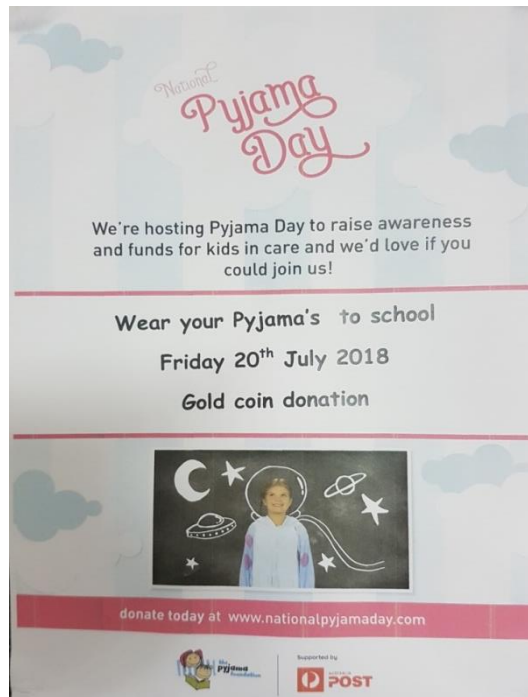


we dream, believe and achieve....together



July 19th 2018

Newsletter

No: 18

Calendar

This information is also available on Compass!

Week beginning Monday 23rd July is an EVEN week.

Friday 20 th July	Pyjama Day – bring gold coin donation.
Wednesday 25 th July	EDEC Netball
Thursday 26 th July	Foundation Water Incursion
Saturday 11 th August	Spicks and Specks Trivia Night (Tickets available on Qkr now!)

There is no Assembly this week.

Menzies Creek Primary School Guidelines:

Our school community holds the expectation to follow the guidelines in all aspects of daily life.

1. Do Your Best
2. Help Others Succeed
3. Respect Your Environment

The Menzies Team has an attitude of gratitude!

A Word from Tanya

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new term, it was really fabulous to see all children returning and ready to embark on the exciting events we have planned. The break was needed by all!

Our school team has been really busy planning the Teaching and Learning program for the term and I can see already the students' engagement is wonderful. I spent yesterday in classes joining in on the teaching and learning experiences and it was amazing. The Inquiry approach has certainly lifted the engagement, questioning and true sense of curiosity shown by the children.

Importantly I would like to inform families I will be working every Wednesday with teachers and children in classrooms sharing their teaching and learning experiences. I will be unavailable to contact on this day, except in an emergency. Please leave a message with Kate or email me if it is necessary on:

cooke.tanya.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Three Way Interviews

It was heart-warming to hear staff relate the positive experiences that occurred during these interviews and the overwhelming positive feedback of our processes as we move into Continuous Reporting. Of course every new process has room for growth and we continue to explore these on a daily basis as we provide the children with experiences that assess their learning and provide feedback for improvement on a consistent basis.

Thank you families, for your support of this event. As written previously you are always welcome to visit the classrooms and look at learning experiences.

National Pyjama Day- Friday July 20th

Support Little Kids with Big Dreams

All children are invited to wear their P.J's, onesies etc on Friday (tomorrow) and in return make a gold coin donation to support this great cause. We have registered our school to be involved with all proceeds going straight to helping children in care around Australia.

Thank you to the Junior Chaplains- Blake, Mim and Amber and Shylah. H (1/2M) as well as Sarah our chaplain for organizing this event. Gold coins will be collected as soon as the day commences. We appreciate your support.

Year 3-6 Production - *The King's Dilemma*

Anne has written an amazing script for our production, which ensures loads of entertainment for all. Anne is busy auditioning for roles and going through the script with classes. We will inform you as soon as possible regarding any costume requirements and ticket sales. The production will be at Burrinja and involve a matinee and night performance on Monday September 17th.

Communication

Our school endeavours to provide the right balance of communication- using both Compass and the weekly newsletter. It is up to families to read these to be sure their children do not miss out on opportunities on offer. Please ensure you access these as they are sent to you.

It is also very important to register absences or you will be sent an SMS to alert you to this. Late arrival or early departure needs to be registered at the office.

I thank families who have supported our procedures, all for the benefit of your child.

Parent Opinion Survey

Each year our school seeks feedback from parents through the Department of Education's Parent Opinion Survey (POS). The POS seeks parent opinion on measures of school climate, student engagement and effective teaching practice known to influence student engagement and student outcomes.

Our school uses the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. The 2018 parent Opinion Survey period goes from 23rd July to 19th August 2018. I will forward information to families requesting participation in the survey.

Assembly

There will be no assembly this week.

Tanya

Important Information

Update Contact Information

Please inform the school if your contact information changes. We must be able to contact you in case your child is sick or has been injured.

If the primary carers / parents don't respond, the emergency contacts provided on your child's enrolment form will be contacted.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

Valid Health Care Card and Pensioner Card holders may apply at the school office for the CSEF. Please provide valid cards to the office ASAP. CSEF provides \$125.00 per child towards camps, sports and excursions.

WWC Certificate

Our Working with Children Check policy (volunteers) requires a WWC if you are assisting on a camp, excursion, Cool Cats, or any other school volunteering activity.

If you don't have one you will not be able to assist and we don't want this!

If you already have one, please bring it to the office and we will make a copy and keep it on file.

If you *don't*, then please follow this link to apply online:

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/apply+for+a+check/>

There is no charge for the Volunteer WWC.

Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL RECYCLING SERVICE

If you have any used printer, photocopier or fax cartridges you can drop them into school and place them in the Planet Ark box in reception.

They will be collected and recycled. Please just the cartridges, no other packaging.

IT'S BETTER TO KNOW HOW
TO LEARN THAN TO KNOW.

~ DR. SEUSS

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PRODS



Transitioning to the new Child Care Subsidy

From 2 July 2018, one new Child Care Subsidy will replace the two current childcare payments. This transition cannot happen automatically.

To transition, you will need to complete an online Child Care Subsidy assessment using your Centrelink online account through **myGov**.

You will be asked to provide some new information and confirm your current details, including:

- 1. Combined family income**
- 2. Activity level of parents**
- 3. Type of child care service**

Throughout April 2018, Centrelink will be writing to all families currently receiving Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate with instructions on completing their online assessment through myGov.

If families do not complete their assessment before 2 July 2018, they may not receive any childcare fee assistance.

Child Care Subsidy

The Package includes a new Child Care Subsidy, which replaces the current Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate. The Child Care Subsidy will be paid directly to services. There are also changes to the annual cap, which will make child care more affordable for most families.

Three things will determine a family's level of Child Care Subsidy:

- A family's income will determine the percentage of subsidy they are eligible for
- An activity test will determine how many hours of subsidised care families can access, up to a maximum of 100 per fortnight, and
- The type of childcare service will determine the hourly rate cap.

More information about individual subsidy rates and annual cap changes is available in the New Child Care Package brochure. Some basic requirements must be satisfied for an individual to be eligible to receive Child Care Subsidy for a child. These include:

- the age of the child (must be 13 or under and not attending secondary school)
- the child meeting immunisation requirements
- the individual, or their partner, meeting the residency requirements.

If you have any queries or need assistance please contact Kate or Lee.

COOL CATS ASSISTANTS NEEDED for Term 3

Parents, Grandparents, Friends and Community Members We Need You!

Cool Cats is Menzies Creek's Literacy Intervention Program. It operates four days a week Monday – Thursday 9.00-11.00.

Next term we welcome the Foundation students to the program. It will be a very exciting term but we need your help to run the room to its full potential.

If you can spare 1 hour per week to work with a group of students in the room and hear them read, we would really appreciate your help. Please come and see Alison Scott in the BER.

(The office just in front of the double doors.)

To work in the room you do not any particular skills, just a kind heart and a positive, encouraging approach.

Thank you

Kindest regards

Alison Scott and the Cool Cats students



Plot to Pot News

Grade 5 Insect Hotel construction



The Year 5 students have been planning and designing insect hotels which we will be constructing in Term 3. The idea of the insect hotels is to encourage native and beneficial insects to take up residence in our school garden to provide assistance with pollination and pest predation.

We are looking for donations of materials with which to build our hotels. If you have any of the following laying around your home or garden we love to receive them as donations for building our insect hotels:

- Non-treated hardwood lengths for building insect hotel frames
- Bamboo sticks
- Bunches of dry pithy stems including hydrangeas, grapevines, and fennel stems
- Sifted clay
- Earthenware or PVC pipes
- Pinecones
- Clean empty tin cans (large 800g tins and smaller 400g tins)

Donations can be left in the wheelie bin outside the garden shed or dropped off in the Plot to Pot room on Mondays and Tuesdays.

If you are handy with tools (such as wire cutters, hammers and drills) and available to lend a hand during any Grade 5 Plot to Pot garden sessions (Mondays, odd weeks, 9:30am-11am or 12:15pm-1:45pm) in the first half of Term 3

I would also love to hear from you. My email address is mcgregor.tania.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN A COMMUNITY GARDEN!



RECYCLE & WIN
A COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Our school is competing in the
Colgate Community Garden Challenge!

The schools that collect the most oral care waste and online votes can win a recycled community garden set!

Vote for us online and track our school's ranking at :

Terracycle.com.au/colgategardenvoting

We collect any brand of used:

- 1 Toothpaste tubes and caps
- 2 Toothbrush and toothpaste tube outer packaging
- 3 Toothbrushes
- 4 Floss containers



To find out more about the Colgate Community Garden Challenge and for full terms and conditions, visit www.terracycle.com.au/colgategarden. If you have any further questions, call TerraCycle on 1800 983 324

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Super Stars

From 29th June 2018

Eli	F K	For constantly striving to do your best! Keep it going next term!
Macalah	F T	Your uke skills. I loved your song, it was divine. Never lose your sparkle!
Xavier	1/ 2 H	For your concentration and focus in class. I'm very impressed with the way you worked all term.
Ollie	1/ 2 H	For being a superstar. You are such a kind, caring person. We will all miss you. Good Luck!
Rori	1/ 2 M	For persistence! You continually strive to achieve your goals. I am so proud of your hard work.
Sylas	1/ 2 M	My quiet achiever! You always try your best. You are such a joy to have in our class.
Angus	1/ 2MC	For your terrific fine liner picture of your vampire lion.
Alex	1/2 MC	For always sharing your knowledge with the class. We love your insights.
Mads	3/ 4 C	For approaching your measurement activities with a "can do" attitude and assisting your peers when needed! Keep up the great work!
Hamish	3/ 4 C	For your fantastic filming throughout your chilling I-movie. You had the audience extremely engaged! Well Done!
Tara	3/ 4 J	For all your wonderful efforts in building up your self-management skills.
Reve	3/4 J	For being such an enthusiastic learner!
Alice	3/4 L	For your joyful and enthusiastic attitude towards your learning. You are a star!
Julia	3/4 L	For that light bulb moment on Thursday during our measurement inquiry. I love the way you realized that "conversion of measurements" is easy!
Jai	5 C	For your maturity and talking about your learning so confidently.
Holly	5 C	For helping a friend edit their writing. You are very clever.
Alexis	5 D	For an amazing term 2. You have really stepped up and you should feel so proud of all your achievements.
Ben	5 D	For a brilliant term 2. You have taken your learning to the next level and you should feel so proud of yourself.
Mason	6 J	For your fabulous leadership of the boys soccer team. You are kind, thoughtful, clever and talented and I really appreciate your help and support.
Mika	6 J	For letting us see the fun, crazy, clever, quirky and unconventional side of you. You are so much fun to be around and bring a lot of joy to my day.





Menzies Creek Primary presents a night of fun and games with great prizes to be won and silent auction items up for grabs!

We've prepped the helipad on the basketball court for our hard rocking hosts, Axl Rose and Slash! 😊

What: Spicks and Specks style trivia night

When: Saturday 11th August 2018

Time: 7pm till 10.30pm

Cost: \$15 per person or \$140 per table (10 people max)

(let the office know if you have less than 10 people and we may be able to link you up with others)

Babysitting/movie night will be available. \$5 per child.

BYO drinks and snacks and gold coins for games

BONUS POINTS FOR BEST TEAM SPIRIT, INCLUDES COSTUMES, TABLE DECORATIONS ETC!





WiseOnes[®] A program for faster learners

Coming Up
Term 3, 2018 . . .

MIND BENDERS AND QUIZZES

Menzies Creek Primary School



How much do you really know?

The unit Mind Benders will challenge you to recall interesting facts, develop problem solving techniques, use logic and improve general & trivial knowledge. You'll experience & solve exciting puzzles and quizzes. You'll learn to think using different strategies and become sharper in your responses, using persistence, patience & perseverance

Come & get your brain stretched with others who enjoy learning and being challenged.

WiseOnes is a program for fast learners from Grades 1-6. It operates during school hours, in small groups. It provides students with an opportunity to mix with other creative thinkers, be challenged and have fun.

WiseOnes Teacher: Noel Blacker: mobile 0409 435 396

noelblacker@bigpond.com



WiseOnes[®]

I wish to enrol my child in the 8 week unit "Mind Benders" for term 3.

I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the WiseOnes teacher.

Child's Name _____ School: **Menzies Creek**

Date of Birth _____ Class (2018) _____

Parents' Names _____

Phone: Mobile _____ Email: _____

My child has already qualified for WiseOnes | YES /NO

I would like a free test for my child YES /NO.

Please send this slip and payment of \$240.00 to the school by Friday, 20th July, 2018.

For further information please contact Sandy Robertson: Mobile: 0432 326 070 or sandyrobertson777@gmail.com



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CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

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SELF CARE

How to cope with stress & emotions



DATES: Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 August & 5 September
TIME: 7.00pm - 9.15pm
WHERE: Cockatoo Primary School
19-33 Belgrave-Gembrook Road,
Cockatoo VIC 3781

COST: FREE

FOR BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES CONTACT:

Naomi Dewar 03 5968 8017 or Jasbir Singh 0431 203 177
or text your name to register.
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