Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

For me, the start of the new school year is a favourite time. Memories of long hot childhood summer holidays followed by the excitement of the beginning of another school year are a powerful part of the rhythm of life. Each New Year brings more promise and the thrill of anticipation of other experiences and relationships. For those families joining Cheltenham for the first time this year I hope that you are already starting to feel at home and a part of our community.

The start of the year is such an important time for our children because it establishes the foundation for the rest of the rest of the school year. It is a time of optimism and hope as our children and their classroom and specialist teachers begin building the trusting and connected relationships that will sustain them throughout another engaging year. When we look back on this year I am sure that it will be punctuated by many highlights: the implementation of our new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics Framework; exploration of new tools and modes in digital learning; our school productions; the celebration of our Preps first year at school and our Year 6s final year.

At Cheltenham each child is valued as an individual. We hope that they feel that their academic, social, emotional and physical needs are being addressed but we cannot make them feel this in isolation. We can do it in partnership with families, and as a community, as exemplified in this poem by Cleo V Swarat.

Unity

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child’s mind And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher: the tools she used were books and music and art;
One was a parent With a guiding hand and gentle loving heart.

And when at last their work was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had worked into the child Could never be sold or bought!

And each agreed she would have failed if she had worked alone.
For behind the parent stood the school, and behind the teacher stood the home!

I have been so impressed with the smooth transition our students have made to school. A great part of the “magic” behind this smooth transition is our extraordinary staff who, like all experts, make it all look just so easy. I thank them for their commitment and preparation in the days and weeks prior to the commencement of the school year in classroom and specialist learning spaces, in school administration, and grounds maintenance.
Preliminary parent teacher meetings for families in Years 1 to 6 will be conducted on Tuesday 16 February and Wednesday 17 February. These meetings provide an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher - share any information with them that will help our staff provide the best possible learning environment for your child and start building an open communicative relationship. I refer you to the flyer in this week’s newsletter.

As I’m fond of quoting, “It takes a village to raise a child” and we look forward to sharing the journey with all in our community, this year.

Kind regards

Bronwyn
Bronwyn Morgan
ACTING PRINCIPAL

2016 Cheltenham Primary School Staffing Structure:

Acting Principal – Bronwyn Morgan
Business Managers: Wendy Sheppard (M/T) & Lottie Maroney (W/T/F)
Front Office Managers – Jezz Langworthy (M/T/W) & Robyn Colbert (W/T/F)

Grade Teachers:
Miss Jessica Coles (PA)
Mrs Christine Day (PB)
Mrs Doris Holley (PC)
Mrs Ilana Arndtheim (1/2A)
Mrs Andi Carlisle (1/2B)
Mr Brett Page (1/2C)
Miss Holly Smith (1/2D)
Ms Alexis Tame (1/2E)
Mr Todd Cummings (3/4A)
Mrs Rosemary Godina (3/4B)
Mr David Senior (3/4C)
Miss Felicity Wyatt (3/4D)
Ms Bronwyn Fitzgerald (5A)
Mr Daniel Harrington (5B)
Mrs Tanya Wells (5C)
Mr Steven Hogan (6A)
Miss Ellen Hollowood (6B)

Specialist Teachers:
Visual Arts – Mrs Carol Kozlowski
Performing Arts – Ms Helen Griffiths
Physical Education – Mr Hayden McLennan
Science – Mrs Andrea Kinsey
Library – Mrs Isobel Rose
LOTE – Mrs Emma Pfeiffer
Kitchen/ Canteen – Ms Jennifer Leason
Garden – Mr Marco Piscioneri
Important dates for your diary:

FEBRUARY:
- Tuesday, 8th: PTFA Meeting 10.00am
- Monday, 15th: District Swim Trials
- Tuesday, 16th: Parent Meeting 3.40-7pm
- School Council 7.30pm
- Wednesday, 17th: Parent Meeting 3.40-5pm
- Thursday, 18th: Prep Parent Meeting 7.00-8.15pm
- Saturday, 20th: Working Bee 9am-12noon
- Monday, 22nd: Badge Ceremony TBC
- Tuesday, 23rd: Student Photo Day
- Thursday, 25th: Prep Parent Meeting 7.00-8.15pm

MARCH:
- 1st-4th: Year 5&6 Camp
- Thursday, 10th: House Swimming
- Monday, 14th: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Sunday, 20th: Working Bee 9am-12noon
- Tuesday, 22nd: School Council 7.30pm
- Thursday, 24th: Last Day Term 1 – 2.30pm Dismissal
- Friday, 25th: Good Friday

MUSIC NEWS

Piano and instrumental lessons commence this week (from Wednesday, 3rd February). Band will commence next Thursday, 11th February in the Music Room at 8.45am.

It is lovely to hear music wafting through the school!

Mrs Helen Griffiths
Performing Arts Teacher

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 on Saturday, 20th February is one of the most crucial.

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.

CANTERBURY NEWS

Canteen lunch orders and counter sales start Thursday, 4th February. Please refer to the February 2016 Lunch Order Menu which can be found in this newsletter or you can collect one from the front office.

You are invited as a volunteer to help in the Canteen on Friday’s. Please complete the form which you can find in your pack and return to the office by Friday, 12th February so I can complete the roster for 2016.

Jennifer Leason
Canteen Manager

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Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher ‘Meet and Greet’ Interviews will be held, for Year 1 to Year 6 families, at 3.40pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday 16th February and 3.40pm – 5.00pm on Wednesday 17th February. There is only **one booking per family**. You will now be able to book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

**BOOKINGS OPEN THURSDAY 5th February at 11am**
**BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 12th of February at 3:30pm**

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

**1. Enter your details**

**2. Choose teachers**

**3. Choose times**

When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

**BOOKINGS OPEN THIS THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY at 11am**

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, please see the school office to make a booking. Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visitng the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 8585 3200

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
# CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

## Parent/legal guardian details

**Surname**

**First name**

**Address**

**Town/suburb**

**State**

**Postcode**

**Contact number**

- [ ] Centrelink pensioner concession OR [ ] Health care card number (CRN)
- [ ] Foster parent* OR [ ] Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

## Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose it to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

**Signature of applicant**

**Date**

[Victoria State Government]
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;

  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

Closing Date

Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 29 February 2016, so that payments can be made from March 2016. However schools can accept parent applications up until 03 June 2016.

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.

   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
Available Thursday & Friday

SUPER SANDWICHES – Wholemeal Bread

Rolls 20c extra

- Vegemite or Cheese $2.70
- Super Salad $4.00
- Chicken/Ham & Salad $4.50
- Tuna & Salad $4.50

*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 $3.50

HOT ROLLS -

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

HOT DOG - $3.80

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

PIZZA - Supreme/Ham & Pineapple $3.50

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

DRINKS

- Mineral Water $2.00
- Organic Juice $2.00
- Flavoured Milk $2.00

SNACKS/FRUIT

- Seasonal Fruit $1.00
- JJ 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
- Calipso $0.80

Available Thursday Only

Sushi $2.50
*Chicken, Tuna and Vegetarian*

LASAGNA - $4.50

Available Friday Only

Large Sausage Roll $2.50
Meat Pie - $4.00 (97% Fat Free)
Party Pies - $1.20
Vegetable Pastie - $4.00

Tomato Sauce no extra charge

February 2016
GUIDELINES FOR CANTEEN PURCHASING

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

Hours 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

February 2016
Product Overview

Insurance for your kids
JUA Student Health Cover is an Injury & Accident Insurance Plan specifically designed for Australian kindergarten, primary school and high school students. It offers 24 hour per day, 7 days per week protection, anywhere in the world, and covers all common incidents, from broken teeth to broken bones and much more. It is affordable and allows parents and guardians to sign up in minutes via our online Application Form.

A safety net for your family
An accident or illness can put families in a position of severe financial hardship. We provide the peace of mind that you are able to look after your children’s needs if they get injured or very sick - at school, at home or anywhere else. JUA Student Health Cover is a way to make sure you are financially protected in the event of such unplanned medical expenses.

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Cover commences from 1st January 2016 or the purchase date (where the premium is paid after 1st January 2016) until 31st December 2016.
Prices are in Australian dollars and include GST.
There are no further costs or fees.

Industry-leading benefits
We offer benefits of up to $200,000, and cover the full range of predictable costs, from dental to physiotherapy, broken bones to emergency transport, and more. There are two levels of cover to match your needs: Standard Benefits and Double Benefits. See the Schedule of Benefits to view the compensation amounts relevant to each.

Easy Application process
To get your cover up and running, just complete the online Application Form, enter your payment details and submit. Your cover will officially commence as soon as your payment has been successfully processed, which usually takes a few seconds. Print the Confirmation screen for your records, and you’re done!

Quick and easy Claims settlement
We strive to settle Claims quickly and with a minimum of hassle. See the Claims page for more detailed information on making a claim in the event of an accident or injury to your child.