



ISSUE NO:2 27th February 2025

HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY

TOMORROW 28th FEBRUARY

Our CPS House Sports Day is **Tomorrow 28th February**. 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 2025) for Years 3 and 5 will be conducted from Wednesday 12th March through to Tuesday 18th March 2025.

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.

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 card 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.

Application forms were sent home to preps and any new families on in week .

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY & STUDENT FREE DAY

Friday 7th March is a student free day, the school will be closed for staff to attend an offsite PD.

Monday 10th March is the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Students are not required at school on these days.

FOUNDATION/PREP STUDENTS

Foundation students will commence school full time after the Labour Day Public holiday weekend on Tuesday 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 are attached or can be obtained at the school office and should be lodged at the office by **4pm on Friday 28th February, 2025**. 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

CALENDAR DATES

Friday 28th February
CPS Athletics

Friday 7th March
Student Free Day

Monday 10th March
LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 12th March
Foundation Students commence full time

Wed 12th to Fri 14th & Tue 18th March
NAPLAN

Thursday 27th March
School Photos Day

Friday 28th March
District Sports Day

Thursday 3rd April
Easter Club Grade 1 to 4

Friday 4th April
Easter Fair (Last Day term 1
(Finish at 2.30pm)

Monday 21st April
Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th April
5/6 Camp Phillip Island

Friday 25th April
Anzac Day (Public Holiday)



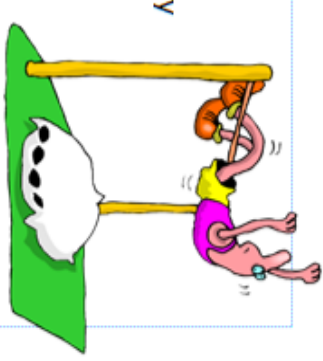
Churchill Primary School

Friday 28th February

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!



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

Friday 28 February 2025

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on

Tuesday 18 March 2025

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	2025
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2027

Number of positions:	5
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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
Jacquie Burrows

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.