Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2015
Each year, the teaching staff begin the task of setting classes for the following year. This is a complex process which involves several factors. Academic achievement is our core business so student achievement is an important consideration that determines complementary student groupings within a range of academic abilities. Student behaviour and personality can affect how well students work and play together. Preferred learning styles must be taken into account. Gender balance and class sizes are also considered.

All students are given the opportunity to state their own friendship choices and are usually placed with at least one child from their list. The process takes several weeks, with current teachers reflecting on the academic and social wellbeing of the whole cohort of students. Group dynamics are deliberated on at length. Draft classes are then reviewed by the school leadership team and finally, teachers matched to classes.

On Tuesday, 9th December, Cheltenham Primary School students will be placed into their 2015 classes and meet their new teacher and classmates.

The class structure for 2015 will comprise:
- Prep: 3 classes
- Year 1/2: 5 classes
- Year 3/4: 4 classes
- Year 5: 2 classes
- Year 6: 3 classes

The teachers have spoken to the students about their new 2015 classes. The students know that they will be with some different students, in another classroom with a new teacher. They are ‘talked through’ the resilience aspect, growing and learning, meeting new challenges, making new friends.

As professionals who care deeply about student wellbeing, I’m sure that you can appreciate the time and effort that our staff have taken complete this process.

CHURCH SERVICE
Last Thursday the entire school walked to St Matthews’ church for our annual Christmas service, led by Father Ron White. Our Preps were dressed in Nativity costume and sang a delightful song: ‘Hush Hear the Angels Sing’ accompanied by Year 6s: Rad, Mabel and Zac. A wonderful message was imparted to the children by Father Ron that promoted goodwill, giving, kindness and sharing and he also gave the children a great Christmas gift idea that costs nothing! “Look out!” you may be a recipient of such a gift! The children also sang Christmas songs and our School Captains, Matthew and Meaghan read to the children about the story of Christmas. It was lovely to see around 80 parents attending our service.
GROUND WORKS
I am thrilled to announce to our school community that ground works will be conducted over the Christmas holiday break, with a view to being completed before the children return to school on 29 January, 2015. Some of the works involve repair to asphalt around the hall and courtyard area and construction of new garden beds. A novel play/seating and shade area in the shape of a boat will be a feature as well as the current volley ball court which will be surfaced with flexi-pave. While some of the works are part of grounds maintenance that forms part of the school’s global budget, the inclusion of the feature boat and volley ball are being made possible due to the generosity of our families who have contributed to the PTFA fundraising events that have taken place over the past couple of years. As the school celebrates its 160th Birthday in 2015, this project will be a magnificent enhancement of our school grounds for this celebration.

Yours sincerely,
Margaret McIntosh
Principal

MONEY$ MONEY$ MONEY$
It’s certainly a busy time of the year here at school, with many, many activities taking place. As there are a significant number of payments and collections passing through the office at the moment, it would greatly assist and be very much appreciated, if families could clearly mark envelopes with the activity for which their payment is being made. If you are a Class Representative, could you please contact the office with the relevant details, if you have organised a collection on behalf of your class.

CPS Admin Team

CANTEEN NEWS
Thank you to Angela Mandarino and Roz Holloway for helping me make the children’s lunches this Friday, 12th December 10.30am – 1.30pm.

CANTEEN SALE – THIS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
ALL PADDLE POPS – ONLY $1.00

Jennifer Leason
Canteen Manager

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY THIS FRIDAY!
The SRC have been busy organising a Casual Clothes Day for this Friday (12th). Please remember to come wearing your casual clothes and with a gold coin donation. All proceeds will be donated to The Daniel Morcombe Foundation, in support of Rock Out in Red. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!

The SRC team

FINAL SCHOOL BANKING
This Tuesday, 9th December will be the final school banking for 2014. A very big thank you to Bec Rumbelow and Kylie White for giving up your time to process all the deposits for the students each week this year.

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
Important dates for your diary:

DECEMBER
Thursday, 11th: Instrumental Soiree
Friday, 12th: SRC Casual Clothes
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

2015
Thursday, 29th: First Day Term 1 2015
Friday, 30th: Prep – Half Day

KITCHEN CLASSROOM NEWS
I wish to thank all my parent and grandparent helpers that gave up their time this year to help me and the children in the Kitchen Classroom.

Please enjoy photos of the junior students with their gingerbread Christmas trees.

BAND SOIREE
Date: Thursday, 11th December
Time: 7.00 p.m.
Cheltenham Primary School – Hall

This concert celebrates the achievements of our Band students. Each student will perform a musical item for your enjoyment and our FABULOUS Band will perform.

Jennifer Leason
Kitchen Classroom Coordinator
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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Cheltenham Primary School warmly invites all families and friends to our annual

CAROLS NIGHT

Monday 15th December
Gates open 5:00 for a 6:30 start

Performances by every Grade
and PTFA Christmas Raffle on the night.

Food Vans available on the night to purchase food and drinks or BYO
Cheltenham Primary PTFA is having a

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
Term 4 Dates to Remember:

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

Christmas Hamper Donations and Raffle Tickets 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!

A reminder that raffle tickets for the PTFA raffle are due back by Friday 12th December. Tickets are $1.00 each or 10 for $10.00!

Food Vans at Christmas Carols Evening Monday December 15th:

There will be food vans available to purchase food and drinks on Monday 15th December at the Carols evening. We will have the following vendors available:
- The Flying Calamari Brothers
- Cornutopia (GF options)
- Soule Kitchen Wood Fired Pizzas (GF options)
- Yoggurdiction

Christmas Hamper helpers:

The PTFA will be collating and wrapping the many hampers that will be raffled off on the Christmas Carols evening on Monday 15th December. We are calling out for any volunteers to help out on Friday the 12th December straight after
school drop off in the school hall. Bakers Delight Cheltenham will kindly donate morning tea for the all our helpers.

**Second Hand Uniforms**

A bin will be placed in the front entrance of the school for grade 6 families, (and any other families) to donate second hand uniforms before the end of the 2014 school year. This will greatly help families for next year to purchase any second hand uniforms in term 1 2015. Thanks in advance!

**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 3rd February 2015 - 1030am*  
*Following Prep Tea and Tissues morning*  
*School Hall*  
*All Welcome to Attend!*

All PTFA Inquiries please email:  
cps.ptfa@gmail.com
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.
TERM 4 CASUAL CLOTHES DAY!

Bring along a gold coin donation
All money raised will go to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation in support of Rock Out in Red

WHEN: Friday 12th of December

Daniel Morcombe Foundation
Keeping kids safe!
Global Concerns Fundraisers

This term the Grade 5/6s are studying ‘Global Concerns’ as their inquiry topic. They have undertaken two notable fundraisers; to raise the awareness of people in need around the world (both locally and internationally) and to offer a ‘helping hand’ to those in need.

On Wednesday 19 November, the students slept overnight in their clothes on the synthi-grass, with only a cardboard box and a blanket or sleeping bag for warmth. They had soup made previously by them in Ms Leason’s ‘soup kitchen’ for dinner along with a simple sandwich. Breakfast consisted of a small bowl of cereal. Students chose to ‘rough it’, so as to get a better idea of what it was like to be homeless and live like that on a regular basis.

Thank you to the Senior School staff, Mr. Hogan and Deb Van Poppel who volunteered to sleep overnight in boxes, as well as to Derek Screen who kindly ferried the remnants of the boxes to the local tip. The students were able to raise $762.60, which will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society (Breakfast Clubs or Collingwood Soup Van).

On Friday 5 December, the students undertook their second fundraiser in the form of a market stall. Many of the students made and donated a variety of cakes and desserts, as well as a generous collection of toys and Christmas gifts. Students also willingly offered their time after school to help run the stalls, make fairy floss and snow cones, sell home-made lemonade and play musical instruments to entertain the crowd. Thank-you Mr. Marco for kindly donating the various herbs on sale. The students were able to raise $1583.25, which will aid overseas communities through Oxfam Unwrapped.

A very big thank-you to all students involved. Your generosity in both your time and donations will help many of those in need. Well done!

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