Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

Bill Gates said that ‘We all need people that give us feedback. That’s how we improve.’ Last week Margaret shared some feedback she received from a member of our community with you, Jayne Sheehan, about the Year 4 excursion to the European Language Festival.

This week I would like to share some feedback about the attendees at last Saturday’s working bee from one of our teachers, Brett Page.

Working Bee - What a Wonderful World – What a Wonderful School!

The last working bee I worked on really opened my eyes about what is good in the world.

We read the newspapers, watch the news and are constantly bombarded with negativity. BUT, it took last Saturday for me to ponder over Louis Armstrong’s illustrious words of What a Wonderful World. The lyrics are simple but his observations in the song are great.

At last Saturday’s working bee, I observed the incredibly positive nature of the parents who attended – to make the school a better place, and their band of children who were beautifully behaved. I was impressed by the way that the parents completed the tasks thoroughly and then conscientiously asked for the next job. It occurs regularly at our working bees but I noticed it especially this day. Maybe it was the beautiful weather. In all the different groups that I have been involved with over the years, where people DO things, I enjoy the positive atmosphere – it makes me feel good.

Thanks to Daniel Harrington, Rob McIntosh and Andrew Maydom who helped co-ordinate the morning as well as the band of volunteer parents that attended. Thanks to the Rotary Club who provide morning tea each time.

For those that haven’t been before, I invite you to attend a working bee in the future. They occur each month. We get a lot of tasks done; it is a lovely way to meet other great parents – especially for new parents in Prep, Year 1 and 2. By coming, you help reduce the annual maintenance/up-keep bill but more importantly, you help create a wonderful school and a wonderful world!

On that positive note, I wish you all a lovely long weekend and remind you that next Monday, 2nd November is a Pupil Free Day and Tuesday, 3rd November a Public holiday.

Kind regards

Bronwyn

Bronwyn Morgan

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Important dates for your diary:

**OCTOBER**
- Thursday, 29\(^{th}\) P-6 ThinkUknow Parent Information night 7.30pm

**NOVEMBER**
- November 2\(^{nd}\) Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday, 3\(^{rd}\)
  - 4\(^{th}\) - 13\(^{th}\) Melbourne Cup Holiday
  - 12\(^{th}\) P-4 Swimming Program
- Thursday, 12\(^{th}\)
  - 2016 Prep Parent Information Evening
- Friday, 13\(^{th}\)
  - 2016 Prep Transition (1)
- Tuesday, 17\(^{th}\)
  - School Council 7.30pm
- Friday, 20\(^{th}\)
  - 24\(^{th}\) - 27\(^{th}\) Years 5&6 Beach Program
- Friday, 27\(^{th}\)
  - 2016 Prep Transition (3)

**DECEMBER**
- Tuesday, 1\(^{st}\)
  - School Council 7.30pm
- Wednesday, 2\(^{nd}\)
  - Parent Helpers Morning Tea
- 4\(^{th}\) - 5\(^{th}\)
  - Arts Expo
- Sunday, 6\(^{th}\)
  - Working Bee
- Tuesday, 8\(^{th}\)
  - 2016 Prep Transition (4)

**DIVISION ATHLETICS REPORT**

On Wednesday, 7\(^{th}\) October we had nineteen students compete in the Division Athletics competition.

Representing the school and the Cheltenham District was Star W for the 11 year old girls discus, Lily H for the 11 girls shot put, Declan M for the 12 boys discus, Darcy R for the 9/10 boys high jump, Matthew B for the 9/10 boys discus, Adriano M for the 9/10 boys shot put, Alex W for the 11 boys shot put, Eden A for the 9/10 girls long and triple jump, Lulu H for the 11 girls long jump, Poppy L for the 11 girls triple jump, Connor V 12 boys triple jump and Max D for the 11 boys high jump.

For the track events was Evie K for the 9/10 girls 800m, Sophie C for the 12 girls 100m and 800m, Abbi V for the 11 girls 200m, Will J for the 11 boys 200m and Lachie B for the 12 boys 100m and 200m.

Well done to all our students on their exemplary behaviour and performance on the day as getting to Division shows outstanding skills. Thank you to all the parents who supported the children through training, driving, supervising and cheering.

Congratulations to Lulu H for winning the 11 year old girls long jump and qualifying for the Regional Athletics competition on Thursday, 15\(^{th}\) October.

Mr Hayden McLennan
Physical Education Teacher

**PTFA – LADIES DAY OUT UPDATE**

This week is your last chance to purchase tickets to the Ladies’ Day Out/Oakes Day on Thursday, 5th November. Tickets need to be paid in full and in cash to the office by this Friday, 30th October, ($50.00). The numbers are still low, so if this remains we will be opening the event up to friends of those who have purchased a ticket, (2 friend’s maximum per person). Tickets for friends will also need to be paid in full and with cash to the office stating the friend’s names.
2015 DIVISION BASKETBALL

Last Friday, 16th October our boys’ basketball team made up of Year 6 students participated in the Division Basketball Round at Sandringham King Club. To make it to this stage the team had come first at the District Competition. The team played against Aspendale Primary School for a spot in the Regional Round. The game started with high intensity with both sides moving the ball quickly up and down the court. It was Cheltenham Primary who established a 5 point lead early in the first half through some great shooting from Liam B (12 points) and Spencer D (10 points). We held firm for the rest of the first half but it was Aspendale who went into halftime leading by 4 points. After half time we had some costly turnovers and struggled to make some ‘easy’ shots, this allowed Aspendale to take control of the game and we found ourselves down by 9 points with 6 minutes remaining. To the boys credit they fought extremely hard to get back into the game with great defensive efforts from Campbell M, Klaas M (6 points) and Dylan N to force turnovers to allow Jasper and Connor V to make effective passes to Luke B (6 Points) and Peter C (6 points). The boys managed to level the score with 2 minutes remaining but unfortunately it wasn’t to be as Aspendale made some clutch shots to win the match by 5 points with the final score being Aspendale Primary 48 to Cheltenham Primary 43.

It was a terrific effort from all the players who gave their all and a big thank you to the parents who supported the team and assisted with scoring. A special thank you to Miss Alana Gadsby who helped coach and support the team, her valuable knowledge and experience of basketball was very beneficial for all the players. This was the first time Cheltenham Primary had a basketball team progress to the Divisional Round so well done to all the boys for this extraordinary effort.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS REPORT

Last Thursday, 15th of October, Lulu H in 5B competed in the 11 year old girls’ long jump at the Regional Athletics Competition. To get to this level Lulu placed first in the District and Division competitions demonstrating outstanding athletic abilities. Lulu placed third out of fourteen competitors and jumped a personal best of 4.33 metres which is a fantastic achievement! Well done on your outstanding efforts Lulu and we look forward to reporting on future events.

Mr Hayden McLennan

Physical Education Teacher
**PREP AQUARIUM EXCURSION:**

On Monday, 19th October the preps went to the Melbourne Aquarium. We had to be at school very early. We caught the train into Flinders St Station. We had to walk a very long way through Southbank to the Aquarium.

We met our Aquarium teachers and explored many sea and freshwater habitats. We observed the animals and though about their needs - shelter, water, food, how they get oxygen to breathe and how they protect themselves.

A very special thank you to our parent helpers!

“**My Favourite part was the crocodile because I like its sharp teeth.**”  **Sean**

“My favourite parts were the tanks with the sharks and the tanks with the clownfish, the shark was scary and the clownfish was covered in snot!”  **Ella**

“My favourite part was seeing the ray shark. The front looks like a stingray and the tail looks like a shark.”  **Jayden**

| We looked at the creatures in the rock pool. | Madeleine was practising saying hello to the penguins. ‘Blink, blink and bow.’ |

Prep A, Prep B and Prep C.
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Students from Cheltenham Primary School that elected to participate in the ICAS achieved outstanding results this year. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Credit and Distinction. They will be presented with their Certificates at this week’s school assembly.

ICAS English 2015

Year 6
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Emily W

Year 4
Credit
Zoe C
Ethan G
Sebastian J
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Cheltenham Primary PTFA

Ladies Day Out

At the Garden of Good and Evil
15 Station Rd, Cheltenham

Thursday 5th November 2015 11:00am — 3:15pm

$50 per head
(cash payment only to front office in an envelope with your name clearly printed please)

This includes: 2 glasses of champagne, finger food, mystery trifecta bet, fashions on the field prizes and a little something for the ladies!

Theme: ‘A touch of Spring Carnival
Comes as you like but it's always nice to lash out and get a bit fancy!

A great day out for just 'the ladies'

A bookie will be available on the day to place bets on the races so please bring small change.

Tickets will be limited to 60 people so first in best dressed. Tickets must be paid in full at time of purchasing to secure a spot!

Name: ___________________ Eldest Child's Class: ___________________

Number of tickets: _______________ Total: ___________________

Please specify if Gluten Free or Vegetarian Dietary Option Required: ___________________
Cheltenham Primary School

Cheltenham Primary is proud to announce its

160th Year birthday

To commemorate this occasion, an Arts Expo will be held on Friday 4th December and Saturday 5th December, to mark our school’s 160 years of educational excellence.

We ask that you please reserve these dates in your diaries.

Features of this event will be the showcasing and purchasing of student art works, fun activities for children, musical entertainment, craft stalls, craft activities, food, wine and good cheer!