Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

**Song for Snowy Weather**

The more it Snows - tiddley-pom
The more it Goes - tiddley-pom
The more it Goes - tiddley-pom on Snowing.
And Nobody Knows-tiddley-pom,
How cold my Toes - tiddley-pom Are Growing.

_Winnie the Pooh_

What a chilly start to the term! Winter has definitely come to Melbourne and, while it may not be snowing, it is certainly cold enough for you to feel how cold your toes “are growing”! In conditions such as these it is most important that children come dressed in sufficient layers for warmth and protection from the elements.

As a caring school, we have protocols in place for inclement weather. During lunch and recess breaks if it is raining the children come inside under the supervision of their classroom teacher in line with our ‘wet day’ procedures. When it is too hot outside for their health and safety, they come inside to their air-conditioned learning environments, as per our ‘hot day’ (‘sweat day’) procedures. Today the children came inside for half of lunch because of the icy conditions outside so it looks like we need to add ‘cold’ days to the mix!

Bronwyn Moline and I have enjoyed reconnecting with the children over the past few days; hearing about the highlights of their holidays and their goals and aspirations for this term. Many were excited about their forthcoming Units of Investigation or spoke about being keen to become more skilled in Mathematics and English. All of our specialist programs: Science, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Physical Education, LOTE, Library, Kitchen classroom and garden were mentioned frequently by the children which is a credit to our specialist teaching team. In terms of forthcoming school events the children are eager for:

- Coach Approach for Prep to Year 2 (Friday, July 15)
- House Athletics Carnival, Years 3 to 6 (Wednesday, August 3)
- Melbourne Aquarium excursion, Prep (Tuesday, August 16)
- Marine ambassador day, Elsternwick Primary School (Wednesday August 24)
- Senior Production, Years 3 to 6 (Wednesday, August 31-September 1)
- Year 3/4 Camp (Monday, September 5-September 7)
We were delighted to hear that many children and their families had used movie vouchers from last term’s PTFA fundraiser to view a range of films over the break: Ice Age 2, Finding Dory, and the BFG. The PTFA will be giving all our families another opportunity to purchase tickets at a reduced rate in Term 4, for the end of year break. Keep watching the newsletter for updates about this!

Please stay warm and keep healthy!

Regards

Bronwyn

Bronwyn Morgan
Principal (Acting)
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**ENVIRONMENT NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who contributed $2 coins to our Bandicoot drive last term. Here is our Bandicoot! He has also written a little letter to us which is attached at the end of this newsletter.

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**2016 TERM DATES**

- **Term 3:** 11/7/16 to 16/9/16
- **Term 4:** 3/10/16 to 20/12/16

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**PUPIL FREE DAYS 2016**

- **Friday, 16th September**
- **Monday, 31st October**

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Welcome back to a new term. It seems like lots of kids were reading over the break. Congratulations to Satya B (3/4D) for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Everyone still has plenty of time to finish their challenge – it closes early September.

Nalini Bradford & Miranda Brett
PRC Coordinators

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**Pharmacy First**

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**Certificate of Appreciation**

Cheltenham Primary School

Has taken up the Common Cents Challenge and are fighting extinction for the:

Eastern Barred Bandicoots

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Thank you again.
Miss Holly Smith
On behalf of the Environment Team
ThinkUKnow is an Internet safety program delivering interactive training to parents, through schools across Australia using a network of accredited trainers.

**IT COVERS SUCH TOPICS AS**

- **HOW YOUNG PEOPLE USE TECHNOLOGY**
- **HOW TO HELP THEM OVERCOME CHALLENGES ONLINE**
- **HOW TO REPORT IF THINGS GO WRONG**


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.’

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**Notice of interest in attending ThinkUKnow Information Evening**

Number of adults attending _______________________

Eldest child’s name ____________________________ Grade _________
1/2D Book Review

My many coloured days by Dr Seuss

You’d be surprised how many ways I can change on different coloured days.

Excerpt: ‘On Bright Red days how good it feels to be a horse and kick up my heels.’
‘Grey day...Everything is grey. I watch but nothing moves today.’

Reviews:

‘I liked the use of the colours to show different days’ - Alexander
‘I liked all of the different feelings that were shown in the book’ - Shania
‘I would give this book 5/5’ - Scarlett
‘I liked how bright the colours were’ - Charlie
‘I liked all the different animals in the book’ - Ella
Thank you for
Adopting the Eastern
Barred Bandicoot!

Conservation Status:
Endangered
Location:
Melbourne Zoo, Werribee Open Range
Zoo & Healesville Sanctuary
Class, Order, Family:
Mammalia, Peramelemorphia,
Peramelidae
Species Name:
Perameles gunnii
Found in:
Grasslands Victoria

Snuffle, snort!
from the Eastern Barred Bandicoots
and thank you for adopting us!

From the Eastern Barred Bandicoot:
We are a very unique marsupial with the second shortest
mammal pregnancy on record, being only 12.5 days; when
we are born we are only the size of a human fingernail.
When we are fully grown, we weigh an average of 800g.
As our name suggests, we have distinctive 'bars' across
our rump.
We were once widespread across Victoria, stretching from
Melbourne to the South Australian border, but sadly our
population severely declined throughout the 1800s. The
biggest threat to our survival is the clearing of our grassland
habitat and predation from feral animals such as foxes.
We were thought to have become extinct in mainland
Australia, but a family of my mates miraculously appeared
underneath a rusted old car at a rubbish tip near Hamilton.
Zoos Victoria have started a captive breeding program
and will eventually re-introduce our species back into
semi-wild areas.
Currently, we are listed as Endangered as there are only
three, small re-introduced populations of Eastern Barred
Bandicoots remaining.

Luckily, our good friends at Zoos Victoria have
been involved in the recovery program since
1991 and by adopting me, you are helping to
save us too!

From the Keepers:
Zoos Victoria has played a crucial role in saving the Eastern
Barred Bandicoot. In fact, they wouldn't exist on mainland
Australia if it wasn't for Zoos Victoria. Captive breeding,
re-introduction, predator control and maintenance of
re-introduced wild populations have become vital to the
recovery process to save this species.
Our bandicoots love crickets and worms and only come out
at night.
Your adoption helps Zoos Victoria continue to develop
and expand all aspects of the recovery program as well as
increase awareness and rally community support for the
species.