Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Cheltenham Primary School

What a beautiful start to what I like to call, the opening of the ‘Season of Gratitude and Giving’, as our whole school walked to St Matthews’ church for our annual Christmas service. Father Ron White imparted a strong message of hope by promoting the spirit of giving, kindness and compassion within a global community. He spoke about the work of the World Wild Life Fund and also, the education for girls and clean water - all issues of global concern that very much resonated with our children, who have raised much needed funds for charities focused on these issues during the course of the year. As a school the children sang the selected Christmas Carols so sweetly. The contribution of our Preps as a ‘living nativity’ is always a highlight as were this year’s readings by our School Captains, Will and Ruby. It is touching that so many parents, friends and family are able to attend this shared moment that marks both an ending and a beginning - our Year 6s final service as they prepare to leave us for secondary school and our Preps first service, as they complete their first year at Cheltenham. My thanks and acknowledgement to Helen Griffiths, Bronwyn Moline and all staff for collective input to, what is for me, one of the highlights in our school calendar.

Sunday week (December 11th) some of our instrumental students will be performing at the Rotary under cover market in Cheltenham from 11.00am to 12.00pm. Please come along and support our young performers. I look forward to seeing you there.

State Library Visit
Yesterday I had the opportunity to attend a visit to the State Library of Victoria with 25 of our most able young readers in Years 3 and 4 who recently completed all requirements for the YABBA (Young Australian Best Book) Awards. The YABBA Awards encourage young readers to recommend recent Australian published books, read all the recommendations from their peers, rate them against all others and then finally reward that book they feel is best. It required persistence, commitment and organisation to complete all elements so it was wonderful that Isobel Rose was able to recognise this with a special excursion to this most special and historic of public libraries. The children participated in a collaborative workshop where they traversed all areas of the library and working collaboratively with iPads they had to record images from the library to create an eBook in response to the provocation ‘The Living Library’. Isobel and I were ‘blown away’ by their collaborative learning skills and the depth and maturity of their responses. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to our parent helpers on the day, Nalini Bradford and Miranda Brett. As a like-minded group of passionate readers, we had a wonderful day together. If you have not yet visited the State Library as a family
please consider doing so, architecturally it is one of Melbourne’s most beautiful buildings with some much for the whole family to engage in!

In conclusion today I attended Year 6 Graduation rehearsal, which also promises to be another memorable occasion (December 12th). This year’s song is particularly poignant so just a ‘heads up’ to our Year 6 families to make sure that you come prepared with some tissues for those ‘happy tears’ as we celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2016.

Kind Regards

Bronwyn

Bronwyn Morgan
Principal

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHICKEN ROSTER

We are looking for several families (one week per family) who would be available to look after the school chickens over the holiday period (21/12/16-31/1/17) and be rewarded with fresh eggs daily. Please email the school with your name, contact details and available dates to cheltenham.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. Mr Marco will be available prior to the end of term for any instructions on the care of the chickens.
THE ‘EMPTY CHRISTMAS TREE’: DONATION OF GIFTS FOR DIXON HOUSE HELPING ALL CHILDREN ENJOY CHRISTMAS!

This year Cheltenham Primary School will be making our annual visit to St Matthew’s Anglican Church to celebrate the Festive Season with a non-denominational service. Father Ron White leads this celebration, attended by students, teachers and the school community.

Each year St Matthew’s Church has an ‘empty Christmas’ tree as a reminder to all families of others in need. Cheltenham Primary School families are invited to donate a new toy, book or game to be left under our Christmas tree in the foyer. These gifts are to be left **unwrapped**.

Please bring gifts in **by the Friday, 9th December**, so that they can make someone happy for Christmas!

Christine Day
P-2 Coordinator

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**2017 TERM DATES**

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**2017 PARENT PAYMENT CHARGES**

A reminder to families who have decided to take up Option B & C, the first payment is due **no later than Friday, 9th December**. This first payment will trigger your child’s stationery pack to be ordered.

Stationery packs will **only be ordered** for families who have paid either in full or by Option B or C. **Last day to for stationery pack order is Friday, 9th December**. After this date, parents will need to make alternative arrangements for supply of stationery.

Thank you

CPS Admin Team
YOU CAN DO IT

This term our YCDI key is Getting Along. Getting Along means treating others the way you would like to be treated. It means respecting others and their belongings. It means working well with your classmates, solving problems with friends without getting angry and following the rules of your classroom. These students have won YCDI awards this week!

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QKR UPDATE & TIPS

A “HUGE” thank you to the families who have signed up to QKR and are enjoying the benefits of easy payment, no looking for coins on special lunch day and so on.

To make things a bit easier a couple of things will assist when making QKR payments.

Firstly, please ensure that your child has their correct class group attached to ‘their’ name. It will help when printing off labels for special lunch orders as it prints not only their name, but class as well. (This will also need to be updated on your app with your child’s 2017 class when school starts next year).

Secondly, we have had an amazing response from families paying their 2017 school fees on QKR. Just remember to select your child’s correct year level from top of the QKR screen when you have selected ‘payments’ eg; Foundation 2017 (prep), Year 2 2017, Year 6 2017 etc.
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REGISTRATIONS OPEN
1ST NOVEMBER 2016

registrations@cjfc.com.au
www.cjfc.com.au
Tuesday January 31, 2017

Cheltenham Primary PTFA has organised a session at Xtreme Air for CPS students on the day before the school year starts.

Pre order online, just select the school and session on the Xtreme Air website and pay $16.50. Alternatively it is $19.50 if you turn up on the day. Session runs for 2 hours from 1:00pm-3:00pm

($5 per ticket goes back to the school)

Students are grouped so that they are jumping with others of a similar age and size.

Fully supervised.

No external food or beverages except water