From the Principal’s Desk

Student Leadership Badges

This Friday the 10th February at the School Assembly, the School Captains & Vice-Captains, Playground Mentors and the House Captains will be presented with their leadership badges.

As a school, we talked about the role of student leaders in helping children in their class and across the school. We have asked the local police to come along and present the badges in recognition of their role in helping the wider community.

The assembly will start at 3.00pm.

## Presentation of JSC badges is likely to be on Friday the 24th of February. This date is still to be confirmed.

Welcome to School – Picnic – Thursday 16th February, 2017 5.30pm - 7.00pm

A school picnic is a great time to meet other parents, friends of your children and teachers at the school. An invitation has been sent to families which includes the details of the evening.

We look forward to seeing you there!

School Council AGM - Nominations

Each year, approximately half of the positions on School Council become vacant. This allows for interested parents/carers to nominate for any of the vacant positions.

School Council meets approximately twice each term with meetings on a Wednesday evening, starting at 6.30pm and generally finishing around 8.00pm. The vacancies present a great opportunity for parents/carers to get involved and support the school with present, medium and longer term planning.

Please consider these vacancies and contact the office or talk to one of the current School Councillors to gain further information.

Nomination forms for School Council will be available at the school office at the end of next week.

Nominations will open on Monday the 20th February and close on Monday 27th February, 2016.

Safety

We have had some reports to the school about children and parents crossing the railway lines in unapproved/illegal areas.

This is particularly dangerous as there is a new train timetable and we might think we will
Extra-Curricular

Optometrists
Wide Open Road Mobile Optometry and Central Highlands Health in Creswick have embarked on a project to offer children in all local schools an eye tests that is paid for by medicare.

We have booked in two dates for later in Term One for the optometrist visit and will send out permission forms in the next couple of weeks.

Camp – Senior Unit Camp
Planning is well underway for the Grade 3,4,5,6 camp to Queenscliff. At this stage the Grade 5/6 children will go to camp on the 29th, 30th and 31st May and the Grade 3/4 students will go to camp on the 31/5, 1st and 2nd of June.

Some of the activities that have been planned include: visits to the Queenscliff Fort, the Marine Discovery Centre, the light house at Point Lonsdale, beach activities (not swimming), a train trip to and from Laker’s Siding and a ferry trip on Port Phillip Bay.

We hope to have the full plans for the camp including costs completed within the next two weeks.

Breakfast Club – Starts Thursday 16th February, 2017
Breakfast Club starts next week Thursday 16th February at 8.15am in the M.P.B. Every week on a Tuesday and Thursday from 8.15am to 8.40am, students are welcome to come and have toast and cereal before they start school for the day.

We are always looking for volunteers to help in the Breakfast Club, if you are interested in helping please let us know.

Displaying Great Learning Strategies

QuickSmart testing is happening across Grades 4, 5, 6
Reading to someone in Grade 4/5C
What are digital technologies in Grade Two
Learning vocabulary in Grade 5/6
Making mosaics in Grade One

Bushfire Emergency Drill
On Thursday the school held an Emergency Drill that required all staff and students to move to the Main Building. It took classes a mere three minutes to walk to the Main Building and a further two minutes to mark the rolls. These ‘Drills’ are essential as it ensures children know what to do if a real emergency occurs.

Well done to students and staff for being in place and completing all requirements within five minutes.
Extra-Curricular Continued…

Welcome To Our School

Some of our Foundation students hard at work.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY

Wednesday 1st March

Please remember that you have the option to drive your child to Llanberris Athletic Reserve or drop your child off at school and they can get on the bus.

If your child is getting on the bus there is an $8.00 charge payable by Monday 20th February.

All children need to be at Llanberris Athletics Reserve, York Street, Ballarat by 9.15am SHARP.

We encourage all children to travel with their parents by private car, as this helps to make the day more of a family event.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 10th February  Leadership badges presented at assembly
Friday 24th February  Gr 5/6H Assembly Item
Wednesday 1st March  School Athletics Sports Day Llanberris Athletics Reserve
Friday 3rd March  Gr 3/4H Assembly Item
Monday 13th March  Labour Day Holiday
Friday 10th March  Junior Unit Ecolinc
Friday 17th March  Foundation/1R Assembly Item
Friday 24th March  School Cross Country
Friday 31st March  Last Day of Term 1 Early dismissal at 1.30pm
**Parent Teacher Interviews**

- Grade 1/2W  Thursday 23rd February
- Grade 1R    Thursday 23rd February
- Grade 2D    Monday 20th February
- Grade 3/4B  Monday 20th February
- Grade 3/4H  Monday 20th February
- Grade 4/5C  Tuesday 21st February
- Grade 5/6H  Tuesday 21st February
- Grade 5/6W  Tuesday 21st February

Please return your time preference to your class teacher by Tuesday 14th February.

**Friday Fruit**

- Friday 10th Feb  Middle Unit 3/4 & 4/5 (Lounge)
- Friday 17th Feb  Senior Unit
- Friday 24th Feb  Whole School
- Friday 3rd March Junior Unit (Gallery)

**Enrollment Day:** Saturday 11th Feb, 11am-12pm.

11 Moore st, Creswick.

Classes in Ballet(RAD), Musical Theatre (Jazz, Tap, Singing & acting), Acrojazz, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Pre-primary(3-5 years), Dance play(2-3 years), Junior Dance(ballet, jazz & acro)

Information and enrolments contact: paula@creswickdance.com 0417 224 144
www.creswickdance.com

**Creswick Dance & Fitness Academy Inc.**

**2016 Christmas Hamper Winners**

- 1st  Nikaiya M
- 2nd Wil M-W
- 3rd Leah W
- 4th Lilian H
- 5th Breeanna J
- 6th Mia H
- 7th Harry B
- 8th Fishlock Family
- 9th Tylar B
- 10th Terry W

Congratulations to all the winners

**Voluntary Fees**

Voluntary Fees can be paid at the office.

$50 per child, up to $120 per family with 3 or more children.

This year all Voluntary fees are going towards our I.C.T program.

**Coat Hangers Needed**

The Uniform Shop is running out of coat hangers. If you have any coat hangers you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate them being donated to the Uniform Shop.

**School Hats**

All students must wear a hat at recess and lunchtimes during Term 1.

If you do not have a hat, you can purchase one from the office for $8.

**Book Club Orders Due**

Wednesday 15th February

**Second Hand Uniform Sale**

All second hand uniform items will be for sale at the School Welcome Picnic for 50c each.

If your child is away from school, please remember to let us know by sending a note or calling the office on 5345 2044 or via Tiqbiz.
Office News

Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
If you have a current healthcare card you may be eligible for the Camps Sports and Excursions Fund. Application forms are at the office. Please complete the CSEF application form and return it to the office by Friday 24th February. ALL APPLICATIONS NEED A COPY OF THE HEALTH CARE CARD TO BE PROCESSED.

Working With Children Check
All parent helpers and volunteers MUST have a Working With Children Check before they can help out in the classroom, canteen and around the school. Please go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au to apply for a Working With Children Check. If you already have a current Working With Children Check, please come to the office so we can take a photocopy of your card as we need to have this on file.

Update of Student Details
Last week we sent out to all families Student Information, Medical Form and an I.C.T Agreement. Thank you to all families who have returned their forms to school. If you have not returned your forms please complete the forms and return them to the office by Friday 17th February.
It is vital we have all current details in case we need to contact you from school. We cannot contact you if your details are not up to date!

School Magnet
Did you get a school magnet in your information pack last week? If not, they are available at the office.

School Diary
We now have school diary’s available at the office for $10.50 each.

Newsletter
This year there will be a couple of slight changes to ensure both quality communication and efficiency.
In odd weeks a streamlined newsletter will be produced and in even weeks a more comprehensive newsletter will be published.
During Term Two we will be transitioning to electronic newsletters. This will be a big paper saver which helps support the sustainability targets of the department. The newsletter will also be published on our Tiqbiz app and uploaded to our website each week. Please complete the form below and return it to the office by Friday 24th February.

Newsletter
Yes please, email me the newsletter. Email: ____________________________

Eldest Child: ____________________________ Grade: _______

Parent Name: ____________________________

I would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter [ ]
**Conveyance Allowance**

The Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and Regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus.

If you live in the Springmount, Sulky, Broomfield, Allendale, Smokeytown, Kingston and Ascot please contact the office as you may be eligible to receive conveyance allowance.

Please come into the office and complete the application form before **Monday 27th February**.

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**Parents Club Meet & Greet**

Parents’ Club would like to invite all parents, carers, guardians, aunts, uncles, grandparents etc to a Meet and Greet with Parents’ Club for a relaxed casual morning tea.

**Monday 13th February**

9am
Staff Room
Creswick Primary School

Come join us for a cuppa and a biscuit and find out what we are all about.

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**TRIVIA QUIZ**

**Junior**
Prep - Gr 2
What did the Wiggles drive?

**Senior**
Gr 3 - Gr 6
When is the last day of Summer?

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**We’re using an app to communicate with you**

**CRESWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

You’ll be notified of our news, messages, events and other communications.

Simply download the tiqbiz app to your phone or tablet following these instructions.

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Search tiqbiz in your app store

**Step 2. Find & Tick.**

**Log In** - Open tiqbiz and register / log-in

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**Tick** - Click the grey tick on the boxes that apply to you. When the tick turns green, you’re connected.

**Inbox** - Click on the Inbox icon. This is where you will receive instant messages, newsletters, notices and calendar events.