CHURCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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## WELCOME 2026

Welcome to the 2026 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 are pleased to welcome Meagan Webster as our Art Teacher and Mandy Galletti as our School Nurse. We also welcome our Education Support Workers Brooklyn Matthews and Jordan Shields.

## CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS 2026

School Council have set the curriculum contributions for 2026 at $80 per student this year, except for Prep students.

These fees cover the cost of essential student supplies and classroom consumables, materials and equipment, such as work books.

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.

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.

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.

Compass

## 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 in an under covered areas at all times. New hats can be purchased from the School Uniform Shop and are available for $10 each.

## CALENDAR DATES

**Mon 9th to Wed 11th February:**
5/6 Camp Melbourne

**Wednesday 18th February:**
No Preps

**Thursday 19th February:**
School Photos

**Friday 20th February:**
Y&D Swimming
Whole School Assembly 2.45pm

**Tuesday 24th February:**
BBQ Meet and Greet 4pm to 6pm

**Friday 6th March**
**STUDENT FREE DAY**

**Monday 9th March**
Labor Day Public Holiday
(Preps commence full time)

**Friday 13th March**
CPS Athletics Day

**Friday 20th March**
Whole School Assembly 2.45pm

**Tuesday 24th March**
District Sports Day—selected students only

**Thursday 26th March**
Easter Club

**Thursday 2nd April**
Last Day Term 1

**Friday 3rd April**
Good Friday

**Monday 6th April**
Easter Monday

# Kind Positive Learners

## ASSEMBLY

Assemblies will be held every second Friday in the 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. Congratulations to the following students:

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS:**
*Ella Malcolmson & George Galletti*

**VICE CAPTAINS:**
*Naska McLindon, Jason Kamanzi, Noah KeltyTyrrell & Sienna Wright*

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

## STAFFING

In 2026 our staff team includes:

**Gr FA -** Ms Randi Beauvais
**Gr FB -** Ms Jordyn Spiero
**Gr 1A -** Mrs Sharon Reidy
**Gr 12A -** Ms Myah Lewis
**Gr 2A-** Ms Vajler & Ms McCulloch
**Gr 3A-** Mrs Hollie Burke
**Gr 34A -** Ms Neesha Simmons
**Gr 4A -** Mr Dan Board
**Gr 5A -** Ms Ebony Corbett
**Gr 56A-** Mr Aiden Quigley
**Gr 6A-** Mr Zac Cantrill
**Casual Teacher -** Emily Gee
**ART-** Mrs Meagan Webster

**P-2 Team leader -**Ms Tiara Vajler
**3-4 Team Leader–** Mr Dan Board
**5-6 Team Leader–** Mr Aiden Quigley

**Specialists** -
**PE -** Mr Zack Brown
**Art –** Mrs Meagan Webster
**ICT-** Ms Stephanie Crawford

**Education Support** -
Lorraine Butler, Allana Berechree, Hannah Mills, Lisa Kimpton, Simone Brighton, Jaime Chila, Jess Gruis, Meg Hutchinson, Oakleigh Riley, Letitia Panoutsopoulos, Tom Robertson, Allyssa Tangi, Hannah Williams, Ruby Knowles, Summer Harding, Mitchell Berechree, Gemma Whykes, Jana Draper, Hudson Berechree, Briee Comber, Brooklyn Matthews, Jordan Shields, Ron Wilby.

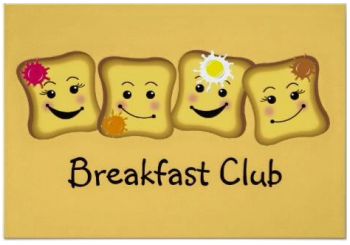
**Welfare** - Hannah Mills, Tom Robertson
**Disability Inclusion Leader–** Mrs Jocelyn Hyde
**Student Wellbeing Leader–** Ms Stephanie Shepherd
**Administration** - Mrs Brooke Mills and Mrs Jackie Comber
**Business Manager** - Ms Tayla Christensen
**School Nurse– Mandy Galletti**
**OH&S–** Keran Doepel
**Principal** - Mrs Jacquie Burrows

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breaky Club is now in its 20th year and continues to thrive thanks to the support of our wonderful volunteers who generously give their time to assist with the program.

As always, all students are warmly welcome to attend at no cost, and it provides a positive start to the school day. We kindly ask families to keep an eye out for any breakfast items on special that could be donated. While we receive limited financial support to cover bread and milk, we rely on the generosity of our school community for additional supplies.

A reminder that Breaky Club begins at 8:15am. Students must finish eating before the first bell at 8:35am, so unfortunately those arriving after this time 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 this year is $400

Please note: These funds can not be used for uniform.

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 24th February from 4pm to 6pm** for a Welcome BBQ and whole school information session.

Come along and meet the staff, enjoy a sausage in bread and find out what's happening at our wonderful school in **2026!**

## 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 16th February.

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

## SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY 19th FEB

School Photos are booked in for **Thursday 19th February**. Photo Slips were sent home to families on Monday 9th February and are due back anytime between now and School Photos Day.

Orders can be placed online, or the completed order form can be returned to the office with the correct cash enclosed.

**BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1 - Due back by Monday 16th FEBRUARY!**

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# Children and Parenting Support

The Children and Parenting Support Program (CaP's) can support you with:

- Building your parenting confidence
- Strengthening relationships
- Establishing routines
- Identifying children's emotional needs
- Understanding children's behaviours
- Enhancing communication skills
- Introducing a healthy diet
- Reducing anxiety
- Sleep settling
- Support with referrals and linking with other services

The Program is available to all Parents and Carers of children aged 0-12 living in the Churchill area.

The Program provides support to families for up to 3-4 months in the home or via video conferencing.

For further information:
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G & S TENNIS ACADEMY

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## Come play tennis at the Churchill Tennis Club

**"HOTSHOTS Tennis"**
A program teaching children aged 4 – 12 the basics of the game.

**"Let's Play Tennis"**
A program for children aged 12 and above. Groups available for those that have never played before and for those that want to improve on their current skills.

**FREE 'Come and Try' Session**

FREE trial lesson available for all programs. Call for times
FREE junior racquet and Hotshots t-shirt for new players