Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had an enjoyable Melbourne Cup Holiday.

2017 Parent Payment Contributions
Each year the Department of Education & Training (DET) provides funds to schools through a student-based funding model (paid in quarterly grants), for the provision of a standard curriculum program, grounds and building maintenance, cleaning and some funding towards the cost of utilities such as electricity, gas and water. This represents the majority of our program costs, with the balance of our annual expenditure sourced through parent payments for essential educational items, optional extras and voluntary financial contributions.

School Council appreciates the high level of support you provide to our school through your parent payment contributions. This support is vital in enabling us to achieve our goal of providing a primary education of the very highest quality, and to achieve the goals and priorities of the school’s new School Strategic Plan 2016-2019. A key goal is the implementation of our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) framework which has been introduced across all year levels this year.

For 2017 School Council has approved a request to families for Essential Education Items/Excursion and Activities Levy, Optional Extras and Voluntary Contributions as outlined in the School Council Parent Payment Policy and Implementation document and Schedule of Charges which will be forwarded to all families this week.

Whilst the payment amount for Essential Education Items remains unchanged from 2016, the process has changed.

A payment is now required (either in full or part $150) by Friday, 9th December. It is important to note that should your payment not be received by the scheduled date, the school will be unable to have your child’s stationery pack ready for the start of the year. It will be assumed that you have elected to purchase the required items independently. 2017 book lists for each year level may be collected from the school office.

In addition to the specified Schedule of Charges, School Council is also requesting your support in paying the voluntary contribution to maintain our grounds and facilities. Considerable maintenance is required each year to preserve our 160 year old heritage listed building and in the upkeep of our unique 7 hectare school grounds.

This year our planned, scheduled maintenance included repainting of heritage building exterior, repainting of damp affected classrooms, connecting the water supply to the Science classroom. We also needed to fund a number of significant repairs and maintenance works including:

- repairs to the fence adjoining the cemetery ($23,670)
- a tree audit and the removal of unsafe trees ($12,000)
- repairs to leaks in the slate roof
Our school sanctuary to the rear of the school has also become increasingly overgrown in the last 8 to 10 years and a significant sum of money will need to be spent towards restoring it. Providing a voluntary contribution to the Grounds Maintenance Levy in 2017, will help us to maintain our school for the safety and security of all.

Performance at Mentone RSL
Last Friday Tom and James our resident “musos” performed brilliantly at the Mentone RSL, playing to a very decent crowd. As you can see they even had their band picture and name, ‘Strum’, printed on the back of their t-shirts. Congratulations boys, we are very proud of you both.

As well as being great musicians, Tom and James are also great supporters of charity. This year they have managed the school wide ANZAC and Legacy Appeals with great success. This week they will be selling a range of poppies and wrist bands in preparation for Remembrance Day 11th November. Poppies are available in various denominations from $1 to $5. The money raised is used by the RSL to assist both current and former serving members of the Australian and Allied defence forces and their dependants when in need. I encourage all in our community to purchase a poppy and ‘Remember in November’.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields

John McCrae 1915

Kind regards

Bronwyn

Bronwyn Morgan
Principal
**IMPORTANT DIARY DATES**

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

YABBA Award winners… and we are winners too due to our VOTING efforts!

As you know all the students from Prep to Year 4 this year participated in the YABBA awards. Recently the students finalised their workbooks for judging the YABBA awards and submitted their final votes. We have been selected from all schools who participated for a special voting award. The prize is a large box of new books from the YABBA team. Well done everybody for your combined efforts. The letter from the YABBA team can be found at the end of this newsletter.

The final winners in the YABBA awards are:
- Pig the Fibber – Aaron Blabey (Picture Book)
- The Bad Guys – Aaron Blabey (Junior Fiction)
- The Sixty Five Story Treehouse – Andy Griffiths (Fiction for older readers)
- Soon – Morris Gleitzman (Adolescent Fiction)

Isobel Rose
Library Technician

**PUPIL FREE DAYS 2016**

*Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October*

**2017 TERM DATES**

Term 1: 1/02/17 to 31/3/17
Term 2: 18/4/17 to 30/6/17
Term 3: 17/7/17 to 22/9/17
Term 4: 9/10/17 to 22/12/17
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

**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.
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**

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## 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
28 October 2016

Cheltenham Primary School
Rose Isobel
231 Charman Road
Cheltenham VIC 3192

Voting Prize Winner

Dear Rose

We certainly notice the huge effort with student votes from your school this year. Congratulations on such a great job in getting students to actually vote.

Your efforts has resulted in you winning this box of books from the YABBA Council and our sponsors.

We truly look forward to your continued support for many years to come.

Kind regards

[Signature]

David Linke
YABBA President