

Creekside News

22 MAR 2018

Learning for Life

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent Helpers

The College ran the parent helpers information forums earlier this week. 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 support our students in the classroom.

Last Day Term 1

Parents are reminded that school will be dismissed on Thursday 29 March at 2:05pm and 2:10pm for the primary and secondary students, respectively. Out of school hours care will operate from 2:10pm on this day. Term 2 will commence on Monday 16 April.

College Leaders

Congratulations to the following students on their appointment to the student leadership team:

School Captains

Haneen F 9A	Nathan G 9F
Serenah K 9B	Alipate B 9E

House Captains

RED HOUSE:	Nina N 9B	Ayoub T 9F
GREEN HOUSE:	Emmy T 9D	Jayden M 9G
BLUE HOUSE:	Emma C 9D	Ezana Y 9F
YELLOW HOUSE:	Alinta T 9A	Ajdin H 9E

Student Voice

Year 7	Harone T 7C	Julia D 7C
Year 8	Erica P 8G	Kiera W 8G
	Blade B 8G	Ashley J 8B
Year 9	Lydia H 9E	Caroline B 9B
	Kaitlin M 9G	Adeleine Z 9D
	Anh -Thu T 9E	

Safety around the school

The roads around the College can be busy places, particularly at drop off and pick up times. For your safety and the safety of our students, please ensure you model safe practices when crossing the road and only use the dedicated crossing zones.

Enjoy the holiday break with family and friends.

Principal
Rosa Marchionda

Dates to remember

Thurs 22 Mar - Yr 8 Interschool Sport
Thurs 22 Mar - Yr 6 Melbourne Museum
Fri 23 Mar - Yr 3-6 Fun Run
Mon 26 Mar - Yr 7 Interschool Sports
Tue 27 Mar - Yr 6 Celebration of Learning

Thurs 29 March - End of Term 1

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

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

Fri 30 Mar - Public Holiday Good Friday

Mon 16 April - First day of Term 2

Fri 20 Apr - Yr 1 Werribee Zoo
Mon 23 Apr - Yr 7-9 Athletics Carnival
Wed 25 Apr - Public Holiday ANZAC Day
Fri 27 Apr - Yr 2 RACV Street Scene
Mon 30 Apr - Yr 2E, 2F & 2G Werribee Mansion
Wed 2 May - Yr 3-6 Athletics Carnival
Wed 2 May - Yr 9 Girls Interschool Softball
Wed 2 May - Yr 3-6 District Cross Country
Fri 4 May - Yr 2A, 2B, 2C & 2D Werribee Mansion
Thurs 10 May - Mother's Day Card Making night
 3:30pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 10 May - 7-9 Division Cross Country

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.



Our school captains will be presenting a cheque live on Channel 7, as part of the Good Friday Appeal, telethon on Friday 30th March at 11:30am. The total raised by the school on Busking Day was \$9,061.00.

Kinder-2 Sub School

It was with great excitement that the Preps had their teddy bear picnic last week. Bears of all shapes and sizes came to school to celebrate! Thank you to the staff and students involved for an exciting session filled with many great language experiences. Students wrote some interesting sentences about their picnic.

Thank you to the parents that attended the Parent Helper's Program held this week. The Prep-2 Leading Teachers outlined the responsibilities and expectations of helping in the classrooms and on school excursions.

A reminder that all helpers must have a current Working with Children's Check and that younger siblings are not able to be accommodated in the classrooms during these times. We ask that parents complete the training every two years to remain up to date but all helpers will need to sign a confidentiality form annually. This is available from your child's teacher.

I cannot believe the term is nearly over, what a successful and busy term it has been. The Preps have settled in beautifully and are making great gains with their Reading, Writing and Numeracy skills. The year 1's and 2's have also adjusted to the new school year making new friends and getting to know their teachers. They have continued developing their skills and knowledge in a variety of areas.

On behalf of the staff I wish you all a fantastic break and we look forward to seeing you all back next term. Just a reminder that Mr Wes will be Acting Assistant Principal for term 2 as I fill in for Ms Marchionda who will be on leave for all of term 2.

Final assembly for term 1 is on Wednesday March 28th at 2:20pm.

Regards
Effie Sultana
K-2 Assistant Principal

Attendance in Prep to Two

During the past two weeks we have had the pleasure of delivering trophies for having the highest attendance for weeks 5 and 6. The children and teachers were so excited that many did happy dances! We are looking forward to handing out more trophies in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to the following year levels on having the highest attendance!

Prep A, 1B and 2D on having the highest attendance for week 5.

Prep C, 1B and 2C on having the highest attendance for week 6.

Michelle Lowry and Drita Demiri
Engagement and Wellbeing Leading Teachers

Family Leave and Attendance

There have been a large number of Family Leave Request forms submitted to the school since the start of the year. This is a reminder of the impact time away from school has on your child. Learning is taught sequentially and teachers assess student learning in EVERY lesson. This assessment is used to form the following day's teaching. When students miss days or weeks due to a holidays, gaps develop in their learning and your child may also lose connectedness from school and their classroom. We highly recommend that holidays been arranged during the school holidays. If you have any concerns or questions, please arrange a meeting with your child's teacher or one of the Student Engagement and Wellbeing Leading Teachers.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Harmony Day

On Wednesday the 28th of March we will be participating in Harmony Day by celebrating Australia's cultural diversity. At Creekside K-9 College we are very proud to be a school with students from various backgrounds, we respect all cultures and value a sense of belonging for everyone.

The colour theme for the day is orange and students are encouraged to wear something small to show their support. This may include orange socks, hair ribbons, bracelets etc, however students must be in full school uniform on the day.

3-6 Sub School

Well done to all the Year 3 to 6 students and their families on a fantastic term. It certainly was a busy term, with students getting to know their new teachers and classmates, swimming carnival at Melton Waves, excursions and incursions, as well as the Meet and Greet. It was great to see students applying themselves in their learning and encouraging each other to keep persisting when encountering challenges. I'm sure that these high levels of effort and achievement will continue for the remainder of the year.

Parent Helper Info Session

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the parent helper info sessions on Tuesday. The session covered the role of classroom helpers, examples of tasks you may fulfil, how to best assist students in their work, as well as information on the process of obtaining a Working with Children Check (WWCC). Please see you child's teacher if you are interested in receiving a copy of the presentation or becoming a parent helper.

Fun Run

This Friday 23rd March Year 3 – 6 students will participate in our annual Cross Country/Fun Run event. Students have been fundraising with family and friends as part of the event, with some enticing prizes on offer. Parents

and carers are more than welcome to come and cheer on their children during the event, which starts at 10:00am and concludes at 12:00pm.

Division Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Kaytlin T who was successful in the 50m butterfly on Tuesday and has qualified for the regional finals in Geelong. Good luck to our super fish Kaytlin next week!

Year 6 Celebration of Learning

On Tuesday 27th March, the Year 6 Cohort will be having their first Celebration of Learning for 2018. Students will be showcasing their 'Australian History Museum' and other learning from Term 1 in the Auditorium from 10:10am - 11:00am. It would be great to see as many parents and carers as possible at the event. I look forward to seeing you there.

Road Safety and 'Stop and Go' Zone

Please ensure that you and your children are using the crossings at the front of the school either before or after school. I am on duty most morning and have noticed some very dangerous instances where parents are dodging cars as they cross the road. 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 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.

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.

Gerard Lucas

3-6 Assistant Principal



This week is our CUA School Fun-Run!

The event will kick off at 10:00am on Friday 23 March around the shared paths outside the school. We look forward to seeing students get involved. There's one more week left to fundraise online or send your money to the office by Thursday 29 March. You'll be able to order your prizes online through your profile page at schoolfundraising.com.au between March 30 to April 27.

7-9 Sub School

Dear Creekside families,

School Leader Selection

It is with great pleasure I introduce our 2018 School Leaders, Serenah K, Alipate B, Nathan G and Haneen F. After the interview, selection process and my first meeting with these young leaders I have already been impressed by the maturity, care, and inclusivity these Year 9 students have brought to their new roles. We know we are poised for an excellent year ahead under their student leadership. Part of the job involves leading the School Student Representative Council (SRC) allowing for the opportunity for students to feedback directly to them about what they feel is working well at Creekside and the areas on which we can improve, and any new initiatives they would like to see considered. With a particular focus on improving the learning opportunities afforded to all students.

Beyond the SRC, and besides running our School Assemblies, the leaders will meet with me to discuss how we can work together to improve the school. I feel confident these leaders understand the expectations of the position and will work hard to know their student body well, and would feel comfortable approaching any of them about anything as will their peers.

In addition, the House Captain positions were determined.

The following students were selected:

Green House - Jayden M and Emmy T

Yellow House - Ajdin H and Alinta T

Blue House - Emma C and Ezana Y

Red House - Ayoub T and Nina N

These students are integral to all house related activities including sports days and events.

Anti Bullying

Friday the 16th of March was the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. This is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools in 2018, schools are called to imagine a world free from bullying. To mark this event we focused some dedicated lessons to help everyone understand how much of an impact bullying can have on people. It is a nice reminder that our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, and Acceptance that were elected by the students themselves are a great foundation for the world free from bullying.

Segue

Our school vision is to instil the values and develop the skills and knowledge students need to live effective and purposeful lives in the global community. To do so we need to ensure all their health and well-being needs are met.

When I talk to the students I explain my vision is for them to be able to have every possible choice available them, whatever they want to do or be in the future they will have that option. My focus is on their learning, where

they learn how to learn, they set goals and strategies for their learning and, in turn, they are given the maximum breadth of choice. Not restricted by not being given the opportunity to learn. Adidas used a slogan that has always stuck with me "Impossible Nothing"

Sports

Wed the 7th March was the yr 7-9 division swimming, Creekside sending 17 enthusiastic students to represent the school. Friday the 9th March saw a number of Yr 9 teams representing the school also, including tennis, volleyball and cricket. All reports were extremely positive and students thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Bike Shed

Cycling is a healthy, invigorating and environmentally friendly way to get to school—local paths and infrastructure make cycling to school safer. To make it easier, we provide a bike shed to park bikes, however, please ensure that you lock your bike securely through the frame and wheel if possible.

Recently there have been a couple of issues where bikes have been damaged, please ensure your children understand the importance of respecting the property of others. If they do see students doing the wrong thing to encourage them to say something to a member of staff or the office.

Regards
Paul Young
Assistant Principal 7-9

Sports and achievements

Congratulations to Kye Gillingham in Year 8, who competed at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in Sydney recently.

Kye competed in the Under 15's 800 metre event, where he won his heat to progress to the final. Kye ran a personal best time in the final and was placed 6th overall.

It is a great achievement and the school commends Kye on achieving this fantastic result.

Peter Skaftouros
Health & P.E. Year 7-9

Primary Science News

Science Talent Search

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

Expressions of interest from students are now due. Parents/guardians should receive the relevant information as well as permission slips by the end of term.

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

<http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/documents/STSHandbook2018.web.pdf>

ICAS

I encourage all students in Years 2 to 6 to participate in the Science category of this year's International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Details were provided in the last newsletter. Students interested in completing this test can obtain permission slips from me.

Try this experiment at home: 'Waterproof Sand'

Play with magic sand that never gets wet!

<https://www.madaboutscience.com.au/shop/free-experiments/post/waterproof-sand/>

Nichole Fraser
F-6 Science Leader



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

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: _____

National Day against Bullying and Violence

Friday the 16th of March was National Day against Bullying and Violence. Creekside K-9 College supported this day by taking part in a number of 'BULLYING – NO WAY!' activities such as creating posters, role playing and learning about respectful ways of treating and communicating with others. Please ask your child about the activities they participated in and what they learnt. Below you will find information on how you can support your child in having conversations around bullying.

If you have any concerns around bullying, please use steps 1 to 6, including contacting the school, so we can work together to put an end to bullying and ensure all our students are safe and happy.

BULLYING. NO WAY!
TAKE A STAND
TOGETHER

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

Dear parents,

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

- 1. Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.
- 2. Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.
- 3. Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
- 4. Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
- 5. Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.
- 6. Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

TAKE A STAND TOGETHER **BULLYING. NO WAY!** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

Get Activated Stay Motivated



Get Activated Stay Motivated is a fun and exciting holiday activity for kids aged between 1 and 12.

Kids get a chance to have a go, at a range of sports and other activities in one morning, all in the one place!

The café is open from 9.30am. Coffee and snacks available

COST: \$6 per child

RSVP: margaretz@melton.vic.gov.au | Phone: 9747 5356

nicolema@melton.vic.gov.au | Phone: 9747 5321

Register at: www.melton.vic.gov.au/Out-n-About/Events-Activities/Get-Activated-Stay-Motivated-Caroline-Springs

CAROLINE SPRINGS:

WHEN:
Wednesday 4th April

TIME:
10am-12pm Arrive at 9.30am

WHERE:
Caroline Springs Leisure Centre
9-19 The Parade, Caroline Springs

MELTON:

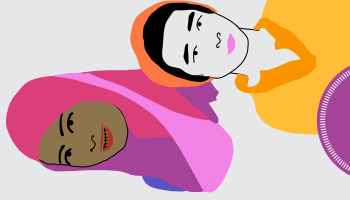
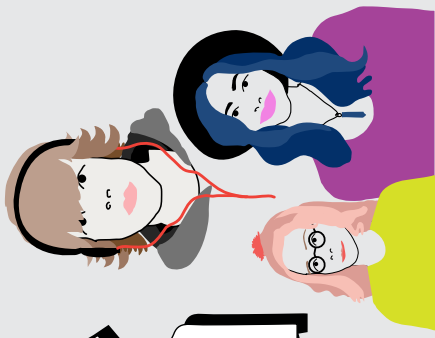
WHEN:
Wednesday 11th April

TIME:
10am-12pm Arrive at 9.30am

WHERE:
Melton Indoor Recreation Centre
Coburns Rd Melton



YOUNG MINDS



FREE
EVENT

MATTER

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FORUM

A NIGHT TO TALK ABOUT YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

FEATURING

- Former AFL star, Wayne Schwass
- Musician, Clare Bowditch
- Comedian, Nelly Thomas
- headspace
- beyondblue

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12+ AND THE ADULTS IN THEIR LIVES

Workshops with The HopeFull Institute and Jonny Shannon
Expo of local mental health services

Thursday 19 April, 5-8.30pm
Catholic Regional College
109-141 Bulmains Road, Melton West
Dinner and expo 5-6pm
Forum 6pm sharp

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