

Creekside News

07 MAR 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Council

Thank you to the parents and staff who have nominated for school council. I would like to announce the following parent representatives to school council: Marcela Sanchez, Katrina Fraser, Vicki Jukes and Deana Azzopardi. The teacher representatives are: Simone Carnevale and Jane Miller. These representatives will join Vicki Cachia, Michele Plasc, Melanie Lynn, Sini Margaritis and Jayne Simmons who still have another year to go on school council. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Kelly Ford, Wes Forke and Gerard Lucas whose council membership ends this year for their contribution and commitment to the College Council.

Parent Teacher Conversations

The Meet and Greet evening held on Monday night was once again a great success. This evening is designed to provide you the opportunity to discuss with your child's teacher any aspects of their learning, social and emotional growth that will help the teacher best cater for the individual needs of the student. The number of parents attending makes it very evident that we are a school community committed to providing the best learning environment for our students. Thank you to those able to attend, I hope you found the experience beneficial and a good opportunity to get to know your teachers.

Asphalt works

Melton Council has repaired the asphalt in front of our school so it is no longer a tripping hazard. I would like to acknowledge and thank Councillor Steve Abboushi for his support in making sure these repairs took place quickly and without disruption to our school day.

Every day counts – School Attendance

At Creekside we have high expectations for ourselves and for our students. We believe that all students can learn to a high level and that we have the skills and disposition to make this happen, but we cannot do this alone. It is in partnership with parents that ensures the high levels of learning required for future success is achieved. One of the most important things parents can do to guarantee this success is to ensure that students come to school every day.

Attendance at school is one of the most important factors in your child's learning. If they are not at school, they are missing out on the opportunity to learn.

Dates to remember

Fri 08 March-Creekside Sibling Photo Day
Mon 11 March - Labour Day Public Holiday

Tue 12 Mar - Yr 5 Sovereign Hill

Fri 15 Mar - National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence

Mon 18 Mar - Outdoor Ed-Surfing

Wed 20 Mar - Yr 8 Division Interschool Sport

Mon 25 Mar - Outdoor Ed-Sailing

Tue 26 Mar - Yr 4 Convicts & Captains Incursion (Group 1)

Wed 27 Mar - The Alliance Francaise French Film Festival

Wed 27 Mar - Yr 4 Convicts & Captains Incursion (Group 2)

Thur 28 Mar - Busking day

Thur 28 Mar - Yr 7 Immunisations

Fri 29 Mar - Yr 7 Division Interschool Sports

Fri 29 March - 3-6 Fun Run

Mon 01 Apr - Yr 6 Teams, Trials & Trivia Incursion

Mon 01 Apr - Outdoor Ed-Orienteering

Tue 02 Apr - Hands On Learning - Barista Course

Tue 02 Apr - Level Up-Social Leadership & Values

Wed 03 Apr - Yr 6 Celebration of Learning

Mon 04 Apr - Yr 7-9 Regional Swimming Competition

Mon 04 Apr - Yr 4 Melton Council Recycling Incursion

Fri 05 Apr-Last Day Term 1

Prep - Year 6 dismissal **2:10pm**

Year 7 - 9 dismissal **2:05pm**

Tue 23 April - First day of Term 2

National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence

The 2019 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will be held on Friday 15 March. The aim is to encourage students to be supportive of each other and say "no to bullying" not just on the day, but all through the year.

Students and staff are encouraged to wear ODD SOCKS on Friday 15th, with their uniform so we can be highly visible to everyone in our support of a no bullying environment. There will be some lunch time activities on Friday, and students have the opportunity to create a poster we can use around the school. There is a prize of 2 movie tickets to the winners in each category: Year 5 & 6 and Years 7 to 9.

Josie Mitchell

Secondary School Nurse

Please ensure your student has a positive attendance ethos and that you support this ethos by discouraging absences unless they are absolutely unavoidable.

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begins with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. If this was to continue to Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school or if you are having attendance issues with your child, speak with your classroom teacher or year level co-ordinator early as early as possible so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Rosa Marchionda
Principal

Kinder - Year 2 Sub School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

School Captains & Student Voice

Congratulations to the 12 students from Year 2 to Year 6 that were elected as School Captains or Student Voice representatives. These students have an important role in representing their peers and making important decisions around the college. School captains will lead assemblies for the rest of the year. Our next assembly is on Monday 18th March. We look forward to seeing what these students bring to the college and wish them the best in their new roles.

School Captains: Aaron 6E and Nikita Dhar 6B

Student Voice: Emilia 6E, Kyra 6D, Nisha 5C, Chioma 5C, Sofia 5F, Samaira 4B, Phoebe 3B, Jacob 3D, Jack 2C and Alanna 2F

Recess Activities Program (RAP)

This week the Recess Activities Program (RAP) has started. RAP offers students the opportunity to join in with their peers in various staff supervised games and activities. It provides an environment where students are supported in developing their social competencies. RAP runs during second break, 1:40 - 2:10pm, every day of the week. The structured activities are changed on a weekly basis.

National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence

On Friday 15th March we encourage everyone to wear ODD SOCKS to support National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence. We have a poster competition

leading up to the day and movie ticket prizes for students in Years 5 & 6 and Years 7, 8 & 9. On the day we will eat lunch together and have lunch time activities. Students in Prep to Year 4 will also have a number of in class activities raising awareness around bullying. Say NO to bullying!

Busking Day

To support and raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital through the Good Friday Appeal, Creekside will be holding its annual Busking Day on Thursday 28th March. Auditions were held last week and we were impressed with the wide variety and quality of talent displayed. More information to come in our next newsletter.

Dropping off children to classrooms

As we are well into Term 1, students are now very familiar with morning routines around entering classrooms and setting themselves up for the day. We ask that parents leave their children at the lining up area and allow teachers to take them inside. This will allow students to continue to develop their independence and resilience. It is also an important time for teachers to make first contact for the day with each child. If you need to speak directly to the teacher, please make an appointment to do so.

My School Community

This term our Prep students are looking at their school community through their Integrated Studies unit, My School Community. They are enjoying learning about different people and their roles and places around the college. They are also learning about their responsibilities within the community and college values.

Meet & Greet

It was fantastic to see so many families attend our Meet & Greet afternoon on Monday 4th March. We thank you for making the effort to come in on a hot day to meet your 2019 teachers and for establishing a partnership with them in your child's learning.

School Photos

Students and staff had a great time on Monday 4th of March having their whole class and individual student photos taken. Family photos will take place tomorrow, Friday 8th March in the gym. Please check your allocated times and allow plenty of time to find a car park if needed.

Dates for the diary:

- Prep to Year 6 Assemblies
Mon 18th Mar
Mon 1st Apr
- Family Photo Day - Fri 8th Mar
- Labour Day Holiday - Mon 11th Mar
- Last day of Term 1 - Fri 5th Apr.
Students dismissed at 2:10pm

Wesley Forke
Acting Assistant Principal

3-6 Sub School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Meet and Greet

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Term 1 'Meet and Greet' on Monday. It was great to see so many taking the opportunity to meet their child's 2019 teachers and to discuss their child's individual needs. At Creekside we value open lines of communication with parents and understand that a positive relationship between home and school is essential if students are to achieve high levels of learning.

If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher, please feel free to ring the front office to make an appointment either before or after school. Staff have after school meetings on Mondays and Wednesday, so these days and times are not preferable.

School Production

Creekside is excited to announce that our school production for 2019 will be Sir. JM Barrie's classic tale Peter Pan.

Auditions for both the ensemble and lead characters took place on Tuesday. I congratulate those who were successful and look forward to seeing our talented students in the show later in the year. Weekly rehearsals will take place after school on a Tuesday until 5:15pm.



National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Friday 15th March is 'National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.' Creekside has a clear Anti-Bullying policy and educates students daily about the importance of acceptance and tolerance of others. Students learn getting along skills, with a focus on collaborative work and peer feedback. We also teach our students conflict resolution skills, which enables them to settle minor issues independently. The college's Anti Bullying policy can be accessed on the school website.

Creekside & District Swimming Carnivals

Well done to all the students involved in the 3-6 Swimming Carnival. The weather was a little cool on the day, however that didn't deter our students from displaying their talents in the pool. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to support their children in their events. A big congratulations to the 22 students who went on to represent Creekside at the District Swimming Competition last Thursday. Mr Nikolic said he was very impressed with the performance and behaviour of our students on the day.

Year 5 Excursion

Our Year 5 students are very excited about visiting Sovereign Hill on Tuesday 12th March as part of their Gold Rush unit. Students will learn about life in the 1850s through hands on learning. I'm sure the gold pour, gold panning and sweets shop will be the highlights as they usually are.

Important Dates

- Friday 8th March - Creekside Sibling Photo Day
- Monday 11th March - Labour Day Public Holiday
- Friday 15th March - National Day Against Bullying & Violence
- Friday 29th March - Year 3-6 Fun Run
- Friday 5th April - Last Day Term 1. 2:10pm finish.
- Tuesday 23rd April - First day of Term 2

Gerard Lucas

Assistant Principal

7-9 Sub School

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday the 4th the college held a 'meet and greet' afternoon/evening. As a new member of staff at Creekside College it was a terrific opportunity to meet parents and carers from across the 7-9 sub-school. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank staff, parents and students for making the night a positive experience. It is important that there is an ongoing dialogue between the school and home to maximise outcomes for students. If you were unable to make it to the evening, please don't hesitate to call and organise a meeting with your child's teacher.

I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight the work being undertaken by Mr. McCutcheon and the student leaders at the college. It is evident so far that there is a great deal of enthusiasm and energy in the group. I've had the opportunity to speak with some of the students who are a part of student leadership and clearly they are excited about the opportunities that await them. As a college we aim to build leadership skills in all of our students. Leadership can be displayed in many different ways. Naturally we will associate leadership being vocal and taking charge, yet many of our students display leadership by supporting their peers and doing the right thing in the classroom and yard. It is important we continue to recognise this type of leadership.

Finally, I'd like to make a quick comment about uniform at 7-9. So far the uniform standards have been excellent. I'd like to thank parents for their support in adhering to the College's uniform policy. From a sub-school perspective, there have been on minor issues around jewellery. If there are any queries around uniform please refer to the website, specifically the updated 'non-negotiables' or uniform policy. Or please call the school and seek clarification if needed.

Peter Dalinkiewicz

Assistant Principal 7-9

Primary Science News

1. Science Talent Search

Details about this year's Science Talent Search were included in the last newsletter.

For information about the competition - its rules, conditions and guidelines, please visit:

<http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/forStudentParent.html>

Expressions of interest from students will be sought soon.

2. Try this experiment at home: 'The exploding lunch bag'

Want to make your lunch bag explode? Try this experiment at home but please ensure that it is done outside...

<https://sciencebob.com/the-exploding-lunch-bag/>

Nichole Fraser

F-6 Science Leader



School Wide Positive Behaviour

Dear parents and guardians,

The School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPB) initiative creates a safe and orderly environment for our students and school community. At Creekside, we encourage a culture of good behaviour and high expectations through positive reinforcement and rewarding gold Creekside coins. Part of this initiative is setting up a 'shop' that allows students to exchange coins received for said good behaviour. We are asking for donations which can be used for the 'SWPB shop' for students, such as toys, stickers, sports equipment etc. Parents are encouraged to contact the college for more information.

Regards,
SWPB Team

Cyber Safety

Dear Parents and guardians,

You may be aware of a wide spread issue occurring on social media called the "Momo Challenge". It has been reported that children and adolescents are being enticed by a user named Momo to perform a series of dangerous tasks including violent attacks and self-harm. Please be vigilant in monitoring your child/children's activity on social media, in particular when using YouTube, Snapchat, Facebook and Instagram. Some children are becoming quite frightened and may need to be reassured that this is an online hoax and Momo is a fictional character.

School Production



We are excited to announce this year's school production is **Disney's Peter Pan Jr.** The performance will be held at the **Wyndham Cultural Centre**

on Thursday 12th & Friday 13th of September 2019. A large cast of Year 3 - 9 students will have the opportunity to perform in singing, dancing and acting, as well as other roles including backstage crew, tech, set design, costumes, hair & make-up. Students will learn about scripts, performance techniques, theatrical elements, and collaborating with other cast members.

Whole cast rehearsals will take place every Tuesday afternoon in the lead up to show night, from 3:15pm-5:15pm in the college Auditorium beginning on **Tuesday 19th March**. All students must be signed out by a parent or guardian at 5:15pm, unless parents have consented in writing allowing their child to make their own way home. All participants in the school production will be required to pay a \$50 performance levy. This levy will cover all expenses associated with the event, including bus costs to the theatre for rehearsal, script booklets, rehearsal materials and team t-shirts. The school will take responsibility for all other associated expenses such as costumes, props, sets, sound engineering, and transport costs.

The \$50 levy is to be paid via compass no later than **Monday March 18th**. Once payment has been received, your child's acceptance into the production is secured.

We look forward to a great show in 2019.

The P-9 Arts Team - Kylie Gral, Katia Buriani, Jason Koris and Fiona Rains.

Scholastic Book Club

Dear Parents and guardians,

Book Club Issue 2 catalogues have now been distributed for all Prep to Yr 7 students. Orders can be processed online via the LOOP app, or manually by submitting order forms and cash to classroom teachers.

Orders close on **Thursday 21st March**.

No late orders can be accepted.

Books will generally arrive a week after the issue closes and are delivered to your child's classroom.

Thank you for your support.

Danielle Lofting



Do you or a friend not eat breakfast today?

WHAT? FREE breakfast for everyone

WHEN? Every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8:10am - 8:40am

Where? The Auditorium Kitchen

Note from Sickbay, 2019

Welcome to 2019.

Just a fresh reminder that students with medical conditions such as Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Epilepsy, Diabetes, Heart or other medical conditions, need to provide the school with an updated action plan for 2019. All medication needs to be kept in the sickbay with the student's name clearly labeled on it. It is vital that parents need to update the school of any changes to your child's medical conditions.

All Prep and Year 1 students need to have a spare set of clothes for changing (undies, socks, short, dress, shirt) in their school bag, should they be needed. The school does not have enough supplies required for the changes, so you may need to pick up your child if there is no change of clothing supplied.

If you have any concerns please come and speak with one of our school nurses.

Cheers,

Thao Le & Jo Kent
College Nurse's

Important information

CSEF Applications

Attention Parents/Guardians

If you own a Centrelink Pension Concession Card or Health Care card be sure you fill in a CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion fund) application form. If you have not received an application form please collect one from reception.

Excursion and Payments

With many excursions and activities planned for 2019 please ensure payment and consent are given through COMPASS to avoid disappointment. Without permission and payment your child will not be able to attend and will remain at school.

If for financial reasons payment cannot be made by the due date please speak to your child's teacher in advance to make other arrangements.

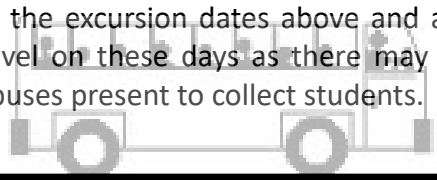
We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

College Uniform

Please ensure all items of uniform are labelled clearly with your child's full name. Many students will misplace items during break times and this will assist identification of lost items.

Excursion dates & Buses

Please note the excursion dates above and allow extra time for travel on these days as there may be a large number of buses present to collect students.



Healthy Lunch Ideas



From Prep to Year 9 school staff have noticed some amazing lunches being brought to school! However there are also many many lunches made up of mainly packaged foods like chips, biscuits, fruit wraps and bars. These should not be considered to be healthy lunch items, as they have a lot more sugar, or fat, or salt in them, and no vitamins or healthy ingredients. The energy they give is short lived, and the child ends up feeling tired and grumpy or over active. Processed foods in general are less healthy and often more expensive than fresh food.

Below are some great ideas to consider for your child's lunch:

- Tuna with lettuce and cucumber with tzatziki
 - Greek salad or any other salad with some ham or cheese on the side
 - Meatball filled rolls with lettuce and grated low fat cheese
 - Cous cous salad
 - Cereal and yoghurt (check the food label to see how much sugar is in the cereal and yoghurt)
 - Pita bread quarters (so quarters can be filled) with leftovers, lettuce and cucumber
 - Toasted ham and cheese sandwich cut in to quarters
 - Egg salad sandwich with light mayo
 - Vegetable and cheese muffins with carrot sticks and fruit
 - Light cream cheese, grated carrot and ham wrap
 - Feta corn and zucchini muffins
 - Leftovers from the night before like:
 - Left over fried rice turned in to a salad by adding tomatoes and some salad items you have on hand
 - Meat loaf sandwich using thinly sliced meatloaf with lettuce and tomatoes
 - Fruit salad
- Kids love their fruit cut up, so remember, lemon juice helps stop fruit going brown. Squeeze some over and wrap tightly in cling wrap.

To stop an apple going brown, cut into eighths, put back together and secure with a rubber band.

Use a frozen water bottle packed in the lunch box with food to keep it cool.

Josie Mitchell,
SecondarySchool Nurse



Newsletter Request for 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

Creekside K-9 College publishes fortnightly newsletters; these newsletters keep families up to date with the College information and indicate upcoming events. If you would like to receive a printed copy of the college newsletter every fortnight please fill in and return the slip below to the office.

We are aware that the majority of families have access to the internet and you can view the college newsletter online via the COMPASS portal or the college website www.creeksidecollege.vic.edu.au

This certainly assists us in managing resources and is indeed one way where, as a community, we can support environmental sustainability by limiting our use of paper based communication methods.

Yours sincerely

Rosa Marchionda
Principal

Paper Newsletter request slip

I would like to receive a printed copy of the Creekside K-9 College Newsletter each fortnight. I request that my child at the College will receive a copy to be brought home on alternate Thursdays.

Child's full name:

Class:

Signature of Parent/Guardian: