Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

What a wonderful evening was experienced by those present at our Year 6 Graduation last night. My thanks to our Year 6 teaching team: Andi Carlisle, Daniel Harrington and Steven Hogan for the lovely ceremony they facilitated with support from Helen Griffiths, Performing Arts teacher, and Lottie Maroney, our Business Manager, who coordinates the Awards component of the Graduation ceremony which is a long standing tradition and feature of our school.

It was lovely to see a small spontaneous gathering of family members pausing at our Honour Boards this morning, to locate the places that their children’s names will be added and to feel their sense of pride in their children and also, I believe, the tangible lasting connection each will have to our school.

A list of all our worthy recipients is attached to this week’s newsletter.

Grade Structures and Allocations
Each year, as a staff we 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.

I am pleased to announce the class structures and teaching teams for 2016:

Prep: 3 classes (Mrs Christine Day, Mrs Doris Holley and Miss Jessica Coles)
Year 1/2: 5 classes (Mr Brett Page, Mrs Ilana Arndtheim, Mrs Andi Carlisle, Miss Holly Smith, Ms Alexis Tame)
Year 3/4: 4 classes (Mr Todd Cummins, Mrs Rosemary Godina, Mr David Senior, Miss Felicity Wyatt)
Year 5: 3 classes (Mrs Bronwyn Fitzgerald, Mr Daniel Harrington, Mrs Tanya Wells)
Year 6: 2 classes (Mr Steven Hogan, Miss Ellen Hollowood)

Today, much to their excitement, all children were placed in their 2016 classes and had the opportunity to meet their new teacher and classmates. They also received a letter from their new teacher by way of introduction. Next week, we will be giving the children a further opportunity to come together in their 2016 class groupings to assist their transition.
In conclusion, I look forward to seeing many of you at our next whole school event, Carols Night (Monday, 14th December) which is a wonderful way to come together as a school community to celebrate the end of another school year before the cycle begins once more, next year.

Regards,

Bronwyn

Acting Principal

**CANTEEN CLOSURE**

Last day for Canteen lunch orders and counter sales is this **Friday, 11th December**.

**NO CANTEEN OPERATION** in the last week of this term.
Important dates for your diary:

**DECEMBER**
Friday, 11th  Student Reports
Monday, 14th  Carols Evening 5.00pm
Tuesday, 15th  School Council 7.30pm
**Friday, 18th**  Final Day Term 4 – Dismissal at 1.30pm

**JANUARY 2016**
Thursday, 28th  First Day Years 1-6 only

**FEBRUARY 2016**
Thursday, 4th  Prep – half day
Friday, 5th  Prep – half day
Monday, 8th  Prep – full time

### STAR OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Wynnie K 6C our YCDI winner for December presented by Mr Peter Cutting.

### YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

This term’s focus for You Can Do It is **Persistence**. Persistence means …trying hard and not giving up when something feels like it’s too hard to do. **These students have won YCDI awards in week 9!**

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### 2015 PRC Update

Students who completed the 2015 PRC can view their names on the online honour roll with congratulatory video…… now available on the PRC website.

Congratulations!!!
INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS 2016
Students wishing to take music lessons in Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Saxophone next year should read the attached information sheet and return it to school by Friday, 11th December. Please note that students must be in Grades 3-6 to be eligible.

Helen Griffiths
Performing Arts Teacher
YEAR 6 GRADUATION
WEDNESDAY, 9th DECEMBER

Meeres Medals Bendigo Bank Cheltenham – This award is given to two students who have achieved academic excellence and who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to achieving at the highest level in academic performance. This award carries the title of Dux of the School:

Addie M and Declan M

The Clark Family Award – This award is given to two students who have achieved a consistently high level of academic achievement and demonstrated a positive attitude towards learning. This scholarship is to encourage further study:

Ella H and Klaas M

The Cullen Citizenship Award - This award is given to two students who participated enthusiastically and responsibly in all facets of school life:

Wynnie K and Dylan D

The Carter Family Encouragement Award - This award is given to a student who tries their best at all times and has shown consistent improvement in their school work:

Acacia J

Vawdrey Scholarship - Awarded to a student who has achieved a high level of excellence in mathematics and has the ability to successfully pursue mathematics at a higher level:

Yash S and Spencer D

Cheltenham Rotary YCDI Award – Awarded to the students who has consistently demonstrated the values of the YCDI Program throughout the year and in all facets of school life:

Beth B and Lachlan B

Cheltenham Pharmacy First Value Award - These scholarships are awarded to two students who have consistently demonstrated to the school community sound knowledge and understanding of value education and citizenship:

Summer A and George R

Mitchell Family Performing Arts Award (Instrumental) - Has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Cheltenham primary School Arts Program. This scholarship is provided to encourage further study in the area of performing Arts:

Luke B

Helen Griffiths Performing Arts Award (Performance) - Has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Cheltenham primary School Arts Program. This scholarship is provided to encourage further study in the area of performing Arts:

Alida W
Ray White Real Estate (Cheltenham) Sports Awards - These awards are given to two students who have achieved a high level of success in the school sporting program, participated successfully in a range of sports and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship:

Sophie C and Alec M

Cheltenham Primary School Visual Art Award – This award is given to a student who has consistently demonstrated the ability to experiment with ideas, manipulate art elements and produce art works of an innovative and creative standard:

Imogen F

Cheltenham Primary School Reading Award - This award is given to a student who consistently demonstrated significant interest in literature has sought out opportunities to read and has fully embraced the potential of the written word in many forms. This student has established a keen passion for reading throughout their time at Cheltenham Primary School and has encouraged others to gain an appreciation for literature through obvious enjoyment:

Emily W
What a great night we had at the Cheltenham Primary Art Show. Thank you to our wonderful community who supported this event.
PIANO SOIREE

On Wednesday December 2nd Cheltenham primary had their Piano Soiree. It was a fantastic night and we were proud to showcase some of our very talented students.
The Great Paper Plane Challenge

Last week on the 3rd and 4th of December, 5B joined 1/2C to collaborate on a fun and exciting learning experience, were we worked on our teamwork skills and persistence.

Over the two days we learnt about what makes things fly and how they fly. We watched the movie Paper Planes and decided to hold our own paper plane competition. The movie was very educational and showed how the main character never gave up on his journey to become the junior paper plane world champion. Each Year 5 student was paired up with a 1/2C student to work together on the project.

The first thing we did together was brainstorm what flies and what makes them fly, on an iPad app called Inspiration. We then drew a diagram of what our paper plane would look like and labelled its special features. After visualising what potential ideas we came up with, it was time to start making our planes.

A couple of the things we did while making our planes was some trial and error throws, which tested our persistence and resilience. We measured how far they flew and recorded our results. When our planes were tested and a large majority of them didn’t work well, we bounced back and solved the problem with the help of our buddy. We both taught each other new things and we all worked together really well as a team. After testing our planes and making our final competition paper plane, we wrote a procedural text creatively, using different iPad apps, on how to make our unique planes.

After two days of hard work and learning with our buddy, we held our competition in front of the canteen area. Even though some planes didn’t go as far as planned, we all had fun and learned a lot along the way. We taught our buddies some new things and they taught us lots as well. Both of us can say it was an amazing two days and good practise for when we get prep buddies of our own next year.

By Leyla H & Lulu H 5B
Cheltenham Primary School warmly invites all families and friends to our annual

**CAROLS NIGHT**
Monday 14th December

Gates open 5:00 for a 6:30 start

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

Some Food vans available on the night to purchase food and drinks or BYO
DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE SPINY LEAF STICK INSECTS AT CPS?
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 Kinsey.
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 lead 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, 4 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/piano Program for 2016. If you are interested please complete the form below and send this back to school. If you have any queries please leave your number at the office and I will return your call.

Helen Griffiths

WIND & BRASS PROGRAM – 2016
My Child ___________________________ Grade __________________
Has shown interest in participating in the Band Program in 2016

He/she is interested in playing the ___________________________ 1st Preference

_______________________________ 2nd Preference

WE ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR A RENTED INSTRUMENT YES/NO

KEYBOARD/PIANO PROGRAM – 2016
My Child ___________________________ Grade __________________
Has shown interest in learning to play

Keyboard □