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WELCOME 2018

Welcome Back Everyone, from what I hope was a restful and fun holiday break, to a new year at Churchill Primary.

The year has begun well with some wonderful additions to our playground areas with the GaGa pit and new basketball rings where once our staff parked cars! This has been a really fun and engaging way to start the year for all of us and the students (and staff) are making great use of the new equipment at every opportunity.

There are a few more works that are part of the scope of works and must still happen around the school. The building managers for this project have assured us that they will complete these very soon. That being said, we have had a small set back with the landscaping part of our grounds works for the school and this looks like it will now begin in March.

The main focus of course is always on learning and with this comes a real urgency to value the time our students are with us during school hours. With this in mind the two hour literacy block every morning will continue to be dedicated to our focus of reading and writing. It is SO important to have your children at school on time so they do not miss out on the very important instruction they get from their teachers to start the learning for the day. PLEASE support us to support your children to be the best they can be at school with their learning.

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 foundation students (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 are all looking forward to a great term and I want to thank everyone for making our start such a positive one.

SIGNING IN AT THE OFFICE

All parents and visitors to the school during normal school hours are required to sign in at the office.

This is a Department requirement around safety and security for our students whilst at school.

If you are dropping off something for your child/ren, please be aware that you will be asked to leave these items at the office for your child to collect, including lunches.

Thank you for your cooperation in this very important manner and for adhering to our school's community standards.

ASSEMBLY

Trialling in Term 1, our school assemblies will be held on Friday afternoons from 2:45pm in the HUB. The change in assembly time is so that we can dedicate the first 2 hours of every morning to Literacy throughout the whole school. This will be reviewed at the end of the term and feedback from parents would be welcomed.

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 House Captains and their School Council Representatives; these positions will be announced at our assemblies. Last year our school captains were selected, these students are:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Kayla Schmidt & Mitchell Berechree

VICE CAPTAINS:

Stella Voarino, Andrew Tyrrell, Ruby Smith & Will Towers

STAFFING

In 2018 our staff team includes:

Gr P/1A - Mrs Gail Harding & Mrs Brooke Duncan

Gr 1/2A - Mr Leigh Churchill

Gr 2/3A - Mrs Halie McColl

Gr 3/4 A - Miss Lina D'Alia

Gr 3/4 B - Miss Kelly Blucher

Gr 5/6 A - Mrs Sharon Reidy

Gr 5/6B - Ms Charleigh Williams

Inclusive Education Specialist - Mrs Brenda Bicket

Specialists - PE - Mrs Hollie Burke, ARTS - Mrs Brooke Duncan, STEM - Mrs Ebony Malcolmson

LOTE – Mr York

Education Support - Mrs Sue Hunter, Mrs Lorraine Butler, Mrs Wendy Smart, Mrs Vicki Duffus, Mrs Allana Berechree, Mrs Kim Walsh, Mrs Linda Lowrie, Mrs Hannah Mills & Mrs Lisa

CALENDAR DATES

Wednesday 14th February:

- Yinnar & District Swimming

Tuesday 27th February:

- Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews (students dismissed @ 1:15pm)

Thursday 8th March:

- School Athletics Day

Monday 12th March:

- QUEEN'S B'DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 21st March:

- School Photos

Thursday 22nd March:

- Yinnar & District Athletics

Thursday 29th March:

- Last Day Term 1 (school finishes @ 1:15pm)

Monday 16th April:

- First Day Term 2

Wednesday 18th April:

- School Cross Country - Gr 3-6

Wednesday 25th April:

- ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Respectful Positive Learners

Kimpton.

Primary Welfare - Mrs Jo Whitelaw

Administration - Mrs Jacki Comber

Business Manager - Mrs Katrina Palmer

Assistant Principal - Mrs Jacquie Burrows

Principal - Mrs Susan Gilmore

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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.

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 week. Please keep an eye out for these forms and consider joining us. 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.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breaky Club is now in its 15th year and is only possible with the help of some wonderful volunteers assisting with the program. If you hold a current Working With Children Check and would be available to assist with Breaky Club (one day a week, two days, etc.) please contact our Welfare Officer, Jo Whitelaw.

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 Weet-bix.

We remind families that we start at 8.15 and that students need to be finished eating when the first bell

goes at 8.35 so unfortunately late-comers will miss out. (Some exceptions are made for bus travellers).

CSEF

The Camps Sports Excursion Fund is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the cost of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid healthcare or concession card you may be eligible for CSEF. The annual CSEF amount for Primary School students is \$125.

If you are new to the school or your circumstances have changed since last year, and have not already done so, please speak to the office staff and fill in a form as soon as possible to ensure you receive this valuable assistance for your child/ren.

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders will resume next week and will be available every Friday.

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

MEET THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

As part of promoting student voice at CPS we will include a fortnightly report from our school leaders in the newsletter.

Student Voice

What a great start to 2018! The year started great as we have a new Gaga pit and a new staff car park. We have already learnt so much but now it's your turn to learn a little bit about the CPS School Captains.

Hi, we are Mitchell and Kayla and we are the 2018 CPS School Captains. As the school captains we are excited to make positive changes throughout the year. We would like to have more fundraisers for different things, like the Cancer Council and Anti Bullying.

We see this as a great opportunity to make this school the best it can be and want your help and ideas.

Kayla, Mitchell and the four Vice-Captains, Stella, Andrew, Ruby and Will, all wanted to experience being a top leader for our final year of Primary School.

We also want to make learning fun and enjoyable, to be positive role models and to push other students to be the best they can be.

By Kayla Schmidt, Mitchell Berechree, Andrew Tyrrell, Will Towers and Stella Voarino.