To ensure the appropriate focus and time is given to this, we will not be holding our usual Curriculum Information Evenings for Years 1-6 in February. We will be sending home Curriculum Information at the end of February and providing a scheduled opportunity for you to meet your child's classroom teacher in Weeks 6 and 7 (4 March to 15 March). Families wishing to take up this opportunity will be able to book in for ten minute meetings, before, during and after school during this two week period. Bookings will be managed online and details provided to you, in the coming weeks. We have an open door policy at Cheltenham. If you feel that you would like to meet with your child's teacher at any time privately, please make an appointment directly with them or request a telephone chat through the diary system.



Our new Foundation students completed all their pre entry testing last week and have commenced full-time from this week. I met with all our new teaching staff yesterday and was delighted to receive very positive feedback from Kinga Ritchie and Richard Earl (two new members to the Foundation team) about the positive and confident way the children had begun. This again, does not just happen by magicour transition program begins in October of the year preceding and is strategically designed to provide children and their families, with the best possible entry to school while providing our teachers, with all the information they require to best meet the needs of each individual. I acknowledge this year's Foundation team: Richard Earl, Rachel Edmond, Kim Ng, Kinga Ritchie (Foundation Learning Leader) and Jessica Coles (Foundation Learning Leader 2016-2018) for their professionalism and unstinting commitment to the children throughout transition.

Our best wishes to the staff and parent volunteers that will be attending Camp Coonawarra next week with the students in Senior school. Coonawarra is an adventure camp located in Glenaladale, Gippsland. It provides a wonderful early opportunity for students in the Senior school to connect with each other and their teachers and lean into challenge through activities such as canoeing, ropes, rock climbing, archery, swimming, fishing, raft building, canoeing.

Thank you to Bronwyn Fitzgerald for her coordination of the camp.

Wishing you all blue skies and lots of laughter!

Regards,

Bronwyn



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Year 5 and 6 students and parents are invited to

Open Night

Thursday May 3rd at 7pm.

'We learn purposefully by cultivating curiosity, being reflective and making real-world connections.'



School Tours every Tuesday at 9:30am.
Please contact the school on 8569-9200 to book a place.

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