## CHELTENHAM EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### **OUR VISION:**

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

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to our weekly newsletter and I hope that everyone is managing this extended lockdown period and remembering to stay as connected as possible with your families, friendship groups and colleagues.

Make sure you keep checking the website for the exposure sites and for everyone to follow the clear directions around this isolation period and adhere to the 6 reasons to be out of your home.

The State Government initiated an essential worker permit system last week. These forms require employers to complete relevant sections, provide work schedules and contacts within the organisation.

Teachers are endeavouring to connect with the children in different ways including teaching face to face lessons where possible and instructional videos for the children to follow as well as work packs for some of the junior classes. We have made these changes to provide greater online connection between classmates and the teachers, making sure all programs can operate in an even more effective manner. The valuable feedback from our students, families and the staff have supported and driven these modifications. Things have certainly progressed from our very first lockdown day last year and we will continue to update and improve our work in this space.

Please remember to complete the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian online survey if you received an email on 9th August requesting you to do so (random selection of families). This survey assists us with future planning. It closes on September 3.



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School Absence Contact Information Please use Sentral





## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Friday September 17th Last day of Term 3 (early dismissal 2.30pm)
- Friday December 10th Curriculum Day

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#### On Site Learning Pick up and Drop Off

Our wonderful staff continue to supervise our on site learning children. To protect them as much as possible parents need to continue to drop off and pick up from outside the gate area. Please do not come into the school grounds as it has the potential to spread the virus. If you have to pick up children outside of these two times please come to the office and we will call your child up.

#### **Student Wellbeing**

The Department continues to make wellbeing a priority at this time, with numerous supports and services available to staff and families. Below is some advice for parents supporting students at home during the coronavirus pandemic:

- Department of Education and Training Talking to your child during coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Raising Children Network Coronavirus Coronavirus (COVID-19) and children in Australia
- KidsHealth Coronavirus (COVID-19): How to Talk to Your Child
- eSafety Office COVID-19: an online safety kit for parents and carers
- Headspace For friends and family

In addition, the following external counselling services are available to parents and staff:

Parentline: 13 22 89

Lifeline: 13 11 14 or <u>lifeline.org.au</u>

Beyond Blue: 1300 22 46 36 or <u>beyondblue.org.au</u>

#### **Book Week**

This week is Book Week so it's a good time to remind children how important it is to sit down and immerse themselves in a good book. It will get them off the screen for a while (Always a good thing) and relaxing in a different way. The theme this year is Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds. Established with the first awards in 1946, the annual CBCA Book of the Year Awards aim to:

- promote quality literature for young Australians;
- support and encourage a wide range of Australian writers and illustrators of children's books and celebrate contributions to Australian children's literature.

The winner of the older reader's category was "The End of the World is Bigger Than Love" by Davina Bell. The winner of the younger reader's category was "Asters Good, Right Things" by Kate Gordon. The winner of the Picture Story Book of the year was "How to Make a Bird" by Matt Ottley and Meg McKinlay The winner of the early childhood book of the year was "No Never" by Libby and Lisa Hathorn. So get your kids into some relaxing reading this week!

#### Face masks in Schools

Following on from the Health Department's advice we have now ordered some children's face masks. On Monday we highly recommended sending your child/ren with a face mask if attending on-site learning. It is currently not compulsory for the children to wear one, but it is a recommendation. Please see below:

As directed by the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the following advice applies to all school settings:

- School staff and secondary school students aged 12 or older must <u>always wear a face mask</u> indoors and outdoors at school, including when attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program, unless a lawful exception applies.
- It is recommended that children under 12 years of age and students at primary school wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OHSC program.
- For communication purposes, teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can. It is recommended that face masks be worn while teaching wherever practicable.
- Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older when travelling to and from school on public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles and recommended for primary school aged students.

#### **NAPLAN**

The NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) results will be sent out to schools some time next week and individual student results will be sent out to parents with an explanation of how to read and understand their children's results.

#### **Online Safety Reminder**

With COVID-19 having us teach and learn remotely, your child will be spending more time online. There are tips available on the e-safety government website and parts of this will be shared in our newsletter to assist you in keeping your child safe.

#### Start the chat

It's not possible to be at your child's side every second of the day, so it's important to talk with them about online safety issues to help develop their critical thinking and ability to make good choices. It's also good to let them know they can come to you for help if they have any concerns. You may feel they know more about the latest technology than you do, but you have more life experience to guide them.

- Take the opportunity to set some boundaries around when and where they can use devices like tablets, smart TVs and gaming consoles, to help limit potential tech tantrums.
- While you are all at home more, it's a great time to co-view and co-play with your kids, so you can understand what they are doing and experiencing online.
- Learn about the games, apps, social media and platforms they are using tect their information and report inappropriate content or conduct.
- Encourage them to explore eSafety's targeted advice for kids (primary school) and young people (secondary school).
- Check eSafety's tips for talking with your child about tricky personal subjects like online pornography

#### **Breezeway**

Our resident handyman Jon has been working on the breezeway area, trying to ensure more light for the entryway. He has trimmed down a lot of bushes and plants to let more light in for the children as they walk through and hang their bags on the bag hooks. He is also preparing the ceiling for painting to further lighten the area. The old fence will be pulled down in the coming weeks as well in preparation for the work to be done in the eating area.

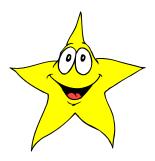
#### **Thought For The Week**



Wayne Bach

Principal

#### **CEPS KIDS ARE FRIENDLY KIDS**



This term we are working on **CO-OPERATION** and next week we are looking at

#### Respecting other people's opinions

Everyone has the right to say what they want to say without being put-down

If people feel that you will respect what they say and not put them down, they will enjoy being with you and talking to you. They will feel safe around you because they know you respect others and their feelings. Everyone has the right to express different ideas. If you respect others when they say things you don't agree with, they will respect you. Respectful people are liked by others. Respecting opinions helps groups to get the job done!

#### Do:

- If you don't agree with what someone says, try to think of anything they said which you CAN agree with.
- Speak in a calm and courteous voice.

Firstly say the part you agree with and then say what you disagree with.

#### Don't:

- Only focus on what you disagree with.
- Use an angry tone of voice.
- Start your sentence with, "I don't agree."
- Call people names or use put-downs.

Knock other people's ideas and opinions.

**COURTESY** 

RESPECT

# SCHOOL NEWS



# PARENTS COMMITTEE SPECIAL FOOD DAY



THE WEATHER'S GETTING COLDER SO IT'S TIME TO WARM YOUR TUMMY WITH SOMETHING YUMMY!

OF THE FOLL POSTPONED

Option one at POSTPONED

- Homema DATE TBA

- Hot dog

Option three at \$2.50

- Cheese Toastie
- Ham & Cheese Toastie

Orders to be in by 5th August, easily done through

QKR!

\*Any other dietary requirements or enquiries please email Jodie Marsh – jodienmarsh@gmail.com before the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021.







# REMOTE LEARNING







# cooking with

grade 2







#### Happy Birthday to the following students and staff for this week

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\* Jazmin D

\* Claire C

\* Lilian L

\* Aanya R

\* Jonah S

\* Harrison L

\* Elliott J

\* Christopher M

\* Josh F

\* Annabelle P

\* John I

\* Quincey J

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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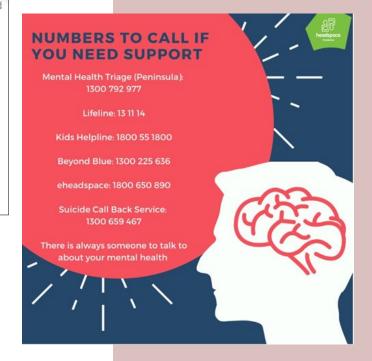


Lockdowns and restrictions have been an ongoing part of our lives for many months now and data shows that we are all feeling the mental health impact. We have a number of resources including videos and factsheets to help you as a parent or caregiver to support your child's mental health and wellbeing.

- Supporting children during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Helping children to cope with uncertainty during COVID-19
- Talking to children about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

View resources

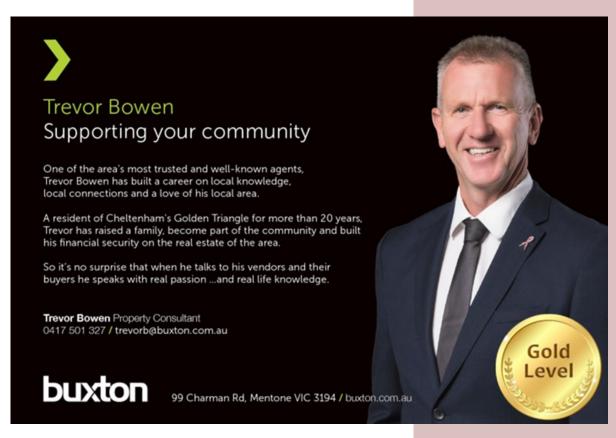




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