



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Creswick Primary School—Catering for the needs of students in the pursuit of excellence

CALENDAR

Thursday 11th October
 Friday 19th October
 Wednesday 24th October
 Wednesday 7th November
 Friday 9th November
 Friday 16th November
 Wednesday 28th November

Thursday 15th November
 Thursday 20th December
 Friday 21st December

Swimming Junior Unit Starts
 Prep & Grade 1 Breakfast
 Junior Unit EcoLink Excursion
 Prep Transition 2pm - 3pm Parent info session in Lib
 Ballarat Show Day Holiday NO SCHOOL
 Jogathon
 Prep Transition 2pm - 3pm
 Anti Bullying Presentation –parent session 6-7.30pm
 Swimming Senior Unit Starts
 Last day of school - Reports go home.
 Curriculum Day NO SCHOOL

Assembly
2.50 pm
MPB



Grade	Student	Value	
5/6W	Lily	Personal Best	For her excellent presentations on Jessica Mauboy when looking at famous Indigenous Australians. Well done!
5/6H	Aiden	Respect	For completing his additional roles within the classroom and school in a diligent and respectful manner.
3/4H	Lenny	Personal Best	For always giving his best efforts across all curriculum areas.
3/4C	Jayda	Respect	For always completing her work to a high standard - no matter how challenging.
1/2D	Mitchell	Personal Best	For continually working hard to the best of his ability.
1/2 B	All of Gr 1/2B	Personal Best	For having a fantastic term of learning.
Prep/1K	Lainey	Personal Best	For working hard at understanding place value of numbers to 100 and in writing numbers in words.
Prep R	All of Prep R	Personal Best	For having a fantastic term of learning.
ART	Jazmine	Respect	For being kind and generous in help to finish the Junior Unit Lanterns for the festival.
INDONESIAN	Patrick	Personal Best	For always showing enthusiasm in all aspects of his learning.

From the Principal's Desk

Start of Term Four

We hope everyone enjoyed some quality family time during the September holiday break and that the children are fully refreshed.

At a school level we intend to continue the focused teaching and learning program right through until the end of the year. There are also lots of exciting events to occur this term including: the Grade P/1 Breakfast, Grade 5/6 Clubs, Grade 2 camp, Jogathon, swimming and lots more. Attached to the newsletter this week will be each year level Parent Planner which outlines in details the curriculum the students will be learning for the term as well as special dates.

Playpod

We are still in need of materials for our play pod. Ideally we would love to have the play pod full of recyclable materials and ready for the students to use by the beginning of next year. If you have any materials that you think may be suitable – crates, pipes, light thin pieces of wood, small cable barrels or anything that the students can use their imagination with to build please bring them to the front office.

Anti Bullying Presentation



On Wednesday 28th of November we will be having Luke Kennedy come to present to our senior students. Luke is a motivational speaker and mental health advocate. He is one of the most sought after guest speakers in the country and from all reports schools state that he leaves a huge impact on students and the school community. Topics covered in his student talk are:

- Bullying (self-bullying/negative self-talk)
- Mental Health – Self-care
- Resilience
- How to be yourself and stop worrying what other people think.

As well as student presentations he will also be conducting a session for our staff and then for our parent community in the evening. The parent session will run from 6-7.30pm. More information regarding this will be sent home closer to the date, but lock this date in your calendars.

If you would like to know more information go to his website at:

<https://www.lukeskennedy.com/>

Celebrating Staff Success

During the holidays a number of staff participated in the Teacher Games. Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Humm, Mrs Richardson and Miss Bronchinetti competed in The Amazing Race dressed as Ninja Turtles and also competed in Music Bingo. Well done to our staff.



ESMART WEEK IS NEXT WEEK!

Next week is eSmart week! To celebrate we will be having three activities running for students to take part in. These include:

- A colouring competition - one for the Junior Unit and one for the Senior Unit (running from Monday until Friday morning)
- A scavenger hunt - find the letters of eSmart around the school (this will run from Tuesday to Friday morning)
- A 'Scratch' computer program competition - make a cyber safety program to share.

Until then we are going to be providing you with a few tips on how to be safe online and how you can help your children stay safe.

TIP ONE:

PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Teach kids how to strengthen privacy settings, use strong passwords, change passwords regularly and not share them. It is also important to teach kids what is and isn't appropriate to post or share.

For more information or more tips see Telstra.com.au/cyber-safety

eSmart[®]
Smart. Safe. Responsible.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 0 - 12YRS

We have been fortunate enough to receive a booklet from the Minister of education : “Literacy and Numeracy Tips to help your child every day – a guide for parents aged 0-12”

Over the course of the term we will include information in each newsletter from this booklet. Research shows that families are the most significant influence on their child’s learning, development, health, safety and wellbeing.

Your family can play a key role in helping your child prepare for school and then succeed when they reach school.

The information provides handy tips and ways you can help your child develop literacy and numeracy skills. It provides fun, inexpensive, accessible and practical activities you can do with your child at home. It also provides questions you can ask your child to help them learn.

Prep to Grade 2

HELPING YOUR CHILD SPEAK AND LISTEN

Talking with your child

Regularly talking and interacting with your child extends their language and listening skills, and helps grow their confidence with language.

Include your child when discussing everyday activities such as grocery shopping, gardening, cooking dinner, collecting mail from the mailbox, doing housework and travelling in the car or bus.

Outings can also provide a world of new vocabulary. Discussion during outings can enrich your child’s understanding of the world. Outings might include going to the park, the zoo, as shopping centre, museums, libraries and art galleries.

Other fun activities can include:

- ◆ Share rhymes, poems and songs. Encourage your child to join in.
- ◆ Share and talk about family histories and family photos.
- ◆ Look at picture books or art books. Ask your child to describe what is happening in the pictures and make up stories together.
- ◆ Collect cardboard and other household items for your child to build with. Ask your child to describe what they are building.
- ◆ Look at ‘junk mail’ and talk about the things for sale.
- ◆ Listen to simple radio programs or podcasts together and discuss the content.
- ◆ Play vocabulary games with your child such as, ‘what’s the opposite of...?’ (for example, “what’s the opposite of big?”) and “what’s another word for...?” (for example, “what’s another word for angry?”).

Oral storytelling

Storytelling is a great way to extend your child’s speaking and listening skills, and to expand their memory and imagination. Either you can tell the story, or you can encourage your child to tell the story.

Storytelling might be about:

- ◆ Your child’s favourite toy
- ◆ Another family member
- ◆ A pet
- ◆ A favourite fictional character from a book or television program
- ◆ A famous person
- ◆ The walk of people from different professions, such as astronauts, firefighters, nurses and teachers
- ◆ An imaginary world with imaginary characters
- ◆ An imaginary animal that can speak

Here are some tips to start your storytelling:

- ◆ Make it exciting, with different voices, puppets, or a finger play.
- ◆ Have a dress-up box for your child to use for storytelling and imaginative play.
- ◆ Start with what interests your child.
- ◆ Start by creating a character and a setting.



OPEN DAY

1pm until 4pm

Sat 27 October 2018

2301 Midland Hwy
Springmount
Vic 3364

Free entry!

Bring the kids for a day of adventure as we launch the **Cafs Care Farm** (previously the Tangled Maze) in Springmount, just 25 minutes from Ballarat.

Meet the animals in our barn and enjoy free activities on the day, including face painting, mini-golf, ropes-course, jumping castle, art classes and more. Learn about the innovation and therapeutic elements of the new Cafs Care Farm.

Explore the new and improved tangled maze, stroll through the beautiful market gardens, fruit orchids and greenhouses, all the while learning about the innovation and therapeutic elements of the new Cafs Care Farm.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase from a range of food vans.

www.carefarm.org.au



Hepburn Shire Council Welcomes you to Creswick!

Are you new to Creswick?

Join us on a Saturday morning, have a cuppa and a treat and meet some friendly locals, Shire Councillors and Representatives from significant agencies like the CFA!

There will be lots of information for you to take away so your introduction to the township will be more satisfying and complete.

Next Session:
**Saturday 27th October in the
Creswick Town Hall.**
**More information is on our
noticeboard outside the Gallery.**



**School hats must be worn outside during
Term 1 & Term 4**

**Blue Light
Disco**

**Friday 26th
October**

6pm to 8pm

**Halloween
Theme**

Headlice

Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary.

Notify the school if any lice or eggs are found so that other parents can be asked to check and treat any problems.

When treating hair it is **ESSENTIAL** that all eggs are removed to prevent infestation.

We need your plastic bags!

We are collecting plastic bags for the Creswick Community Centre. A group of local ladies are crocheting mats for the homeless out of plastic bags.

If you have any plastic bags floating around your pantry, please bring them into the office.



Values Winners

These Values
Winners have been
caught using our school
values

- Personal Best
- Safety
- Respect
- Resilience



SWIMMING

All permissions notes and money for swimming are due at school
NO LATER than Friday 31st August.

Swimming is an important skill for students to learn! As summer approaches we believe it is vital for students to learn not only how to swim but also the skills and methods required to save themselves and others in the water.

Students will partake in 5 x 1 hour swimming lesson at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre.

Prep R and Prep/1K

Thursday 11th, 18th and 25th October, 1st and 8th November

Students will depart school at 11.30am, swim between 12noon and 1.00pm and return to school at approximately 1.30pm.

Grade 1/2B and 1/2D

Thursday 11th, 18th and 25th October, 1st and 8th November

Students will depart school at 12.30pm, swim between 1.00pm and 2.00pm and return to school at approximately 2.30pm.

Grade 3/4C and 3/4H

Thursday 15th, 22nd and 29th November, 6th and 13th December

Students will depart school at 11.30am, swim between 12noon and 1.00pm and return to school at approximately 1.30pm.

Grade 5/6H and 5/6W

Thursday 15th, 22nd and 29th November, 6th and 13th December

Students will depart school at 12.30pm, swim between 1.00pm and 2.00pm and return to school at approximately 2.30pm



Walktober Walk To School

Our school will be participating in Walk to School during the month of October, the first 4 weeks of the term!

Students are encouraged to walk to and from school, either all of part of the way.

We will be having Walk to School groups on:

- Friday 12th October,
- Friday 19th October
- Friday 26th October
- Friday 2nd November

Please meet at the post office at 8.40 if you would like to join these groups. We will then walk to school together.



Have your contact
details changed?

It is vital we have
ALL current
contact details at school.



Pre—Prep Transition Program

At Creswick Primary School we believe a seamless transition to Prep is vital in establishing a positive start to school life. We would like to invite your child, a prospective student, to participate in some activities, where they get to explore the school environment and get to know their future classmates, buddies and staff.

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| Wed 7 th Nov 2018 | 2 – 3pm | Math Activities
(Parent Info Session) |
| Wed 28 th Nov | 2 – 3pm | Literacy Activities |
| Tues 11 th Dec | 9 - 1:30pm | Orientation Day |

On Orientation Day your child will be with their 2019 classroom teacher and meet their Grade 4 Buddies. Your child will need to bring a filled water bottle, piece of fruit, a snack for 11:00 (recess) and a snack for 12:30 (healthy snack).

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Please contact our office for more information and to book your child's place