

# Creekside News

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Learning for Life

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to school for Term 4. I hope that you had a restful break and were able to spend time with family and friends. Term 4 is a busy term for our school with a lot happening including planning for 2019 currently underway. While the Kindergarten students will be undertaking a transition program into the prep classes soon, the Year 6 students will be preparing themselves for secondary school and the Year 9's will be finalising their time at Creekside and getting ready for their later years of schooling. Over the past week we have conducted information nights for 2019 Prep students and Year 7 students. Thank you to those who were able to attend the evenings. I trust they were beneficial and provided the information necessary for smooth transitions. For those who are new to the school, I hope you were made feel welcome and are excited about becoming members of the Creekside Community. Thank you to the staff for staying late and for preparing the sessions.

In planning for next year, I ask all current families who know they may be leaving us at the end of the year to please inform the office in writing as soon as possible, this will allow for more accurate planning of classes, etc. Also any families that have not yet enrolled siblings for 2019 to please contact the office urgently as places are limited and enrolments are closing.

As the weather becomes warmer it is important that your child has appropriate school wear. Only school uniform items are to be worn to and from school and whilst at school. Students are reminded that Term 4 is a sun smart term where primary school students must wear an accredited sun smart hat outside during breaks, caps are not appropriate. The school enforces a 'no hat-no play' policy. Should you require assistance with purchasing school uniforms, please do not hesitate to contact Gary Eckersall or one of the wellbeing team.

Under DET guidelines the school provides supervision in the yard 10 minutes before the official start of school and 10 minutes after the completion of classes for students at the end of the day. To this effect there are staff members on yard duty from 8:35 each morning and 3:30 following classes. This means that no children are allowed to be on playground equipment before 8:35 am and after 3:30 pm

## Dates to remember

**Thurs 11 Oct - Wed 24 Oct** - Prep & Yr 2 Swimming  
**Fri 19 Oct** - Yr 2 Sleepover  
**Mon 22 Oct** - Yr 9 ODE Outdoor Climbing and Abseiling  
**Mon 22 Oct - Wed 24 Oct** - Yr 3 Lady Northcote Camp  
**Mon 22 Oct** - Yr 8 French Letter Writing Task  
**Thurs 25 Oct - Fri 9 Nov** - Yr 1, 3 & 4 Swimming  
**Mon 29 Oct - Wed 31 Oct** - Yr 7 Lake Dewar Camp  
**Mon 29 Oct** - Prep - 6 Assembly 9:00am  
**Tue 6 Nov - Public Holiday Melbourne Cup**  
**Thurs 8 Nov** - Yr 7 Interschool Softball  
**Fri 9 Nov** - Yr 5 Economics Walk  
**Fri 9 Nov** - Yr 7 Interschool Tennis  
**Fri 9 Nov** - Yr 7 Interschool Cricket  
**Fri 9 Nov** - Yr 7 Interschool Volleyball  
**Mon 12 Nov** - Prep - 6 Assembly 9:00am  
**Thurs 15 Nov** - Yr 1 Stay Late  
**Mon 19 Nov** - Yr 9 ODE Bush Walking  
**Mon 26 Nov - Wed 28 Nov** - Yr 5 Philip Island Camp  
**Mon 26 Nov - Fri 30 Nov** - Yr 9 Exams  
**Mon 26 Nov** - Prep - 6 Assembly 9:00am  
**Wed 28 Nov** - Instrumental Music End of Year Concert  
**Mon 3 Dec** - Yr 9 ODE Surfing

## 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.

as there is no formal supervision of students. I ask that parents support the school by ensuring that you speak to your children in relation to this. In addition, we know many students attend school a lot earlier in the morning and remain later in the day beyond these times. To cater for this we provide an Out of School Care facility which is currently run by World 4 Kids in the gymnasium area for the Primary school students.

Rosa is currently on leave for the next 6-8 weeks, therefore Mr Wes will be filling in for me as the Acting Assistant Principal and I will be the Acting Principal until her return.

Effie Sultana

Acting Principal

## Kinder - 6 Sub Schools

### **K-6 Sub School**

Welcome back to all our families. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and has returned feeling refreshed and ready for what will be another busy term.

### **SunSmart**

As the days get longer and warmer, it is essential that we are all Sun Smart. Term 4 means No Hat, No Play! All students must wear a SunSmart approved hat (wide brimmed or legionnaires hat – no caps) when outside for PE or play. Students without a hat will be required to sit on the seats outside the Prep line up area during breaks. We encourage students to put on sunscreen at home prior to coming to school. They are welcome to pack a small roll-on in their bag to reapply throughout the day. A water bottle is also important as the weather starts to warm up.

### **Curriculum Day**

Friday 7th December is a Curriculum Day to allow us to continue with planning for 2018. World 4 Kids will be available as no students are required at school on this day. Please note this day in your diaries.

### **Assemblies**

This term, assemblies will continue to be held every second week (even weeks) at 9:00am in the gym:

Week 2 - Monday 15th October

Week 4 - Monday 29th October

Week 6 - Monday 12th November

Week 8 - Monday 26th November

Week 10 - Monday 10th December

Families are invited to attend assemblies to acknowledge and celebrate student achievement.

### **COMPASS Portal**

It is vital that all parents log on to Compass and do so regularly. Compass includes important information including attendance, reminders about upcoming events and payments. A reminder to all families that payments must be made by the due dates in order to enable us to organise staffing, buses, groups, catering etc. Late payments can not be accepted as they affect our planning. Please contact the office if you are having any issues logging on.

### **Excursions/Incursions**

Year 1 Puppetry - Took place last week. Students watched the entertaining "Three Animal Stories" puppet show before seeing all the secrets behind the scenes. They then had a lot of fun in the workshops getting creative and making their own stick puppets to take home.

Year 2 Sleepover - Our Year 2 students are extremely excited about their first overnight school experience tomorrow! This is a great opportunity to develop independence in preparation for the Year 3 and Year 5 camps.

**Year 3 Camp** - 23rd to 25th October

**Year 5 Camp** - 26th to 28th November

**Year 1 Stay Late** - 15th November

## **Swimming Program -**

Prep and Year 2 - 11th to 24th October

Year 1, 3 and 4 - 26th October to 9th November

Please be advised that any parents assisting with excursions must hold a current Working with Children's Check.

### **2019 Prep Students**

Enrolments were due at the end of Term 3, and we have begun preparing for our new 2019 Prep students. The Prep Transition Program sessions for this year will run from 9:30 – 10:30am on the following dates:

Friday 16th November - Parents welcome in the rooms for this session

Friday 23rd November - Parent information session in Janine Blachford Auditorium

Friday 30th November - Parent information session in Janine Blachford Auditorium

Friday 14th December - Parent information session in Janine Blachford Auditorium

### **Not returning in 2019?**

At this time of year we begin planning for the 2019 school year. If your child/ren will not be returning to Creekside College in 2019, please contact the school office to let us know.

We look forward to another exciting term of learning.

Regards,

Wesley Forke

Acting Assistant Principal

## **Student Wellbeing Protocol**

Dear Parents and guardians,

An important reminder that in the event that your child is experiencing issues with his/her peers at school, you are to contact your child's homeroom teacher to discuss the matter. Should you feel the issue is not being resolved, you should then speak with a Year Level Coordinator, Leading Teacher or Assistant Principal. Under no circumstances should parents be approaching students or other parents both in person or via social media.

## **Student Absences**

Welcome to a very busy and exciting Term 4. It is vital that your child/ren continue to come to school every day this term. Learning in all year levels will continue right up the last day of the term so we ask that parents and guardians please consider this when planning holidays. Absences often mean children miss important stages in the development of topics, meaning they are placed at a disadvantage and miss many learning opportunities.

Children learn best when they attend school every day. This gives them the best chance of achieving success, making friends, and experiencing the wide range of school programs and activities we offer at Creekside College.

## 7-9 Sub School

Hello all,

It seems as though we blink and we are at the pointy end of the year! Welcome back - I hope you had a rejuvenating break and you enter Term 4 with a renewed sense of purpose and energy.

Term 4 is always busy and exciting. There is so much that culminates at the end of a year as well as looking forward to the longest break. That said everyone, parents, teachers and students need to keep the momentum going and hold academic goals front and centre. Even though it often feels like we are already near the end, It's never too late to set some small new goals or revisit the original ones. I encourage all students to set themselves some goals that ensure a positive finish to the year, no matter how difficult it may be at this point, every bit of practice and effort will provide you with reward.

The end of the year can bring mixed emotions and a great deal of stress. It can be a time of excitement while also managing hard work, pressure, exams and at times disappointment. It is ever important to try and juggle all the competing demands, do things that really bring calm and not chase the 'procrastinators' such as screens, youtube clips and social networks, avoiding what will make a difference to our learning. Success is more likely to come to those who are organised, positive and show commitment in their approach. When everything has been completed and the holidays arrive, the sense of achievement is all the better for the challenge.

I wish everyone a wonderful Term 4 and look forward to all the things the term has to offer:

### **What is on this term:**

The year 7-9 students will sit their end of year exams.

Year 9 left for Camp today - they are off to Alexandra. If history repeats, there are always great positive stories and it is a great way to round out their time as Creekside students. The Year 7 cohort also go on camp this term to Lake Dewar. The camp experience is extremely worthwhile. Camp gives children the opportunity to build independence, resilience, new friendships, social and decision-making skills, environmental awareness and it gives children the experience of being away from home. Importantly, camp provides children with lasting memories that cannot be replicated or replaced by an online game. I would encourage all parents to take up the offer for a child to experience camp every chance they get.

There is a number of interschool sports including Softball, Tennis, Cricket and Volleyball.

The year 9 students have their graduation. The Arts festival and end of year concert are always highly attended events.

### **Uniform in Summer:**

Students have returned continuing to uphold the uniform expectations. The proper summer uniform options are

outlined in the front section of your child's diary. Students are still required to wear the correct leather shoes. At years 7-9 hats can be worn to and from school if needed and optional during recess and lunchtimes, however, they **must be plain navy in colour**. Another good idea is for your child to apply sunscreen before coming to school. We do have a supply of sunscreen that your child can use if need be. As well as bringing a water bottle to drink from throughout the day.

Paul Young

Assistant Principal Yr 7-9 Sub school

## Science Talent Search

Congratulations to the following students who entered the Science Talent Search, some excellent results.

Names	Class	Entry type	Award/ Certificate
Aarya P	1D	Science photography	Major bursary
Greneth O	2A	Poster	Major bursary
Shubham D	Prep E	Working model	Minor bursary
Ethan S	3C	Poster	Minor bursary
Sarah L	2G	Computer Programs	Distinction
Nikita D	5C	Working model	Distinction
Kosheen P	1D	Science photography	Merit
Noa M	2F	Poster	Merit
Thomas D	1D	Game	Acknowledgement
Joseph D	1A		
Trish H	2E	Game	Acknowledgement
Agam P	2E	Working model	Acknowledgement
Savannah R Taanishka G	5A	Science photography	Acknowledgement

The bursary winners are encouraged to exhibit their project at the public Exhibition and Presentation Day on Monday 29th October at La Trobe University.



## **Reminder to return borrowed books to the Resource Centre Trial**

To ensure parents are aware of the books their children need to return to the school's Resource Centre an email will be sent to parents/guardians as a reminder.

Your feedback as to the effectiveness or otherwise of the trial are welcomed. The aim is to keep parents in the loop. Please ring Liz in the Resource Centre on 8363 6400 if you have any comments or suggestions.

## 2018 ICAS ENGLISH RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the above testing.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of participants
- Distinction to the next 10% of participants
- Credit to the next 25% of participants
- Merit to the next 10% of participants
- Participation to all other participating students.

Congratulations to everyone who entered, in particular to the following students for excellent results:

### **Year 2:**

Nisha A- Distinction  
Sarah O -Distinction  
Noa M - Credit  
Trish H – Credit

### **Year 5:**

Beatrice V –Distinction  
Rashmika T- Credit  
Taanishka G –Credit  
Lucy H - Credit  
Abijit A - Merit

### **Year 3:**

Samaira V- High Distinction  
Alexander C - Credit  
Darshbir U - Merit

Levinkha S - Merit  
Nikita D – Merit  
Tiana Z - Merit

### **Year 6:**

Sanindu S - Distinction  
Abhinesh VK - Credit  
Minchae K - Credit  
Jessica N - Merit  
Jeshurun C - Merit  
Joseph D - Merit

Alex K – High Distinction  
Harneep K - Credit  
Jocelyn W - Credit  
Ryan P - Merit

## Dobson's School Uniform Sale



The poster features a teal background with faint icons of school supplies like a globe, ruler, and pencil. A central white box contains the text: 'BUY EARLY SALE' (with 'SALE' in large red letters), '1 SEP - 31 OCT', and 'Please contact uniform shop for details'. Below this, five white, torn-edge paper strips list items: 'SUMMER DRESSES', 'PULLOVERS', 'BLAZERS', 'BAGS', and 'SPORTSWEAR'. At the bottom right, the 'Dobsons school uniform specialists' logo is displayed.

## Absent Note

**Students Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**was absent on:** \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

**Due to: (please circle)**

**Illness**

**Medical Appointment**

**Dental Appointment**

**Family Holiday**

**Bereavement**

**Return date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/guardian signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

**Re: 7-9 Exams 2018**

In 2018, all Year 9 students will be sitting their Semester Two exams in week 8 of Term 4, (November 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>) and year 7-8 students will sit their exams in week 9 of Term 4 (December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>). The exams are written to assess the key skills, content and knowledge students have acquired throughout the Semester. Students in years 7 and 8 will sit an English, Maths, Science and Humanities exam. Year 9 students will sit an English, Maths, Humanities, Science and Health and P.E exam. School will operate as normal, with students expected to attend from 8.50 am to 3.05 pm in full school uniform.

**The purpose of exposing students to the exam process is to:**

- Assess students learning and progress
- Prepare students for their later years
- Develop stamina and effective time management
- Build the students capacity to respond to a range of question types
- Develop study skills

**Exam Results:**

- Exam results will be included in your child's Semester Reports as a percentage.

**Student Absences:**

- Should your child be absent for their exam, a medical certificate is required. Unexplained or unauthorised absences will incur a 0% result.
- If a family holiday is planned for this time, notification of the dates is required on or before Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November (Week 6). Students will consequently receive an NA on their report.
- Catch-up sessions will run on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November for Year 9 students and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December for Year 7 & 8 students. Should multiple exams be missed, Math and English will be prioritised.

<b>Year 9 Exam Timetable</b>					
<b>Session Times</b>	<b>Monday November 26th</b>	<b>Tuesday November 27th</b>	<b>Wednesday November 28th</b>	<b>Thursday November 29th</b>	<b>Friday November 30th</b>
<b>Session 1 &amp; 2 9:00 – 10:40</b>	<b>Year 9 English Exam</b>	<b>Year 9 Math Exam</b>	<b>Year 9 Humanities Exam</b>	<b>Year 9 Science Exam</b>	<b>Year 9 P.E/Health Exam</b>
<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Exam Timetable</b>					
<b>Session Times</b>	<b>Monday December 3rd</b>	<b>Tuesday December 4th</b>	<b>Wednesday December 5th</b>	<b>Thursday December 6th</b>	<b>Friday December 7th</b>
<b>Session 1 &amp; 2 9:00 – 10:40</b>	<b>Year 8 English Exam</b>	<b>Year 8 Math Exam</b>	<b>Year 8 Humanities Exam</b>	<b>Year 8 Science Exam</b>	
<b>Session 3 &amp; 4 11:10 – 12:50</b>	<b>Year 7 English Exam</b>	<b>Year 7 Math Exam</b>	<b>Year 7 Humanities Exam</b>	<b>Year 7 Science Exam</b>	

Exams can be a stressful time for students. Good planning and a balance between study and recreational pastimes is important for success.

**What you can do to support your child at home:**

- Create a quiet space at home, where your child can study and complete their homework with little distraction.
- Check your child's diary on a nightly basis. Ask them to show you the tasks they have recorded and talk you through what they have learned.
- Engage with your child's learning by familiarising yourself with the content they are learning.
- Contact your child's teacher should you have any additional concerns, questions or require any further clarification.

On behalf of the Year 7-9 team we would like to wish all students well in their exams.



## **2019 Booklists & CSEF**

**2019 Booklists have been handed out to students, if you have not received a copy please collect one from reception.**

**BOOK PACKS - All booklists are to be submitted online by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018**

Vital Office will be the college booklist provider for 2019. School council have decided to transition to online ordering for 2019, therefore, there **will not be a book collection day**. All parents will be required to order the booklists online. There will be **“free home delivery”** for all booklist orders.

If you submit your child’s booklist online by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, you will be guaranteed delivery of your booklist before the start of the school year. All orders placed after this date, may not be delivered before the start of the school year. **For families that do not have access to the internet, an iPad is available at the office reception up to the last day of term 4 (ie. Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018).**

We look forward to working with your child next year to support your child’s development in 2019.

### **CSEF – CAMPS, SPORTS, EXCURSION FUND**

The Victorian Government has committed to providing eligible students with Camps, Sports & Excursion funds (CSEF). These funds are paid to the school to use towards excursions, incursions and camps for eligible students. To be eligible for the funding, a parent or legal guardian must be the holder of a current Healthcare card or Pension card. In order to receive the payment, a completed CSEF application form must be completed and submitted before the end of Term 2, 2019.

If you are eligible to apply for CSEF funding, please collect a form from reception.