Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

I extend a warm welcome back to everyone. I spent my time on the Sapphire coast of New South Wales pursuing two of my great loves, the search for the perfect cup of coffee and fishing. Some of my favourite childhood memories are of being with my father and brother as they obsessively fished the waterways of whatever country we were living in at the time. Saltwater, freshwater it made no difference. We would leave at sun up and return at sunset and the hours between seemed to fly by. While I never loved the sport of fishing as much as they did, I loved the intensive time with them, the laughter we shared and the sense of peace that can be found on the water. Holidays are about celebrating and spending time with family, so I hope you were able to share some memorable moments with your family over the break.

Over the holiday period a number of grounds and maintenance works have been completed. These include the repainting of the windows and fascia boards to the Prep and Visual Arts classrooms that overlook the synthetic turf; repainting of the rotunda and front wrought iron doors and balustrades to the school; re-staining of the playground “boat” shade structure; repairs to some eaves in the main building; removal of a number of dead trees. The cypress pines against building wall (staff car park) were also removed as they were impeding natural light to the School Hall and the security lighting to the car park. Replanting in this area with more suitable foliage is scheduled for our first working bee of Term 2, Saturday, 7th May.
We have another a busy and engaging term ahead of us at Cheltenham. Some forthcoming highlights include:

- Bike Education program for students in Years 5 and 6, 19th April to 22nd April, and for students in Year 4 from 26th April to 29th April. Thank you to the families that have offered their assistance to this program.

- Bay Swim, Marine ambassadors. Our Marine ambassadors will be participating in the annual Bay Swim with the dolphins and seals, Wednesday, 20th April. They will also be involved in a peer teaching day with ambassadors from other school settings here at Cheltenham, Wednesday, 25th May. This will be facilitated by our Science Specialist, Andrea Kinsey. It is a wonderful educational experience and leadership opportunity for our young leaders.

- Junior School Concert, Mentone Girls’ Grammar, Tuesday, 3rd May. All children in Prep to Year 2 are currently engaged in rehearsals for this very special event. Information regarding ticket sales will be sent out next week.

- PTFA Mother’s Day Stall will be held, Thursday, 5th May.

- National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy. Students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in this national testing program from 10th May to 12th May.

- Semester 1 student reports. Student reports for Semester 1 will be sent home prior to the end of this term with formal parent teacher interviews to follow.

- State Education Week, 16th May to 20th May. We will be holding our traditional Open Morning for our school community on Tuesday, 17th May 9.15am to 11.00am. This will give all our families an opportunity to come and visit classrooms and view our exciting range of programs at Cheltenham. Also during this week we will be holding an Information Evening for Prep 2017 families, Thursday, 19th May at 7.00pm. If you have a child that will be commencing school with us in Prep 2017, please call the office on 8585 3200 to confirm your attendance. More information to follow.

I am very much looking forward to the term ahead and wish everyone a happy and productive time.

‘The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope.’

John Buchan

Kind regards

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

**APRIL:**
- **Tuesday, 19th** PTFA Meeting 2.00pm
- 19th -22nd School Council 7.30pm
- **19th -22nd** Years 5&6 Bike Education
- **Monday, 25th** Anzac Public Holiday
- **26th -29th** Year 4 Bike Education

**MAY:**
- **Tuesday, 3rd** Junior Concert 7pm
- 3rd – 6th House Cross Country
- **Thursday, 5th** Mother’s Day Stall
- **Saturday, 7th** Working Bee 9am-12noon
- **10th – 12th** Years 3 & 5 Naplan
- **Tuesday, 10th** PTFA Meeting 7pm
- **16th-20th** Education Week
- **Tuesday, 17th** Open Morning 9.15-11am
- **Wednesday, 18th** District Cross Country
- **Thursday, 19th** 2017 Prep Info Evening
- **Tuesday, 24th** School Council 7.30pm

**JUNE:**
- **Monday, 13th** Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- **Tuesday, 14th** Student Free Day
- **Wednesday, 15th** PTFA – AGM – tbc
- **Tuesday, 21st** School Council 7.30pm

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**SIBLING ENROLMENT FOR 2017**

Does your child have a younger sibling eligible to start Cheltenham Primary School in 2017? Please come and collect an Enrolment Form from the front office. It is essential for forward planning that we ascertain this data as soon as possible.

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**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!

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We hope everyone had a relaxing time over the school holiday break.

The close off date for PRC registration will be **Friday, 29th April**, so that still gives everyone a couple of weeks to get them in. A copy of the registration form is included in this newsletter. Remember that the PRC doesn’t finish until September, so your child/ren have plenty of time to get through their reading challenge.

Happy reading!

Nalini Bradford & Miranda Brett

**PRC Coordinators**

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**PUPIL FREE DAYS 2016**

**Tuesday, 14th June**
Friday, 16th September
Monday, 31st October

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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 booklist 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):

__________________________________________________________________________

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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Thursday 5th May

Mothers' Day Stall

This year we have a wonderful range of gifts available for your children to spoil Mum, Nanna, Grandma or other special person. Gifts are great value and all proceeds support our school.

Brands include Donna Hay, Crabtree and Evelyn, Puma, Adriano Zumbo and many more.

All gifts are $10 and are pre-ordered. Children can buy multiple items, just indicate how many items are needed in the slip below.

Orders and payment are due by Thursday 21st April

Mother's Day Stall

Student Name: ___________________________ Class: _________

Number of gifts ordered ___________ Total Amount: $________

Enclosed Cash/Cheque $_________________ or Credit Card Facility as below (min $10)
(Cheques made out to Cheltenham Primary School)

Card Number: ___________________________ Expiry Date: ______ / ______
Cardholders Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________
Telephone Contact: ___________________________ Total Amount: $_________________
It’s a life-changing course designed and delivered by men for every father who wants to see his family firing on all cylinders.

Who said children don’t come with an instruction manual?

**Next Course**
August 03rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

**Venue:** City of Kingston Council Mentone Office Mentone Room 34 Burdett Street Mentone

**Time:** Four Wednesday evenings 7.00pm – 9.00pm

**Registration Essential**
Registrations close on Wednesday 27th July

**Enquiries:**
Admin 1300 368 466
Email: youth.services@kingston.vic.gov.au

**Next Course Starts August 03rd 2016**

**Get the Facts on Fatherhood**
- Why Dads Matter to Children
- Developing a Healthy Parenting Style
- Improving Family Communication and Closeness
- Steering Your Children Through Stressful Stages
- Disciplining Children Without Losing It... or Them!
- Balancing Life, Work and Family
- Working as a Team (Partners Night)
- Identifying and Implementing Change (Graduation)

**Places Limited to 30 Dads**
- Entertaining multimedia presentation and interaction
- Practical insights and strategies
- Relevant for Dads of babies to high schoolers
- Dads attend without children, Partners attend Week 7
- Comprehensive practical manual included
- Highly visual – good for all levels of literacy. No exams!
- Relevant for guys just wanting a refuel, tune-up, right through to men in desperate need of a complete rebuild!

**What Men are Saying:**
- “It was great to get together just with blokes. The guys up front are down to earth. I’m now on track to creating a better future for my kids.”
- “I’d be the last bloke to do a parenting course ‘cause I didn’t like the idea of someone telling me how to parent. But I soon discovered Pit Stop is different... I look forward to it every week!”
- “The bond I have with my wife and son since I started Pit Stop has been amazing... She is telling all her friends about it!”
- “What a great course! ...many simple tools ... I would strongly recommend it to every dad.”

Blokes do this. Our kids are worth it.