



Family Fun Night

**We need your donations
now for our Family Fun Night**

KEEP THIS DATE FREE: Thursday 16th March
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Once again it is time to call on the generosity of our community for donations for our 2016 Family Fun Night.

We've had a fantastic response in the past and we are *trusting* that you will support the Family Fun Night with some great donations again this year.

We are hoping to once again organise a range of hampers to raffle containing items

such as:

new toys, games, art and craft materials, books, hobby activities etc.

party items

pampering services and goods

chocoholic items (anything chocolate) and other treats within the 'use by date'.

vouchers for donated goods and services

Plus, we are seeking donations for our stalls such as:

coloured hair spray

Plus, we have a pre loved toy and book stall again this year so we are seeking:

good quality and in good condition pre loved toys and books

We would be happy to help off load any items of good quality.

All donations will be acknowledged with a special Principal's award.

Please bring all donations directly to the office.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT SPONSORSHIP

We are seeking sponsorship for the Family Fun Night 2017 RIDES. If you would like to sponsor our school or know of a company that may be interested in sponsoring us, please contact Antonella in the school office with details.

Any amount small or large will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in anticipation – The Coffee and Chat Group



**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS YEAR'S FAMILY FUN NIGHT
WILL GO TOWARDS CONSTRUCTING A NEW SAND PIT AND SHADE
COVER ON THE SPORTS GROUND, BEHIND THE GYM.**



Cake Stall Goodies Needed

Dear PPPS Parents,

We need your help to make our FFN sweet and delicious. We would love a donation of **HOMEMADE** treats; such as biscuits, cupcakes, brownies, pies, cakes, lamingtons etc.

HOW & WHEN

It's easy as 1-2-3

Please make sure all donations are **shelf stable** (fillings, frostings etc) and **do not require refrigeration.**

Kindly **label** your donation/s with an **ingredients list** (*all items to be listed for allergy reasons*)

Drop off your **WELL PACKAGED** donation/s to PPPS on the **16th March** at the office.

All proceeds go towards buying new shade sails over the play equipment.

On behalf of the coffee and chat community we thank you for your donations and participation.



Please forward all queries to
Antonella Azzopardi

FAMILY FUN NIGHT RAFFLE

To be held on Thursday 16th March 2017

**Our Coffee and Chat group have organised a special raffle to raise funds for the school.
Raffle tickets have been sent home today with your youngest child.**

Multiple Hampers to choose from

Cost: \$2 per ticket (5 enclosed) Please return unwanted tickets

If you have already paid your Fundraising Contribution of \$50 it is your choice to purchase the tickets or return them unsold to the office.



**The PURPOSE of Plenty Parklands Primary School is -
to educate children as lifelong learners to shape a better Australia.**

Calendar of Events

TERM 1

Week 6

Monday 6/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 4-6 Divisional Swimming carnival 6.30pm Chris Daicos forum in the school hall
Friday 10/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Day—Staff professional learning—No students to attend

Week 7

Monday 13/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour day—Public Holiday
Thursday 16/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-8pm Family Fun Night

Week 8 Planning week

Week 9

Tuesday 28/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-6.30pm Parent Volunteer training 7pm School Council
Wednesday 29/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15-9.45am Parent Volunteer training
Thursday 30/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.30am-7.30pm 3 Way conferences, students do not attend school except for their 3 Way conference when they will be marked 'present' on the roll
Friday 31/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BDSSA District Finals Last day of term 1 1.30pm dismissal

Term 2

Tuesday April 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of term 2
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Principal's Message

Congratulations to our new **School Council** members who join us for 2016 and 2017. Congratulations and thank you to our returning councillors, **Daniela Krstevski and Roger Baker**, **Congratulations and welcome to our new councillors Vlatko Miseski, Fiona Taylor and Elan Balasubramanian**. Of course **Belinda Petrovski and Esref Avda** continue for their second year on Council.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Bianca O'Connor and Bobi Nikolovski who have finished their term with us. It has been a pleasure to work with both of these parents; thank you for your commitment to the school. Congratulations and thank you also to our new **staff member** of Council, **Katrina Gouramanis** who joins Diana Mitrevski and Julie Nixon. Thank you also to Meg Seidel who has finished two terms on Council as our staff member. Supported by Kristina Elvey, our Business Manager who is also our Minute Secretary, I am proud to be the Principal on our new Council.

Speaking of Councils and being a proud principal, it was a lovely assembly this week and we thank our School Council President, Mrs Dani Krstevski for presenting our new **Junior School Councillors** with their badges and certificates. Just prior to the assembly, the 2017 and some 2016 JSC members offered the guests (parents and friends) some afternoon tea before they joined the presentation. On behalf of the community, I would like to thank and congratulate, once again, the following 2017 Plenty Parklands Junior School Council members.

4-29 Zachary
4-30 Kira
4-31 Jonathon
4-32 Claudia
5-3 Marisa
5-4 Andrew
5-5 Alannah
5-6 Alec
6-1 Erin and Dimitri
6-2 Daniel and Charlotte
6-7 Hannah and Noah
6-8 Will and Jemma



With only 14 or so sleeps until our **Family Fun Night on Thursday March 16**, we are asking for donations for our hamper raffles. Anything you would like to win would make a **great donation**. At the moment we have a Sketcher "Frozen" projector, some chocolates, a toy or two and some lovely books.

Please help us put together a fabulous array of hampers, as we do every year, by donating any new items; big or small, useful or decorative, functional or 'just for fun'. You may even be able to supply or source some vouchers from businesses you know that we could add to the hampers. Every item is gratefully received and goes straight towards our fund raising goal.

New or old books and toys are also needed for our stall on Family Fun Night. There must be good quality books and toys at home that really deserve a new home. Please

IMPORTANT CANTEEN NEWS

Please ensure you use the 2017 Canteen Menu as there have been price rises. If the money is not correct children will miss out on an item.

Principal - Claire McInerney

Assistant Principals - Julie Nixon and Alison Devereux

Business Manager - Kristina Elvey

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E-Mail: plenty.parklands.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

For those who missed Chris Daicos speak to us last year about the importance of resilience here are some more thoughts from parents who attended. **By popular demand, Chris returns next Monday March 6, 7:00 – 9:00 pm here at school. Come along for great advice, entertaining storytelling and a good laugh. It's free.**

"What a wonderful opportunity for the parents of Plenty Parklands Primary School to be offered an amazing evening with Chris Daicos. The seminar on raising resilient children was both informative and relatable, set against a back drop of lighthearted humour. The most important message I walked away with is that my child's job is to love learning and to have friends, and that there are many things we can do as parents to foster their adaptability and resilience. Thanks Plenty Parklands for hosting such a worthwhile school community event." Rosie

"Chris's talk on developing resilience in children was fantastic. It was enjoyable, relaxed and very funny, with everyday examples parents can relate to. Chris's understanding of the day to day things parents and kids are going through was amazing. She gave such an important message of how to help children develop self esteem, problem solving, independence and build relationships. It was perfect timing for me with my little one starting prep, and I have taken lots of ideas away to support him through this year and beyond. I highly recommend this to all parents, Thanks Chris and PPPS for offering this session!" Janet

Trust I see you next Monday evening,
Claire McInerney
Principal

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE! CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seekers and refugee families. The annual CSEF amount per primary student will be \$125. Complete the CSEF application form elsewhere in this newsletter and return it to the school office. The form can also be collected from the school office or downloaded from the school website or from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

Closing Date: You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by **24th February, 2017**. Kristina Elvey, Business Manager

FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM

Many parents find it difficult to discuss or answer questions relating to sexuality. Every year almost 40 000 young people and their families participate in Family Life Programs. These programs are designed to help 'break the ice' when talking about the important and sometimes sensitive subject of sexuality.

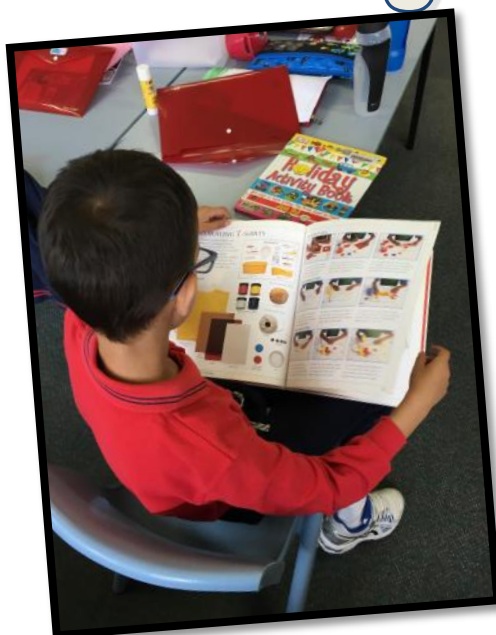
Thank you to the parents who attended the information session on Wednesday 8th February. This session offered parents an opportunity to find out more about the range of services offered by Family Life, talk about some of the issues or concerns they may have about sexuality education and preview some of the resources used in the Family Life Program.

The year 4 and 6 students will begin the Family Life lessons this week. The program runs for 3 weeks.

Simon LaRocca and Clinton Lowes
Family Life Program Coordinators



"We love learning in 1-16!"



Introducing the Year 1 Team



Hello I'm **Tenille Webb** and I have the privilege to be teaching the superstars of 1-15. This is my first year at PPPS and I am absolutely loving it. 1-15 and I have settled in well in the last few weeks. We are learning lots, building friendships and having fun whilst doing so. You may see me running around the streets as I love to run. I love to visit different beaches on the weekend and go on mini adventures. My favourite thing to do in the classroom is read picture books with the children and talk about the different illustrations we can see. I look forward to being part of the awesome year 1 team and continuing to learn more and more about the students in my class every day.

Hello I'm **Ashleigh Thomas** and I am the incredibly lucky teacher of the amazing year 1 children in room 16! We have settled in well and are looking forward to all of the exciting learning experiences to come. I live with my husband Nathan and our beautiful dog Keisha. When I'm not at school I like to keep active by taking Keisha for long walks in the park. Nathan and I love to travel and explore different countries. We are slowly ticking off all of the places on our bucket list. I also have a large immediate family and enjoy spending lots of time with them eating out at yummy restaurants!



Hello everyone, my name is **Jacqui Coggin** and this is my fifth year at P.P.P.S. I am very lucky to be teaching such a wonderful group of students in 1-21, who are excited to learn. We have spent the last few weeks getting to know each other and establishing our class routines. I look forward to a wonderful year with my students filled with discovery, curiosity, learning and laughter. When I'm not at school, I like to spend time with my husband Stuart, our two children Charlotte and Thomas and our dog Molly.

Hello everyone, I'm **Lauren Heath** and I have the privilege of working with the enthusiastic students of 1-22 this year. This is my seventh year at Plenty Parklands Primary School and I thoroughly enjoy coming to school each day and being greeted by smiling faces, and a group of students who are dedicated and energized about their learning. I consider myself extremely lucky to be part of your child's growth and development and look forward to seeing their continued success throughout the years ahead.

A little bit about me... I am the extremely proud aunty of my gorgeous nephews Kai and Jett and my beautiful niece Mia; I spend time with them as often as I can! I follow the football and barrack for the mighty pies and get to as many Melbourne Storm games as possible. And last but not least I love to spend time outdoors exploring our beautiful country.

I am very enthusiastic about the rest of the year and the exciting learning that will take place in 1-22. Please don't hesitate to pop in and say hello when you are nearby!



Hi! My name is **Sarah Cunningham** and I have the very exciting job of teaching 1-23 this year. This is my eighth year at Plenty Parklands Primary School and my fifteenth year of teaching. I enjoy working with children because they are so loving, honest and always ready to have some fun! In my home life, my husband Paul and I are the proud parents of two big baby girls - Zia the Rhodesian Ridgeback and



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student 3 way Conferences will be held on

Thursday 30 March from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

You can book a time online that **BEST SUITS YOUR FAMILY**. If you have more than one child, make sure you leave time between meetings to move from one classroom to the next.

Specialist staff will also be available and we encourage you to book a time with one or more of them.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN ON FRIDAY 3 March at 9:00am
BOOKINGS CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 29 March at 3:00pm

School
event
code

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Go

Go to

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

1



Enter your details

2



Choose teachers

3



Choose times



When you click **finish**, your meeting time will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your meeting time - until bookings close.

BOOKINGS OPEN TOMORROW FRIDAY 3 MARCH

We look forward to meeting with you and your child and request that you are punctual and teachers will endeavour to be the same.

If you will require more than the fifteen minutes allocated time, please contact your child's teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

On Thursday 30 March, children do not attend school, **except when they come with you for the conference and they will be marked as 'present' on the roll.** If your child is in year 1 to 6, they will present their personal learning goals. Prep students do not have learning goals at this stage of their schooling. Instead the prep teacher will talk with you about the You Can Do It capabilities, class goals and how your child has worked towards these. You will also have the opportunity to give them feedback about the prep transition program and the first few weeks of school.

Parents can change their booking, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their conference time after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 94044311.

Welcome to Compass



Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student 3 way Conferences will be held on Thursday 30 March. On this day we will be running Introductory Information Sessions about the Compass Parent Portal in the Computer Lab and they will run for approximately 30 minutes.

Compass Parent Portal Information Session Times

Thursday 30th March, 2017 – Computer Lab

10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm, 5.30pm and 6.30pm

The Information sessions will cover;

- Accessing Compass
- Logging in to Compass
- The Compass home screen
- Student Profile
- Messaging system
- Attendance data
- View and download semester reports
- Parent/Teacher/Student 3 way conferences

You can book into one of these session times via the Plenty Parklands Primary School webpage.

BOOKINGS OPEN ON FRIDAY 3 MARCH AT 9.00AM

BOOKINGS CLOSE ON TUESDAY 28 MARCH 3.00PM

Please note that if you are unable to attend one of these sessions every family will be e-mailed a copy of a Guide to "Using the PPPS Compass Parent Portal" in the last week of Term 1.

Please note as Miss. Sheldon will be involved in running these Compass sessions, she will not be available for 3 way conferences. If you wish to speak to Miss. Sheldon please phone

STUDENT RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Were presented on Monday February 27, 2017

2-28	Coby	2-27	Luka	2-26	R.J.	2-25	Sebastian
2-24	Oliver	1-23	Ava	1-22	Aamira	1-21	Jackson
1-16	Fletcher	1-15	Abdul				

ANTI LITTER AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following students
for receiving an anti litter award.

1-22	Moona	1-22	Jessica
1-15	Mia	2-24	Alessia
2-24	Caitlin T	2-27	Andreas

HOUSE POINTS

27/02/2017

1st	Blue Bandicoots
2nd	Red Rosellas
3rd	Green Grasshoppers
4th	Gold Goannas

LOST PROPERTY ROSTER

Fri	3/3	Yessica Alvarenga
Fri	10/3	Katerina Grozdan

FIRST AID LINEN ROSTER

Fri	3/3	Yessica Alvarenga
Fri	10/3	Bianca O'Connor

Assembly roster for term 1:

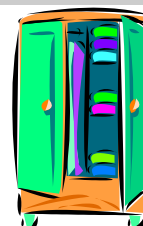
6/3	Years 1-6	Quality update launch
13/3	NO ASSEMBLY	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
20/3	Years 1-2 assembly	2-24 + 2-25 performance
27/3	Years 3-6 assembly	3-20 performance
31/3	Whole school assembly	1.00pm

LOST PROPERTY

To save money, name **ALL** your child's/children's clothing with **both given and family names**. If property is lost, first check your child's classroom (or specialist class they may have attended), then look in the Lost Property basket outside the courtyard entrance

to the Administration Block and then the Lost Property cupboard in the disabled bathroom in the Administration block. This cupboard is accessible before 9.00am and after 3.30pm. A parent volunteer sorts through the items at the end of each week and those items that are named are returned via their teacher's pigeon hole.

Any uncollected items of clothing will be donated to a charity at the end of the term.



Volunteer Helpers at PPPS

Please note that if you attended a training session in the past, you do NOT need to attend another one. 'Once trained, we have you for life!'

For new volunteers we are offering two briefings this term

So that we can strengthen our interdependent partnership between Plenty Parklands Primary school and the community we offer training sessions for parent and community members. Over the years our students have benefited from the work and dedication of hundreds of helpers. We are always ready and willing to welcome even more. You may be a new member of our community and keen to offer your help while also getting to know other community members.

The sessions will outline your role and responsibilities with regard to Privacy, Work Cover, Harassment and Occupational Health and Safety legislation. In line with our values, particularly those of Care, Trust and Respect, you will understand that the safety and care of your children are the most important considerations when implementing a program such as volunteer helpers. Also **with legislation related to a range of issues it is imperative that ALL volunteers are briefed before they are able to help in any way at school. You need only attend one of the briefings.**

This training includes everyone who would like to start to help in any or all of the following areas; canteen, Parents Social and Fundraising sub committee (PSF), interschool sport, uniform shop, classroom helpers (in any area of the curriculum), excursions, special event days, fun day at the end of the year, fruit distribution, gardening, sports coaching, P.E. programs such as the Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) and any transportation of students. In fact, anyone who helps at the school in any way. Please note that helpers on school camps have a special briefing prior to camp. The dates for term 1 are:

Tuesday 28 March 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday 29th March 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.

Remember that you need to participate in a training session in order to help in any capacity at the school. The briefing takes about 30 minutes and will be held in the conference room (library) or staff lounge (staff room).

After completion of this short briefing, you will be welcome to help at PPPS at any time in the future in a 'one off' or ongoing situation.

Please see this invitation as an opportunity to get to know other members of our school community while also providing the students of PPPS with invaluable support and assistance.

Don't worry; there are no hard questions to answer or problems to solve. You just need a willingness to help and we'll do the rest!! We look forward to seeing you at one of these sessions.

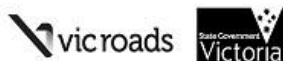
PLEASE SEE PATH BELOW TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

For information about Volunteer Training and to register your attendance for one of these sessions please go to the PPPS webpage.

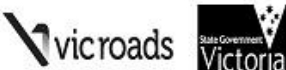
Follow the path;

Forms and Notices, Volunteers, Volunteer Training for information and registration.

If you drive your children to or from school try parking a few streets away and walking the rest of the way. Help reduce the traffic around our school.



Keep the children's crossing clear. Parking is not allowed within 20 metres of the approach side and 10 metres of the departure side. Parking there makes it difficult and dangerous for children and the crossing supervisor to get a clear view of the road.



GREAT FUN

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



Opening Hours: 7.00-8.45am and 3.30-6.00pm

For bookings/cancellations call Kristine on 9404 4516

We have loved meeting all the new students and families over the past few weeks! It has been great to see the new children making new friends and enjoying their time in our program and getting help from older children.

Over next few weeks we will be completing the OSHC family Giant tree which will be displayed.

Last week in OSHC children we were very active, children enjoyed many group games of fruit salad and line tag in the gym. We also played a group game of cricket! Children have also been engaged in a lot of art activities.

Stars of the week: Oscar for his good interaction with prep children

Save on Care

Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs

Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks

Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children's tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

we make kids smile
www.campastralia.com.au

Plenty Parklands Primary School invites you to a night with

CHRIS DAICOS

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN

PARENT FORUM

Monday 6th March 2017 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Today's parents can be overly concerned for their children. We hear terms like 'helicopter parents' in the press, referring to those overly anxious parents who probably are the ones who still carry their children's school bags. Then there are the 'too good' parents who don't want their children to miss out or experience disappointment and just do too much for their children.

This interactive workshop will encourage parents to build their children's resilience and help their children develop skills in social competence, problem solving, independence and optimism.

The research informs us that a resilient child is one that is *socially competent, can problem solve, and has the ability to see a difficulty as a problem that can be worked on, overcome, changed, endured, or resolved in some way; has good self-esteem and autonomy which allows the child to cope successfully with challenges; and is hopeful and optimistic about what tomorrow has in store for them.*

Chris' workshop on **Building Resilience in Children** is a two hour interactive workshop for parents/carers will leave you reflecting on your parenting practices. It will encourage you not 'to do' for your child what they can do for themselves.

As a trained social worker and teacher, Chris has extensive experience in working directly with children and adolescents and supporting staff. Chris has facilitated many successful professional development sessions for teachers and parents within the private and public sectors on a range of topics from staff and student welfare to organisational health issues. Chris is also actively involved in the tertiary sector, teaching students in Master of Social Work, Master of Teaching and the Master of Education (Student Wellbeing) courses. To see what people have said about Chris' workshops; visit www.chrisdaicos.com.au

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN – RETURN SLIP

Yes, I will be attending the 'Building Resilience in Children' information forum.

Please note: this session is not suitable for children to attend. Adults only.

Child's name: 2017 Home group

Parent's name: Number of adults attending:

Phone number:

Bushrangers Vs Mill Park P.S.

Cricket– **Bushrangers** 111 runs to Mill Park 146 runs
Tee-Ball– **Bushrangers** 13 runs to Mill Park 5 runs
Hot Shots– **Bushrangers** 28 games to Mill Park 2 games
Girls Volleyball– **Bushrangers** 0 sets to Mill Park 2 sets
Boys Volleyball– **Bushrangers** 2 sets to Mill Park 0 sets

Findon Vs Redbacks

Cricket– Findon 164 runs to **Redbacks** 106 runs
Tee-Ball– Findon 7 runs to **Redbacks** 18 runs
Hot Shots– Findon 6 games to **Redbacks** 24 games
Girls Volleyball– Findon 1 set to **Redbacks** 2 sets
Boys Volleyball– Findon 1 set to **Redbacks** 2 sets

Interschool Sport Program - Round 2 Friday March 3rd

All games to commence by 9.30am. First named school is the home team and PPPS home grounds are - Bat Tennis, Volleyball, Tee-Ball all played at PPPS, Cricket at Kelynack Reserve (across the road)

PPPS Redbacks Vs Jets (Mill Park Heights)

Rockets (Mill Park Heights) Rockets Vs Bushrangers (away).

For away games this week: Volleyball, Hot Shots Tennis and Cricket are at Mill Park Heights P.S; Tee Ball is at YMCA (Morang Drive)

A reminder there is Training every Friday 8.00am-8.45am for all interschool sports teams. The dates are: Friday February 17 and 24. March 3, 9, 17 and 24. **District Grand Finals will be held on March 31st Teams involved in finals will ONLY train the morning of the finals.**



Intraschool Sport Program: Is temporarily being run at the YMCA Epping Leisure (Miller St. Epping). Bus departs no later than 9.10am. Games to commence by 9.30am and conclude by 11am. The Intraschool Sports program will run on the following Friday's: March 3, 9, 17, 24 and 31. If there are parents who are available to travel on the bus to and from the venue please contact Mr Scanu directly on scanu.sebastian.s@edumail.vic.gov.au. or Julie Gatt on gatt.julie.m@edumail.vic.gov.au A phone call will be made to confirm the parents attendance on any given date.



PPPS SWIMMING TRIALS

On Tuesday February 21st, 27 excited students left PPPS to attend the annual swimming carnival at WaterMarc in Greensborough. Every student should be proud of their efforts. The school had a successful day and managed to finish 1st overall within the BDSSA. It was a tremendous effort. We had a number of swimmers who won their events and moved on to compete at the Divisional Swimming Carnival which will be held on Monday March 6th. Congratulations to all the students. I would like to thank Mrs Kiriakopoulos for her support on the day and also had Mr Cavalieros who organised all the students. We had a number of parents and friends who came along and supported our swimmers. Back at school Ms Caddy and Mrs Elvey in the office have been of great support to me as



well as the staff in years 4-6 has been greatly appreciated!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef





CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
 - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/cs ef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/cs ef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office no later than Friday 24th February, 2017.
The CSEF program for 2017 closes on 30 June, 2017.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

PLENTY PARKLANDS PS

School Name

PPPS 1915

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details



Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I ~~authorise~~ the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use ~~GoBelong~~, Confirmation ~~eServices~~, to perform an enquiry of my ~~GoBelong~~ customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also ~~authorise~~ the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- ~~This~~ consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not ~~alternatively~~ provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

*Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____/____/____