Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

Yesterday a very excited group of Year 5/6 children, staff and parent helpers, left for their four day camp at Lord Somers on the Mornington Peninsula. Lord Somers hosts a full range of activities and programs to keep the mind, body and spirit active from arts and crafts, bush walks, basketball, kayaking, swimming, surfing and stand up paddle boards! The camping experience is an opportunity for our children to form a deeper connection with their teachers and peers, and through this shared experience, build some lasting and happy memories that they will take with them through life. I am happy to report that our campers quickly settled into camp, enjoying a range of outdoor activities in the brilliant sunshine yesterday before engaging in Steve Hogan’s traditional Quiz Night after dinner last night. Please enjoy these photographs received from Ellen Hollowood this morning. Ellen commented that the “…weather is stunning. A few tired campers but generally they all slept well.”

The paddle boarding snake is a real winner!
World’s Greatest Shave Update
We were all delighted when Jack D. announced at Monday’s assembly that, with your support, he had exceeded his target and raised over $600 dollars for the Leukaemia Foundation. Jack was accompanied by his father, John, who shaved Jack’s head at the assembly. By seeking sponsorship to shave his head, Jack’s selfless action has directly assisted families facing the challenge of blood cancer and researchers seeking a cure. Jack received a rousing acknowledgement from all the children, parents and friends, in attendance.

Following the assembly I received some photographs from a member of our school community that I would like to share with their comment: “What a wonderful young man to have in our community.” I can only concur and reiterate my comment at assembly: “As a school we are tremendously proud of you, Jack!”

Ride for MS Australia
Another of our extraordinary students at Cheltenham, Charlie S., also spoke at Monday’s assembly about the 22,000 Australians whose lives have been affected by Multiple Sclerosis. On Sunday March 6, Charlie will be riding 30 km to help raise funds for MS Australia. Her family has been directly affected by MS and her brother, Daniel has raised more than $8500 over the last six years, by “pedalling for change”. If you would like to support Charlie, please refer to her flyer in this week’s newsletter.

Be the change that you wish to see in the world. 
Mahatma Gandhi

Kind regards

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

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

**Thursday, 24\textsuperscript{th}** Last Day Term 1 – 2.30pm Dismissal

**Friday, 25\textsuperscript{th}** Good Friday Holiday

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

**MAY**
- Tuesday, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Junior Concert TBC
- Saturday, 7\textsuperscript{th} Working Bee
- Tuesday, 10\textsuperscript{th} House Cross Country

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**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!

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**PUPIL FREE DAYS 2016**

- Tuesday, 14\textsuperscript{th} June (Monday, 13\textsuperscript{th} Queen’s Birthday Holiday)
- Friday, 16\textsuperscript{th} September
- Monday, 31\textsuperscript{st} October

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHICKEN ROSTER**

Would you like to look after the school chickens over the term 1 holidays (24/03/16-10/04/16) and be rewarded with fresh eggs daily? Please email the school with your name, contact details and available dates to cheltenham.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. Mr Marco will be available prior to the end of term for any instructions on the care of the chickens.

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ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
Last week the Prep students were so excited to have their very first kitchen classroom experience. They made the traditional fruit skewers. Please enjoy the photos from PA, PB and PC.

PREP A

PREP B

PREP C

MUSIC NEWS

Our Band is enjoying establishing repertoire with our new members (we have 50 students in the Band).

We are looking forward to a visit from an American Band Leader – John Davis – who is a leader in Band Education in the U.S. He will work with our Band on Thursday, March 17th. We are really looking forward to this event.

Helen Griffiths
Performing Arts Teacher

Jennifer Leason
Marco Piscioneri
Kitchen Classroom Coordinator
Garden Specialist
TEAM SIMS
RIDING FOR MS AUSTRALIA

HI, MY NAME IS CHARLIE SIMS (3/4C) AND I AM RIDING 30KM ON SUNDAY 6TH OF MARCH HELPING RAISE FUNDS FOR MS AUSTRALIA.

MY MUM IS ONE OF 22,000 AUSTRALIANS WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS. THERE ARE 3 PEOPLE WITH MS IN THE STREET WE LIVE IN, RIGHT HERE IN CHELTENHAM. YOUR DONATION WILL HELP IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THESE PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS POSTER & FOR ANY DONATION YOU ARE ABLE TO MAKE.

ONLINE DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT THIS ADDRESS:

www.msmelbournecycle.org.au Click on “Donate Now” and search for Charlie Sims

www.msaustralia.org.au

THANK YOU TO THE SCHOOL & LOCAL BUSINESSES ON CHARMAN ROAD FOR THEIR SUPPORT.
OUR TRIP TO RICKETTS POINT

By Indi and Charlotte of 3/4D

On Thursday the 25th of February, the 3/4 students went to Ricketts Point in Beaumaris. We discovered a whole world of sea life and even got to touch some living sea creatures! The Gould League staff guided us around the beach and taught us all about the protected marine life and how best we can look after our beaches. They showed us how sea creatures and plants survive in the marine and we got to explore the rock pools which was so much fun! Some of us even found crabs!!

All in all it was a great morning to spend some time at our local beach and the weather was lovely!
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

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 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/or 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
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 2018) or term two (11 April 2018).

Closing Date
Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 29 February 2018, 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.
NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY
FRIDAY MARCH 4
2016

Term 1 – National Ride2School Day (4 March 2016)

National Ride2School Day is held around Australia in March every year. It provides an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to try riding, walking, skating or scooting to school, while celebrating the regular walkers and riders.

On this day, riding and walking to school is normal and the entire school community can support it. It is a chance to celebrate on a large scale and to prove it can be done. More information and a range of resources are available at Bicycle Network website.
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