Vision: To create a community of lifelong learners
Mission: To provide opportunities for every child to learn and flourish

Our Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Learning

CALENDAR

February
14 District Swimming trials
17 Curriculum Day - Student Free
21 Meet and Greet Night 5.30pm - 7pm
24 5/6 sport at Oxley

March
3 5/6 sport at Lilydale PS
8 Parent Helpers Course
10 5/6 sport at Chirnside Park PS
13 Labour Day public holiday
17 5/6 sport at Manchester PS
21 House Cross Country
24 5/6 sport at Kilsyth PS
31 5/6 sport at Chirnside Park PS
Last Day Term 1. 2.30pm dismissal

April
18 Term 2 starts
25 Anzac Day public holiday

May
2 Foundation 2018 Information night
3 House Sports Day 10am - 1.30pm
5 Curriculum Day - pupil free
12 5/6 sport at Billanook/Gladesville
16 Open Night
17 Grandparents Morning Tea
19 5/6 sport at Lilydale West PS
29 School Photos
30 District Cross Country 9.30am - 12

June
2 5/6 sport at Lilydale PS
9 5/6 sport at Manchester PS
16 5/6 sport at Kilsyth PS
23 5/6 sport playoff rounds
30 Last Day Term 2. 2.30pm dismissal
From the Principal

Welcome back to 2017. It seems like yesterday we were preparing for Christmas and yet here we are again at the start of a brand new year. As you know we have several new staff this year and I would like to extend a huge welcome to them. For everyone’s information here are the classes with teachers’ names:

Foundation (Prep)
Mrs Sharnie Wake, Mrs Kate Russell

Year 1/2
Miss Honnie Atkins, Miss Kim Cleary, Miss Siobhan Judge and Mrs Rebecca McCormack

Year 3/4
Mrs Cynthia McKenna, Miss Libbee King and Mrs Martine Femino

Year 5/6
Mrs Jo Guenther, Ms Lynn Francis and Mrs Liesl Rosewall

Art
Mrs Sonie Attwood

Music
Mrs Sue Martin

P/E
Mr Tim Norton

Mandarin (Chinese)
Miss Vanessa Low

ES Support Staff
Office
Mrs Karyn Evans and Mrs Barb O’Regan

Library
Mrs Pat Stott

Classroom Support
Mrs Anne Turton (1/2 A) Mrs Jo Tibb (1/2 C) Mrs Mary Maxwell (3/4 M) Mrs Lauren Nelson (3/4 K) Mrs Debra Symes (3/4 M) Mrs Jane Dixon (5/6 G) Mrs Angela Williamson (Literacy Intervention)

Chaplain
Speech Therapist
Mr Peter Harris Mrs Beth Petersen

Psychologist
Social Worker
Mrs Stephanie Hadley Nick Kypris

Mrs Cathy U’Ren will have other duties until she leaves in Term 2. She will be taking other staff Long Service Leave classes, taking some Art and Music classes, mentoring other teachers and completing some documentation. We are very fortunate to be able to use her expertise in a variety of ways.

Curriculum Day
As is our usual practice we have a curriculum day at the start of Terms 1, 2 and 3. Our first one for the year will be on Friday 17th February, the next one is Friday 5th May and the last one is Friday 4th August. No children are expected at school on those days as teachers will be participating in professional development.

Meet and Greet Night
You will soon receive an invitation to our Meet and Greet Night. This is intended to be an informal gathering to allow you the opportunity to come up, meet with your child’s teacher and ask any questions you may have about the curriculum for 2017. At 5:30pm we will have a sausage sizzle and then there will be a question and answer time in the classrooms from 5:45-7pm commencing with Foundation from 5:45-6:15pm, followed by 1/2 from 6:15-6:30pm, 3/4 from 6:30-6:45pm and lastly 5/6 from 6:45-7pm. You are encouraged to come up and have a BBQ sausage and mingle with all the teachers including Specialists and ask any questions.

Please note these questions should be of a general nature and not related to specific concerns you may have with individual children. If you would like to discuss anything more specific (educational, medical or family issues) please make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher. They are more than happy to make a time for a one on one interview. You may request an interview at any time during the year. (If you have difficulty coming up to the school then a phone appointment can be booked). As you will understand it is not appropriate to just turn up to talk to the teacher before or after school as they may be busy with preparation or have meetings to attend.

School Council
All school communities are supported by a School Council, a committee dedicated to meet and make decisions regarding school policy. At the beginning of the year we call for nominations if vacancies arise. This year there are 2 parent vacancies and 1 teacher vacancy. If you would like to nominate for one of the parent vacancies then nomination forms can be picked up from the office. Meetings are held at school once a month usually on a Wednesday evening at 7:30pm. If you would like to know more about what being on School Council entails, please see me for further information. If we have more nominations than there are positions available then we will hold an election whereby the whole community are eligible to vote.

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Mobile phones and other digital devices.
Just a reminder that our policy states that all mobile phones and other digital devices eg iPads should be handed in to the school office for safe keeping before school starts. Children are not allowed to keep them in their bags. Children should then pick them up from the office at the end of the day. The school discourages the bringing of such valuables to school unless absolutely necessary.

No Dog Policy
Another reminder… our school has a no dog policy which states that no dogs should be brought into the school ground (even if on a leash). Some children (and adults) are quite frightened of dogs and we would not like to see any child inadvertently harmed.

Jan Marinakos

From the Office
CSEF (Camps and Excursions)
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. CSEF applications for 2017 open from term one 2017. Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a CSEF application form to their child’s school. Victorian Government Year 7 and Prep students (in 2017) who are CSEF recipients are also automatically eligible for a uniform support.
$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Parents of Foundation students are able to receive uniform from State Schools Relief. Please fill out the uniform form you received in your pack and return with the CSEF application form.

Qkr App for payments
Please see the attached brochure regarding how to Register for Qkr to enable you to pay via the app for Excursions, essential items etc. When registering you need to register each child and their grade to ensure when paying for an item it is allocated against the correct child.

Tiqbiz
Please ensure you register for the Tiqbiz app on your smart phone. All notifications to parents are sent out via Tiqbiz and the notification is instant. This allows parents to be informed of anything that is happening in our school community.

Physical Education
District Swimming Trials
On Tuesday 14th February, selected students who swim at an elite/squad level outside of school (not swimming lessons, actual racing squads) will swim at the District Swimming Trials at Kilsyth Centenary Pool before school. We wish Dakoda M, Briar K and Holly W the best of luck as they attempt to qualify for the Mooroolbark District Team. Competitors who are successful at the trials will qualify to compete in the Division Swimming Championships on Monday 6th March, 2017.

Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport
Teams have now been chosen based on students’ preferences. This Friday students will have their first practice session with their team. A notice regarding 5/6 Interschool Sport will be distributed in the next few days. Parents and students are to read the notice thoroughly and return the payment by Wednesday 15th February.

Running Club
As in past years Mr Norton will host a weekly, morning Running Club on Wednesday mornings from 8:35am – 8:55am. All students are welcome to come along and join in the running based games, activities, laps and races each Wednesday morning, meeting at the netball court. In inclement weather it may have to be cancelled that week.

Elite Sporting Students
This week a notice went home to all students in Grades 3-6 regarding ‘Elite Sporting Students’. Throughout the year there are numerous State Team Trials for different sports and it is important that Mr Norton is aware of the students that may be eligible to compete in these competitions. If you believe your child is capable of competing at an elite level (Victorian State team level), please complete the form and return it to school by Wednesday 8th February.
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Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

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Our school will appear in ‘Nearby Locations’ if you’re within 10km’s of the school, or search for our school by name.

**Step 4** Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.
Add your children’s details in Student Profiles

Select ‘Add student profile’

Add each child’s details

Manage each child’s details in Student Profiles

Purchase school items

Select a menu from our school

Select child you are ordering for

Tap ‘Checkout’ then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.
You are invited......

to download and sign up to Tiqbiz
to receive news, notices &
reminders from us!

1. Go to the App Store or Google Play store
2. Search for Tiqbiz and download - it's free!
3. Sign up and search for Chirnside Park Primary School
4. Tick the each child’s class box and you will receive updates, news
    and reminders about all things that are happening at school.

As always, feel free to call the school office if you have any questions on
9727 3466 or via email at chirnside.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
SELF DEFENCE OPEN NIGHT

You are invited to attend a FREE TRIAL CLASS at our upcoming Open Night

GKR Karate is offering a limited number of FREE TRIAL CLASS PASSES to students and parents in the Chirnside Park area.

This will give you an excellent introduction into the self defence and safety awareness benefits of karate training. FREE family passes are also available.

Chirnside Park Primary
Monday FEB 6th OPEN NIGHT!!
Monday FEB 13th OPEN NIGHT!!

Call / text Jacob 0431 375 678 to reserve your spot.
Limited spots available.

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