Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

It has been a busy and engaging first term at Cheltenham Primary School.

Our Preps have started their educational experience well and are already forming close relationships with their Year 6 buddies. They have enjoyed sharing information about their families, siblings, homes and pets and learning about family connections and differences. It has been delightful to observe their engagement during class activities and positive outlook to learning.

In Years 1 and 2 the children have been investigating our local Community and our place within it. They thoroughly enjoyed their excursion to three of our business partners (Cheltenham First Pharmacy, Baker’s Delight Bakery and the Bendigo Bank) and captivated each of our partners with their enthusiasm for learning.

The children in Years 3 and 4 have been learning about Australia’s states and territories, including comparing and contrasting Australia’s neighbouring countries and their characteristics. This term they went on a day excursion to Ricketts point – guided by members of the Gould League. They loved exploring the rock pools and coastal formations on Beaumaris beach.

The Senior School has been exploring the concept of how sudden geological or meteorological changes on the Earth can cause devastating natural disasters and affect people all over the planet. They enjoyed a ‘Hands on Science’ incursion where they were presented with engaging models of weather activity, tectonic plate movement and a range of other global change models.

In Physical Education, the focus for Term 1 has been on whole body coordination, throwing, catching, shooting and kicking, which has been incorporated into minor games, basketball, netball, and soccer and vortex games.

In our Languages program, children in Prep to Year 4 have continued to learn all about France, including simple greeting forms and phrases, games and songs. Our Year 5 and 6 students have been introduced to both Indonesia and France this term. They have conducted research on our new LOTE notebooks and will be choosing either Indonesia or France as a language to learn next term.

In the Visual Arts room the consistent working buzz and production of artworks has been amazing to view. Mrs Kozlowski’s thoughtful displays of the children’s artworks throughout the school create pockets of vibrancy and interest for an appreciative audience.

In the area of Performing Arts the Junior School have been working on their class items for their forthcoming concert ‘Trip of a Lifetime’. Our extraordinary music and instrumental program has been highlighted with wonderful performances by the children at school assemblies throughout the term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the program’s exciting blend of music practical and theory.
In our unique Science program the Prep children have been focusing on the concept of observation. In Years 1 and 2 they have been studying the wind – making a wind meter, a wind sock and kite. In Years 3 and 4 they have been learning about how shapes are important in building and construction. Our Year 5s have been investigating earthquakes and Year 6s; have been exposed to a range of activities with electricity to assist their solar boat designs.

Our teachers have also been involved in learning new skills. This term they participated in professional learning in Write2Read, iPads, Digital Technology, OH&S, Mathematics, data management for assessment and reporting and sustainability. Some of our parents also attended professional development sessions to better understand how children learn to read, write and count. It is wonderful that we can honestly state that we are a community of learning at CPS!

Our hard working PTFA have organised a comprehensive range of events this term in support of the school, including the Community Welcome Night, Second Hand Uniform sales and Easter raffle/hot cross bun drive. Our thanks and appreciation!

The core value of teamwork is very much embedded in our culture at Cheltenham Primary School. I would like to acknowledge the collective efforts of our community; students, staff and parents over the course of the last term and the many contribution, big and small, made by all. I would also like to acknowledge our hardworking support staff, in the school office, in the library, in the kitchen classroom, in the garden, in the canteen, in technical support and in classrooms with students, that are essential to our continued effectiveness.

Have a lovely, safe and restful break over the holidays, everyone!

Kind regards

Bronwyn

Bronwyn Morgan
Principal (Acting)

**DISMISSAL TIME** on Thursday is 2.30pm. Recess is 11:00 to 11:30. Lunch is 1:00 to 2:00. These are the preferred early pick up times to avoid disruption to learning.
Important dates for your diary:
**MARCH:**
- **Thursday, 24th** Last Day Term 1 – 2.30pm Dismissal
- **Friday, 25th** Good Friday Holiday

**APRIL:**
- **Monday, 11th** First Day Term 2
- **Tuesday, 19th** PTFA Meeting 2.00pm
- **19th - 22nd** Years 5&6 Bike Education
- **Monday, 25th** Anzac Public Holiday
- **26th - 29th** Year 4 Bike Education

**MAY:**
- **Tuesday, 3rd** Junior Concert
- **Thursday, 5th** Mother’s Day Stall
- **Saturday, 7th** Working Bee 9am-12noon
- **Tuesday, 10th** House Cross Country
- **16th-20th** Education Week
- **Tuesday, 17th** Open Morning
  - School Council 7.30pm
- **Wednesday, 18th** District Cross Country
- **Thursday, 19th** 2017 Prep Info Evening

**EASTER PARADE**
What a wonderful Easter Hat Parade we had last Friday, 18th March. The children worked hard to create the most magnificent creations which they paraded with pride!

Congratulations to the children whose creations were winners on the day: Johan H PA, Indira B 1/2A and Adam O-T 1/2E.

**SUNSMART**
Cheltenham Primary School is a SUNSMART school and therefore **hats are required until the end of April.** Please remind your child/ren to bring their hats for the first three weeks of Term 2!

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

**SRC CASUAL CLOTHES DAY**
A very BIG thank you to everyone who participated in the RED casual clothes fundraising day yesterday. $511 was raised for the Red Cross Tropical Cyclone Winston Appeal.

**SRC Students**

**PharmacyFirst**
Are proud sponsors of our YCDI Program
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PTFA FEEDBACK
The PTFA welcomes all feedback and should you be unable to attend the meetings, please email us directly at cps.ptfa@gmail.com

Have a great school holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 2. Our next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday, 19th April at 2.00pm.

Kath Shield
PTFA President on behalf of the PTFA Committee

Hello all 2016 PRC readers. Last week the brightly coloured PRC envelopes went out to those of you who had registered their child. So far we have about 165 children joining the PRC – what a fantastic effort!

We hope that you will all start your reading lists over the school break. Remember to send in your list after reading 5 books so that we can verify your books.

Taken the time to look around the Premier’s Reading Challenge website and look out for the Premier’s Letter to Parents (http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/events/prc/2016prcopeningparentsletter.pdf)

Have a safe, happy and relaxing Easter break – filled with lots of reading!

Nalini Bradford & Miranda Brett
PRC Coordinators

2016 HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Thursday, 10th March students in years three to six participated in the annual House Swimming Carnival. Students were involved in a range of activities including traditional strokes of freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly and novelty events such as the wade, the noodle and the kickboard races.

We also held our annual 50m Freestyle Championship races with the results being for the 12 year boys and girls were Luke D and Tahlia W, for the 11 year old boys and girls were Matthew B and Sienna S, and for the 9/10 year old boys and girls were Matthew B and LilidhRuth M. Well done to all students who competed in these events.

The overall winners were in 4th place Yellow House (Wilden), in 3rd place Red House (Cullen), in 2nd place Blue House (Courtney), and congratulations to Green House (Le Page) for winning the day.

It was a fantastic day and all students achieved fantastic results and supported each other to do their best. Congratulations to all students who participated and a big thank you to all staff and parent helpers who made the day run smoothly and fun for the kids!

Mr. Hayden McLennan
Physical Education Teacher and Sports Coordinator

DIVISION SWIMMING
On Wednesday, 16th March two Cheltenham Primary School students competed in the Kingston District Swimming Competition. Getting to this level shows a high level of skill and commitment to their swimming programs. Students had to swim 50 meters in their stroke for these events.

Well done to LilidhRuth M and Sienna S for their excellent swimming on the day.

Coming first and making it through to the Southern Metropolitan Swimming Competition at MSAC on Thursday, 24th March was LilidhRuth M in the 10 year old girl’s butterfly.

Placing second and being an emergency at the Southern Metropolitan Swimming Competition was LilidhRuth M for the 10 year old girl’s freestyle and Sienna S for 11 year old girls’ freestyle and backstroke.

It is an outstanding effort by both students to make it to this level and they should be extremely proud of their efforts. Congratulations to all those involved and parents for taking and supporting their children. Good luck to LilidhRuth at the Southern Metropolitan Swimming Competition.

Mr Hayden McLennan
Physical Education Teacher
Welcome to the annual Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Reading is an essential life skill for everyone and the Challenge encourages families to be actively involved in supporting children to read. The Challenge invites children and young people to read a set number of books and record their efforts online. It’s a great way to get them talking about reading with friends and family, and to push themselves to read as many books as they can. Join the Challenge today and discover new authors, get expert tips, book recommendations and more. Participation is free. To find out more about the Challenge and access the booklet visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

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2016 Privacy and Consent Form (Schools and Early Childhood Settings)

By signing this document, you agree to the TERMS and CONDITIONS outlined below. These include consent for your child to participate in the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and for their name to appear on a certificate of completion and for their name to appear in the online honour roll. Please note that the child’s name only will appear on the certificate and online Honour Roll with no other identifying factors. Participating schools appear as a separate list.

Child’s name: ____________________________________________________________

School or early childhood service: __________________________________________

Year level/class: __________________________ Yes □ No □ I consent to my child’s name appearing on the online Honour Roll

Certificate name (only if different from name above): _____________________________

Please ensure this section is completed - thank you.

Parent/guardian name (please print): _________________________________________

Parent/guardian signature: __________________________________________________ Date:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: Department refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, Person refers to the child/ adult listed below in the consent declaration.

1) Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual’s name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

2) Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school or early childhood setting will collect and disclose your child’s first and last name, and the name of the early childhood setting or school to the Department. The Department will then:

- Use the information to register your child and to generate an online account (through which school age children can record the books that they read);
- Publish your child’s name and year level on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as school name.
- Give the name of your child to Flinders Green Pty Ltd ABN 52 007 743 151 who will then disclose to a 3rd party for the purpose of printing Certificates of Achievement.

3) Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

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John Davis – Visiting Band Conductor from America

Last Thursday our Band Rehearsal took on a new sound as we experienced the talent, flair and humour of John Davis (renowned Band Conductor and Educator from America) who came to listen to our band play, to play along with us and to work with us on developing our musicianship and sound.

It was a terrific session in which John played his Trombone with us on the pieces Beethoven’s *Ninth* and the *Hey Song*. He then took over the conductor’s baton and worked on different musical aspects of our performance in the numbers – *Star Trek*, *Come Little Children* and our new song *Dr. Rock*.

He was funny, effective and most complimentary of our standard of performance. It was a real treat for us all!

Helen Griffiths – Performing Arts Teacher
The **YEAR 1/2 STUDENTS** are currently studying location. We have been looking at directions, grid points and compass directions.

1/2D decided to use the ‘BeeBots’ to help us learn about direction and programming. ‘BeeBots’ are little robots that the students can program to move in different directions. These machines relate to our new STEAM initiative which helps us look at technology and mathematics.

First we had a play with the ‘BeeBots’ to figure out how they worked. Then we experimented with moving them in different directions.

After that we went outside and had to try and move our ‘BeeBots’ around a course. It was tricky, but we had fun doing it!

> “I really liked using the BeeBots. Moving them along the line was tricky but fun” – Scarlett D

> “Using the BeeBots made the learning fun! We almost finished our course and we were really proud!” – Luke F

> “The BeeBots were so much fun! I liked how they could move in different directions” – Shania K
Lightning Premiership

On Friday, 4th March, Year Six and some Year Five students participated in the interschool sports gala day, known as the Lightning Premiership at Mentone Grammar Playing Fields, Keysborough. All students who competed showed excellent sportsmanship and should be congratulated for how they conducted themselves on the day. We had some great results on the day with all reports from the coaches below.

**KANGA CRICKET**
The Boys’ and Girls' Kanga Cricket teams both had an enjoyable day at Mentone Playing Fields. The Girls' team was full of inexperienced Year 5 girls and they performed admirably against a number of schools that were older and more experienced. The girls played Kingston Heath PS, Mentone Grammar and Mentone Girls Grammar.

The boys had a number of weeks throughout the term to hone their skills and develop their strategies to perform at their optimum ability. We had a successful campaign throughout the term while we develop our skills. On Lightning Premiership day we were able to perform strongly with great team spirit and claim the District title. Congratulations to all the boys involved in the team and we are all looking forward to Term 4 where we will be competing at the Divisional round.

*Mr Steven Hogan*

**VOLLEY STARS**
Our Lightning Premiership Day for 2016 saw our Volley stars players shine! Our teams battled the heat as well as their opponents and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and team spirit. I noticed effective communication and support for team members throughout the matches played on the day.

Both our girls’ team and mixed team experienced some wins as well as some loses for the day. Most of our matches were exceptionally close; however the mixed team played an excellent match against Cheltenham East and also came back from being down to win the match against Mentone Grammar with great flair and style!

Our girls’ team consisted of our Year 5 girls and they also played their best with standout serving and rallies against Cheltenham East and Kingston/Le Page.

Overall a great day, well done team!

*Mrs Tanya Wells*

**HOTSHOTS TENNIS**
The Hot Shot tennis team had a brilliant day out at the Lightening Premiership. The team rose to the occasion, hitting some thrilling volleys and some incredible forehands down the line. The boys’ played multiple rounds of singles and doubles matches, and approached the end of the day high in anticipation, with a feeling we may have made it through to the next round. We waited in suspense for all schools to finish their last match… but unfortunately we were pipped at the post!
I was incredibly proud of the team, they showed excellent sportsmanship and did a wonderful job representing Cheltenham P.S. They should be very proud of the kindness and care they showed to other players and the teamwork amongst the boys was exceptional. Well done Hot Shot players!!

Ms Ellen Hollowood

TEE BALL
Both teams arrived very eager and excited for the big day. The weather was kind and it was a clear but hot day. The girls’ tee ball team had two excellent wins against Cheltenham East and OLA (who were the overall winners). Unfortunately we had 3 close loses which left us finishing in 4th position. The girl’s team showed great skills and spirit especially with their catching and batting efforts throughout the competition.

The mixed tee ball team work hard on their skills and game play through the day. Their games improved gradually with each match and demonstrated some wonderful hits and took some terrific catches. It was great to see them rewarded with a strong win over Southmoor. Overall they placed in 4th position.

Mr Hayden McLennan