Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

It has been widely reported that this year’s spring hay fever season is predicted to be one of the worst in years due to the wet weather we have had. The winter rains have caused increased grass growth, meaning more pollen in the coming months. As someone who developed hay fever as an adult in just such a “perfect storm” of conditions and was miserable until I realised my “head cold” wasn’t going away - please be on the lookout for allergy symptoms which can include: nasal congestion, itchy and watery eyes, sneezing, stuffy or runny nose, scratchy or sore throat, throat clearing, cough from postnasal drip. These can vary in intensity depending on an individual’s sensitivity. We are fortunate at Cheltenham that Pharmacy First our community partner is just a cross the road, with its team of pharmacists headed by Kellie, always on hand for advice and support. Carol Kozlowski has designed another extraordinary window display of our children’s artworks in Years 1 and 2 to highlight allergy season for members of our extended Cheltenham community.

In other news, I am delighted to announce that QKR (pronounced ‘quicker’) by MasterCard is coming to Cheltenham. The QKR app is a secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone anytime, anywhere any place. QKR will allow you to pay for school fees, excursions, order online for Canteen and much more. It can be downloaded onto android phones, iPhones and iPads. There is no on cost to the user; the school will absorb the charges of this service, as per our EFTPOS facility. A quicker ‘Set up Guide’ is included in this week’s edition of The Orchid. Our first QKR experience will be the pre-order/payment for our 2017 Year 6 rugby tops. Following on from this, we will be holding another QKR food theme day (Tuesday, 29th November) with all ordering and payments completed via the app (there will be no cash orders). In preparation for this very exciting service can I please request that everyone download the app to their phone or iPad.

Trivia Night
Our Rock Trivia Night last Saturday at the Sandringham Football Club was a wonderful night of fun, laughter and community spirit enjoyed by everyone present. Over a hundred and thirty members of our community (staff, parents, friends and extended family members) attended.
Congratulations to Kath Shield, our President of PTFA, and the members of the PTFA committee whose passion and enthusiasm helped to make the evening such a resounding success. We are still finalising payments and will announce how much was raised towards our new school master plan in the coming weeks. However, as I mentioned at school assembly on Monday, although raising money for the school is important, the real value of events such as this is the opportunity to come together as a community for a common shared experience. I had no idea we had so many “rock stars” in our community and thoroughly enjoyed the diversity of everyone’s karaoke performances with The Gap. I am sure that Simon B.’s version of the Proclaimers ‘500 miles’, complete with Scots accent and the legendary moves (like Jagger) of some of our parents will soon become part of Cheltenham community folklore. There has been so much positive feedback about the evening that we can’t wait to organise another social event next year!

Our thanks and appreciation to all our very generous sponsors. The prizes were fantastic with the mystery fridge and balloons proving highly popular. Thank you also to Wendy and Jezz our Business Managers who in addition to sharing their trivia expertise (?), kindly collected all monies on the evening.

In conclusion, thank you to all those who came to support our school, spend some money and ‘let your hair down’ amongst friends. I thank you sincerely for your generous support because without you, it would not have been as successful or such a delight! On a personal note, I was deeply touched by the flowers that were presented to me by PTFA in honour of my first school event as Principal; they are sitting in pride of place in my office so that I can enjoy them every day.

‘You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,  
Love like you'll never be hurt,  
Sing like there's nobody listening,  
And live like it's heaven on earth.’

William W Purkey

Kind regards

Bronwyn

Bronwyn Morgan
Principal
**YOU CAN DO IT**

This term our foundation is Resilience. Being resilient means keeping positive and not thinking badly of yourself if you make a mistake. It means trying not to worry and believing in yourself. It means thinking you are more likely to succeed than fail. When you are resilient you are able to calm down quickly when you are upset, angry or worried. If you are resilient you can bounce back and get on with your work or play no matter what has happened. **These students have won YCDI awards this week!**

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YCDI – STAR OF THE MONTH

Lulu H 6A and Eden A 6B were presented their certificates by Mr Peter Cutting from Rotary Club for the months of September and October.

FAMILY FUNDED PROGRAM AT APPLE
Cheltenham Primary School is now part of the Apple Family Funded program. To support the use of technology in the classroom, the program offers competitive pricing for our school community on iPad, Mac, AppleCare and selected accessories.

Members of the CPS community can purchase items through the Cheltenham Primary Apple Online Store (you will find the link on our ‘BYOD iPad Program’ page on the school website – http://cheltenhamps.vic.edu.au/byod-3/why-byod/), at your local Apple Store or call 13 3622. Simply let the Apple Specialist know that you are looking to make a purchase a part of the CPS Family Funded program.

Ms Ellen Hollowood
Year 6 Teacher & ICT Coordinator

WORKING BEE
Nine enthusiastic volunteer helpers and two equally keen students (Amelia H & Ruby C) attended our working bee last Saturday, 22nd October. All toiled unflinchingly to complete as many items on our schedule of works as possible.

Along with Mr Harrington and Andrew Maydom, we were able to complete most of the list including a bit more blowing/collecting of leaves around the school and giving the Music room a real cleaning overhaul.

Ray, our on call gardener, turned up and working like a navy, tending the front of the school then going around the back to help whipper-snipping down the back (we blew the leaves away in the library area).

Despite the inclement weather, it was a great day! A lot was achieved. Our thanks and appreciated to everyone who attended.

Mr Brett Page
Year 1/2 Teacher
Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:
- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

**Step 1** Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

[Available on Google Play] [Available on the App Store]

**Step 2** Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register.

**Step 3** Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km’s of the school, or search for our school by name.

**Step 4** Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.
Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select 'Add student profile'

Add each child's details

Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

Purchase school items

Select a menu from our school

Select child you are ordering for

Select your items

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.
Cheltenham Primary School
Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

Nomination for Committee Position 2016/2017

The Committee of the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) of Cheltenham Primary School assumes office for a period of 12 months.

A Committee member's term of office commences at the AGM in November of the current school year until the AGM in November of the following school year. The outgoing Committee members will participate in a handover with the newly-elected Committee members.

Elections will be held at the PTFA AGM on Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 7:30pm for the following Committee positions:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary
5. Newsletter Officer
6. Publicity Officer
7. General Committee Positions (between 1 and 3 positions)

If you would like to stand for election for one of these positions, please indicate your interest below and return this form to the school office no later than Wednesday 2nd November 2016. If you have not yet paid your annual PTFA membership subscription, please enclose $1 with your nomination form as only paid members of the PTFA are entitled to vote or to hold a Committee position.

I would like to stand for election for the PTFA Committee position of

_________________________ (please complete from list of positions above).

☐ I am a financial member of the PTFA and have paid my annual subscription of $1.

☐ I am NOT a financial member of the PTFA but enclose my annual subscription of $1.

☐ I understand that I must attend the PTFA AGM on November 8th 2016 to participate in the election process.

Signed: ____________________________

Name (please print clearly): ________________________________

Contact phone number: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Eldest child and grade: ________________________________
Positions and Responsibilities

1. **President**
   - Chairs meetings
   - Co-ordinates volunteers for events and functions
   - Liaises with school office and school principal
   - Presents at Prep Information Night and other events where required
   - AGM Preparation (with the Secretary)

2. **Vice President**
   - Supports the President where needed (including chairing of meetings in President’s absence)
   - Assists in co-ordinating volunteers for events and functions
   - Liaises with Class Reps

3. **Treasurer**
   - Prepares and monitors event budgets
   - Liaises with School Office to pay invoices
   - Records profits/losses
   **NB.** Banking and record-keeping are managed by the school office

4. **Secretary**
   - Records and distributes minutes
   - Compiles, updates and distributes contact lists
   - AGM preparation (with President)
   - Prepares agendas for monthly meetings
   - Monitors and manages incoming PTFA mail
   - Maintains membership database.

5. **Newsletter Officer**
   - Writes newsletter updates
   - Forwards updates to school office weekly
   - Contacts class reps to enrol their support for publicising events

6. **Publicity Officer**
   - Produces flyers
   - Produces banners
   - Informs Newsletter Officer of anything that needs to be publicised

7. **General Committee**
   - Helps with events and ideas. Supports other committee members where required – first port of call for event/fundraiser coordinators

**Co-ordinators are needed for each event/fundraiser.** (Job sheets are available to assist with planning events repeated each year)

All members are welcome at meetings, but you do not have to attend meetings in order to be a member.
International Competitions and Assessment 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 were presented with their Certificates at this week’s school assembly.

ICAS English 2016

Year 3
- Distinction
  - Sienna D
  - Rachel S
  - Alannah W
  - Chloe W
- Credit
  - Livia B
  - Jemima S-G
  - Kirsten S-M

Year 4
- Credit
  - Evie A
  - Ricky C
  - Reilly C
  - Fox M
  - Arabelle J
  - Poppy P
  - Charlie S
  - Charlotte V-P
  - Zoe W

Year 5
- Distinction
  - Jennifer B
  - Ethan G
  - Sebastian J
  - Arya K
  - Tay V-H
- Credit
  - Catherina V-S

Year 6
- High Distinction
  - Keziah S-G
- Credit
  - Leon C
  - Leyla H
  - Tash L
ICAS Maths 2016

Year 3
Credit
Sienna D
Jayden G
Max H
Jonty R
Jemima S-G
Rachel S
Alana W
Chloe W

Year 4
Distinction
Ricky C
Credit
Reilly C
Fox M
Felix M
Taarini S

Year 5
Distinction
Ethan G
Sienna S
Credit
Ned B
Blake D
Clay J
Sebastian J
Lewis K
Cataherina V-S
Margot W

Year 6
Credit
Leon C
Anish C
Marco C
Lulu H
Aulani M