Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

It has been another engaging term at Cheltenham Primary School, for our children and staff. Some of this term’s highlights include:

- Implementation of Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics projects in Years 1-6 as part of our new STEAM framework. Our senior school students have been designing and constructing a bridge to replace the Westgate. This project has involved all the STEAM subject disciplines. I am looking forward to assessing how well they met the brief with Andrea Kinsey and Bronwyn Moline this Friday.
- Robotics incursion for all children P-6. It was amazing to see how rapidly our children, our ‘digital natives’, were able to apply their new learning.
- Education week – open morning. Some beautiful instrumental ‘pop-up’ performances. Our student leaders had a strong presence during this day and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.
- The Junior School Concert ‘The Trip of a Lifetime’. This was a great success. The junior school team (under the musical direction of Helen Griffiths) worked very hard to ensure that all children felt comfortable and that their performance was valued.
- Marine ambassadors peer teaching day.
- Lightning Premiership day for senior students. This provided an opportunity for children to have exposure to different sports and interact with students from other schools.
- Our Sunset, Our World exhibition of children’s artworks. Carol Kozlowski and I were thrilled to learn that in addition to the Cityscapes that were accepted for this exhibition, five of the children’s mannequins and three mosaics were also accepted. We are honoured that 12 of our children’s artworks have been included when most schools have only three or four pieces represented. This is a testament to the excellence of our Visual Arts program here at Cheltenham.

Our teachers have been involved in learning new skills. This term they participated in professional learning in Robotics as part of our new STEAM framework. They have been deeply involved in auditing our curriculum against the new Victorian Curriculum; completing an audit P-6 of English (Speaking and Listening, Writing); P-6 audit of Science; P-6 audit of our two year Unit Planner and an audit of specialist programs. Next term we will continue with our Specialist audit; English (Reading); Mathematics (all strands); P-6 audit of Technology and revising all our planning documentation.

Other areas of focus for staff professional learning have included: Occupational Health and Safety; tracking student performance data (SPA); Mathematics; Student reporting; Mindfulness; Coding; Physical education; Digital technology.

The PTFA have organised a schedule of events this term in support of the school, including the Mother’s Day Stall, Movie Ticket fundraiser, Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall. Our thanks and appreciation!
Next term we welcome back Brett Page, who has been on long service leave for the last term. Our thanks to Kim Ng who has served as Brett’s replacement. Kim’s professional, caring and warm approach ensured a very smooth transition for the children in 1/2C. I am delighted to report that Kim will continue at Cheltenham next term in Prep C while Doris Holley also enjoys some well-deserved leave. Arthur Chronopoulos a long standing and well respected member of our Cheltenham Primary School teaching staff will be returning from a short term transfer to Moorabbin Primary School next term. We are looking forward to the new learnings and perspective Arthur will have after this experience.

After a rejuvenating term on long service leave, Lottie Maroney, our Business Manager has made the decision to retire at the end of this term. Lottie’s contribution to Cheltenham’s financial and school operations has been significant over her nine years in this role. On behalf of our school community, we thank her most sincerely for her commitment to Cheltenham over this period and wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

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 contributions, made by all. I thank our hardworking support staff, in the school office, in the library, in the kitchen classroom, in the garden in the canteen and in classrooms with students that are essential to our continued effectiveness.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable break!

Regards

Bronwyn

Bronwyn Morgan
Principal (Acting)
IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

JUNE
23rd & 24th NO CANTEEN
Friday, 24th End of Term 2 – Dismissal at 2.30pm

JULY
Monday, 11th First Day Term 3
Tuesday, 12th PTFA Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday, 26th Cyber Safety Parent Evening 7pm

AUGUST
Wednesday, 3rd Years 3-6 House Athletics
Saturday, 6th Working Bee 9am-12noon
Tuesday, 16th School Council 7.30pm
Tuesday, 23rd Family Maths Evening
Wednesday, 31st Senior School Concert

SEPTEMBER
Thursday, 1st Senior School Concert
Friday, 2nd PTFA – School Disco TBC
5th – 7th Years 3 & 4 Camp
Sunday, 11th Working Bee 9am-12noon
Tuesday, 13th School Council 7.30pm
Thursday, 15th End of Term 3
Friday, 16th Student Free Day

YOU CAN DO IT
Organisation is the You Can Do It foundation for this term. Being organised means knowing your timetable, having everything you need ready and using time efficiently. It means remembering your musical instrument on the day of your lesson and runners for sport. Being prepared and organised means you can do a good job. It means setting a goal which can help you be successful. These students have won YCDI awards this week!

Grade  Winner
PA       Zoe C
PB       Finn F
PC       Sahl D
1/2A     Vedika M
1/2B     Diesel R
1/2C     Whole Class
1/2D     Will W
1/2E     Madeline E
3/4A     Russell A
3/4B     Max H
3/4C     Eve D
3/4D     Tristan F
05A      Kate T
05B      Taj C
05C      Christopher T
06A      Toby B
06B      Benjamin F
Kitchen Classroom  Bianca C (3/4C)

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2016
Friday, 16th September
Monday, 31st October

2016 TERM DATES
Term 2: 11/4/16 to 24/6/16
Term 3: 11/7/16 to 16/9/16
Term 4: 3/10/16 to 20/12/16

IMPORTANT CANTEEN NEWS
The Canteen will be closed on
Thursday, 23rd and
Friday 24th June
(last week of Term 2)

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You can do it!
STAR OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Gracie G (5C) Star of the Month for June. Certificate presented by Mr Peter Cutting.

Congratulations to Evie T (1/2C), Brodie B (1/2D), Ella L (3/4A), Lily P (3/4D), Ben W (PA) and Nicolas P (PB) for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Keep up the great reading!

Nalini Bradford & Miranda Brett
PRC Coordinators

GUNDAM ENGINEERING IN 1/2B

As a special class project 1/2B have been busy engineering and constructing Gundam model kits! We had lots of fun learning how to put them together, making sure that we carefully followed the instructions and handled all the small pieces with precision. After lots of hard work and persistence everyone had assembled their model.

Our next task was to paint our models. The whole class was really creative and individualised their models, especially with the glitter and fluorescent paints. They look fantastic!

Our models will be displayed in the ‘Gundam Builders World Cup’ at the ‘SMASH! Sydney Manga and Anime Show’ in August. The makers of the kits, Bandai, loved seeing a photo of our finished model kits!

Well done 1/2B!
WINTER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

On Friday, 1st June grade six and a selected group of grade 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.

Softball
The Year 5 and 6 students showed great sportsmanship and persistence as they represented Cheltenham Primary School in the Mixed and Girls Softball teams at the Winter Lightning Premiership day. Both teams competed well throughout the day and learned a lot about softball. It was such a joy to watch the students show such willingness to get involved in the different positions, from pitcher to backstop and they all provided positive encouragement and feedback for their peers.

Throughout the day the teams competed in a number of matches, many coming down to the last pitch of the game. There was some terrific strategies developed and there was improvement in each match.

Well done to all who competed on the day, you set a great example of how hard work and persistence pays off!

Soccer
The mixed soccer team was very keen and eager when they arrived for the big day! We were full of excitement and knew that the aim of the day was to have fun! Considering it was the first day of winter the weather was perfect! The team had an excellent 3-1 win against Southmoor, a tough drawn match against Stella Maris and two very close loses to Kingston Heath and Cheltenham East. Overall the team finished in 3rd position which was a terrific achievement! All students displayed a great team spirit and were very encouraging especially when we scored some amazing goals! Well done to all players!

Mr. Hayden McLennan
**AFL**
The Football team played three competitive games against Mentone Grammar, Stella Maris and O.L.A. It was a beautiful day which resulted in some great ball movement and quality games. Each contest was quite close and we were fortunate enough to run away with victory in two of our games with strong last quarter finishes. Unfortunately, the boys were quite tired in Game 3 and we just fell short of moving through to Division. The boys should be proud of their efforts throughout the day.

*Mr. Steve Hogan*

**Netball**
Cheltenham Primary's girls and mixed netball team had a fantastic day at the Lightning Premiership. The competition was fierce and they played to a high standard. The girl’s team had a tough first match against Mentone Grammar but not once did they stop trying. In the games to follow, they found their feet and played some excellent netball with some exciting wins. The mixed team demonstrated just how far they've come during the term with their netball skills and worked together beautifully, also playing against some tough competition and coming away with some great wins. Overall, I was extremely proud to work with such a wonderful group of students, who worked excellently together on and off the court, supported and encouraged one another and showed wonderful sportsmanship. Well done netballers, you represented Cheltenham Primary beautifully.

*Ms. Ellen Hollowood*
On Wednesday, 15th June the girls’ soccer team travelled to Mentone Grammar Playing Fields, Keysborough to compete in the Girls’ Soccer District Gala Day. With the sun shining the girls were pumped and keen to get stuck into the competition. Our first game we came up against Mentone Girls Grammar. It was a very tight and tough contest with both teams playing well. It wasn’t until the last few minutes that the team was able to squeeze the ball past the goal keeper and into the goals. This gave us a 1-0 lead and we were able to hold on in the last few minutes. With an excellent win to start the tournament the girls were confident going into game 2 against Heatherton. Another tight defensive contest saw us score a goal late to give the team another close win. The 3rd game against Southmoor was much the same. The team showed great resilience and persistence to score a late goal and win the 3rd match 1-0. Our final two matches against OLA and Kingston Heath we were able to play more free following soccer after an increase in confidence from the earlier defensive wins. The girls moved the ball terrifically well, sharing it among all players. This created more goal scoring opportunities which helped us notch two more wins against both OLA (2-0) and Kingston Heath (4-0). After putting in all the hard work, it was a great reward for the team to finish 1st in the District and progress through to the Division round to be held in Term 3. Thanks to Mr. Marco for providing his soccer coaching and knowledge during training sessions for the students. A big thank you to our parent helper who assisted and supported the team on the day!

Well done to all students on your efforts and sportsmanship. Good luck to the team in the next round!

Mr Hayden McLennan
Physical Education Teacher & Sports Coordinator
On Tuesday, 7th June the girls’ football team travelled to Cheltenham East Primary School to compete in the Girls’ Football District Competition against Mentone Girls Grammar, Cheltenham East and Mentone Grammar. It was a typical football day being cold and rainy which turned the field quite muddy. This certainly did not deter any of the girls as they all dived into our first match with terrific intensity. We lead for the majority of our first game against Cheltenham East until a long goal was scored late by a CE player. The team took a lot of experience away for what was the first official game of football for the majority of the team. The team put in a fantastic effort against Mentone Grammar in game two. It was a hotly contested game with the girls winning many hard ball gets and applying countless tackles to their opponents. Unfortunately we went down by only a few points.

With two very close loses in our first two games the team was pumped to finish off the tournament with a win against Mentone Girls Grammar. The girls worked tirelessly in the mud and rain which by this stage was pouring down. They continued to move the ball forward where we were able to score the winning goal with only a few minutes left. We managed to hold on and the team was able to enjoy a well-earned and hard fought win! A big thank you to all of our parent helpers who assisted on the day and supported the team through the drizzly conditions!

The whole team persisted in the difficult conditions and all students should be credited on how well they performed. We finished in 3rd position which was a magnificent effort from all involved. Well done girls!

Mr Hayden McLennan
Physical Education Teacher & Sports Coordinator
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Cheltenham Primary is hosting an information session

Tuesday 26th July at 7pm

We had a great response from parents who attended in 2015 and we highly recommend attendance of parents across all year levels

‘Excellent – thank you!!’

‘Please run this again each year, it is very useful!!’

‘Very informative and interesting session, the presenter was great. Glad I attended!’

‘Whilst some of the topics weren’t relevant at this point, it was important to hear about teenagers and potential issues my son may face in a few years’ time.’

Notice of interest in attending ThinkUKnow Information Evening

Number of adults attending ______________________

Eldest child’s name ___________________________ Grade _________
A very big THANK YOU goes out to the whole school community for supporting the annual Scholastic Book Fair this year. We had an outstanding turnout as many of you bravely negotiated the cramped conditions and the long waits in the library to purchase reading and activity materials for our dear children. Not only does furnishing reading material to your child help to develop a love of literature and increase inherent intelligence your purchases have accumulated a whopping $1700.00 of Scholastic Rewards to buy quality literature for our school. The teachers will be able to make selections for the students to read based on the topics to support curriculum. I will be adding additional leisure reading materials based on suggestions made by students.

A special thank you goes out to Judy Davies, Miranda Brett and Nalini Bradford who helped out to make the Book Fair a huge. As well as to all the teachers and other school staff who assist in a myriad of ways to make our fundraising successful.

Please do read the excerpt below from Scholastic Australian Kids and Family Reading Report. The full report can be found here http://www.scholastic.com.au/readingreport

*Be awesome! Be a book nut!”* –Dr. Seuss

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**Library News – Ms Isobel Rose (Library Tech)**

*For each age group shown, frequent readers are more likely than infrequent readers to:*

- Have parents who are frequent readers
- Strongly believe reading books for fun is important
- Have teachers who give opportunities to talk with classmates about books read for fun
- Use a school book fair or book club catalogue to find books
- Have the opportunity to read independently during the school day
- Want books that “teach me something new”

**Kids Aged 12–17**

- Have parents who read them books aloud 5–7 days a week
- Say they love reading books for fun or like it a lot
- Have been told their reading level

**Kids Aged 6–17**

- Read mostly out of school
- Have parents who encourage reading books for fun in specific ways
- Have been read aloud to before age one
- Frequently use their reading level to pick out books
- Want books that “have characters that look like me”

**Kids Aged 6–11**

- These kids read an average of 25.8 BOOKS per year vs. 4 by infrequent readers
- These kids read an average of 45.6 BOOKS per year vs. 17 by infrequent readers

To determine what predicts kids’ reading frequency, more than 130 measures were included in a regression analysis.
Pupil Free Day

We ran this service for the first time on the school's pupil free day. The children enjoyed a full and busy day with Hama Beads in the morning along with making damper to be ready to eat in the afternoon. We enjoyed some musical games to warm up and played downball outside. In the afternoon, they were very busy at the craft table making book marks and becoming budding artists with scratch art. The children voted and chose to play Dodge Ball outside and enjoyed eating their damper with jam. Later in the afternoon, they relaxed inside and played with construction along with the popular Barbies. They also used their imagination for role play games while using the dress-ups.

As we look forward to the next Pupil Free Day at the end of Term 3 and we hope that it will be just as fun as the last with many exciting activities. Our thanks to all the families that joined us on the pupil free day.

Sarah and the team

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