


DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1 Monday 30 January to
Thursday 6 April 2023

February Wednesday 15	Links (3 year olds) begins
	LOTE after school begins
	Last Day for book club orders
Thursday 16	District swimming (selected students only)
Friday 17	Stepping Up (four year olds) begins
	Year 5 & 6 interschool sport v Sacred Heart (away)
Wednesday 22	Preps first Wednesday at school
Friday 24	Year 5 & 6 interschool sport v Mary Magdalene (home)
March Friday 3	Year 5 & 6 interschool sport v COHR (away)

Curriculum Days -Student free days

A reminder that the 2023 Curriculum Days are as follows:

Day 1 - January 27
(first day of school for all staff)

Day 2 - March 14
(Professional development) day after Labour Day.

Day 3 - April 24
(Professional development) day before ANZAC Day.

Day 4 - November 6
(Assessment and Reporting) day before Melbourne Cup Day.

Labour Day Public Holiday

Parents are reminded that there is a Labour Day holiday on Monday 13th March. There will be no school on this day.

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK
Welcome Back

As a new school year is upon us I would like to start by welcoming everyone back to school for 2023 and in particular, I'd like to welcome our Preps and new students to the school. 2022 saw the school return to relative normality and it was a breath of fresh air on Monday as families flowed into the school grounds for the first day. The sense of excitement was palpable and it was certainly a different tone to recent years. Of course, we can't measure our experiences against the last few years, as they were anomalies that we hope are not seen again.

Instead we look to the future with a renewed outlook. Having enjoyed a relatively relaxed summer break myself, this year feels more energised and I'm sure we are all looking forward to our students regaining their confidence in learning.

The team at CPS is looking to ensure our programs are as engaging as possible and that our teaching meets each child's point of need. We will maintain a strong wellbeing focus, as well as continue our commitment to improving our teaching and learning programs. Parents can help by encouraging every child to have a go at new things and to not be afraid of making mistakes. We all learn through mistakes and it is having the confidence to try new things that we move out of our comfort zone and build new knowledge and skills.

In 2023, CPS will continue to be focussed on each students' point of need.

We will look to build on this, with all staff undertaking ongoing evidence based professional learning in literacy, numeracy and wellbeing approaches to ensure our work reflects the most up to date research.

We will also build on the improvements made to "Student Voice and Agency" last year. Students will continue to build resilience and independence through our Play is the Way model, supported by selected sections of the Respectful Relationships program.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK *continued from previous page***Day 1 & 2**

The first day of the school year was a great success, with students from 1-6 settling in exceptionally well. I would like to thank the staff for making the students feel so at ease, but also acknowledge the work that was put in last year during the transition program.

Our students have hit the ground running, which is exactly what we were hoping for! It was also wonderful to see so many parents in and around the school and we hope that this continues! As of Day 2, we welcomed our Prep cohort to the family. They are adjusting to school life and starting to build their stamina.

A big thank to Camp Australia for offering morning tea at drop off for Tea, Coffee, Tissues and Tears.

Communications

Communications will predominantly flow through Compass as the first port of call, so I encourage families to make sure they have this app.

Families will be set up with Classroom DoJo for any other communication between home and with the teacher.

Getting to Know You Meetings - Tuesday 21 February

Notices will be sent home shortly about our Getting to Know You meetings which will be held in the week beginning 20 February week. Parents of all students are invited to book a time convenient to them. Bookings will be made via our Compass online system.

Due to the success of our WebEx interviews, we have the option of either choosing to attend the interview in person or 'online' via WebEx.

The purpose of these interviews is twofold. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend to:

Meet their child's teacher to begin an effective home/school partnership.

Provide information to teachers regarding their child's strengths, talents, issues or concerns.

Information shared by parents to teachers will assist us to plan for and work as effectively as possible with you and your child throughout the year. Interviews will be 10 minutes in length.

2023 Parent Payments Reminder

Parent payments help the school to operate effectively. CPS provides a significant range of programs that cannot be delivered without the optional support of families.

We would like to thank the parents that have already made these payments.

School Council Elections

Information regarding the 2023 School Council election process will be sent to families via Compass. I would encourage any interested parent to contact me for more information. School council is an extremely vital part of the school and it is from council that we take our direction. Council approves external contracts, provides advice and consent on a range of areas and oversees school finance. Please look out for this if you think you may be interested in nominating or being nominated. Information includes a timeline and summary of the role of School Council.

Car Parking

Parents are asked to be mindful of the parking restrictions around the school. Parking officers regularly patrol the school zone. **The staff car park is strictly for staff cars only and parents must not enter this car park between 8am and 5:00pm.** We have visiting staff entering and leaving on a regular basis, as such, **pedestrians should not use the car park when entering and leaving the school.** I would also encourage families to be mindful of our neighbours and avoid parking across driveways, **in no standing areas** or on nature strips.

We thank you for your support in this matter as student safety is very important to us.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK *continued from previous page***Gate Opening and Closing Times**

As in previous years, students should be arriving at 8:40am to be ready in line at 8:50am so that they can enter their classroom and be ready for learning/instruction at 9am. Gates will be unlocked by 8:40am each morning.

The reason behind this is in order to maintain student safety. Staff are not on duty until 8:40am and students who enter the schools grounds prior to this are unsupervised and at risk.

In previous years we saw a growing number of students entering the grounds as early as 8am without adult supervision.

For families where both parents work and therefore need to drop off their children prior to 8:40am, the school provides an Out of School Hours Care program that runs from 6.45am to 8:40am.

The front gate (Eulinga Road) will always remain open during the day for access to the office and as a late entry and early exit point, whilst side gates will be shut.



All students arriving after 9am must sign in at the office.

Parents are welcome on site at any time. We only ask that parents remain out of the classrooms prior to school starting as staff prepare for the day ahead.

It is also important for students to build their resilience and part of this is entering the rooms on their own (with the exception of preps in the first week or so).

The side gates will be locked at 3:40pm. Any students remaining at school at 3:40pm will be escorted to the gazebo at the front of the school for collection. It is expected that students who are not collected by 3:40pm are registered for out of school hours care, so that they can be placed in care in the event that families cannot collect their children by 3:40pm.

Kiss and Go Parking

A reminder to families that cars cannot be left unattended if you are using the Kiss and Go drop off and pick up zone. I understand the tendency to think that a quick trip to the office won't hurt, but parents leave themselves open to fines if a parking officer is in the area.

Often, the first time you will know about it is when you receive the fine in the mail, as most fines are processed from photographic evidence.

This will also assist the flow of traffic and ease of pick up and drop off for all families. I would also remind parents that the parking time limit in this area is 5 minutes.

Working with Children Checks (WWC)

We encourage and value parental and community support at CPS.

There are many ways that parents, grandparents and friends can assist at our school.

We encourage all parents to obtain a Working with Children's Check that will allow you to be very involved in your child's education.

These checks are free for volunteers.

Once you have your WWC please come to the office so we can photocopy this and we will add your name to our list of parents who have a current WWC check.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK *continued from previous page***2024 Enrolments**

For 2024 Foundation (prep) enrolments, a new process is being rolled out across the state. Existing CPS families will have priority, but it would be extremely helpful if current families could enrol as early as possible next term, so that we can identify how many places will be available for new families.

Given the nature of the new process, we would be very happy if families could simply call the office in the meantime and advise us if you have a child that will be commencing in 2024.

As per previous years, we will be prioritise sibling claims and new enrolments from inside our Designated Neighbourhood Area. Once we have done this, we will look to provide clarity for those enrolling from outside of our area, as per the Department's guidelines (see below).

The new state wide enrolment process is still being rolled out to school staff, so as we have more information, we will update families accordingly. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

Priority Order of Placement

In circumstances when a school may not be able to accept all applications due to existing or future capacity concerns, schools must manage enrolment applications in accordance with the following priority order of placement:

1. students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school
2. students with a sibling at the same permanent address who are attending the school at the same time
3. where the Regional Director has restricted the enrolment, students who reside nearest the school
4. students seeking enrolment on specific curriculum grounds
5. all other students in order of closeness of their home to the school.

Accident Insurance

The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

The Department of Education states that reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector. Similarly, DET (which includes the school) does not offer replacement of personal items which are brought to school and are lost, broken or stolen.

Sentimental or expensive belongings and toys, including sports equipment and electronic devices, are normally best left at home.

Hats

A reminder that hats must be worn in terms one and four. Sunscreen and sunglasses are also highly recommended.

Inclement Weather/Heat Policy

The school operates a heat policy and we keep the children indoors in air conditioned classrooms on very hot days where the temperature exceeds 35°.

We have also been asked to remind our parent community about the dangers of leaving children in cars on very hot days.

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Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website [<https://mulgraveps.vic.edu.au/about-us/#plans>].

For more information about privacy, refer to:
Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.

This information is also available in nine community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese.

Mobile phones:

Readers of the newsletter would be aware of the introduction of the state-wide policy on Mobile Phones in Victorian Government Schools.

All students are required to turn off and hand in mobile phones to prevent usage during school hours.

This also extends to smart watches where the call and messaging function can connect to the student's phone.

Devices will be placed in the a locked cabinet/cupboard at the start of the day and handed back at the end of the day.

School Council has approved our Mobile Phone policy to ensure it is aligned to DET directives. A copy of this policy is available on our website.

Please discuss this with your child/ren to assist us in following this policy.
We thank you for your support in this area.

*See you around the school,
Robbie Mallett, Principal*

Do you have a health care card? That was valid on 30 January 2023 ?

If so then please call into the school office and collect and application form for an allowance to help you pay for school excursions.

The form must be submitted to our school office as soon as possible.

For more information please visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

BOOK CLUB ISSUE #1

DUE BACK TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2023

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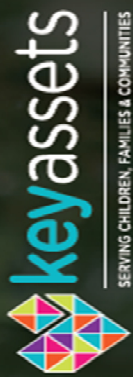

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Starting in Term 1, Soccer X will be running an **8-week Soccer program** at Clarinda Primary School every **Friday** from **3:40pm - 4:40pm** beginning **February 10th 2023**.

The program is available to students from **Prep - Year 6**.
On arrival children will be split into groups according to age.
All sessions will be run by **qualified coaches** who hold WWCC.
The sessions will be **fully inclusive & fun-based**, catering for all abilities.

Cost: \$130 / 8-weeks.

For more information and online registrations please visit www.soccer-x.com - Programs - School programs - Melbourne

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Welcome to the family



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