Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

It is the mid-way point of the term, and I am so very proud of our students and staff. Routines are now well established and I get a wonderful sense of the students striving to do their very best, in all that they do. As I walk around the school, I observe all students on task, making sure they present well personally, in school uniform [special thank you to parents for adhering to appropriate coloured shoes ☺] and that their work is of a high standard. At Cheltenham Primary we are committed to providing a positive learning environment. It is rewarding to see our community values enacted every school day. It is also lovely to have this acknowledged by others in our school community. I thank the many parents who have recently made affirmative comments to me personally about the tone of the school; it is very much appreciated. I would like to share with you a written comment by a teacher in a nearby school about our students when playing inter-school sport:

“Can I also say that your boys kanga cricket that played the girls last week were excellent. They were fair, yet competitive. The girls had an excellent time and commented on how they made it enjoyable. They bowled slowly and batted left-handed.

It’s a true character of a person who does something for someone else (our girls kanga cricket) without anything in return and doesn’t complain. Those boys are a credit to themselves, their parents and the school.

Quotes from the girls (post match on the bus back to KHPS):

1. They were really fair Mr S.
2. We were scared to play the boys at first but they made us feel welcome without just letting us win.
3. I hope that team does well at the lightning premiership.
4. Mr S, do you know how you say ‘number one is fun’, I hope they had fun as well.
5. We will support that team if our boys aren’t playing.

So if asked did your boys’ team win? Absolutely, in more ways than one and on the scoreboard wasn’t the least important victory, it was their sportsmanship.”

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Each year in Term 1 our School Council calls for nominations from our parents to fill vacancies in the parent category of School Council. The size and configuration of our Council’s Constituting Order is 13 Council members, comprising seven parents, 4 Department of Education and Training [DET], and two Community members. All terms of office are for two years, with overlapping tenure, so that not all positions are declared vacant in any one year. Cheltenham Primary School has 4 vacancies which have arisen as a result of parent members whose term of office has expired.

Being a member of School Council is a rewarding and challenging experience. Acting as a team, council supports the Principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. If you wish to nominate for a vacancy on School Council, please contact the school office to receive an appropriate nomination form. If you would like more information about the role of parents on School Council, I am happy to speak to you personally. Please note that nomination forms must be lodged by 4:00 pm on Tuesday 10 March, 2015.

A reminder that next Monday March 9 is a public holiday.
WORKING BEE SURPRISES
At our last working bee we had 30 families attend. Our list of tasks was long, and it was a warm day, but what a joy to see so many families supporting the school to keep it maintained and safe for our children.
We really value the assistance of our families to sustain this most important activity. It can also be lots of fun for children to attend so they can also contribute to school life and take care of the environment. Kiara and Freya can attest to that; finding a lizard amongst the leaves they were gathering, added an element of interest. Thank you to Cheltenham Rotary, who supplies our delicious morning tea, as well as providing support to our You Can Do It program. A reminder to support their Sunday Market, as money raised by them goes directly to the school.
Our next working bee is on **Sunday 22 March**. Please check your diaries to see if you can donate your time from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Emergency Evacuation [DISPLAN]
Each term, all students, staff and visitors to our school participate in an emergency evacuation. This prepares us in the event that it is necessary for us to vacate areas of our school, for unforeseen circumstances. Various scenarios are planned including evacuating to our school oval, nearby local streets or even lockdowns in rooms. Last week we conducted a simple drill to the school oval. Students were well prepared by their class teachers and our new Preps had an extra practice to make sure that the drill with the whole school was not overwhelming! On this occasion, all students were aware that the evacuation would take place. I was happy to note evacuating everyone to our oval took 4 minutes and 48 seconds! Future DISPLAN drills will have variations of time and place.

Regards,
Margaret McIntosh
Organisation is the You Can Do It foundation key for this term. Organization is the ability to set goals and manage time effectively. Being responsible for personal items and belongings in the classroom and playground.

**These students have won YCDI awards this week!**

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**Kitchen Classroom News**

Our Prep students experienced their first Kitchen Classroom session last week and made the traditional fruit skewers. They were all very eager to start cutting the fruit. I can already see some budding chefs in the making!

**The 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is soon to start its 11th year at Cheltenham Primary School!**

The Premiers’ Reading Challenge encourages children to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. It’s a great way to get young people talking about reading with their friends and inspire the joy of reading.

Thank you to the PRC Champions for this year that through their leadership will be assisting to promote the 2015 PRC and the joy of reading throughout the school community.
PRC Champions 2015
Year 1 Lucy N
Year 2 Ella L
Year 3 Satya B
Year 4 Aisling W
Year 5 Coen U
Year 6 Wynnie K

Registrations forms for the 2015 PRC will be made available for students who wish to participate when the website opens in the next few weeks (participation is encouraged and optional).

Miranda Brett
PRC Co-ordinator

Teacher Profile: Daniel Harrington
Hello,
My name is Daniel Harrington and I am one of the new teachers this year at Cheltenham Primary School. I am very excited to be teaching Grade 6 this year and I am looking forward to all of the fantastic things we have planned for the year.

Outside of school two of my passions are travelling and photography. I have had some amazing experiences travelling through Europe and Asia meeting new people, trying new food and exploring different cultures. My most memorable experience was when I travelled to a remote community in the Northern Territory called Lajamanu to teach for three weeks. I was very fortunate to be able to combine all of my passions of travelling, photography and teaching into the trip. I am going up north again for Easter and cannot wait to see more of the Australian Outback.

I am a huge Hawks supporter and love to watch the mighty Hawks take on the rest of the competition. I also follow FC Schalke in the German soccer league and was very lucky to see them play live when I was in Europe.

I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year and if you see me in the yard, please come up and ‘Hi’.

Daniel Harrington
Grade 6 Teacher

Update from the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program in the Senior School

The Year 5 and 6 students are continuing to enjoy the use of their iPads in their lessons and have impressed us all with how responsible and caring they are for their device!

The Year 5 students have begun creating their Digital Portfolio all about their year in Year 5 in Book Creator. All students also researched an Australian Prime Minister and have used a variety of apps to show what they learnt. The example below was created in Pic Collage. Families with their child in 5B were also introduced to the world of ‘Augmented Reality’ at Parent Teacher Meetings, where they used Aurasma to see a photo of their child turn into a video with a message for them!

We look forward to sharing more wonderful examples with you throughout the year!

From the Senior School Team

Our Friday Welcome Evening was a great success. Thank you to Baker’s Delight Cheltenham for providing all bread for the sausage sizzle. Also thanks to Michelle Clark and the PTFA team and CPS staff for helping set up, managing BBQ, canteen and pack up. See separate flyer for more details.
Welcome Evening

On Friday night the school opened its gates to welcome families for a very relaxed evening. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones! With over 300 in attendance, the atmosphere was warm and friendly.

Thank you to PTFA President, Michelle Clark and her team of helpers for facilitating a most successful night!

The Jumping Castle was popular for the juniors.

Parent, Gavin Bell, drew crowds with his caricatures of the children.

Relaxing with family and friends on the synthi-grass; a great way to wind down on a Friday night!

There were patient queues in our rotunda for amazing face paintings!
Bayside Rock Climbing.

“What’s the view like up there?”

Last Friday the Year 3 and 4 students astounded the parents and teachers by demonstrating amazing persistence and a bit of courage to scale the towering walls at Bayside Rock in Carrum Downs. Every child got harnessed up and hooked up to ropes and wires to carefully climb their way to the top and then abseil back down again with smiles of satisfaction and enjoyment.

“I was a bit scared at the start because I’m afraid of heights, but in the end I overcame my fear and made it to the top.” Saya

“It was hard at first, but I persisted and got it in the end.” Oj

“I was scared at the start, but I didn’t give up.” Christopher

“I was so excited when I got to the top of a challenging climb. I was so proud of myself.” Amelia H

“The first time I tried it I got halfway up. Then I tried again and got higher.” Issy

“The Climb Time Tunnel was tricky. But it was fun.” Lewis

“On my second try I had a lot more self-confidence.” Daisy

“When I went in the dark tunnel I was a bit worried. But I finished the whole course.” Ben

Thanks so much for our wonderful team of parents who helped us. The children would not have enjoyed the activity as much if it weren’t for the number of helpers ready to support and ensure the safety of all. I hope you didn’t go home too sore or with too many blisters!
NUDE FOOD
EVERY WEDNESDAY
DON'T USE ANY WRAPPING LIKE GLAD WRAP OR FOIL
Read this as a song

Put your rubbish in the bin
Don't hesitate
We know you got it in your pocket
There's no need to wait
You hurting all the animals in the sea
So put your rubbish in the bin
Don't be lazy!

By Alec and Lachie - SRC
Welcome to advancedyou
Australia's most innovative online ordering site, personalised for every student

In the past, advancedlife online sites have allowed parents to download high resolution portrait images using their secure and unique 9 digit access code.

We have now released the 2015 upgrade advancedyou, this upgrade represents a huge leap forward in the school photography industry and is the only service that delivers a secure personal archive for every child and offers families the opportunity to access past year's images, co-curricular groups, classes, sports groups and any photographic packages they may have missed.

If your school has been photographed by advancedlife for more than one year then all personal advancedlife images for each student are displayed in their personal archive.

We will continue to add and grow each child's personal experience through advancedyou each time we photograph at the school.

For Our Families

When families access their child's personal advancedyou site they can:
1) View and download personal portrait images from 2014 and years gone by
2) View and obtain all of their group photos from this year and from previous years
3) View and obtain their complete school photography packages from previous years

Just see what a difference 7 years can make - we know that you understand just how precious these memories are to your families

Making school administration easier-

The advancedyou site also facilitates the ordering, payment and delivery of student photographs and greatly reduces cash handling, distribution and burden on your school administration team.

It is important to note that all orders made through the secure, personal, advancedyou site will be returned directly to the families' home address, eliminating any administrative burden on the school.

This is just the first step on the road to streamlining the experience of school photography for parents and schools and we'll be releasing updates that facilitate school photo administration and add further functionality that benefits parents and students.

Should you have any questions about any aspect of our service or should you wish to book in a demonstration, please do not hesitate to phone or email me.

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