

Creekside News

21 FEB 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent Teacher Meeting

On Monday 4th March, the College will be holding a Meet and Greet for families of students in Year 1 to Year 9. Staff will be available from 3.35 pm to 6.35 pm and will be located in various rooms around the school. Bookings can be made on the Compass system. Students in Years 7-9 will have received their 3 weekly reports this week. These timely reports ensure that students are aware of how they are tracking. Parents are asked to discuss these reports with their children and with teachers.

College Captains

Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in being appointed to leadership roles in the College. Students underwent a rigorous selection process including writing an application and sitting an interview. All applicants acquitted themselves well and should be proud of their efforts.

I am pleased to announce the Student Leadership Team:
School Captains are:

Nina Cinco, Cassandra Campillos, Leonora Nikolovski and Steven Tran.

Our **House Captains** are:

Red House: Ella Cufari, Green House: Mitch Glazbrook, Yellow House: Kelvin Nguyen and Blue House Andrea Stankovic

Swimming Carnival

Last week, students in Year 7-9 took part in the swimming carnival. Luckily the weather provided near perfect conditions and the students enjoyed participating. Congratulations to those students who achieved success and to the teachers who coordinated and supervised the day. The Year 3-6 swimming carnival will take place this week. I wish all competitors well in their events.

Guidelines for parents when communicating with the College

When parents and families have concerns about their child, a teacher or school processes there are a number of ways these can be addressed. The following table can be used as a guide for families.

Dates to remember

Thur 21 Feb - Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Thur 21 Feb - Welcome to Prep BBQ

Mon 25 Feb - Outdoor Ed Swimming Assessment

Thur 28 Feb - Yr 9 French Letter Writing

Mon 04 March-Meet and Greet

Mon 04 March-Creekside College Photo Day

Fri 08 March-Creekside Sibling Photo Day

Tue 05 Mar - Yr 7-9 Division Swimming Carnival

Wed 06 Mar - Yr 9 Interschool Sports

Mon 11 March - Labour Day Public Holiday

Tue 12 Mar - Yr 5 Sovereign Hill

Fri 15 Mar - National Day Against Bullying & Violence

Mon 18 Mar - Outdoor Ed-Surfing

Wed 20 Mar - Yr 8 Division Interschool Sport

Mon 25 Mar - Outdoor Ed-Sailing

Wed 27 Mar - The Alliance Francaise French Film Festival

Thur 28 Mar - Busking day

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

Wed 03 Apr - Yr 6 Celebration of Learning

Mon 04 Apr - Yr 7-9 Regional Swimming Competition

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

'Stop and Go' Zone

Just a reminder for all parents the Creekside K-9 College 'Stop and Go' Zone is operational from 8:00am to 9:30am every school day and is enforced by Melton City Council.

Adults should not be exiting the car or remaining in the park for longer than two minutes. Signage at the 'Stop and Go' zone reminds all community members of the parking restrictions.



Concern	Appropriate Action
<i>The academic progress of your own child</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly contact your child's teacher in P-6 or the subject teacher in years 7-9 via a note, diary entry, email or telephone to make an appointment to discuss any issues • Use parent teacher interview days as a time to make appointments with teachers to discuss progress • For Year 7-9 students, general concerns about academic progress please contact the Year Level Coordinator • For more serious concerns speak to the relevant Assistant Principal
<i>The wellbeing of your own child</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For general issues contact your child's teacher or relevant Leading Teacher - Wellbeing in P-6 or Year Level Coordinator for years 7-9 • For more serious or confidential issues contact Student Wellbeing Team
<i>The actions of other students</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For general issues contact your child's teacher or relevant Leading Teacher - Wellbeing in P-6 or Year Level Coordinator for years 7-9 • For more serious concerns contact the relevant Assistant Principal
<i>School Policies or Practices</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the office to make an appointment with the Assistant Principal
<i>Actions of a staff member</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make an appointment to speak with the Principal or the Assistant Principal

When visiting the school and discussing concerns we ask all families to:

- Report to the General Office so that your concern can be directed to the right person
- Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy
- Discuss issues or concerns about the school, staff or students through correct procedures as above
- Use appropriate language while on school premises in particular in the presence of students, staff and other visitors to the school
- Ensure social media, such as Facebook, is not used to discuss school related issues. Concerns can be addressed through the appropriate channels.

At times teachers are unavailable so to avoid lengthy waiting periods we recommend that you ring ahead to make an appointment.

Our aim is to work in partnership with families to ensure that students achieve the best outcomes possible. We seek your continued support to achieve this aim.

School Council Elections

School Council elections will be held in accordance with the attached timeline and will be advertised through the school newsletter and in the office area in accordance with DET guidelines.

School Council Election Process & Timeline	
Creekside K – 9 College	
Important key dates are listed below	
Event	Date
Notice of election and call for nominations	Wednesday 20 February, 2019
Closing date for nominations to be delivered to the office	4.00pm Wednesday 27 February
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Friday 1 March
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Monday 4 March
Close of ballot	4.00pm Tuesday 12 March
Vote count	Wednesday 13 March
Declaration of ballot	Thursday 14 March

Kinder - Year 2 Sub School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week we had our **Prep to Year 6 Assembly**. It was our Prep's first assembly for the year and they settled in beautifully. Students enjoyed seeing their peers receive certificates for achievement and effort, as well as standing up to sing the Australian National Anthem. It was fantastic to see parents, guardians and family members attend the assembly.

Today at 3:30pm we are holding the **Prep BBQ**. Prep students have been excited about this event all week and I'm sure will enjoy this special occasion. We look forward to reporting on this in the next newsletter.

We have a **Parent Club** that meets every Wednesday morning from 9:00am to 10:00am. Parent Club is a great way to support our school and participate in a range of fundraising and social events. It is also a great time to meet other community members and catch up over a cuppa. Please come along and join us. New members are always welcome and valued. Please speak with one of our friendly office staff if you would like to join.

Play Group runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the Community Space. If you have a preschool aged child and would like to attend, the cost is a gold coin donation. It is a great opportunity for children to meet new friends for a play and for you to have a coffee. Again, please speak to one of our office staff for more information.

All families should now have received their **Compass** login details and have access to the app. I encourage everyone to familiarise themselves with its functions. If you need any support our office staff are happy to help.

Please be informed that the parallel parking area in front of Creekside College is a **'Stop & Go Zone'**. Please do not leave your car during drop off and pick up times. I would like to thank everyone for working with us in reducing congestion during peak times.

For **Kindergarten Open Week** we will open the kindergarten from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday 20th March. This is a great opportunity to see our kinder facility, meet our fantastic staff and ask any questions you might have. 2020 kindergarten enrolments open on Wednesday 13th March via the Melton Council.

Dates for the diary:

- Prep to Year 6 Assemblies
- Week 6 - 4th Mar No assembly due to School Photo Day
- Week 8 - 18th Mar
- Week 10 - 1st Apr
- School Photo Day (students) - Mon 4th Mar
- Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet - Mon 4th Mar, 3:30pm to 6:30pm
- 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,

Term 1 Meet and Greet

The Term 1 Meet and Greet afternoon will be held on Monday 4th March from 3:30pm to 6:30pm (Week 6). This event is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers and share information on their individual learning needs. The teaching staff are also looking forward to sharing information about how your child has settled into school so far this year.

Year 1 and Year 2 meetings will be held in your child's classroom, Year 3-6 meetings will be in the Auditorium and Year 7-9 meetings will be in the Year 9 building.

To book a meeting, please use the Compass portal. Bookings will close on Friday 1st March. Please contact the school if you require an interpreter and one will be arranged to attend your meeting.

3-6 Swimming Carnival

The annual Year 3 to 6 Swimming Carnival will be held at Melton Waves on Thursday 21st February from 10:00am onwards. Students need to remember their bathers, towel, lunch, hat and sunscreen. The canteen will not be open to students on the day.

I encourage all parents and carers who are available to attend this fun filled day. Thanks to Mr. Mark Nikolic for organising the event, which I'm sure is going to be a great success with a pleasant 21 degrees forecast.

Uniform

A reminder to all families of Year 3 to 6 students that students need to be wearing the correct uniform, as outlined in our Uniform Policy, which can be accessed on our school website. This includes all black shoes on days the students don't have a PE lesson.

Students are also required to wear a hat when playing outside during break times in Terms 1 and 4. Students not wearing a hat will be asked to sit in a shaded area.

Please label all items of uniform with your child's name, as this allows items which go missing to be returned to the owner easily.

School Wide Positive Behaviours

At Creekside we encourage and praise positive student behaviour on a consistent basis. To further promote positive behaviour, we are now rewarding students with 'Creekside Coin' stickers. The coins are used to acknowledge instances when our students display one or more of the Creekside Values; responsibility, honesty, respect and acceptance.

Attendance

The importance of attending school every weekday cannot be emphasised enough. Lessons are taught in sequence and when a student is absent, it can be very difficult for them to fill in the gaps they have missed. Being punctual at the start of the school day at 8:50am is also very important, as this is when the outline and expectations of the day are discussed with students.

School Times

A reminder that the school day commences at 8:50am. All students should be lined up out the front of their classroom before this time, so that they are ready to be collected by their classroom teacher. The morning is an important time for students, as it will be when information about the day is shared and expectations reinforced.

Homework

Students in Years 3 to 6 are expected to read for at least 20 minutes each weeknight as part of the homework program. This reading practise gives students the opportunity to consolidate the strategies learnt in class and build confidence. Questioning your child about what they are reading is also a great idea. You can ask them to summarise what they have read, make connections or make predictions about what might happen next.

Important Dates

- Thursday 21st Feb - Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival
- Monday 4th March - Meet and Greet & College Photo Day
- 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,

We are now moving towards one of the first key milestones for term 1, the first set of progress reports. These reports will be published on Compass at the end of Week 4. It is a great opportunity to get feedback on how your child has started the year. It is an expectation that teachers are providing students with regular opportunities to show their understanding whilst providing feedback to help guide the next steps in their learning. At the college we stress a growth mindset, this means we will take feedback on and look to improve in the future. One area I would like to place a particular emphasis on is 'effort'. Without this, it hard to improve your learning. I encourage parents to contact the school if there are any questions regarding the interim reports.

During Week 3, students from the 7-9 sub-school attended the swimming carnival at the St. Albans Leisure Centre. The weather was good and so was the feeling amongst students. Overall the participation rate was excellent. I was pleased to see so many students getting in the spirit of the day and representing their house. I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Peter Skaftouros on his organisation of the event.

Once again, I'd like to invite parents and carers to the College 'Meet and Greet' on Monday the 4th of March from 3:30pm. Appointments with teachers will be able to be booked on Compass. If you do not have a password or have forgotten, please call the front office and we can support you from there. If your child has a teacher for two subjects, please book out one space. This will allow more parents the opportunity to touch base with teachers throughout the evening.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school and speak with a teacher, coordinator or myself.

Peter Dalinkiewicz

Assistant Principal 7-9

Secondary School vaccinations in 2019

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough)

– one dose for year 7 students

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students

Vaccination is important to protect not only individuals and families, but the general community too, as if a high percentage of people are vaccinated, those who cannot be vaccinated because of illness are less likely to get the diseases.

Parents/guardians of Year 7 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card **regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.**

The Melton City Council immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years who missed scheduled vaccines. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).



Do you or a friend not eat breakfast today?

WHAT? FREE breakfast for everyone

WHEN? Every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8:10am – 8:40am

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 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.

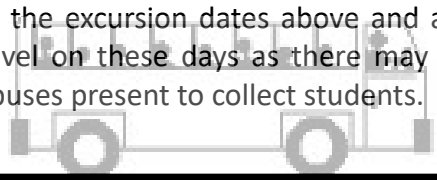
We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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.



Canteen Menu

The 2019 Canteen Menu is now available. Please find a copy attached. It is also available from reception and the college website. You may now order lunch orders via QuickCliq. Please see brochure below.

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Primary Science News

1. Science Talent Search

The Science Talent Search is an annual Victorian schools science competition which is open to students in Years 1 – 6 at Creekside College. The competition is voluntary and students will need to display a keen interest in Science and be self-motivated to complete their project at home.

Each year the STS has a theme – this year's theme is **'Destination Moon: more missions, more science'**

There are three divisions:

- Lower Primary (Years 1 & 2)
- Middle Primary (Years 3 & 4)
- Upper Primary (Years 5 & 6)

Students can choose to demonstrate scientific learning and discovery through:

- Experimental Research
- Picture Story Books (Creative Writing)
- Working Models
- Inventions
- Games
- Computer Programs
- Posters

Students are able to select what Section they would like to enter and are able to choose their own topic (it doesn't need to be related to the theme), except for Picture Story Books and Posters, where the topics are provided.

This year the topics for Picture Story Books are:

1. Walking on the moon
2. I am a lunar astronaut
3. Destination moon
4. The dark side of the moon

This year the topics for the Poster are:

1. Destination moon
2. Exploring the moon
3. How to build a lunar home
4. A new colony on the moon

Individual or group (two students) entries are accepted.

\$8 entry fee per student (non-refundable)

Students are recognised for their effort. All students will receive a certificate and some may be eligible for a monetary award (bursary).

It is compulsory that all students attend the Special Judging Day on Saturday 3rd August at predetermined venues (this year the venues are in Kew, Prahran and Bundoora).

Parents/carers are required to accompany their children to judging day.

For further information about the competition – its rules, conditions and guidelines, please visit: <http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/forStudentParent.html>

Expressions of interest will be sought from students who would like to enter this year's STS within the next few weeks.

2. Try this experiment at home: 'Build a fizz inflator'

Want to create a 'fizz inflator' using baking soda and vinegar? Try this experiment with a few household materials...

<https://sciencebob.com/build-a-fizz-inflator/>

Nichole Fraser
F-6 Science Leader



BIG NEWS

Before Care | After Care | Holiday Care

A BIG WELCOME BACK!

On behalf of all the staff here at Big Childcare, we would like to welcome back all our **Creekside OSHC** children and families to Term 1, and a BIG hello to the new families that have joined the program. We hope that you had a lovely break and are ready for Term 1. Big Childcare is committed to providing the best care we can with a fun-filled and flexible program incorporating all your child’s recreational needs with respect, care and understanding!

MENU SUGGESTIONS

This term we are going to speak to all the children about what they would like to see on the menu for breakfast and afternoon snacks... we also invite all parents and children to contribute their ideas. We have a suggestion book where you can write your ideas in which is located on our Parent Table. You could even ask your children what type of food they would like to eat; we look forward to your suggestions.

HOMEWORK CLUB

In term 1 students can do their homework and reading under the supervision of our educators. If you have any questions, please feel free to approach any one of our Educators.

NEWS FROM OUR SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

One of the most AMAZING holiday programs has come to an end with the children now back at school after their summer break. It was a jam-packed program full of fun and excitement. We had the biggest and best excursions going around! These school holidays we went on many different excursions to Funfields, the movies, Gumbuya World, Melbourne Zoo and many more.

On days where we stayed indoors, we had heaps of fun with water activities, messy games and cooking. Children had the experience of making their own smoothies and ice-cream to enjoy for their afternoon snack. We also had 4 big inflatable balls where children could compete with each other and have fun.

We look forward to seeing what the next program has in store for us. If you have any suggestions about how we can improve our program your feedback is very much appreciated!

Visit www.bigchildcare.com to download the latest Easter Holiday Brochure...

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

CANCELLATION POLICY

For all permanent bookings Parents/Guardians must inform the centre (either personally or by phone) ONE WEEK PRIOR to a “permanent child’s” attendance in order to cancel your booking

COMMUNICATION

If your child is absent from school or you pick them up early from school, please make sure you call us on 0406 623 630 to report them as absent. This is to make sure that all children on our list are accounted for. A fee will apply if there is no communication

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS TERM AT YOUR CENTRE!

PLEASE come and check out what is in store for your child this term. We have many experiences that will be sure to excite and involve your child. Our Planners are always on display for you!



CONTACT DETAILS

Centre Manager: Carmen
Phone Number: 0406 623 630
Email: creekside@bigchildcare.com

OPERATING HOURS

Before School Care: 6:45am– 8:45am
After School Care: 3:10pm– 6:30pm
Vacation Care: 7:00am– 6:00pm



PLEASE FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



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: