

Creekside News

21 MAR 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent helper information forums were held on Tuesday 19th March with a further session on Thursday 21st March. Parent helpers play an important role in supporting our students to learn to high levels. These sessions are designed to skill up parents in being effective classroom helpers. The large number of parents who attended these forums highlight the willingness of parents to assist our students in the classroom.

Busking Day is an important event in the college annual calendar. Aside from the fundraising aspect of the day, it helps instil in our students a social conscience where we help those people less fortunate than ourselves. This year Busking Day will take place during class time with students in Prep to year 6 participating from 10.00am and students in years 7 – 9 participating later in the day. In order to ensure the safety of our students and to maximise the performances, this will be a student only event.

Intervention in learning is used to ensure all students are learning to a high level. The college has implemented a 'Response o Intervention' structure to support this. This is a multi-tiered system of supports which aims to ensure that no student 'slips through the cracks'. Teachers collect data weekly and act on this data to intervene when students have not yet grasped a concept or skill. Student learning is targeted, intensive and focussed on the essential learning for that year level. Time has been set aside during the school day for this learning to take place so that no student misses out on new information. It is envisioned that this high level of support will result in high levels of learning for all students. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like to know more.

Staffing: Wes Forke will be taking leave this year. Gerard Lucas will take up leadership of the Kinder – Year 2 subschool, Gary Eckersall will lead the Year 3 – 6 subschool and Peter Dalinkiewicz will continue his role as the Year 7 - 9 subschool Assistant Principal. All Assistant Principals will continue their other portfolio duties. On behalf of the College, I would like to thank Wes for his work as the Assistant Principal for K - 2 and wish him all the best on his leave.

Events in Christchurch: The events in Christchurch last week have shocked and saddened many in our school community. Our thoughts go out to those families and communities who have been affected by this tragedy.

Dates to remember

- 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)
- Wed 27 Mar** - Prep Teddy Bear's Picnic
- 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** - Level Up-Social Leadership & Values
- Wed 03 Apr** - Yr 1 Celebration of Learning
- 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** - Yr 4 Term 1 Celebration of Learning

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
Thur 25 Apr - ANZAC DAY
Fri 26 Apr - Curriculum Day

- Mon 29 Apr** - Yr 9 Outdoor Ed-Bush Walking
- Wed 01 May** - Yr 7-9 House Athletics Carnival
- Thur 02 May** - Yr 7-9 Cross Country Trials
- Thur 02 May** - Yr 4 Team Building Incursion
- Fri 03 May** - Yr 6 Interschool Sports (Day 1)

Creekside has a proud history of multiculturalism and is strengthened by the diversity within our school. Some of our young people may have watched the footage on the news or feel unsure of their safety. Tips for parents and carers to support children and young people to feel safe during this time can be found at:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/mentalhealth/Pages/publicincident.aspx>

Support is also available at the College through our wellbeing team. Please do not hesitate to contact Gary Eckersall or one of the school counsellors should you need assistance.

Rosa Marchionda
Principal

Kinder - Year 2 Sub School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assembly

I would like to congratulate our School Captains, and Student Voice Representatives for running their first Prep to Year 6 Assembly on Monday 18th. They were well prepared and presented with high levels of maturity, responsibility and confidence.

I would also like to thank students, families, members of the community and staff for attending our assemblies. They have been a great opportunity to continue to strengthen our school values and celebrate student achievement.

National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence

It was fantastic to see staff and students supporting the National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence on Friday, 15th March. Support was shown through wearing odd socks, musical performances and making posters to raise awareness. Students participated in a number of in class and recess activities to support Creekside's zero tolerance to bullying. Thank you to Josie Mitchell our School Nurse for organising the day. Say NO to bullying!

Recess Activities Program (RAP)

RAP has started very well with high numbers of students joining in with many different supervised activities and games. The focus of the program for this fortnight has been on making friends and problem solving. Students in the program are to be commended for their efforts in building on these skills. RAP is open to all students during second break, 1:40 - 2:10pm, every day of the week.

Busking Day

We are excited about our annual Busking Day which will take place on Thursday 28th March. It has been great to see students rehearsing their performances around the college and we look forward to seeing their final shows. Prep to Year 6 students will be performing and holding their stalls from 10:00am. We encourage students to bring small change to make purchases at the stalls and support this worthwhile cause. All money raised on the day will be donated to the Royal Children's Hospital through the Good Friday Appeal.

Dates for the Diary:

- Prep to Year 6 Assembly - Mon 1st Apr
- Term 2 assemblies will be held on the Monday of each even week
- Prep Teddy Bear's Picnic - Wed 27th Mar
 - Busking Day - Thu 28th Mar
 - Last day of Term 1 - Fri 5th Apr. Students dismissed at 2:10pm
 - First day of Term 2 - Tue 23rd Apr

Wesley Forke
Acting Assistant Principal

Year 1 Integrated Studies - Families and Celebrations

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This term our Year 1 students are exploring families and cultural celebrations as part of their Integrated Studies unit, Families and Celebrations. Students are learning about different combinations of families, the cultural celebrations and traditions some families share and how family experiences have changed over time. The students were asked to bring in some photos which show their family members and the various traditions/celebrations they share, which the students are very excited to share with their peers.

Bianca Sciberras - Year 1 Leading Teacher

3-6 Sub School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Busking Day P-6

Creekside has a long history of supporting the Good Friday Appeal and will do so again this year through our annual Busking Day. The event will be held on Thursday 28th March from 10:00am. Students will take part in performances and the running of stalls as part of the event.

There may be a request from classroom teachers to supply items which can be used as part of their year level stall. For example, the Year 3s are having a lolly bag and cake stall and have asked parents to donate items which can be sold.

Year 3-6 Fun-Run

Our annual Fun Run aims to promote healthy living and will be held on Friday, 29th March from 10:00am. Depending on the age group, students will run various distances around Kororoit Creek behind the school, with teacher supervision along the entire track.

Students are engaging in fundraising for the event, with funds raised used to enhance our school programs.

A number of students in each age group will be selected to represent Creekside in the District Cross Country event, competing against other local schools.

Students will need to bring their packed lunch, a drink bottle and sunscreen or jacket depending on the weather. All students with asthma or who have asthma like symptoms will need to carry their own puffer and spacer with them.

Parents are welcome to attend to watch their child compete.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

The 2019 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence message was 'Bullying ... No Way... Take Action Everyday!' Students participated in a number of activities which reinforced positive messages about respect, harmony and not tolerating bullying or violence at school, home or in the community.

Creekside College is committed to providing a safe and respectful teaching and learning environment where

bullying and harassment is not tolerated. We have a very clear Anti Bullying Policy, which defines physical, verbal, social and cyber bullying, and the process around how the school addresses this behaviour. I encourage all students to talk to their parents and teachers if they feel they are being treated unfairly by others.

Celebrations of Learning

Celebrations of Learning are a great opportunity for students to share their work with others, as well as receive feedback on their achievements. Students thrive on this opportunity and are motivated to produce their best work. I invite all parents and carers to attend the Celebrations of Learning and engage in discussions on our students' fantastic work.

Year 4 Celebration of Learning: Friday, 5th April, 9:10am – 10:10am

Year 6 Celebration of Learning: Wednesday, 3rd April, 9:00am – 10:00am

Convicts and Captains Incursion

Next week our Year 4 cohort will take the roles of convicts and captains in the First Fleet in an interactive incursion. Students will dress in character and adventure through the path of the First Fleet ships, making difficult decisions along the way. They will also participate in activities to experience life as a convict in Australia.

It's great to see our incursion/excursion program adding such valuable experiences to the learning which occurs in the classroom. I'm sure the students will leave the incursion wanting to learn even more about the First Fleet.

Hands on Learning Junior

Weekly Hands on Learning Junior sessions are being conducted for students in Years 5 & 6. Students have been learning basic woodwork & gardening skills in the Hands on Learning workshop. They have been learning how to safely use tools such as hammers, hand saws & cordless drills and



making wooden name tags, bench hooks, toolboxes. Well done to all students who have been participating in this engaging program.

Road Safety and 'Stop and Go' Zone

Please ensure that you and your children are using the crossings at the front of the school when crossing to enter or leave. I am on duty most mornings and have noticed some very near misses, where someone could have been seriously hurt. The lollypop people are there to ensure that everyone gets to school safely, so please remember to wait until they signal that it is safe to cross. The Stop and Go Zone has been working fantastically this

year! Parents and carers are stopping briefly to allow their child to exit the car safely and then quickly leaving the zone. This has significantly reduced the amount of traffic congestion at the front of the school each morning. The zone will continue to operate from 8:00am to 9:30am each day. I thank all parents and carers for their support.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is being held on Wednesdays through Fridays this year for those students who come to school without having eaten breakfast. As I'm sure you are aware, breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It gives our students the energy they need to make the most of learning opportunities while at school and participate in all activities to the best of their ability. It's always good to see students eating their vegemite on toast or cereal with a hot chocolate each morning, to get them ready for a busy school day.

Important Dates

- Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March - Year 4 Convicts and Captains Incursion
- Thursday 28th March - Busking Day
- Friday 29th March - Year 3-6 Fun Run
- Wednesday, 3rd April, 9:00am – 10:00am - Year 6 Celebration of Learning
- Friday, 5th April, 9:10am – 10:10am - Year 4 Celebration of Learning
- Friday 5th April - Last Day Term 1. 2:10pm finish.
- Tuesday 23rd April - First day of Term 2

Gerard Lucas
Assistant Principal
Gerard Lucas
3-6 Assistant Principal

Media Arts

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our year 8 Media Arts subject, we are beginning to form a collection of items that could be used as costumes and props. So a call goes out to families, that if you have any items that could be used as a costume or prop and would like to donate it to the collection, feel free to drop it off in the library to Mr Gatt.

Thanks ,your Media teacher, Mr Gatt

'Stop and Go' Zone



A friendly reminder to all parents that 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.

7-9 Sub School

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Friday March the 15th the School celebrated National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. It is great to see many students supporting the cause by wearing odd coloured socks. We've also had a number of students take part in the poster competition. As a school we work very hard to try and educate our students on issues such as bullying. The school is also mid-way through the implementation of the School Wide Positive Behaviour initiative. Through this we ask our staff and students to be demonstrating the school values of responsibility, honesty, respect and acceptance.

Unfortunately with the wide spread use of technology and social media platforms, we are finding that more and more negative behaviour is occurring after hours. Already this year we have had to follow up a number of incidents that have occurred on social media. This is a very difficult position for the school to be in as we cannot effectively police what is happening on these accounts. So I encourage parents to be vigilant about what is happening online and set boundaries around the use of social media.

I'd like to inform parents that we have had to make a number of timetable changes. Students of the classes affected have been notified. This will result in a handful of classes getting a new home group, humanities or health teacher. Whilst this isn't ideal, I am confident that students will not disadvantaged. We have a highly collaborative culture amongst teachers that is underpinned by a consistent approach to curriculum delivery. Should you wish to discuss any of these changes, do not hesitate to call the school and discuss them with me

Peter Dalinkiewicz

Assistant Principal 7-9

School Production



Congratulations to our lead cast and ensemble students who successfully passed their Peter Pan audition.

Creekside College's 2019 school production - Disney's

Peter Pan Jr will be held at Wyndham Cultural Centre on Thursday 12th & Friday 13th of September and involves students from Year 3 to Year 9.

Our lead cast will be:

PETER PAN: MITCHELL GLAZBROOK

WENDY: ERICA PIERCE

TINKERBELL: GRACIE LAMARS

CAPTAIN HOOK: ZAC VELJANOVSKI

SMEE: JONATHON CILIA

TIGER LILY: LYSHANA YE

JOHN: RYAN PIERCE

MICHAEL: BRAHMJOT SINGH

MR DARLING: MARCUS HADDENFIELD-HUNT

MRS DARLING : LAYLA JEAN BARTOLO

CHIEF TIGER BAMBOO: HARONE TAMIRU

With an Ensemble of Fairies, Mermaids, Pirates, Lost Boys and Native Indians.

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 or directly to the office. The payment due date has now been extended to Tuesday March 26. Once payment has been received, your child's acceptance into the production is secured.

Let the rehearsals begin!

The P-9 Arts Team,

Kylie Gral, Katia Buriani, Fiona Rains and Jason Koris

CREEKSIDE COLLEGE PRESENTS...


SUPPORTING THE GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

BUSKING DAY!

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH, 2019

Students will be showcasing their talent by busking & selling items at their Market Stalls.

All funds raised will go to the Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Children's Hospital. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



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



Primary Science News

1. Science Talent Search

Expressions of interest are now being sought from students who would like to enter this year's Science Talent Search competition. If your child would like to enter, then they will need to inform their classroom teacher or myself of their interest. They will also need to have some idea as to what section they would like to enter as well as a possible topic.

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

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

2. Did you know...?

- Prior to sending humans into space, animals were sent into space.
- Giraffes have the same number of bones in their neck as humans (seven), but a giraffe's bones are much, much larger.
- Each time you see a full moon you always see the same side.
- Crocodiles swallow rocks to help them dive deeper.
- Hot water freezes quicker than cold water.



3. Quiz

The first student to come to Mrs Fraser with the correct written answers to the following five quiz questions wins a prize.

1. What is the average number of tastebuds on an adult's tongue?
2. Which animal was the first to visit space?
3. What is the main source of energy for all life on earth?
4. Which sense does a cochlear implant assist?
5. Which element has the symbol H on the periodic table?



4. Try this experiment at home: 'Blow up a balloon with yeast'

If you would like to blow up a balloon using yeast, then you should try this experiment at home...

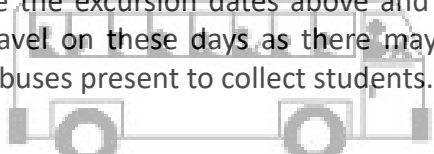
<https://sciencebob.com/blow-up-a-balloon-with-yeast/>

Nichole Fraser

F-6 Science Leader

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.



Anti-Bullying Day 15 March 2019

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence was a strong focus of the day on Friday 15 March at Creekside. This day is about us all taking a stand against bullying, and ensuring students are aware of how to recognise and safely intervene in bullying. Classroom work was completed in some grades, and a fantastic number of students submitted their colourful anti-bullying posters leading up to the day! The standard of posters was superb and they will be placed in and around the school classrooms and the library as a continued reminder about not tolerating bullying, taking a stand to end it, and being kind.



Winners of the poster competition are:

Kristin Gounder 8B

Nixon Benjamin 9A

Shylah Balla and Emilia Garcia Sanchez both of 6E

Aaron Benjamin 6E

Congratulations to you all!

Students gathered in the undercover area for lunch, socialising



and listening to two student groups perform. We did have a few technical issues, but it all worked out well in the end and had many students and staff proudly wearing ODD SOCKS to signify their support for a safe and inclusive school environment without bullying.

Josie Mitchell



BIG NEWS

Before Care | After Care | Holiday Care

TERM ONE IS NEARLY OVER!

Creekside OSHC children and families, are you ready for the April School Holidays? This term has just flown by so quickly with the new preps settling in beautifully.

MENU SUGGESTIONS

This term we spoke to the children and asked them to bring some menu ideas from home to share with our program. Some parents worked with their children and sent a few recipes so that the children could cook and share them with each other.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Did you know that students can do their homework and reading under the supervision of our educators after school? If you have any questions, please feel free to approach any one of our Educators.



RECENT NEWS

We had the most AMAZING excursion during the school term where the children visited the Library after school. Most of the children did their homework there and read/borrowed books. For our next excursion the children have already decided to go to CS Square and buy few things

from Coles to cook and share. We are all about giving children choices so that the program belongs to them!

We are also encouraging children to incorporate the outdoor environment into the program, which saw the children decide to build a worm farm.

Here are a few pictures of your children from this term!



If you have any suggestions about how we can improve our program your feedback is very much appreciated!



APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY

We are very excited about the April school holidays which is around the corner. Your child/ren will love our On Tour outings like Skate and Fly at Docklands or Luna Park (where we have private access). Our Home Base events are amazing too with Eggstreme (our huge Easter Hunt) topping off the list plus many more. Spaces are filling up fast so please come along and book at our centre soon or book online!

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 6:30pm 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.

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: 3:05pm– 6:30pm
Vacation Care: 7:00am– 6:00pm

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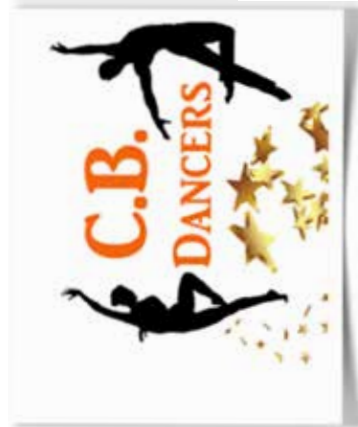
WE NEED YOUR HELP

Have your say and complete the online survey.

The health service is currently planning for the next 5 years, and we need your help to ensure everyone's voices are heard as we develop our 5 year Strategic Plan.

Visit www.djhs.org.au

online survey



Come join in the fun with our dance classes



Saturday Mornings

Creekside College Caroline Springs

Also offering classes in Tap, Classical, Musical Theatre and Acrobatics

At CB Dancers we are committed to encourage all dancers to strive for excellence and enjoy the journey along the way.



Still taking enrolments and come try our beginners classes.

We would like to welcome you to CB Dancers and cannot wait to share our passion of dance with you.

Contact: Cindy 0411 674 482 Email: dance@cbdancers.com
Website: www.cbdancers.com



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: