**WELCOME BACK!**
Welcome back from a lovely break for the school holidays! The students are really happy to be back with their friends and are ready for a great term with many exciting things for students to look forward to and the weeks will fly by fast!

**PLEASE WEAR A HAT**
A reminder to parents that in T4 all students need to wear a bucket or broad brimmed hat. These are available from the uniform shop for $10 each.

From September, Victoria’s UV levels are on the rise, so it’s time to get out the sun protection gear and slip, slop, slap whenever we’re outside. Sun Protection in Vic’ Government schools is required from 10am to 4pm.

Students MUST wear a school regulation hat whilst in the school yard at all times. If a student does not have a hat they will be under cover in the canteen area of the school during recess and lunch times. Thank-you for your cooperation.

**SWIMMING PROGRAMS**
Our P-2 swimming program will be running this term and is being held at the Churchill Leisure Centre. Students will walk to and from the facility when weather permits. Each grade will participate for 5 days over one week and the dates for each grade are:

- **Prep Harding and 1/2 D’Alia**
  week 1 - Mon 7th to Fri 11th Nov 2016
- **1/2 McColl and 1/2 Nightingale**
  week 2 - Mon 14th to Fri 18th Nov 2016.

As part of our P.E. program our Grade 3-6 students will participate in a Water Safety Program later this term and more information will be sent home regarding this over the next few weeks.

**PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM 2017**
Students enrolled at CPS to begin Prep in 2017 are invited to attend a series of transitional days this term to help them feel at ease and more confident about starting school next year.

Our prep transition days will run on the following dates:

- **Tues 15th Nov 2016** - 2pm to 3pm
- **Wed 23rd Nov 2016** - 9am to 10am
- **Wed 30th Nov 2016** - 2pm to 3pm

Parents are encouraged to stay and attend the parent information session that will run at the same time in our staffroom.

Tuesday 6th December, 2016 is a state-wide Orientation Day and all Prep enrolments for 2016 are required to attend their respective schools on the day. This day will be as close to a normal school day as possible and will hopefully create a sense of excitement for children about going to school next year. Orientation day will run from 8:45am to 10:45am.

**YR 7 TRANSITION**
All students going into Yr 7 in 2017 are also required to attend the state-wide orientation day on Tuesday 6th December, 2016 at their respective new schools.

Students who will be attending Kurnai College will actually attend a 3 day transition from Tuesday 6th December to Thursday 8th December.

**CALENDAR DATES**

- Monday 24th October: 
  - Bush land Creatures Incursion
- Thursday 27th October: 
  - P&F lunch order day (Sausage Rolls & Dim Sims) NB: Orders MUST be in by Mon 24th Oct.
- Friday 28th October: 
  - SRC Habitat Restoration Project Excursion
- Tuesday 1st November: 
  - MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Monday 7th to Friday 11th November: 
  - Prep & 1/2 D Swimming
- Monday 14th Friday 18th November: 
  - 1/2 Mc & 1/2 N Swimming
- Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th November: 
  - Life Ed Program
- Tuesday 15th November: 
  - Kinder/Prep Transition 2-3pm
  - Diabetes—Blue Day
- Wednesday 23rd November: 
  - Kinder/Prep Transition 9-10am
- Wednesday 30th November: 
  - Kinder/Prep Transition 2-3pm
- Thursday 1st December: 
  - Gr 1-4 Christmas Club @ Cooperating Churches
  - CPS Christmas Concert & Art Show
- Thursday 1st to Friday 2nd December: 
  - Grade 2 Sleepover
- Tuesday 6th December: 
  - State-wide Orientation Day (Prep & Yr 7 2017)
- Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th December: 
  - Kurnai Yr 7 3 day transition program
- Thursday 8th December: 
  - Gr 1-4 Christmas Club @ Cooperating Churches
- Friday 16th December: 
  - Last Day Term 4 (school finishes at 3:15pm)
- Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th December: 
  - CURRICULUM / PUPIL FREE DAYS
ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

‘Every Day Counts…..
Every Minute Counts’

We are working hard to improve our attendance data by offering increased incentives to students and by reminding parents and carers to keep us informed
of absences.

If your child is going to be away from school PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE, or alternatively, enter the reason for the absence onto Compass BEFORE 9.00 am on the day of the absence or earlier.

Absences:
59 of our students had an attendance record of less than 90% for last term. In many cases, these are avoidable absences.

If your child’s attendance was less than 90% you will have received a letter stating the percentage and breakdown of medical and non-medical absences, and also the number of late arrivals.

For some students, this low percentage is solely accounted for by illness or other medical related absences. Of course this is understandable but it is still important for you to realise the impact of interruption to your child’s learning.

Incentives:
The ‘Green Tick’ incentive is when a classroom has every student present before 9.00, they are awarded a green tick and their teacher will give them a small class reward that day.

In the event that a grade receives a green tick every day for a week, a ‘SUPER’ reward will be planned for the grade.

If, for the whole of term 3, your child was never late or absent for reasons other than medical, they will have received 30 bonus bee tickets. They will have been given 20 tickets if they were absent/late up to one day and 10 tickets if absent/late up to 2 days.

A small number of students achieved perfect attendance for term 3 and they earned the chance for a special prize.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Thank-you to those parents who came along to our Parents & Friends group on Wednesday afternoon.

As a result of discussions P&F have decided to hold some special lunch order days this term on a trial basis. Notes will be sent home early next week for our first special lunch day to be held on Thursday 27th October. Please note however, that forms and money MUST be handed in at the office by no later than Monday 24th October for catering purposes.

Our P&F group have also agreed to hold

SCHOOL CAPTAINS’ NOTICE BOARD

Lily Booth    Hayley Caldwell    Liesel Kuhne

SRC EXCURSION

On the Friday 28th of October from 10-11am. Mrs Gilmore and the Student Representative Council are going to Morwell National Park to meet the Conservation Volunteers Australia group. The group is holding a program launch that the Student Representative Council and Mrs Gilmore have been invited to attend. The key focus of this program is habitat restoration of the Powerful Owl, a threatened species of the Latrobe Valley.

FIRST AID

On Monday the 10th of October a few ladies from the St John’s Ambulance centre came to the school, to teach all grades general first aid. This involved what to do in a situation if you find your mum/ dad/ guardian in an unconscious condition; the response is to use the ‘Drs ABC’ (Danger, Response, Send for help, Airways, CPR & Defibrillator).

DIABETES – Blue Day

CPS is having a blue day to raise awareness for diabetes. Everyone is encouraged to wear blue and bring a gold coin donation. We have decided on this to help support one of our students, Blake, who has suffered diabetes since he was little. There will be a sausage sizzle on that day to raise extra money. Please note that all money raised on this day will be donated to National Diabetes Australia. This event will be held on the 15th of November, the day after world diabetes day!

Thanks for a fantastic start to the school term everyone. I look forward to some busy but fun times ahead as we consolidate all we have learned throughout the year and apply our knowledge to our final term of learning for 2016.

Susan Gilmore

Respectful Positive Learners