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WELCOME 2025

Welcome to the 2025 school year at Churchill Primary School. We are already in week 3 and so far it has been a fabulous start with the school being calm and students focused on their learning. I would like to thank our staff who spent a lot of time over the holidays ensuring the children had such a positive start to school. A very warm welcome also to our new foundation students and all our families that are new to Churchill Primary School.

Along with our new students we also welcome our new Business Manager Taylah Christensen, Miss Jordyn Spiero as our Prep teacher and Mr Dan Board as our grade 3/4 teacher.



CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS 2025

School Council have set the curriculum contributions for 2025 at \$80 per student this year.

These fees cover the cost of essential student supplies and classroom consumables, materials and equipment, such as work books, and are requested to be paid by the end of Term 1.

Thank-you to those families who have already paid these contributions.

ATTENDANCE

We will continue with our focus on attendance this year. One of the most important things you can do as a parent to support your child's education is to ensure they are at school everyday unless they are unwell. There is copious amounts of research that explains missing too much school has a negative impact on academic success and social connectedness. When we look at our school data, children who are considered poor attendees have significantly lower learning growth than our good attenders do. If you need support in getting your child to school, please contact our Primary Welfare Officer Jo Whitelaw.

- ♦ Any students arriving after 8:45am or leaving prior to 3:15pm will need to be signed in or out by first reporting to the office before going to class or leaving the school.

COMPASS

At CPS we use an external reporting system called Compass to record student attendance, communicate with parents (e.g. Electronic copies of Notices and Newsletters), for excursions and events, parent teacher interviews as well as student reports. All parents are given access to their child's pages via the use of a special Login and Password and are encouraged to utilise the Compass Portal as much as possible.

This year our families will also now be able to log into there Compass portal to give consent and make payments for any Camps, Sports and Excursions. **(There will be an Information Session on how to do this at our BBQ Welcome Night on Tuesday 25th February)**

New families were emailed their log in details at the start of the year. If you experience any problems or need any assistance in using the program please see the office staff.

If you are an existing family but do not know your log in details or would like help using the program please contact the office.

UNIFORM

All students **MUST** wear a school hat whilst outdoors during Terms 1 & 4. Students who do not have a hat will be required to stay under covered areas at all times. New hats can be purchased from the Uniform Shop and are available for \$10 each.

CALENDAR DATES

Friday 14th February:
Valentines day

Wednesday 19th February:
No Preps

Friday 21st February:
District Sports Swimming

Wednesday 26th February:
No preps

Friday 28th February
House Sports Day

Friday 7th March
Student Free Day

Monday 10th March
Labor Day Public Holiday
(Preps commence full time)

Tuesday 25th March:
School BBQ Meet and Greet 4pm to 6pm

Thursday 27th March:
School Photos

Friday 28th March:
District Sports Day

Friday 4th April:
Last Day term 1
Easter Fair

Monday 21st April
Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tues 22nd Thurs 24th April
Grade 5/6 Camp Phillip Island

Friday 25th April
ANZAC DAY Public Holiday

Kind Positive Learners

SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS

Between the 26th and 28th November you should have received an email per child with your voucher code for your \$400 School Savings Bonus.

This \$400 can be used towards 2025 school costs for education-related costs such as uniform, camps, excursions, swimming programs, graduations.

If you are unsure, or were not able to log in to the portal and allocate the funds to the School, please let us know at the office as this is something we can set up for you.

ASSEMBLY

Assemblies will be held on Friday afternoons at 2:45pm. 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.

Last year our school captains were selected, these students are:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

*Will Kerslake &
Adrianna Draper*

VICE CAPTAINS:

*Logahn Baker, Rory Fraser Mathews,
Axel Seddon & Willow Seers*

Please note: Our House Captains will be Selected in the coming weeks .

STAFFING

In 2025 our staff team includes:

Gr FA - Ms Randi Beauvais
Gr FB - Ms Jordyn Spiero
Gr 1A - Ms Jess Hutch
Gr 12A - Mrs Sharon Reidy
Gr 2A- Mrs Lina Hersey
Gr 3A- Mr Aidan Quigley
Gr 34A - Mr Dan Board
Gr 4A - Ms Tiara Vajler
Gr 5A - Mrs Ebony Malcolmson
Gr 56A- Ms Neesha Simmons
Gr 5A- Mr Zac Cantrill
Part time Mrs Hollie Burke

Learning Specialist -Mrs Halie McColl

Specialists -

PE - Mr Zack Brown
ICT - Mr Michael Parker
Art - Ms Chloe McCulloch

Education Support -

Lorraine Butler, Allana Berechree, Chloe McCulloch, Hannah Mills, Lisa Kimpton, Simone Brighton, Jaime Chila, Jess Gruis, Meg Hutchinson, Oakleigh Riley, Zac Cheffers, Letitia Panoutsopoulos, Tom Robertson, Michael Parker, Allyssa Tangi, Hannah Williams, Zoe Dowler.

Welfare - Mrs Jo Whitelaw

Student Wellbeing Leader- Social Worker- Ms Stephanie Shepherd
Administration - Mrs Brooke Mills

Business Manager - Ms Tayla Christensen

Assistant Principal - Mrs Gail Harding
Principal - Mrs Jacquie Burrows

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breaky Club is now in it's 20th 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.

Please note: Unfortunately this is not suitable for parents who would need to bring a toddler with them.

As always, **all students are welcome** to attend at no cost and it's often a great start to their day. 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 other items.

We are currently requesting donations of Milo. These can be dropped off at the office. We remind families that we start at 8:15am and that students need to be finished eating when the first bell goes at 8:35am, so unfortunately late-comers will miss out.

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.

SCHOOL BBQ WELCOME AND INFORMATION SESSION

Please join us on Tuesday 25th February from 4pm to 6pm for a Welcome BBQ and whole school information session, Including COMPASS.

Come along and meet the staff, enjoy a sausage in bread and find out what's happening at our wonderful school in **2025!**



STUDENT ENROLEMENT FORMS

Student Enrolment forms will be sent home to all families in the coming weeks.

Please make any changes required, sign the bottom and return it to the office so we can update our data base with all current information.

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1

Book Club orders are due back to the office by Monday 17th February.

Book Club can be paid by cash or EFT. Please see the ladies in the office if you have any questions.

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