



CHELTENHAM EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION FOR STUDENT ABSENCES:

Sentral parent portal: <http://sentral.cheltenhameast.vic.edu.au/portal> (preferred)

Flexibuzz App, email cheltenham.east.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Please contact the school on each day of absence, giving child's name, grade, reason & date of absence (you can also enter future absences for more than one day)

DIARY DATES:

- Mon June 22 - Semester 1 Reports available via SENTRAL
- Wed June 24 - Curriculum Day – no students at school
- Wed June 24 - Student/Parent Teacher Conference 9am – 4pm
- Fri June 26 - Last day of Term 2 – early dismissal at 2.30 pm
- Mon July 13 - Term 3 commences

Child safety is everyone's responsibility. Cheltenham East Primary School has zero tolerance for any form of child abuse

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our School Vision

"Cheltenham East students are empowered learners who are flexible thinkers with the skills and knowledge to respond critically and creatively to their world."

Acknowledgement

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we are gathered and pay our respects to the elders both past and present of the Kulin nation and extend that respect to other indigenous Australians present.

Curriculum Day Wednesday June 24th

Next Wednesday is a pupil free day for our school. Teachers will be speaking to parents via the phone to discuss their child's progress so children will not be required at school.

Early Dismissal June 26th

The school term will end next Friday June 26th with a final assembly presented on Webex with the children at 2.15pm followed by a 2.30pm finish. Please make sure your children are picked up on time from the appropriate gate at 2.30. Term 3 starts on Monday July 13th.

School Continues

It was fantastic to see all children back and running around in the playground last week. Mrs Ward and I visited the Year 3-6 classrooms to make sure everyone had settled in after such a long time away from school. Mrs Ward and I are also cleaning playground equipment on a daily basis following the Department guidelines to ensure we are minimising the chances of an outbreak. The school continues to practice safe hygiene with special breaks during the day for children to wash and clean their hands. The "Wash your Hands" rap is certainly popular with the children. Thanks Mrs Ward!

Parent Teacher Interview Reminder

Next Wednesday 24th June, we will conduct our Student/Parent and Teacher Conferences for Years F to 6. These meetings are to communicate student achievement and discuss any individual learning needs. This is a Curriculum Day at school – school is not open for lessons, however students are welcome to attend their conference with their parents/carers. Booking interviews via the Sentral Parent Portal. These are the instructions for parents to use the Parent Portal for booking Interviews. Go to the URL:

<http://sentral.cheltenhameast.vic.edu.au/portal>

Log into the Student & Parent Portal, using the Access key previously provided by the school. If you have misplaced or cannot remember your Access key, please contact the office.

Bookings can be made any time until 5pm the day before the interviews. Make sure you book early if you have limited availability in order that you obtain a time that is convenient for your family

Minor Works

There are some minor works being carried out in the Music room area where a steep pathway is being replaced by a safe ramp down to the oval. This will give wheelchair access to the oval. This will happen over this week and is dependent on the weather.

No Devices with Camera Functions.

There are to be no watches or electronic devices with camera functions sent to school with children under any circumstances. Privacy is a matter the school takes very seriously. Please ensure your child does not have a camera function on their watch if they are wearing one to school. Any child that needs a phone for their safety when travelling to and from school needs to ensure they hand it in to the teacher at the start of the day and can pick it up at the end of the day when travelling home.

Schools Camps Update

We will update parents with camp information for our children but it looks promising for all Year 3-6 camps to go ahead later in the year. Some may be modified but we will release details as they come to hand.

The Government has released a statement as follows: School camps can reopen from 11:59pm on 21 June, aligned with the opening of holiday accommodation communal facilities including shared kitchens and bathrooms.

Accommodation providers, including privately operated school camps, outdoor education schools,

and camps operated by individual schools and the Department of Education and Training can accept school group bookings consistent with typical class/year level sizes. They are not bound by public gathering limits.

Health and safety precautions will be required, with guidance to operators and schools to be issued shortly.

Child Safe Standards

Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people is our highest priority. We know that schools are safe places for children and that principals and teachers work hard to protect all students from abuse and neglect. The *Child Safe Standards* (Standards) are the result of recommendations from the final report of the Victorian Parliament's *Betrayal of Trust* inquiry. All schools have been mandated to self-assess against the Ministerial order 870, which is all about child safe standards. Our school has completed the process which entails having:

- A policy with a commitment to child safety.
- A code of conduct document that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children.
- Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.
- Strategies to deal with and remove risks of child abuse.
- Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

These are all standards to ensure that the children are protected from abuse and neglect.

Reporting Child Abuse

When to make a report:

Child protection receive reports about children when there are concerns the child is in need of protection. A child in need of protection is a child who has suffered or is likely to suffer significant harm as a result of abuse or neglect, and their parent has not protected or is unlikely to protect the child from harm of that type.

To make a report to child protection a person needs to have formed a reasonable belief that a child has suffered or is likely to suffer significant harm as a result of abuse or neglect, and that their parent has not protected or is unlikely to protect the child from harm of that type. A reasonable belief does not require proof.

Information provided to child protection when a report is made needs to be sufficiently detailed for child protection to identify the child at risk of harm.

Where concerns relate to an alleged perpetrator of abuse, who may pose a risk more generally to all children, the concerns should be reported to Police.

For immediate help

- To report concerns that are life threatening, ring Victoria Police: **000**
- To report concerns about the immediate safety of a child after hours, call the After Hours Child Protection Emergency Service: **13 12 78**.

Contact Child Protection:

In Victoria, reports to child protection must be made to a protective intervener, or other appropriately delegated officer. Reports cannot be made via the department's website or email, as staff who monitor the department's website are not delegated officers. Almost all reports are made to child protection by phone.

To make a report, you should contact the child protection intake service covering the local government area (LGA) where the child normally resides.

The telephone number to make a report during business hours (8.45am -5.00pm), Monday to Friday:

1300 655 795 – Southern Department of Human Services Child Protection.

Pick Up & Drop Off

Thankyou to parents who have supported the school by following the social distancing measures in place. Parents are reminded that students should not be arriving any earlier to school than 8.40am. The gates for the surrounding streets will open at this time.

Students can continue to enter through their allocated gate when there is a teacher present.

Students not collected by 3.30pm will be taken to the school office.

Cut down on Litter

We actively encourage our students to avoid bringing packets and plastic wrappers to school. It cuts down on litter and is much better for the environment. A **named** container is perfect.



Road Safety Around our School

I ask that parents engage in the utmost of care when dropping off and picking up their children. Children can be unpredictable and every precaution must be made when parking, reversing and driving around the school. The crossings on Coolac Street and Silver Street will be manned. Please do not call students across the road to parked vehicles. Everyone's support in this matter is appreciated. Do not park across someone's driveway as you may be booked by a parking officer for illegally parking.

Virtual Tour

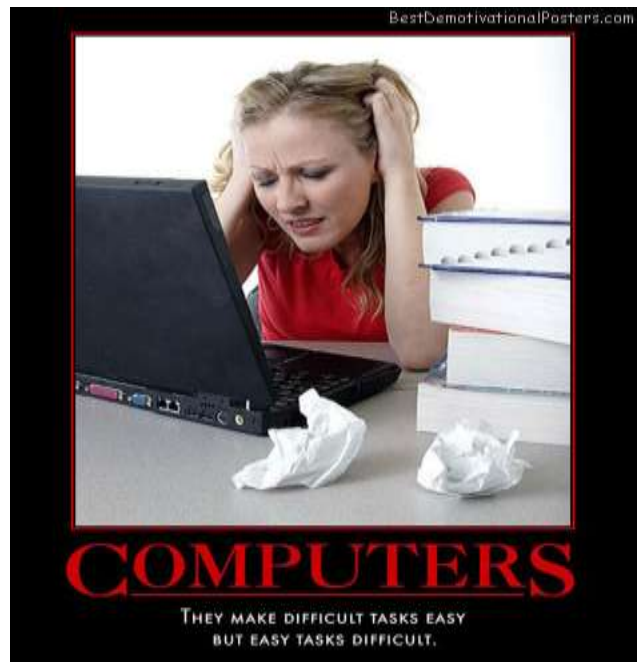
With access restrictions to the school site still in place, we have a virtual tour video for interested families. This is available for everyone to see on our website.

Maintenance Crew

My Year 6 maintenance crew will be re-painting the yellow highlighted areas around the school to assist all of our children when they move around the school or are playing in the playground. They will also be doing some tidying up in garden areas in the coming weeks.

Thought for the Week

Nothing could be more truthful in these times!



Wayne Bach
Principal

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AWARDS FOR DISPLAYING COURTESY

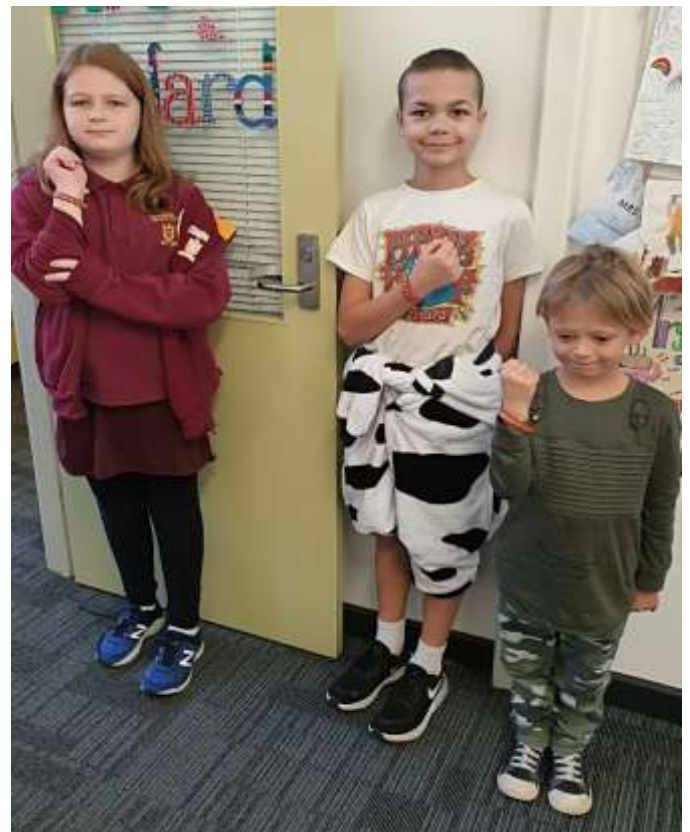


RISK TAKER AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to Chayse.T in Foundation for showing courage in front of his peers by doing a whole class drawing lesson.

Well done superstar Lindsay Y in Year 3/4 for willingly attempting new challenges especially during on line learning, where she handed in all her work and always asked questions to support her understanding.

Great job Tyler K for having the courage to seek help and ask questions to support his understanding during on line learning.



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This term we are working on **RESPECT**
and next week we are looking at

Respecting Property Yours & Others

Around our school, our home and the homes of our friends there are many things we use that make our life more enjoyable. At home it may be the television, the stereo or the computer, at school it may be sports equipment, art materials or some of the play equipment in the yard. Whatever we use, we need to look after, not just for ourselves but because others like to use these things as well.

Respecting another person's property is another way to show that you are a friendly kid. If someone brings along something to school to share, make sure that you treat it with the same respect that you would if it were your own property. Always ask to use someone else's property.

Respecting property means making sure we put it back where it belongs. It means treating it carefully, cleaning up after ourselves and leaving the equipment just as we would like to find it. It means sharing equipment so that others enjoy it as well.

Respecting property also means we respect all the property of others even when these things may not mean much to us. One child's special toy may not mean much to us but it does mean a lot to them. We need to respect this.



Trevor Bowen

Supporting your community

One of the area's most trusted and well-known agents, Trevor Bowen has built a career on local knowledge, local connections and a love of his local area.

A resident of Cheltenham's Golden Triangle for more than 20 years, Trevor has raised a family, become part of the community and built his financial security on the real estate of the area.

So it's no surprise that when he talks to his vendors and their buyers he speaks with real passion ...and real life knowledge.

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