Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

Congratulations to our Student Leaders who were inducted into their positions as members of the Cheltenham Primary School student leadership team on Monday by the Hon. Murray Thompson, Member for Sandringham. On behalf of our extended school community I would like to thank our School Captains, Ruby and Will who capably represented their fellow students in their public address: acknowledging the warm and caring culture at Cheltenham; congratulating those who had attained captaincy positions whilst encouraging others to explore the many opportunities available to them. They then asked some of the members of our School Leadership team (Chris Day, David Senior, Tanya Wells and myself) and Murray Thompson to share some of our leadership insights such as, David Senior’s ABC for leaders: Taking Action, Having a sense of Belief and aiming for Beautification (continuous improvement) and Cooperation (being a team member).

All our Year 6 students are leaders at Cheltenham and we are proud of every one of them. Over the course of this year I am confident that our student leaders will all learn and grow from the experiences they will be given to problem solve, consider perspectives other than their own and take action. I look forward to working with them and learning from them.

Thank you to all the parents, extended family members and friends that attended Monday morning’s ceremony to acknowledge and celebrate this occasion with the children. It was lovely to have the opportunity to chat with many of you over morning tea and to receive your warm and positive comments about this significant event for our young leaders.

Our SRC leaders and Premiers’ Reading Challenge Champions will be presented with their badges on Monday, 7th March.
School Council
Please be advised that the election process for School Council is now complete. The following members of our school community were nominated: Geoff Geist (father of Arend), Suzi Norwood (mother of Lucy) and Kath Shields (mother of Trinity and Lexi). As the number of vacancies equals the number of nominations I declare these members duly elected. Please join me in welcoming them as School Councillors.

In conclusion just a reminder that the PTFA’s Community Welcome Night is rapidly approaching. (Monday, 29th February from 5.30pm-7.30pm). This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in our school community. We hope that you are able to attend.

‘With a powerful community I can do so much more. I am happier. I learn and expand and, possibly, I can transform’

Elena Aguilar

Kind regards

Bronwyn Morgan
Principal (Acting)
Important dates for your diary:

**FEBRUARY:**
- Thursday, 25th: Prep Parent Meeting 7.00-8.15pm
- Monday, 29th: PTFA Welcome Night 5.30-7.30pm

**MARCH:**
- 1st-4th: Years 5&6 Camp
- Monday, 7th: SRC Badge Presentation 9.00am
- Thursday, 10th: House Swimming
- Monday, 14th: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Sunday, 20th: Working Bee 9am-12noon
- Tuesday, 22nd: School Council 7.30pm

**April:**
- Monday, 11th: First Day Term 2
- 19-22nd: Years 5&6 Bike Education
- Monday, 25th: Anzac Public Holiday
- 26-29th: Year 4 Bike Education

**Thursday, 24th:** Last Day Term 1 – 2.30pm Dismissal

**Friday, 25th:** Good Friday Holiday

**YOU CAN DO IT**
Confidence is the You Can Do It foundation for this term. Confidence means feeling I can do it. It means not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new. **These students have won YCDI awards this week!**

![Image of students](image)

The PTFA will be selling second hand uniforms at the Welcome Night on Monday, 29th February from 5.30pm – this will be a great time to stock up on additional pre-loved uniform items for your children.

**PUPIL FREE DAYS 2016**
- Tuesday, 14th June (Monday, 13th Queen’s Birthday Holiday)
- Friday, 16th September
- Monday, 31st October

**DISTRICT SWIMMING**
On Thursday, 18th February 25 Grade 3-6 students participated in the Kingston District Swimming Carnival at the Bayside Aquatics Centre. It was a successful day placing in 18 out of 32 races and winning four of them. Everyone swam their strokes strongly for the whole 50m distance, cheered on their school friends and supported other schools.

The results were as follows: coming first and through to the Division Competition on Wednesday, 16th March at Caulfield Pool, Carnegie was Sienna S for the 11 year old girls.
freestyle and backstroke and LilidhRuth M for the 9/10 year old girls backstroke and butterfly.

Coming second and being an emergency in the Division Competition for backstroke was 11 year old boy Blake D. For breaststroke was 9/10 year old boy Christian S. For butterfly was 9/10 year old boy Christian S, 11 year old boy Ned B, 11 year old girl Charlie C and 12 year old boy James W. For the freestyle relays were the 11 year old girls; Sienna S, Charlie C, Lily H and Ella C and 11 year old boys; Matthew B, Ned B, Seb J and Clay J.

Placing 3rd in their events was our open girls medley team; LilidhRuth M, Lulu H, Sienna S and Tahlia W, open boys medley team; Blake D, Coen U, James W and Luke D, Star W in 12 year old girls backstroke, Charlie C in 11 year old girls butterfly and our 12 year old girls freestyle relay team; Tahlia W, Lulu H, Star W and Olivia C.

Well done to everyone who competed in the carnival. Your dedication to swimming is showing fantastic results. The school is proud of your fantastic achievements. Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who supported all students during the carnival. Good luck to our students through to the Division Competition.

Mr Hayden McLennan
Physical Education Teacher

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How do students meet the Challenge?
Prep to Year 2 – need to read 30 books (20 or more from the PRC book list).
Year 3 to 6 – need to read 15 books (10 or more from the PRC book list).

How do I know which books are on the PRC book list?
Here is a link to the book lists for each year: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prec/Pages/default.aspx
Cheltenham Library as well as the school library, have labelled the spines of books (with “PRC”) which are on the book lists.

How do students record the books they’ve read?
Each child who participates in the PRC will receive their own online login details to record the books they have read. In addition to that, they will also need to fill out a form detailing the books they have read, and send it back to the school. Miranda and I will then verify the books, and send the form back to the child.

What does a child get when they finish the Challenge?
Your name (if you wish) will appear in an online Honour Roll and a certificate from the Premier of Victoria. Your child will also receive 500 Cheltenham Primary School House points.

We will be sending out registration forms from 29th February.
This program has been running in the school for 12 years now, and every year the number of children involved, increases. This just shows how popular and fun, this reading challenge is. It’s great, because all level of the school are involved, and children tell their friends which books they’ve been reading. Please support your child and get behind this reading program. Prep parents, you can re-read all those great books that you read when you were a kid, which have stayed with you for a lifetime!

Please check out the PRC website for further information: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prec/Pages/default.aspx

Nalini Bradford & Miranda Brett
PRC Coordinators
Cheltenham Primary School 2016 School Leaders

School Captains:
Ruby W. and Will E.

Sport Captains:
Tahlia W. and Will J.

Art Captains:
Ella L. and Archer K.

Science Captains:
Tash L. and Leon C.

Music (Instrumental) Captains:
Eden A. and James W.

Music (Performance) Captains:
Maria K. and Marco C.

ICT Captains:
Olivia C. and Jack D.

Environmental Captains:
Aulani Mc. and Tristan T.

Marine Ambassadors:
Lauranette R. and Luke D.

Yellow House Captains:
Abbi V. and Leyla H.

Red House Captains:
Lara F. and Liam R.

Green House Captains:
Ben F. and Star W.

Blue House Captains:
Lulu H. and Kyle Mc.
CHELTENHAM PRIMARY
WELCOME NIGHT

MONDAY FEBRUARY 29TH
5:30PM-7:30PM

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FOOD VANS AVAILABLE

JUMPING CASTLES
SUITABLE FOR 3 DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER
6:30PM-7:30PM

A FREE ZOOPER DOOPER FOR EVERY CHILD

A GREAT NIGHT HOSTED BY THE PTFA TO MINGLE AND MEET WITH OUR FANTASTIC COMMUNITY.
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
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