

Creekside News

20 SEPT 2018

Learning for Life

Friday 21 Sept - End of Term 3

Early Years Dismissal 2:10pm

Middle Years dismissal 2:05pm

Monday 8 October - First day Term 4

(No student free day)

Dear Parents/Carers,

As another term comes to an end it is timely to reflect on the great many activities that have happened at Creekside. Once again, we have had many opportunities for our students to engage in extra-curricula programs such as the Physical Education program Jump Rope for Heart and the numerous interschool sporting events. Josie Mitchell, our secondary school nurse has been instrumental in organising wellbeing programs for students. Students in years 8 and 9 participated in the Party Safe initiative, which focussed on making responsible choices. On Thursday 13 September students were encouraged to ask a friend or someone who may need support 'RUOK?'. Students were involved in a range of lunchtime activities to raise awareness of this very important conversation to make our school a safer and friendlier place.



The College Captains have been exploring an extension to our bike shed. They have sourced architects drawing and quotes to enlarge the existing bike shed to encourage more students to ride to school. In order to make this vision a reality, students organised a fund raising lunch time BBQ on Tuesday 18 September and the raffling off of a BMX bike. The College would like to thank Ben from Rebel Sport in Taylor's Lakes for the donation the bike.

Steven Abboushi, the Councillor for the Cambridge Ward in Melton, will be shadowing me in the Principal for a day program on Thursday 20 September. I look forward to introducing Steven to our school community as I am immensely proud of our students and their achievements.

Dates to remember

Thurs 20 Sept - Yr 7-9 Regional Athletics

Fri 21 Sept - Prep Breakfast

Fri 21 Sept - End of Term 3

Mon 8 Oct - Start of Term 4

Mon 8 Oct - Yr 9 ODE Swim Assessment

Wed 10 Oct - Yr 1 Puppetry Incursion

Fri 12 Oct - Yr 6 Interschool Sport Softball

Mon 15 Oct - Wed 17 Oct - Yr 9 Adventure Camp

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 29 Oct - Wed 31 Oct - Yr 7 Lake Dewar Camp

Tue 6 Nov - Public Holiday Melbourne Cup

Thurs 8 Nov - Yr 7 Interschool Softball

Fri 9 Nov - Yr 7 Interschool Tennis

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.



Did 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

In week 2 of term 4 I will be undergoing some surgery which will require 6-8 weeks recovery time. Effie Sultana will once again take on the role of Acting Principal and Wes Forke will step up into the Acting Assistant Principal role. Danielle Diamond will take over 2A in Wes' absence. Parents are reminded that there will be a curriculum day on Friday 7 December and the first day of term 4 is a normal school day.

On Tuesday the 18th of September the Year 9 cohort was fortunate enough to have the author of the text they have studied this term 'Living on Hope Street', Demet Divaroren come out to speak with them. Demet took the students through her journey in becoming a successful writer including the challenges she has overcome. Students then had the opportunity to pose questions about the text itself and her writing process, before they each had a one on one conversation and the opportunity to have their books signed.

Well done to the Year 9 cohort who conducted themselves in a mature and respectful manner, students and teachers alike made the most of this rare and fantastic opportunity. With any luck Spring will deliver us wonderful outdoor weather over the holiday period and I hope you have many opportunities to enjoy spending family time together. Have a safe and happy holiday and I will look forward to seeing you all back at school for term 4 on Monday 8 October.

Please be reminded that school will finish early on Friday at 2:05 and 2:10pm.

Regards

Rosa Marchionda

Kinder - 2 Sub School

K-2 Sub School

The end of another busy term is nearing. Thank you to all of our families for their support in ensuring the students are at school on time and ready to learn. I take this opportunity to also thank the wonderful staff for their extensive planning to meet the needs of all individuals in their classes and for providing excellent learning opportunities for all of our students. The staff shared some of their reading assessments with me and the growth across Prep-2 has been amazing, well done to all. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break, I hope the warmer weather comes soon.

Staffing Update

Rosa will be having some surgery next term so she will be absent for the first half of term 4. I will be stepping up into the Acting Principal role again and Mr Wes will be replacing me as the Acting Assistant Principal for the term.

Portfolios

Student portfolios need to be returned to your child's teacher before the end of term. These are an excellent snapshot of your child's learning at a particular time. They are another way to improve communication between

home and school with regard to student achievement. I thank the staff for the additional time this has taken to collate the information in the one place.

2019 Prep Enrolments

We are now accepting final enrolments for Prep 2018. Enrolments will close at the end of this week. Any late enrolments will be determined based on capacity only. Places are filling fast so get your enrolment form in to the school office quickly. Information regarding our transition program for our 2019 Preps has been forwarded to families that have enrolled.

2019 Kinder Places

Families should have been notified of their acceptance into 4-year-old kindergarten in 2018. Preference notices were due back last week and confirmations will be in the mail shortly.

Prep 2019 Information Night

For all families starting Prep with us in 2019, join us in the auditorium at 6:00pm on Tuesday 16th October to find out everything you need to know for next year.

Prep-4 Swimming Term 4

Payments have now closed to allow us to group the students and communicate with the pool regarding session times for the students. These will be confirmed early next term.

Future Dates

September 21st – Last day of term 3; 2:20pm early finish

October 8th – First day of term 4, 8:50am start

Regards

Effie Sultana

K-2 Assistant Principal

3 - 6 Sub School

NAPLAN Results

Our NAPLAN results this year show a significant upward trend in student learning. Most pleasing was the fact that we had a higher percentage of students achieve high growth than the state in 13 of 15 assessments. This reflects the positive learning culture at Creekside and our relentless focus on improving student learning.

The school's approach to teaching writing will be a focus in the future, as we only achieved one of our four AIP top two bands targets in writing. Actions around how we can best foster high levels of learning in writing and extend our students will be a focus in upcoming leadership and team meetings.

Year 5 & 6 Celebrations of Learning

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 students who this week shared their hard work with members of the community at their Celebrations of Learning. The time, effort and care that went into their projects was obvious. I was most impressed with the way students could articulate what they learnt while creating their work and how their work

related to the 'big idea'.

Bike Shed Fundraising

On Tuesday our Student Voice representatives held a BBQ to raise funds for the building of a new bike shed. The bike shed itself has been in the planning stages for some time and is set to accommodate more than double the number of bikes as the current shed.

Camps

Term 4 will see both the Year 3 and Year 5 cohorts attend camp. The Year 3's will spend two nights at Lady Northcote YMCA camp near Bacchus Marsh, while the Year 5's will travel around the bay to Phillip Island Adventure Resort for two nights.

Camps are an great opportunity for children to develop essential personal and interpersonal skills. Activities aim to develop personal learning skills such as persistence, resilience, organisation, communication and confidence, while interpersonal skills such as teamwork, conflict resolution and sharing are also fostered.

Creekside Mural

The mural at the west entrance to the school is now officially complete and it is certainly is a sight to behold! The mural was designed and painted by Kerry Rastas, with the assistance of Hands on Learning students, staff and parent helpers. The feedback from community members has been extremely positive, with most saying they feel the mural makes the school a more inviting place to be. How many of the birds and flowers can you name?



Road Safety

Please ensure that you are using either of the two school crossings when crossing the road at the front of the school. With the number of cars on the road during peak times before and after school, it is extremely dangerous to cross elsewhere. Unfortunately I notice some parents walking their children across the road between the crossings on a weekly basis. Please be reminded that the school crossings and the lollipop people and there for your safety.

End of Term

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable term break. I am on long service leave for the first two weeks of term, so will be returning in week 3. If you have any concerns during this time, please see your child's classroom teacher, a Leading Teacher or one of the other AP's.

Gerard Lucas

3-6 Assistant Principal

7-9 Sub School

The last newsletter for term 3. It really feels as though this term has flown by at a rate of knots. I have asked many students this week what they have planned for the holidays, to which the most frequent response was sleep, couch and shopping. If you get a chance to enjoy this element of holidays I encourage everyone to remember sleep is important for a number of reasons. Particularly upon return to school in Term 4, consider that not only does sleep help us feel more alert, it is also a key factor that assists our brains to transfer information from short-term to long-term memory. It can be tempting to stay up late playing Fortnite, on Snapchat or watching youtube, screen time directly prior to sleeping can actually be quite counterproductive. It isn't sustainable to sacrifice sleep, nor can lost sleep be balanced out by future sleep. Unfortunately, you cannot bank the additional hours of sleep you may get in over the holidays for when school goes back.

So as you start a new semester ready to learn you will realise study will only be one of many things competing for attention, and it is understandable that sleep may be compromised. Nevertheless, we can't afford to lose sight of the importance of maintaining sensible sleep routines for health, wellbeing, and academic performance. Find a balance of study, pleasure and for some part-time work. Encouraging students to value and prioritise sleep may be difficult, but the benefits of sleep and balance are clear. Research has found students' academic grades improve with improved sleep. If you don't get enough the reverse also applies. This will be particularly important for all the 7-9 students as they head toward their end of year exams during term 4.

A short update of the events past and upcoming:

I was fortunate to accompany the yr 7 Boys hockey team on interschool sport. It was clear the team had not played hockey before, however, by the end of the day they had found their feet. Star players were Riley as the goalkeeper and Lachlan with his speed and strong defensive skills. At the end of the game, the umpire made a special effort to talk to the team after their matches to congratulate them on how well they played. The same day the Boys and Girls Basketball and Table Tennis competed in what was an overall enjoyable day for all.

The year 9 students participated in a party safe day organised by the school nurse Josie. The day was a huge success and the students received some extremely valuable life skill information and tools. One such presentation was from a presenter named Ben from an organisation called "Step Back Think" who spoke about the dangers of one punch and violence in society. I have never seen the group of year 9 students so transfixed on a presenter for that length of time. If you have one of the year 9 students at home, please ask about Bens presentation and keep the conversation going.

The year 8 Humanities classes will be travelling into the

city this week to consolidate their learning about the geographic processes of urbanisation and migration. This excursion will allow them to gather evidence on these processes in order to answer the question: How is Melbourne changing?

Finally the student leadership group will be able to see the fruits of their labour toward the Bike Shed upgrade fundraising event. They have put in a lot of work and have been successful in getting some great donations from local community businesses. Everyone's fingers are crossed for the sun to be shining. Stay tuned to next newsletter where we can report the outcome.

While considering all of these things over the break, please stay safe and treasure the time you get to spend with your families. I look forward to hearing about everyone's adventures in Term 4.

Kind Regards

Paul Young

Assistant Principal 7-9

French Corner

With the term break just round the corner, we have a few ideas to help you keep France on your mind as you enjoy the Spring weather over the next two weeks.

1. Start your day the way a lot of Parisians do, by walking.

You can amble in the Victoria Gardens in High St, Prahran or Royal Botanic Gardens. You could even hire a French-made bike and cycle along the Yarra.

2. Time for a Parisian breakfast.

Walk into raffish Rouge (14 Beatty Ave, Armadale) where your wide-lipped bowl of cafe au lait is served on a rustic breadboard. Just the place to read Le Monde or Le Figaro online. Francophiles also cross town for Neil McKenzie's brioche and eclairs at Parisian Patisserie Boulangerie (19 Keilor Rd, Essendon) and lastly Le Croissant (1204 Toorak Rd, Camberwell) for Melbourne's finest croissants.

3. Stock up on more Gallic goodies

Sample the cheese from The French Shop at Queen Victoria Market (Stalls 1-2, Dairy Produce Hall), divine duck confit and charcuterie from La Parisienne Pates (290 Lygon St, Carlton) and house-smoked salmon at The Little French Deli (524 Nepean Highway, Bonbeach). Chocolates are a must! L'atelier de Monsieur Truffe, in Collingwood and Brunswick East, (monsieurtruffechocolate.com) is cocoa central, with dark chocolate truffles and a wide variety of French-style pralines.

4. Mad about macarons?

Then follow the cobblestone lane that leads to Chez Dré (rear of 285-287 Coventry St, South Melbourne. chezdre.com.au), order a single estate coffee and make your choice. Pastel-pretty La Belle Miette (city and Richmond. labellemiette.com.au) offers more macaron magic.

5. Play petanque.

Try your hand at this ancient game. **La Petanque Restaurant** (1208 Mornington-Flinders Rd, Main Ridge. lapetanque.com.au) boasts a picture-perfect scene.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair sales, cash and re-orders have been finalised: no further purchases are possible. By buying from our annual Book Fair you have contributed to over \$2000 worth of commission books for the Resource Centre. These will be available soon for borrowing. Thank you for your support.

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-trial to remind parents' and guardians' is currently underway. Your comments 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.

Dobson's School Uniform Sale

BUY EARLY
SALE
1 SEP - 31 OCT

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Please contact uniform shop for details

SUMMER DRESSES

PULLOVERS

BLAZERS

BAGS

SPORTSWEAR

RU OK? Day

World Suicide Prevention Day or RU OK? Day was held at Creekside on Thursday 13 September with students showing their support for each other in a series of lunch time activities to promote the meaning of this important day.

Across Australia this day aims to encourage everyone to take time to start a conversation with someone... a friend or colleague or maybe someone we know a little **and ask them "RU OK?"** in a real meaningful way. It is all about taking the time to listen and see how people are travelling. Listening can give real support and shows you care! When people are doing it tough, or not coping, it can be lonely and difficult.



Five very motivated Middle Years student volunteers put lots of time and effort into creating some fabulous activities like a photo-booth painted bright yellow with the RU OK? DAY logo where students could have their photo taken promoting RU OK? Day. They also had a face painting activity and a t-shirt painting activity which many students participated in! Students also joined in and wrote messages on two colourful banners which will be displayed in the Primary and Secondary areas as a reminder of the day. Really we need to make RU OK? Day part of our everyday life to help keep others safe and feeling cared about.

Josie Mitchell Secondary School Nurse

Year 9 Party Safe Day 2018!

Every year students learn about alcohol and drugs as part of the curriculum in Year 8 and 9, and this is reinforced and made even more practical and safety oriented during Party Safe Day!

This year it was held on Friday 14th September and the whole cohort of Year 9 students took part. The whole day is a health promotion exercise to arm students with knowledge and strategies to keep themselves and their friends safe.

We recognise that while not all students may choose to drink alcohol while they are teenagers, or adults, they may have friends and family members who do. They may experience parties or events in the future where they encounter situations that can put them at risk.

Research tells us that educating students about the inherent risks of alcohol makes a positive difference in keeping them safe.

Students listened to a powerful speaker from Step Back Think, Ben O'Toole, who told the heartbreaking story of his friend MJ who was left seriously brain injured and disabled by a cowards punch, and then to students amazement disclosed that the same thing had happened to him, with a very different and highly unusual outcome, meaning that Ben was not disabled, and is still alive. This surprised his whole medical team who were not expecting him to survive.

Following this students rotated through a series of 5 activities run by a team of Secondary School Nurses which involved standard drinks, a practical activity about safety and injury, a music themed quiz game and a beer goggle obstacle course.

Melton Youth Services held a hip hop activity and spoke with students about their local services! It was a great day and although busy, I am confident students gained helpful knowledge to keep themselves and their friends safer.



Josie Mitchell

Absent Note

Students Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

was absent on: _____ (date)

Due to: (please circle)

Illness

Family Holiday

Medical Appointment

Bereavement

Dental Appointment

Return date: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Recognising and rewarding positive behaviour, effort and achievement

Class	Teacher	Student Name	Effort or Achievement	Subject/Topic
Prep A	Drita Demiri & Alison Peck	Arlina M	Achievement	For achieving pleasing results across all areas
Prep B	Jennifer Millman	Maya L	Achievement	For showing a great improvement in her Reading and Writing
Prep C	Rhys Jones	Anthony S	Effort	For showing great improvement in Reading.
Prep D	Doris Chu	Noah K	Effort	For all his effort in writing
Prep E	Teuta Shehu	Kaylen W	Achievement	For showing great improvement in Reading and Writing.
Prep F	Esra Hassan	Maria S	Achievement	For displaying excellent achievement in Reading and Writing
Prep G	Angela Campillos	Derek N	Effort	For always trying hard in all areas of his learning
1A	Payge Calleja & Bianca Sciberras	Jimmy W	Effort	For putting effort into his reading
1B	Jarred Grainger	Keenan T	Effort	For showing great effort and determination in all areas of learning
1C	Melinda Antonenko & Kerrie Ahrens	Andrea V	Achievement	For consistently achieving a high standard of work in all learning areas.
1D	Angela Worledge	Ari M	Effort	For displaying outstanding effort in Integrated Studies this term
1E	Vanessa Conti	Jack S	Effort	For showing great effort in all learning areas.
1F	Ross Addicott	Edgar D	Effort	For showing great effort and determination in all areas of learning
1G	Thomas Turnbull	LJ S	Effort	For showing great effort and determination in all work areas
2A	Heather Bambery/Wes Forke	Caira SH	Effort and Achievement	For always demonstrating the Creekside values and consistently producing a high standard of work
2B	Miss Viola	Manjot S	Effort	For demonstrating a positive growth mindset in Mathematics
2C	Mrs Derby	Jacob R	Achievement	For showing great improvement in his Reading!
2D	Mr Baker	Minh D	Effort	For showing great effort in all learning areas.
2E	Mrs McKay & Ms Lowry	Zach F	Effort	For demonstrating effort towards developing his Mathematic skills
2F	Miss Sree	Katia G	Achievement	For showing great improvement in her skills in Mathematics
2G	Ms Tanti	Harsimar M	Effort and Achievement	For demonstrating consistantly neat handwriting
3A	Michelle Fasoli/Jayne Simmons	Kaleb E	Effort	For showing great improvement with his Narrative writing
3C	Miss Stewart	Shahil K	Effort	For displaying great improvement in his ability to read and understand a text
3D	Ms Carnevale	Kevin L	Effort	For using the writing process to develop an excellent Narrative
3E	Mr Talevski	Chakradhar B	Effort	For showing great improvement in all areas of learning due to great attendance
4A	Mrs Cassar and Miss Crosswell	Alexis S	Effort	For showing great improvement in all areas of learning due to a positive mindset
4B	Mr Elorza	Navleen S	Effort	For showing great effort and improvement in all areas of her learning
4C	Megan Layton	D'Arby SH	Effort	For showing great effort in all learning areas.
4D	Mark Nikolic	Dylan Ai	Effort	For showing great improvement in all areas of learning
4E	Angela Petroski	Jethro D	Effort	For showing great improvement in the area of multiplication.
4F	Diane Sarandoglou	Seth R	effort and achievement	For demonstrating a positive growth mindset
5A	Mitch Johnstone/Bart Tuttle	Holly A	effort and achievement	For showing great effort in all areas of her learning.
5B	Ms Stanley	Lara S	effort and achievement	For publishing excellent information reports which included detailed maps as a visual aid
5C	Mrs Adel Chami	Tiana Z	Achievement	For publishing excellent information reports
5D	Mrs.Oji	Elvin V	Achievement	For showing great improvement in his understanding of decimals
5E	Miss Krsteska	Tony N	Achievement	For publishing excellent information reports
6A	Rob Nikolic and Claire Finn	Caine B	Effort	For showing great effort in all areas of his learning.
6B	Paul Furey	Gabi P	Effort	For listening carefully and sharing her thoughtful responses
6C	Danielle Gorrie	Deren G	Achievement	For excellent growth in his decimals and percentages test
6D	Jacinta Milligan	Amina K	Effort	for putting in her best effort across all subject areas.
6E	Mr Nguyen	Tyla T	Achievement	For writing an excellent explanation text.
6F	Ms Young	Brodie C	Effort	For always putting in so much effort in his writing.

2018-2019 Entertainment Memberships are still available!

Discover thousands of valuable 2-for-1 offers and up to 50% off for many of the best restaurants, cafés, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more – choose the style of membership that suits you the best...

The Entertainment™ Digital Membership for your smartphone is still available!

The Entertainment™ Digital Membership puts all of the value of the Entertainment™ Book into the customer's smartphone. With 'near me' technology and the ability to show and save using a phone, this is perfect for the person on-the-go, with no card or voucher to present.

The Melbourne Entertainment™ Memberships sell for just \$70 and you'll receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers you can use until 1 June, 2019.

Each Membership sold raises \$13 for Creekside College, please show your support by purchasing your membership today

For any enquiries please contact Shirley at the front office.



FIGURING OUT WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR TEENAGER



ASK THEM TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION

"How are you on a scale of 1 to 10? (1 = pretty awful and 10 = smiles all round.)"



IF THEY ANSWERED 7 OR ABOVE

Awesome! Ask them what's going well in their world, and remind them of these things the next time their score is low.



IF THEY ANSWERED 4 OR LOWER

Ask them what might need to happen to bring them up to a 7. Check out ReachOut.com together for some advice.



ASK REGULARLY

It'll help you to spot trends and act quickly.

Supporting parents to help their teenagers deal with whatever life throws at them. [ReachOut.click/Communication](https://reachout.click/Communication)

Tips for creating a safe and trusting conversation:



LET THEM SPEAK

Give them time and space to talk, and avoid interrupting them.



REMOVE DISTRACTIONS

Put away your phone and give them your full attention.



ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR FEELINGS

Respond with comments like: 'That must have been hard' or 'Sounds like it was exciting'.



GIVE PHYSICAL CUES

Nodding, making eye contact and facing the person you're talking with show that you're really listening.



PLAN FOR LATER

Ask them if they'd like to chat about the issue again, and lock it in.



12pm – 10pm Saturday 22nd September 2018
Burnside Heights Recreation Reserve

What's happening?

- Live entertainment
- Jumping castle
- Face painting
- Colouring competition
- Pilates- 4pm & 7pm

- Live DJ
- AFL skills and drills
- Food vendors & BBQs
- Local CFA fire trucks

What are teams selling on the day?

Team Jellyfish- Showbags including Bertie Beetle (pre order through the facebook page www.facebook.com/csrelayforlife), DVDs, cake stall, hot soup stand and spit roast.

A New Hope- Face painter & arts and crafts table, bake sale

Inspired By April- Beads to count your laps (gold coin)
Free 2B Me Fitness- Cookies by 'Love Cookie'

