



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

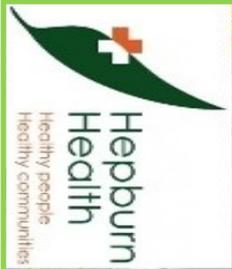
CALENDAR

Monday 26th & 27th November	Yr 2 Camp - Log Cabin Camp
Wednesday 28th November	Prep Transition 2pm - 3pm Anti Bullying Presentation –parent session 6-7.30pm
Friday 7th December	Grade 1/2B Assembly Performance
Tuesday 11th December	Orientation Day 9am - 1.30pm
Wednesday 12th December	School Council
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Concert
Friday 14th December	Whole School Lunch
Monday 17th December	Grade 6 Graduation
Tuesday 18th December	Parent Helper Morning Tea
Thursday 20th December	Last day of school - Reports go home.
Friday 21st December	Curriculum Day NO SCHOOL

**ASSEMBLY
THIS
WEEK
3.00pm**

JOGATHON





Supporting Hepburn Health to provide quality healthcare services by locals and for locals

3pm - 8pm

1 Napier Street, Creswick

Creswick Hospital grounds

food, mini circus, carols, gifts, fun for all, crafts

Saturday 1st December

Twilight
Christmas Market



From the Principal's Desk

Jogathon

What an amazing whole school Jogathon we had on Friday 16th November. The weather gods were very kind to us and a great day was had by all. This year was my very first Creswick Primary School Jogathon and I was absolutely amazed at the amount of community support the students received from family and friends. Thank you to all that came on the day. Congratulations to all the students for having a go and trying their personal best. All money raised from the Jogathon will be going towards Mrs Cochran's project of a walking track around the school.

Wheeltalk - Wheelchair Basketball

Today Sam from Disability Sport and Recreation Victoria came out to visit our students, The students learned about what it is like to live with a disability and what barriers disabled people have to overcome to access sports. The children also got to have lots of fun playing wheelchair basketball and having wheelchair races. On Wednesday 5th of December our Year 5/6 students will get to participate in the same incursion.



Student Leadership

Some of our current year 4 and 5 students have been working hard on their leadership application letters. Students have been applying for School Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Playground mentors. I would like to congratulate the students on their amazing applications and for being willing to have a go. Their honesty and reasoning was fantastic as well as their use of writer's voice. The next step in the process will be students presenting their speeches next Tuesday 27th November. After this the students in Years 3-6 will get to vote, followed by an interview process with myself, Mrs Humm and the current School Captains Brodie and Bella.

In the past there may have been the presumption that the leadership process is a 'popularity contest.' I would like to assure you that has not been and will not be the case in 2018. Although student voice through votes is considered it is not the only factor that determines who is successful. Students will also go through an interview process and this along with their application is also taken into consideration. These four factors – application, speech, votes and interview are all considered in the decision making process.

Grade Structure

The grade structure has been finalised for 2019 and will comprise of the following:

2 x Prep/One grades, 2 x One/Two, 2 x Three/Four, 1 x Four/Five and 2 x Five/Six – 9 grades in total.

Teachers have been busy working together to create classes for 2019 taking into consideration 2019 factors such as: gender, the previous class, each child's ability, behaviour, friendship groups etc.

Classes for 2019 will be announced on Tuesday December the 11th – Orientation Day. On this day our current Year 6 students will attend their Secondary School for 2019. All other students will meet in the MPB at 9am where classes will be announced. Students will stay with that class up until 1.30pm. On that day your child will bring home a book list for 2019 as well as a slip of paper informing you of who their class teacher is for 2019 and what room they will be in.



Letters to Santa

The Creswick Pharmacy is very lucky this year!

The Elves have delivered a Magical Mailbox to Creswick Pharmacy so the children of Creswick can send a letter to Santa.

Please include your name and return postal address and Santa will send a reply to each child if posted before **Saturday 15th December**.



The Big Shave



Be part of a great community and fundraiser event, kids and parents come along and part of the 'Big Shave' and help raise money for the Cancer Council. The Big Shave will occur in the courtyard of the Farmers Arms Hotel Creswick, hopefully with lots of brave kids (and supporting parents who might also want to shave it all off), and of course anyone else so wants to shave it all off for a great course!

This event has been organised by one of our grade 6 students Harry and his parents Kristy and Brad.



It will be a great afternoon filled with lots of laughs and amazing atmosphere and lets not forget to mention the Farmers Arms sausage sizzle with just a gold coin donation, where all proceeds go to the Cancer Council. Head on down to the Farmers Arms Creswick on Sunday 9th December and join our great community and kids and watch the Big Shave and hopefully we can start an annual event just in time for summer. We hope to see you there!

Please check for 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.

SWIMMING

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.

Grade 3/4C and 3/4H

Thursday 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 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



LITERACY AND NUMERACY TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 0 - 12YRS

Year 3 to Year 6

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO WRITE

As your child moves through primary school, he or she will begin writing longer creative pieces, writing in different genres and exploring non-fiction and persuasive writing.

Some general tips to help with your child's writing in these years include:

- ◆ Continue to encourage them to write for everyday skills. This includes writing recipes, family messages, shopping lists and greeting cards.
- ◆ Make sure they have an appropriate place to write, such as a desk in a quiet room.
- ◆ Provide stationery, such as coloured pens and pencils and different coloured paper. It is always helpful to discuss the writing topic with your child before they start to write. This will give your child ideas and confidence to start writing.
- ◆ After discussing the topic your child is writing about, you may want to write down a few arguments or story plot points to help them. They can then expand on these points.
- ◆ Encourage your child to write creatively in different genres, such as fantasy, realism and adventure.
- ◆ Encourage your child to write different types of literary texts such as poems, short plays or film scripts.
- ◆ Use a book your child has read as a springboard into creative writing.
- ◆ Persuasive writing will become a focus at school, particularly in high school. Encourage your child to write down their opinions and ideas about specific issues.
- ◆ Encourage your child to edit their work for mistakes before they show you. They should also make sure the writing makes sense. Getting your child to read their work out loud is a good technique to find mistakes in writing.
- ◆ Using a dictionary helps with spelling mistakes.
- ◆ Using a thesaurus helps to expand your child's vocabulary.

Some fun activities might include:

- ◆ Encourage your child to keep a diary where they record their feelings and experiences.
- ◆ Write a review of a book or film. Encourage your child to have an opinion about the relative good and bad points and how the film could be improved.
- ◆ Create a 'found poetry.' Pick 20 random lines and phrases from books or poems and arrange these lines into a new poem. It can be fun to discuss the different possibilities of joining different lines, and the changes in meaning these create.
- ◆ Give your child a topic that has two clear sides, such as "Homework should be banned." Ask your child to write a few paragraphs outlining their arguments for and against.
- ◆ If your child has recently finished a novel or film, ask them to write creatively in response to it. They might write an alternative ending, a short sequel, or write a series of diary entries from a character's perspective.

Digital writing and creating

We now live in a world full of digital technology. To give your child the best chance of success in literacy, it is important that your child becomes comfortable with technology and can use various technologies to share their ideas and show their creativity.

Some activities your child might do include:

- ◆ Create a website with a specific interest in mind, such as a hobby, a sports team, or an historical event that interests them.
- ◆ Write a blog on a hobby or interest.
- ◆ Write a short film script and then shoot the film using a mobile phone, tablet or video recorder. Use editing software to edit the film and create titles.

- ◆ Write a radio script and then record the script using a mobile phone, tablet or digital voice recorder.
- ◆ Write a short story and record it using a mobile phone, tablet or voice recorder. Find digital film score music or sound effects to create mood and suspense.
- ◆ Write emails or instant messages to family members.
- ◆ Use presentation or slide software to create presentations for the family about a recent family holiday or about something of personal interest.

Family projects

Take the opportunity to involve the whole family in reading and writing.

Some family projects could include:

- ◆ Email friends or family members.
- ◆ Write messages together on your social networking site to communicate with family and friends.
- ◆ Read a book series together.
- ◆ Read together the instructions for a new household item to find out how it works.
- ◆ Record family events or travel experiences in a journal or on an online blog.
- ◆ Write plays and perform them for family and friends.
- ◆ Write a film script together and make the film.
- ◆ Read, select and collect news articles and create an album about, for example, as sporting team, favourite animal or leisure activity.
- ◆ Solve crosswords, word puzzles, brain teasers and quizzes.
- ◆ Browse libraries and bookshops together. Search for cheap books in charity stores and at garage sales.
- ◆ Prepare for an outing together, including reading public transport timetables, maps and information brochures.

Creating a literacy-rich home

Creating a literacy-rich home gives your child every opportunity to engage in reading, writing, speaking and listening. This kind of environment encourages your child to see these skills as an important and normal part of every day.

Here are some tips to create a literate home:

- ◆ Books. Lots of books. With lots of books your child will see reading as a normal activity and will always have something new to read.
- ◆ Create a language-rich bedroom and a home for your child, with alphabet and word posters and labels.
- ◆ Organise a bookshelf to display your child's books.
- ◆ Create a comfortable space for your child to read, perhaps with cushions and blankets to encourage your child to see reading as a relaxing and fun activity.
- ◆ Provide writing materials and a writing desk. Having different pens and pencils and a place to write, encourages our child to write more often. Creating a special 'writing box' to store your child's pens and pencils helps your child see writing as an important activity.
- ◆ Collect props for imaginative play and materials for craft projects. These can form the basis for practising speaking and writing.
- ◆ Set aside a time each week for 'family reading time' when every family member is reading, either individually or together.
- ◆ Regularly discuss what your child is reading or writing.
- ◆ Very importantly, read yourself. One of the most important ways to get your child reading is to model reading for your child. Children are encouraged to read - and to see reading as a normal part of the day - if they see their parents reading often. Siblings, grandparents and other relevant persons in a child's life can also be reading role models.



Junior Literacy Question

Week 7

Find the spelling error in the sentence.

We here the planes as they come in to land.

Record on the answer sheet the correct spelling of the incorrect word.

Senior Literacy Question

Week 7

Find the spelling error in the sentence.

The racing car driver thort his car was the fastest.

Record on the answer sheet the correct spelling of the incorrect word.

2018 School Magazine

Each magazine will cost \$15

Please fill in the order form and return it, with the money to the office

**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER A
2018 SCHOOL MAGAZINE!!**

ORDERS DUE TOMORROW!!

Friday 23rd November

Name: _____

Class: _____

Number of copies: _____ \$ _____

ANTI-BULLYING PRESENTATION NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 28th November

On Wednesday 28th November Luke Kennedy will be coming 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. I am very excited to be able to offer this opportunity to our students as the topics he covers apply to all children of today.



Topics covered in his 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 conducting student sessions for our year 3/4 and 5/6 students he will also be conducting a professional learning session for our teachers and an information session for our parents.

The parent session is open to all parents in our school community. The parent session will run from **6pm-7.30pm** at school and a light supper will be supplied. If you are interested in attending the parent session could you please fill in the slip below and return to the office by **Friday 23rd November**.

If you would like to know more information you can visit Luke's website:

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



ANTI-BULLYING PRESENTATION

WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Yes I am interested in attending the Luke Kennedy anti-bullying presentation.

Date: Wednesday 28th November

Time: 6pm- 7.30 pm

Name: _____

Number of adults attending: _____

