WELCOME 2016
Welcome to all our students and their families for 2016. We would also like to extend a special welcome to the new families that have joined us at Churchill Primary this year and, of course, the new preps, who have settled in very well. In addition, a big thank you to all our students for their respectful and positive attitudes to the start of the new school year. We look forward to a very exciting time with fantastic learning and events planned throughout the year.

The school staff have worked tirelessly these past few weeks to ensure our classrooms were in top condition ready for a smooth and trouble free beginning to this year for all students. This is a credit to them all and their dedication to teaching and learning and I want to thank them for their efforts.

This year brings to us a wonderful opportunity with new staff right across the school to collaborate together, with students at the centre of all that we do.

Churchill Primary Schools Motto is:

RESPECTFUL POSITIVE LEARNERS

At our school everyone’s encouraged to be respectful, positive members of a learning community. Students are encouraged and taught to solve problems and make decisions that benefit themselves and others. Everyone is held accountable to high standards both academically and in attitude.

This is our purpose and what we stand for at Churchill Primary School. We want all of our school community to understand what this means and we’ll continue towards this understanding in our strategic plan this year.

ASSMEBLY
Our school assemblies are held on Monday mornings from 8:50am in the HUB. Family members are always welcome and encouraged to attend assembly as it is a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students and school community. In the coming weeks our students will select their School Council Representatives and these positions will be announced at our assemblies. Last year our school captains were selected and this week our House Captains were also chosen. These students are:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS - Lily Booth, Hayley Caldwell & Liesel Kuhne
RED HOUSE CAPTAINS - Brianna Griffiths & Blake Billing
GREEN HOUSE CAPTAINS - Charliize Hayes & Owen Towers
YELLOW HOUSE CAPTAINS - Claire Pendlebury & Ryder Lesiw
BLUE HOUSE CAPTAINS - Marli James & Georgia Bruce

From the Principal

BOOK CLUB DUE BACK:
Friday 12th February
(sorry no late orders accepted)
STAFFING
In 2016 our staff team includes:

- Prep: Mrs Gail Harding (Leadership)
- Gr 1/2: Mrs Halie McColl & Mrs Brooke Duncan
- Gr 1/2: Miss Kate Nightingale
- Gr 3/4: Mr Tim Fitch
- Gr 3/4: Miss Kelly Blucher
- Gr 5/6: Mrs Sharon Reidy (Leadership)
- Gr 5/6: Mr Leigh Churchill
- Intern Teacher: Ms Ebony Corbett
- Engagement/Wellbeing: Mrs Jacquie Burrows (Leadership)
- Literacy Support: Mrs Michelle Foster
- Specialists: PE - Mrs Hollie Burke, ARTS - Mrs Hollie Burke, ICT - Mrs Carly Hawthorne
- LOTE: Mrs Cathy
- Education Support: Mrs Sue Hunter, Mrs Lorraine Butler, Mrs Wendy Smart, Mrs Vicki Duffus, Mrs Allana Berechree, Ms Ebony Corbett, Mrs Linda Lowrie, Mrs Sharon Molkentin-Taylor, Ms Andi Van Aalst & Ms Lisa Kimpton.
- Volunteer Program: Mr Joseph Haider
- Chaplain: Mr Matt Stear
- Primary Welfare: Mrs Jo Whitelaw
- Administration: Mrs Jacki Comber
- Business Manager: Mrs Katrina Palmer
- Principal: Mrs Susan Gilmore

School-Wide - Positive Behaviour Support / Calmer Classrooms (SWPBS)
Last week, before students started school, all CPS staff were hard at work with professional learning days. We consolidated our knowledge around the use of PBS within the student management processes we adopt at CPS. These frameworks will continue to be discussed at all levels of our school with the students and be a topic for discussion and learning at upcoming School Council meetings. We also spent time looking at AusVELS (the Australian Curriculum) for teacher planning and assessment resources and how we will continue to monitor, review and evaluate this to support all our students.

What is SWPBS?
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support for Engagement and Learning provides educational leaders with a school improvement framework for enhancing the learning environment of the school and is focused on creating and maintaining a culture based on positive regard and engagement. The framework requires the establishment of school wide expectations that are developed in collaboration, explicit taught and reinforced with all community members. SWPBS focusses on data and inquiry to drive continuous improvement in the school's behaviour management processes and policies.

What does this mean for Churchill Primary School?
Firstly we are keeping our focus on the framework of PBS but aligning the name of our team with our school motto - so we now have RPL teams - Respectful Positive Learning Teams. It also continues to mean that at CPS we do not focus on a system of rules but instead on expected behaviours. Our expected behaviours matrix is developed with students FOR students. It focuses on the school values - Respectful Positive Learners in all areas of the school and the broader community. In 2015 the students and staff developed a teacher matrix.

Together with our Positive Behaviour practices we continue to use Restorative Practices. Generally the process adopts the following questioning techniques for the students:

When things go wrong:
- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you need to do to make things right?

When someone has been hurt:
- What did you think when you realised what had happened?
- What impact had this incident had on you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?
SCHOOL COUNCIL 2016
All government schools in Victoria have School Councils. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to assist and help set the key directions of a school. In the performance of their role, School Councils are able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Within guidelines provided by the Department of Education & Training (DET), a School Council plays a role in developing and ratifying:

- the school strategic plan which sets out the main goals and priorities of the school for four years;
- the school's budget which shares out the available resources to make sure that the aims of the strategic plan are carried out;
- the general educational policies of the school;
- the physical appearance and maintenance of the school's buildings and grounds;
- the student code of conduct which provides a safe and orderly environment for learning;
- an annual report on the school's achievements.

School Elections are held at the beginning of every year between 1st February and 31st March. A Notice of Election and call for nominations will be sent home in the next few weeks. Please keep an eye out for these forms. We have a few vacancies on the committee and I invite interested parents to seek nomination for election as a parent member of Council or consider being co-opted as a community member. Join our team of dedicated parents and teachers to support continuous school improvement and excellence in student learning at Churchill Primary School.

The first School Council Meeting for 2016 will be held on Thursday 4th March at 7pm in the staffroom. All interested parents are invited to come along to this meeting to see what it is all about and have your say in how the school operates to be the best it can be for our students.

A FEW REMINDERS
We have a couple of reminders for students and families at the start of the year. We ask for your support in helping us in these areas.

- **Hats/Uniform:** During Terms 1 and 4 all students are required to wear a school approved hat. Broad brimmed hats and Bucket hats are available for purchase from the school uniform shop. All students will require a hat by next Monday 10th February. The importance of wearing the CPS uniform will be a major focus for our students and staff this year. More information will follow on this in the coming weeks. Please know that your continued support in this area of your children wearing correct uniform is very much appreciated.

- **Student Books:** thank you to all those families who have been up and collected books and paid fees for 2016. If you are yet to do so, please drop into the office to organise this at your earliest convenience.

- **End of the School Day:** The end of the school day is by far the most dangerous time for students and families when leaving the school grounds. At this time of the day we have over 160 students exiting the school and we need your help to ensure the safety of each and every student. Please encourage your children to use the crossings available in Coleman Parade, Howard Avenue and McDonald Way. This includes modelling the correct use of crossings ourselves. If you are driving, please ensure you adhere to speed limits and park in a sensible and safe manner around the school. In anticipation of your assistance in this area, thank you.

This year is shaping up to be a wonderfully exciting year at Churchill Primary School. We have some exciting plans for the year and look forward to sharing these with you over the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to drop in and see us anytime, or ring for an appointment.

Thank you for a wonderful start to the school year and we look forward to your ongoing support to continue to make us the best school!

Susan Gilmore

Student Banking will once again be available every Thursday and students’ bank books, along with deposits, should be handed in at the office. Our school receives a commission from the Commonwealth Bank for deposits made by students through student banking.

Bank books need to be at the office no later than 9:00 am on Thursdays. If books are received later than this time, they will be kept in the safe and held over for the following week. If there are any new families who would like to open ‘Dollarmite’ accounts for their children, information is available from the office by request.
Primary Welfare - Jo Whitelaw

It’s wonderful to be back and also great to meet all our wonderful new students and families.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know a bit about my role in the school. There are several programs I deliver across the grades, including ‘Circle Time’ which is designed to allow students to share and learn information about each other in a supportive setting, introducing concepts of emotional literacy and supporting our values.

‘Catching on Early’ is the sexuality education program which I will also be delivering. This program extends to all grade levels with age appropriate topics.

Another is ‘Protective Behaviours’ which is to promote awareness and safety on a personal level for all students and includes a focus on cyber safety for the upper grades.

I also run the Breakfast program and coordinate the attendance incentives program as well as being available to support families and counsel students in need. If you have any concerns for the wellbeing of your child and would like to discuss this please make an appointment to see me.

Breakfast Program

Breaky Club is now in its 13th year and is only possible with the help of some wonderful volunteers assisting with the program. It will be operating from next Monday 8th February.

As always, all students are welcome to attend at no cost and all that we ask is for their families to occasionally look out for items on special to donate. We have a small amount of financial support which covers the cost of bread and milk but we rely on your generosity for the following: Milo, Vegemite, Jam, Nutri-Grain, Sultana Bran, Corn Flakes and Weetbix.

It’s Not OK To Be Away

It is a fact that poor and irregular attendance at school causes children enormous difficulties both in their learning and in their social development. Late arrivals too, cause problems in the classroom due to interruption and problems for the student who may have missed important instruction time.

Our expectation is that all students will be at school every school day – on time – unless they are sick, have a medical appointment, or other legitimate reason such as school camp or school sports event.

We ask that parents or carers advise the school on the first day of your child’s absence to explain the reason. If your child is sick and attends the doctor, you may choose to request a medical certificate to present upon your child’s return to school. If your child did not see a doctor, you must still send a note explaining the absence, for our records.

If your child’s teacher is aware of a medical absence, your child will still receive an ‘It’s NOT OK To Be Away’ incentive ticket and be eligible for prizes. However, if the teacher has not been advised by Friday morning (each week), your child will miss out on these rewards.

As with previous years, all students who are eligible for a ticket have a chance to win a weekly prize in their grade. Students who have demonstrated a high level of attendance will be awarded special incentive prizes. This will allow all deserving students to benefit.

It is our responsibility to help your child to learn. It is your responsibility to get them to school. You are contributing to your child’s future and it starts right now. Let’s make 2016 a record breaking year for attendance..... and remember.... It’s NOT OK To Be Away!
Exciting News for CPS - A New Playground!

Last year our school council approved the building of a new playground for our students. Our Parents & Friends Committee have managed a supreme effort in raising approximately $15000 over the past two years to support this wonderful addition for our students.

The “Fit’n’Fun Zone” playground will be installed under the shade sails where the old climbing wall currently sits. Estimated time of installation is mid March just before the end of first term.

The existing playground within the school courtyard is being audited and council plans to upgrade certain areas of this equipment during the year.

Conveyance Allowance

If you live more than 4.8 km from Churchill Primary School, you may be eligible for Conveyance Allowance. Forms are available from the office and must be returned by Friday 26th February, 2016. Late applications cannot be accepted.
Specialist Subjects

Each grade will have their Specialist Subjects on different days. Please refer to the timetable below to see when your child has these subjects:

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PE:
Please ensure your child/ren wear suitable clothing for PE (sports shoes and shorts) and bring a drink bottle as weather is still warm. Upcoming important dates are: Yinnar & District Swimming on Monday 15th February; CPS House Sports Day on Tuesday 23rd February and the Yinnar & District Sports Day will be on Friday 11th March. More information will be given out closer to these dates.

REMINDER: Every first Thursday of the month is “House Colours Day”. Students may wear their house colours to school and will eat lunch in their house groups.

Junior Indoor Netball Registration Day - Tuesday 15th February 2016
5-6pm at Churchill Football/Netball Club Rooms
Comp for U11’s, U13’s & U15/17’s
Individual players & teams welcome
Each team must supply a coach & umpire
1 rep from each team must attend CINA AGM 01 March 2016 7.30 Churchill Hotel
15/17’s may be participating in interleague comp Wednesday nights at Morwell Leisure Centre, to be confirmed
Any questions Ronda 0409 191 367 (Cougars Junior Coordinator)
Playgroup

Playgroup will run every Friday (during school terms) from 9am to 11am. All children from 0 - 5 years are welcome to come and be given the opportunity to enjoy guided play and learning. We encourage your child to explore, solve problems, communicate, think, create, construct and have fun!

We believe Playgroup will help establish and maintain respectful trusting relationships with other children and educators by engaging in and contributing to shared play experiences.

Spread the word throughout the community and we look forward to seeing you each Friday!

Badminton

WORLD’S FASTEST RACKET SPORT!

Entry Cost: $5
Coaching is FREE
Boys & girls Aged 8-15 who would like to play the game please contact:
  Geoff Henry  5134 4079
  Ken Peter  5134 4950
  Adam Lambert  5195 5083

VENUES:
Morwell Leisure Centre - Sunday 2:45 to 4:45pm
Starting 21st February, 2016
Traralgon Basketball Stadium - Friday 7:30pm to 9:30pm
Starting 19th February, 2016

“Hook in2 Hockey” commences next Wednesday Feb 10th at Churchill Hockey Field. 4:15-5pm. This is an introductory program aimed at bringing new players into the game. Please spread the word. Existing U7 and U10 players are welcome to attend. Mouth guards and appropriate footwear are compulsory. Cost of program is $40 and includes a beginners pack of shin guards, stick and ball.

Registration is via the Hockey Victoria website: http://www.hockeyvictoria.org.au/
Churchill Primary School
Twilight Fete 4-8pm
Friday 18th March 2016

- Rides
- Amusements
- Showbags
- Silly String Battles
- Cake Stall
- Market Stalls
- Hot Food
- Lucky Envelopes
- Lions Club BBQ
- Face Painting & much more

Pre-purchase unlimited ride wrist bands
$25 each and SAVE!
Available from Churchill Primary School office

Stall Holder Enquiries
Email: cpsfete2016@gmail.com

“Respectful, Positive Learners”
TDCA invite you to 'come and try' T20 blast
Venue: Jack Canavan Oval, Traralgon West Sports Complex
Douglas Parade Traralgon
Dates: Sunday 14th and 21st February 2016
Time: 11:00am-12:30pm
Cost: Free
BBQ lunch provided
SMS 0417309041 your name and date of your attending

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WHY KIDS & PARENTS LOVE T20BLAST

MILO T20 Blast gives girls and boys the opportunity to play fun games of cricket in an active and social setting.

- For kids aged 7-12
- For kids who have basic cricket skills
- All games last up to 90 minutes
- Fun and safe environment
- All equipment supplied, including a soft ball
- Delivered by accredited coaches
- 8 week program
- Exciting atmosphere complete with music and dancing just like the KFC T20 Big Bash League
- Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field
- Games are played at one venue
- Girls only teams, as well as mixed teams are available
- Inclusive of children with a disability
- Kids receive a BONUS player pack upon registration

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