Friday 22nd April - PUPIL FREE DAY
TOMORROW is a school closure day to allow staff from all schools in our cluster to attend a Professional Development session on Growth Mindset and how to implement this within our classrooms and school environment. No students are required at school.

ANZAC DAY - Public Holiday
Next Monday is ANZAC day. As this is a national public holiday the school will be closed on this day. Students and families are invited to join Mrs Gilmore and attend the Churchill ANZAC service at 9am (at the new memorial near the Churchill HUB) on this day. Our school captains are invited to wear their school uniform and represent our school by attending the memorial service, laying a wreath at the memorial in honour of those who fought in WW1, and speaking about what ANZAC Day means to the students.

As this is a public holiday, students must be accompanied by a parent or supervising adult.

ATTENDANCE - Every Day Counts
Thank-you to the 90% of students who are at school on time each day and only miss days if they are truly unwell. This means you are maximising your learning potential! Unfortunately however, there are more than a few students who are regularly missing days of school or arriving late in the morning. Arriving at school late by just 10 minutes every morning equates to a massive HALF A YEAR by the time they finish school! That's half a year's learning that they have missed out on compared to other students. Missing full days adds up even quicker!

If you are having problems getting your child to come to school please let us know. By working together we can come up with strategies and maximise the learning potential for every student.

Annual Implementation Plan and School Annual Reports
Our school has recently had our Annual Implementation Plan signed off by the Department, which all schools are required to do every year. The annual implementation plan describes how the key improvement strategies in the school strategic plan, and other significant projects, will be put into operation during the year and how they will be monitored. It assists schools to:

- plan and communicate the work for the coming year and how this will lead to achieving the identified goals and targets
- ensure efficient and effective allocation of resources to complete the work
- monitor progress and success.

We continue to work with our existing four year School Strategic Plan and develop an Annual Implementation Plan for the school year. We are currently working in the second year of our four year Strategic Plan.

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All schools are also required to prepare an Annual Report to inform parents and the wider school community of the school's successes, activities and achievements throughout the year. The report also provides an opportunity to communicate and publicise the longer term directions for the school. This report will be made available during term two so look out for notification of its availability.

Have a great week,

Susan Gilmore

Net-Set-Go

Net-set-go registrations will be held for Churchill Indoor Netball Association on

Saturday 30th April 9 am at the Churchill Leisure Centre

A 10 week program will be running from 9am to 9.45am each Saturday (excluding school holidays) where children aged from 5 – 9 can come along, learn the basics and have fun with friends.

All you need is a pair of runners and comfortable active wear

CINA committee members will be attending the registration day to answer any questions.

Postal address: P.O. Box 64, Churchill, 3842, Coleman Parade, Churchill. Telephone: 03 5122 1343, Facsimile 03 5122 2039.
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things are school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early
Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do
The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

Day off” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts. “

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

• Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

• Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible. Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Further information
For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx
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Dates: 2nd May, 2016 to 6th May, 2016

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- Bring creative flair to signs and decorations
- Organise and put things in place
- Offer a helping hand, set up, or pack up
- Help shoppers of all ages find the perfect book

We appreciate your support in whatever form it takes.

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