



*Pupil*  
**FREE DAY**  
Friday 6th March!

**LABOUR DAY**  
**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
Monday 9th March!

## CALENDAR DATES

### Wednesday 4th March

- NO PREPS

### Friday 6th March

- Student Free Day

### Monday 9th March

- LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

### Wednesday 11th March

- Foundation Students commence full time

### 11th & 12 March/ 17th & 18th March

- NAPLAN

### Friday 13th March

- CPS Athletics Day

### Tuesday 24th March

- Y&D Athletics day (Selected students)

### Thursday 26th March

- Easter Club

### Thursday 2nd April

- Last Day Term 1

### Friday 3rd April

- Easter Friday

### Monday 20th April

- Term 2 begins

## HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY

### FRIDAY 13th MARCH

Our CPS House Sports Day is **Friday 13th March**. The day will run like a typical school day with events starting at 9:00am. Timetables are attached to this newsletter and will also be available from the office on the day. Please make sure students are wearing their house colours as well as shorts and runners. Please also make sure your child wears sunscreen on the day.

A good lunch & water bottle is also important to keep up energy levels. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend to cheer the children on in what I'm sure will be a fun filled day.



## NAPLAN

As you may be aware The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN 2026) for Years 3 and 5 will be conducted over 4 days from Wednesday 11th March through to Wednesday 18th March 2026.

The NAPLAN is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. All students in these year levels participate in tests in reading writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN is the measure through which government, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether our students are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be improved. NAPLAN tests are only one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

A copy of Year 3 & 5 student's NAPLAN report will be issued to parents later in the year.

## SPECIAL ORDER UNIFORM

Order forms for our special uniforms will be sent home next week. This year, we are pleased to introduce a **Rugby Polo** as part of our special uniform options. The Rugby Polo is priced at **\$90**, while the **Spray Jacket** is **\$55**.

Please note that **full payment is required at the time of ordering** to secure these special uniform items.





### LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY & STUDENT FREE DAY

Friday 6th March is a student free day, the school will be closed for staff to attend an offsite PD.

Monday 9th March is the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Students are not required at school on these days.

### FOUNDATION/PREP STUDENTS

Foundation students will commence full-time attendance after the Labour Day public holiday weekend. Their first Wednesday at school will be **Wednesday, 11th March**.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations are now open for parent representatives on our school council. Attached to this post is information about the role of the school council and the nomination and election process. Nomination forms can be obtained at the school office and should be lodged at the office by **4pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Burrows or the office staff for further information.

Thanks everyone for a great start to the year. Please remember to look for our newsletters each fortnight and check Facebook and Compass for updates on the great things happening at CPS!

# MEET OUR 2026 SCHOOL CAPTAINS!



#### JASON KAMANZI

*Food: Burgers*

*Hobby: Reading*

*Sport: Basketball*

*Fun fact: I may seem distant at first but if you get to know me I'm a really nice guy.*

#### SIENNA WRIGHT

*Food: Fried Rice*

*Hobby: Collecting*

*Sport: Gymnastics*

*Fun fact: I like watching Football.*

#### NASKA MCLINDON

*Food: Mexican*

*Hobby: Painting, dancing, singing*

*Sport: Swimming, Drama, Theatre.*

*Fun Fact: I do musicals out of school.*

#### GEORGE GALLETI

*Food: Steak*

*Hobby: Biking*

*Sport: Football/AFL*

*Fun fact: I have won Best & Fairest for Churchill Footy Club.*

#### ELLA MALCOLMSON

*Food: Sushi*

*Hobby: Silks*

*Sport: Horse Riding*

*Fun fact: I love camping*

#### NOAH KELTY-TYRRELL

*Food: Pancakes*

*Hobby: Video games*

*Sport: Drama*

*Fun fact: I like horror and creepy pasta things.*



# SCHOOL COUNCIL: Notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of

CHURCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school office.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category
Parent member

Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2026
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2028

Number of positions:	4
----------------------	---

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Principal signature
<i>Jacquie Burrows</i>

## School council elections – Information for parents

### What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

### Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent member category** – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have **nominee members**.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

- **A mandated elected student member category, two positions.**

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

### Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:  
standing for election as a member of the school council  
encouraging another person to stand for election.

### What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same electorate that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate)

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

### Remember

Consider standing for election to school council.

Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.

Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.

Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.



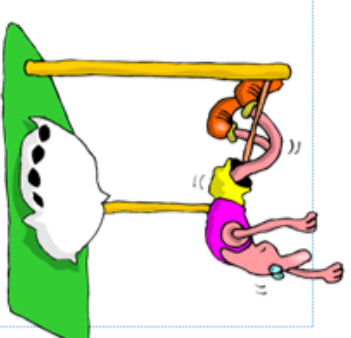
# Churchehill Primary School

Friday 13th March

Event	9.00-9.30	9.30-10.00	10.00-10.30	10.30-11.00	11.00-11.30	11.40-12.10	12.10-12.40	12.40-1.10	1.10-1.30
High Jump	12/13	11	10	9	R	8	7	5/6	R
Shot Put/ Accuracy	5/6	12/13	11	10	E	9	8	7	E
Sprints	7	5/6	12/13	11	C	10	9	8	L
Discus/ Distance	8	7	5/6	12/13	E	11	10	9	A
Long Jump	9	8	7	5/6	S	12/13	11	10	Y
Distance Run	10	9	8	7	S	5/6	12/13	11	S
Rest/Novelty Games	11	10	9	8		7	5/6	12/13	

## PRESENTATIONS: 2.30pm-3.00pm

The winning house and age group champions will be presented with their awards during this time (in Open area of BER).



\*\* 30 minute sessions – allow time within the 30 mins to get from one event to another

### Relays – 1.10 to 1.30pm

Relays will be organised in age groups. We will run a 9,10,11 and 12/13 year old relay (mixed, ideally 2 boys 2 girls for each colour house). Extra numbers may be obtained from the age group below. These are just for a bit of fun. We will begin with the 9s and work our way up. Staff may participate in the 12/13 age group if required!