Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

As the year draws to a close I would just like to share that over the last few weeks I have observed many parents still carrying school bags in for their children, hanging them on their pegs, putting hats on heads, taking homework out of school bags, and so forth.

As parents you are your child’s first teacher and best placed to help them as they transition from dependence to independence. To become independent, we must be given independence. Small things like saying a simple “goodbye” at the front steps is one way of laying a good foundation for later life. Encouraging independence in this small way sends the message that you trust your child to find their own way to their bag area and prepare themselves for the school day. Please remember that our children are expected to do this and more throughout the course of the school day when you are not there and manage to do so, beautifully.

Michael Grose, Parenting Educator, describes the ages of 5 through to 10 as “Opportunity years: a time for parents to build on the independence skills that were initiated in early childhood so that children see themselves as being capable.” By building independence we are building our children’s self-esteem, an essential component in a happy life. Please consider this request for now and moving forward to 2015.

Church Service

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, Cheltenham Primary School continues to be a very busy educational institution. I am looking forward to some very special events that take place. Our church service this Thursday 4 December (9.30-10.00am at St. Matthew’s Church) is a time every student comes together to sing and share the importance of giving, sharing and caring.

Music Soirees

Our music Soirees are the culmination of many hours of music lessons and practice. They are a wonderful way to showcase the ever growing number of students from Years 3-6 that choose to take up the opportunity to play a musical instrument. This year we have 132 students that participate in this program. Mrs Griffiths has placed information in the Orchid and given information individually to Year 3 students wishing to join our amazing instrumental program.

Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 Graduands are also preparing for their special day and evening next Monday, 8th December. A shared luncheon with their families will take place on our synthi-grass during the day. In the evening the Graduation ceremony will be held in the Sandringham Secondary School hall, where our students will present, sing and be addressed by distinguished guests. 16 students will also be presented with various Awards for excellence.

Teachers have now finalised their end of year student reports. I am looking forward to having the pleasure of reading these and acknowledging the academic progress made by the children over the year.

Kind regards

Margaret McIntosh
Principal
PARENT PAYMENTS – A message from our School Council President; Mr Geoff Geist

This week Parent Payment invoices will be sent home with students. Please look out for these in your child’s school bag on Wednesday 3rd December. School Council has approved the payment schedule for 2015. I am happy to inform parents that monies asked for have only increased by the Education CPI of 5.2%. Voluntary Contributions remain the same as 2014. Through prudent management Cheltenham Primary School is able to continue with its wide range of programs and initiatives for our children in 2015.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE

Our Annual Christmas Church Service will take place On Thursday, 4th December at 9.15am at St. Matthews Church (corner of Nepean Highway and Park Road).

We warmly welcome parents who wish to join us. Our whole school will be singing the Carols for the service and the Preps will have a featured item.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM:

At our second Prep Transition Program for new Preps in 2015, the Parents, Teacher & Friends Association [PTFA], conducted a second-hand uniform sale. In excess of $1000 was raised; an excellent effort. This week we will be vigilant in checking that children are in correct school uniform and after a reminder, if children are not in uniform, an infringement notice will be sent home for parents to acknowledge. With high quality second hand articles of school uniform available for just a few dollars, there is no need for any student to be out of school uniform.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to Miranda Brett and Tania Small for helping me make the children’s lunches this Friday, 6th December, 10.30am to 1.30pm.

Jennifer Leason
Canteen Manager

TERM DATES 2015

Term 1 - 29th January to 27th March
Term 2 - 13th April to 26th June
Term 3 - 13th July to 18th September
Term 4 - 5th October to 18th December

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library Resource Centre is currently performing inventory and cleaning for the fast approaching end of the school year. Please assist your children to return all Cheltenham primary School resources on or before Wednesday, 10th of December. There will be no more loans going home as of this week.

Students will visit the library this week and next week for story sessions and to return loaned items. If you need to access reading material for your children and you are member of the Kingston or Bayside Libraries you can go to their respective website and log in using your existing library card. Inside the portal you can either reserve items for collection or immediately access a collection of eBooks. Better still how about putting aside an evening and visiting the library as a family event!

It is not too late to join the Cheltenham Library Summer Reading Club. It begins today and runs throughout summer. This is a marvellous opportunity to keep your children actively reading over the holiday period. You can join online under the children’s activities tab or visit Cheltenham library for details.


I wish to thank Judy Davies for all her work in the library this year. Judy has devoted many hours this last year to helping process the Junior ‘take home’ books as well as managing a very successful Scholastic Book Club. This year Cheltenham Primary School received over $800 of complimentary resources as a result of student purchases throughout 2014.

Also a big thank you to Kathryn Williams who has carefully and devotedly covered hundreds of books for the school throughout 2014. I couldn’t have managed the volume of these books without you!

Isobel Rose
Library Technician
Important dates for your diary:

DECEMBER
Tuesday, 2nd
- PTFA Meeting 7.30pm
- School Council 7.30pm

Wednesday, 3rd
- Piano Soiree

Thursday, 4th
- Church Service 9.15am
- 2015 Prep Transition (3)
- Years 5&6 Cake/Stall Market 3pm-5pm

Friday, 5th
- Year 6 Graduation Luncheon & Ceremony
- 2015 Prep Transition (3)
- Years 5&6 Cake/Stall Market 3pm-5pm

Monday, 8th
- Year 6 Graduation Luncheon & Ceremony

Thursday, 11th
- Instrumental Soiree

Monday, 15th
- Carol’s Evening

Tuesday, 16th
- P-4 Class Parties

Thursday, 18th
- Years 5&6 Class Party

Friday, 19th
- LAST DAY TERM 4 – 1.30PM DISMISSAL

YEAR 5&6 CAKE STALL ‘CHELTENHAM KIDS CARE’

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Year 5&6 Cake Stall this Friday, 5th December. Delicious baked goods will be on sale from 3pm to 5pm at the front of the school. The Year 5&6 students will be hosting this event as part of our ‘Global Concerns’ unit. The central purpose of this unit is to assist the students in understanding the different ways they can make a difference in the world by supporting others. All funds raised will be donated to a rural community in need in a developing country.

The 5&6 Team

THE GIFT OF GIVING

This year Cheltenham Primary School will be participating in ‘The Gift of Giving’ program run by Ray White Real Estate and Rotary Club of Moorabbin. This appeal aims to collect Christmas present donations for those children and families who would otherwise go without this Christmas. From Monday, 1st December a Christmas tree will placed in the School Foyer and we encourage you to bring a present, marked for a girl or boy and suggested age group, to be placed under the tree.

There will also be a colouring competition with many prizes to be won for students to participate in. Both the colouring competition and Christmas gift donations will be collected by Ray White on Monday, 8th December.

Let’s get into the Christmas spirit and help those in need this year!
You Can Do It Awards

Confidence is the You Can Do It foundation for this term. It means knowing that you will be successful and believing in yourself. It means not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new. It means looking and sounding confident. These students have won YCDI awards this week!

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INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS AT
CHELTENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are lucky to operate an extensive Instrumental Tuition Program
at Cheltenham Primary School. A very large number of students currently participate in the program
and this has led to a high standard of musical performance both in solos and ensembles.

- These lessons are delivered by fully qualified music teachers
- Lessons are taken in school time
- Students from Grades 3–6 are eligible to take part
- Students must have access to an instrument in order to take part
- Students must commit to regular home practice

Cost of lessons are as follows:-

Piano & Keyboard
(2 students – half hour lesson), 8 lessons per term, $120

Brass, Woodwind, Percussion
(3 students – half hour lesson), 8 lessons per term & weekly band rehearsal, $112

Expression of interest from students wishing to start lessons on an instrument is now being
sought.

School Band Instruments:
In order to increase accessibility to the opportunity of playing a musical instrument, our
school has purchased several instruments that will be rented to selected students for a 12
month period at the cost of $100. Please note that there are only 12 instruments - 2 flutes, 3
clarinets, 3 trumpets, 4 saxophones and 1 trombone.

We seek expressions of interest from students who may wish to hire one of the above
instruments from the school and take part in the Wind & Brass Program, or the Keyboard
Program for 2015. If you are interested please complete the form below and send this back to
school. If you have any queries please feel free to ring me on - 0423 777 624

Helen Griffiths

WIND & BRASS PROGRAM – 2015

My Child_________________________ Grade_____________________
Has shown interest in participating in the Band Program in 2015

He/she is interested in playing the _______________________________ 1st Preference
_____________________________ 2nd Preference

We are interested in hiring a school instrument - YES/NO

PIANO / KEYBOARD PROGRAM – 2015

My Child_________________________ Grade_____________________
Has shown interest in learning to play the piano /keyboard
Term 4 Dates to Remember:

- Monday 15th December   PTFA Christmas Raffle at the Carols-Flyer attached

Christmas Hamper Donations for PTFA Christmas Raffle:

The PTFA will conduct their annual Christmas Hamper Raffle to coincide with the Christmas Carols evening on Monday 15th December. We are calling out to all families to kindly donate a Christmas item to place into each classes Christmas hamper collection box. This can be anything from a Christmas decoration, chocolates, or anything that could be in a Christmas hamper. This is a great family evening and the kids look forward to seeing who is the lucky class/family who has one the many Christmas hampers up for grabs. Please send your donation along with your child to school. Thanks in advance!

Election Day Sausage Sizzle

The PTFA Election Day Sausage Sizzle was held on Saturday and was again a great hit with the local community. A big Thank you to all the parents and families who volunteered their time to help out. On behalf of the PTFA I would like to thank Sarah Vance who organized and coordinate the entire event from start to finish. Thanks Sarah, greatly appreciated by all the CPS community.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

A huge, huge thank you to Kris DeForest and all other parents that helped out at the second hand uniform shop held on Friday 28th November. It’s a wonderful service that can be provided to parents and a lot of work goes into this. Thanks again Kris!
We also apologise to those parents that came at 3.30pm to purchase items. It was an incorrect time printed in the ‘whats on section’ of the newsletter but was the correct time in the ‘PTFA section’ of the newsletter. If any parent would like to access the second hand uniforms at any time please contact the PTFA via cps.ptfa@gmail.com and we will advise Kris Deforest who can liaise with you to see what is left.

Tin Collection For Mick the School Crossing Attendant

A suggestion has been made to purchase a Christmas gift for Mick (The school Crossing Attendant) who ensures our children are safe crossing the road every day at school. A tin has been placed near the parent sign in book at the front office. Any contribution is kindly appreciated and we will ensure Mick receives a Christmas/thank you gift for all his hard work.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2nd December- 7.30pm
School Hall
All Welcome to Attend!

All PTFA Inquiries please email:
cps.ptfa@gmail.com
Cheltenham Primary PTFA is having a Christmas Raffle.

We are putting together Hampers to be raffled off on Carols Night and would love your donations.

We are looking for decorations, chocolates, wine, food, etc.

Donations to be returned by Wednesday December 10th. Donations can be handed to your child’s class teacher. Wine to be given to the offi
Vacation Care
22 December 2014 - 23 January 2015

Parents can relax these school holidays thanks to Kingston’s Vacation Care program!

Children can enjoy heaps of fun, safe activities including excursions, games, arts and craft plus much much more. 

Enrolments close Friday 5 December so get in quick!

Check out the full program at kingston.vic.gov.au/vacationcare

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Bonbeach Primary School
Dingley Primary School
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All sessions 7.30am - 6pm
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Full days from just $57.00
✓ CCB / CCR applicable

Book today!
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Aspendale
Bonbeach
Dingley
Moorabbin
DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE SIX GOLIATH STICK INSECTS THAT ARE SLOWLY TURNING INTO ADULTS?

These wonderful creatures are looking for a baby sitter over the holidays. Caring for them is easy!

Can you help?

For further details see Mrs. Andrea Kinsey.
Over seven weeks in term 3 the grade fives did a program called ENS (Everybody Needs Somebody). The program was a fun, interactive, team building workshop. It had three different activities that were rotated through each Thursday afternoon.

One was a workshop with a lady named Kerry and Daniella, there was also a teacher who lead circle time and an art class. In the art class we came up with the idea of making letters for the sanctuary fence. We all chose a letter and worked on designing, drawing and painting our letter. When we were finished we had a colourful bunch of letters for our sanctuary fence that spelt “Welcome to Cheltenham Primary’s Sanctuary”. All of the grade fives thought it was great and we really hope you love it when you see it on the back fence.

**By Ella Hamstead.**
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Rugby Gala Day

Many thanks to the team at Melbourne Rebels and Moorabbin Rams Rugby for coming in to teach the Year 5 and 6 students about Walla Rugby, a modified version of Rugby Union. We were fortunate to have a skills session last week and participate in an amazing Gala Day on Friday 28th November.

The umpires were experienced rugby players, including members of the Junior Rebels team and they assisted in having a flowing game and explaining the rules. The students really enjoyed themselves, worked well in their teams, learnt the rules of Walla Rugby and got into the game! It was great to see all the boys and girls engaging in a new sport.

We look forward to further developing our knowledge and skills of rugby and hopefully participating in another Gala Day!

Mrs Andi Carlisle
Physical Education Teacher