



Term 1 - 5 March 2020

NEWSLETTER

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Faith
Hope
Love



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Anthony Feeney

Principal: Mr. Peter Moore

Parish Office: Phone 9370 5035

Mass Times: Saturday 6:00pm (Vigil), Sunday 8:00am, 9:15am in Italian, 10:30am and 5:30pm

OSHP Number 0412 616 491



**2020 Foundation Enrolments
open next week.**

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children,

After the Labour Day Long Weekend, we have our Annual Open Day. We look forward to welcoming prospective families into the school on Wednesday 11th March. Our enrolments for 2021 open on Tuesday 10th March and Close on Friday 20th. If you have a younger sibling for enrolment in Foundation 2021, please come into the Office for an enrolment pack. **We look forward to welcoming new students!**



School Photos

Our School Photos will take place on Friday 13th March. This year we are using a new company (School Pix) and we look forward to seeing their work in action. My thanks to the members of the Parents Association who, in 2019, participated in a thorough review of our previous company and conducted interviews of a number of other prospective companies. The result of this process was that we changed companies.

Students are required to wear their full summer uniform. If students have Sport on the day, please still send your child in Summer Uniform, but also send along the child's runners in their bag so at least they have appropriate footwear to change into.



Bunning's Sausage Sizzle

My thanks to Brent Lloyd for coordinating the Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on March 1st. Along with a team of merry helpers, Brent worked tirelessly throughout the day to cook up a storm. Our sincere thanks to this team for their great work. Brent has a report in today's Newsletter and I have borrowed one of his photos!

Parent Teacher Interviews

Feedback from parents in 2019 was extremely positive regarding our practice of having Parent/Teacher Interviews at the end of term one. We will repeat this again in 2020 and the date is in our school calendar. Students will finish classes on Thursday 26th March and interviews will take place on Thursday after school and Friday throughout the day. A separate note will come home for bookings.



Welcome Lunch for New Families

My sincere thanks to the Members of the Parents Association who organised the Welcome Lunch at the beautiful home of Melissa and Matthew Leffanue. It was a wonderful opportunity for our new families to meet each other in the warm environment of a family home. It was great to be able to mingle among members of our parent community and I thank everyone involved, especially those workers who washed dishes all day. **It really was a spectacular event.**



FOUNDATION WELCOME LUNCH





Meeting of Parish Priests and Principals

On Thursday our school hosted a Regional gathering of Parish Priests and Principals. We gathered to discuss proposed new arrangements for the governance of Catholic Parish Primary Schools and Regional Colleges which will come into effect on January 1st 2021.

We received an incredible number of positive comments about our learning environment—not only the building, but more importantly, the learners. During our meeting we could see the senior students through the giant glass doors of the auditorium and it was really important that their presence reminded us all why we are here. I had several people comment on the fact that being in close proximity to the students had a positive effect on our discussions.

Along with our hard-working staff, I was supported by an amazing group of parents in the preparation, implementation and clean up of the event. One of the key organisers from the Archdiocese commented to me that she feels so welcome in this school community and that the smiles she received upon entry into the school set the tone for a successful gathering.

We had about ninety visitors in total and I owe a heartfelt THANK YOU to the members of the Parents Association and Parish Education Board who gave up hours of their time to assist with hospitality and other practical arrangements (like car parking). Thank you to: Joe Pane, Mike and Angela Mac Namara, Vivian Scarpino, Caroline Trevaskis, Julianne Hancock, Michelle Christian, Jacqui La Fontaine, Natasha Zucco, Joanne Simon and Emma O'Connell.

Regards,

Peter Moore

Principal

Have a Good Long Weekend!





Look at that high level of concentration. Completing mathematics puzzles is a great way to get your brain working!



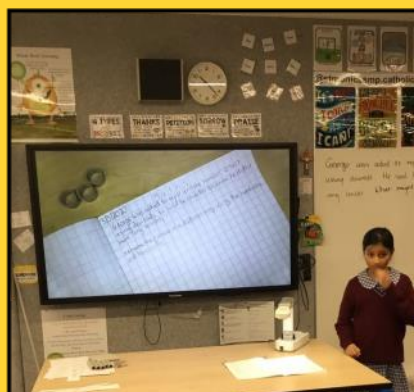
The Year 4 students have been sharing their own 'Bag of Talents' with each other. What is your special talent?



We love it when Grandparents come into the school as Guest Speakers! They learnt that 100 students in a class was normal!



Have you ever built a balloon rocket? The Year 5 students used their problem solving skills to make it travel faster!



Using our amazing document viewers, students can share their learning instantly with their peers.

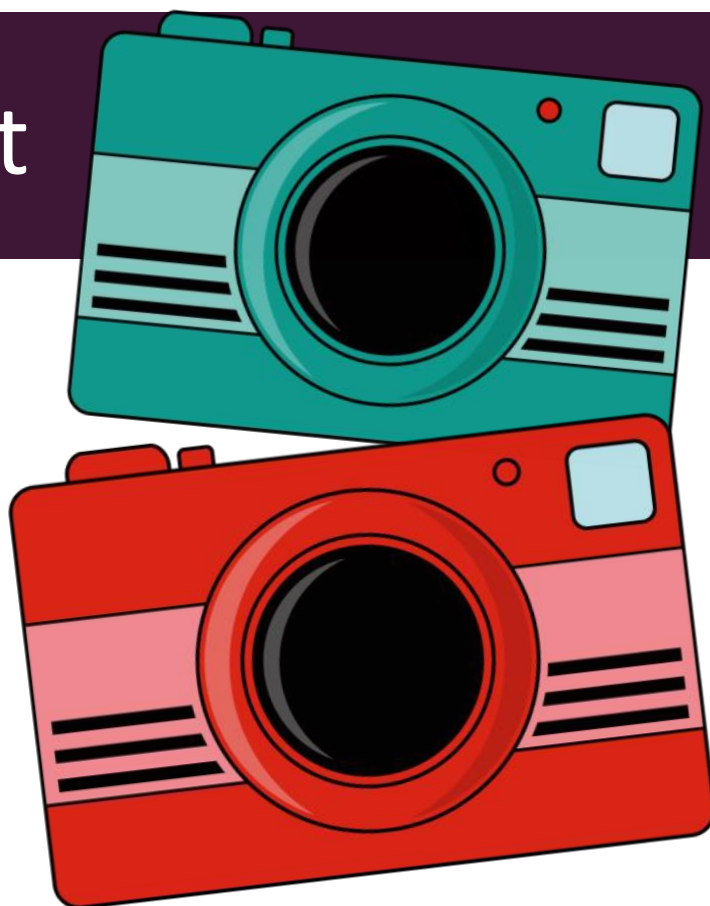


Did you know Monday 2 March was Dr Seuss Day! The Year 4 students found a Dr Seuss book that actually matches their Life Cycles Unit!

Caught in the Act



A Weet-Bix card, a stamp and a collectors coin ...just some of the items students in Year 1 looked at that commemorate the Burke and Wills Expedition!





The Year 4 Grass Heads are growing!

The Year 4 students are also growing plants at home for their own investigations!



The dominoes are always very popular during wet weather!



How exciting
the Year 3 Production has been launched!
They will perform MONSTERS INC.
in early Term 2!



It is amazing the shapes you can find when you look from a different perspective.



Wow!

Look at the level of focus these students are applying to their writing.



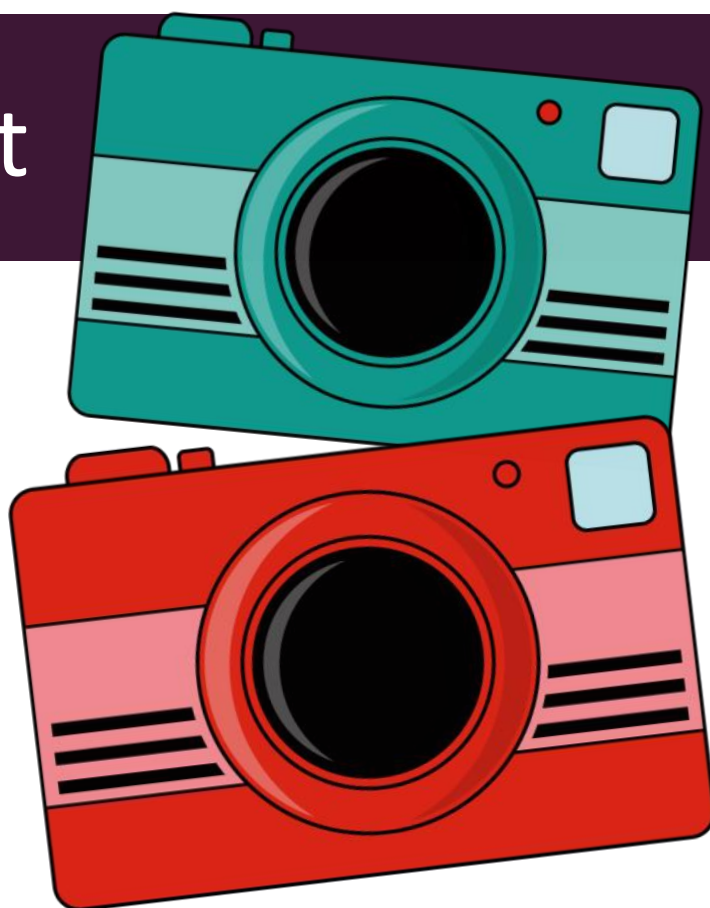
Every Thursday, I always catch Ms Pilatti giving a thorough handover to her fellow teacher, Mrs Leone!!
What a team!

Caught in the Act



ZONES OF REGULATION!

Do you know the different zones?
What colour are you in right now?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT



3.00 pm in Italian

7.00 pm in English

Student Wellbeing

Respectfully breaking the masculinity strait jacket - by Michael Grose

There's nothing so mindless as a mob, which was abundantly clear last year when a group of boys from a Melbourne school were filmed making a misogynist chant on a crowded tram.

While it's easy to blame the mob for such behaviour it shows that out dated ideas about masculinity persist. There's still a lot of work to be done to teach boys to respect women and treat them as equals.

Calling out the bro' code

The tendency for boys to bond tightly is dual-edged sword. On the one hand, a tight set of mates provides a boy with a sense of safety, security and belonging. On the other hand, the bonds between young males can propel a boy to act in ways that are reckless, amoral and just plain stupid.

It takes a brave boy to go against the crowd and call out this bro' code. Doubly so when he has to stand up and call out the sexist behaviour of his friends. Calling out your mates' sexist comments, like calling out violent acts, is the quickest road to ostracism and being branded a loser, loner or loathsome by the mob.

Respectful attitudes take courage

It takes courage and real leadership to swim on your own against the tide, particularly when the mob is swimming the other way. Courage, leadership and respectful behaviour are part of the ongoing conversations about respectful behaviours that adults need to have with boys from the early primary school years.

Respectful attitudes requires eldership

Men have major role to play in helping boys develop healthy values and attitudes that they can take into their adult lives. Men's lifestyles and beliefs become touchstones for adolescent boys who are searching for legitimate pathways to adulthood.

Boys need to see genuine reactions of outrage and disgust by the men in their lives to sleazy, inappropriate behaviours toward women displayed by some current high profile celebrities so they see that misogyny and disrespect plays no part in decent masculinity. Similarly, they need to see men calling out inappropriate remarks made toward women in the workplace, in the community and at home.

Respectful attitudes are forged through rites of passage

One of the great opportunities we have as a culture is the reintroduction of healthy rites of passage from boyhood (and girlhood) into manhood (and womanhood). It is through adult-initiated rites of passage that boys leave behind the vestiges of boyhood, taking on the mantle of manhood and the responsibilities that go with being a man.

Respectful behaviours between boys and girls are now part of school curricula in all schools. They also need to be reinforced, and indeed lived, by parents and other community members for lasting change to occur.

SUSSEX AUTISM CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

**This Support Group meets on the
1st Thursday of the month**

Time: 10am-12pm

Gold coin donation

SPEAKERS FOR MARCH-JUNE

5 March - Robyn Gild

Former Coordinator of Aspergers Victoria

Robyn is a mum of 4 (2 of which are on the Autism Spectrum and adults now). Robyn has been studying and working in the area of "Self-Regulation" focusing on the exciting work by Stuart Shanker <https://self-reg.ca/> . This practice involves learning to recognise and respond to stress.

5 May - Max Williams - ICAN Network

Max is an adult on the Autism Spectrum. He will share his personal story along with insights, regarding what sort of support from parents and carers can make a positive difference. He will also share about strategies to manage anxiety and self-doubt.

4 June - Lyndel Kennedy, Former President Aspergers Vic

Lyndel is an author, editor and mother of 3, including a son and daughter with Aspergers. Lyndel will talk about her research findings and, school management ideas on "How to best support children at Primary School".

**no meetings during school holidays or public holidays.
Tea and coffee provided. Feel free to bring a plate to share!**



SUSSEX NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

at the Pascoe Vale Community Centre

7 Prospect St. Pascoe Vale ph 9354 2210 enquires@sussexnh.org.au

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District Swimming Trials 2020

On Monday 2nd March our school swimming team took part in the District Swimming Trials held at Queens Park Outdoor Pool. It was a successful day all round, with special congratulations to those children who won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ribbon in their respective events. A big thank you also to Mr Min Fa and Jamie Tate for their support and assistance throughout the day. The Divisional Swimming Trials will be held at Oak Park Pool on Wednesday 18th March, and those students who have qualified will be notified as soon as possible.



Please note that this is a late change of event date, and as a result the change may affect some students and parents.

Thank you again for your understanding.

Mr McGuinness.

Bunnings Maribyrnong BBQ

Last Sunday the Parents Association held a successful BBQ at Bunnings Maribyrnong. Thank you to Joanne Simon and all the parent helpers for their time and support.



STUDENT of the Week

Student of the Week

Certificates will be presented at assembly on Friday, 20th March at 2.45pm - Whole School Awards Assembly (Location: Senior Yard)

Isla Bonnici FE	For her fantastic contributions to shared writing and enthusiasm for learning.
Aidan Gan FE	For consistently working to the best of his ability. Well done, Aidan!
Harry Duggan FS	For being a keen member of FS and for the kindness he shows to his classmates. Well done.
Daisy Zucco FS	For being a keen, positive and happy member of Foundation. Well done, Daisy.
Megan Giaquinta 1D	For working hard to read aloud with fluency and phrasing.
Chloe Lloyd 1P	For being such a helpful member of the class and displaying a positive attitude towards learning. Well done!
Oliver Becker 1S	For his wonderful approach to all of his learning and for taking on feedback to make his work the best it can be! Well done, Oli!
Tess Barrett 2B	For writing an engaging and descriptive introduction to the story 'Snow White'.
Gabriele Buccheri 2C	For always settling into class activities so well and putting in his best effort with each task.
Matilda Rizzo 2O	For being a kind and compassionate member of the class who consistently uses her initiative.
Noah Peverill 3B	For being a thoughtful, caring and considerate student in 3B. You are always willing to help others. Well done, Noah!
Marny Yiallourou 3M	For her regular thoughtful contributions to class discussions.
Dylan Nelson 3R	For contributing his well thought out ideas and interpretations of texts read during Guided Reading.
Amy Catania 4A	For her insightful and thoughtful contributions during class discussions. Well done, Amy!
Kaylee Cobb 4G	For being a co-operative and focused student during all independent and group activities.
Oscar McIntosh 4P	For his outstanding manners displayed at all times towards his peers and teachers.
Chantel Staberhofer 5J	For being engaged and productive in class and not getting distracted by others when completing her work.
Kate Pamment 5M	For building her understanding of a new concept by making connections with previous learning.
Harry Jordan 5T	For displaying great judgement and outstanding decision making in looking after his friends.
Oliver pane 6H	For his understanding effort towards his learning. I can see you trying your very best. Keep up the great work!
Alana Bozzo 6K	For using her initiative consistently in both her school and home learning.
Amy Nguyen 6R	For her enthusiastic and methodical manner she demonstrates towards her Mathematics work each session.

Key Dates

March

Friday	6th	Year 6 Gala Day 2C Assembly
Monday	9th	NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday	10th	Enrolments Foundation 2021 Open
Wednesday	11th	Open Day - School Tours 9.30, 12.15 and 2.30
Thursday	12th	Year 6H Class Mass
Friday	13th	School Photos
Saturday	14th	Confirmation Candidates receive Creed
Sunday	15th	Confirmation Candidates receive Creed
Tuesday	17th	Parish Education Board Meeting 7.00pm
Wednesday	18th	Year 6 Camp to Philip Island Divisional Swimming
Thursday	19th	Year 6 Camp to Philip Island Year 5J Class Mass at 9.15am Reconciliation & Eucharist Information Night at 6.30pm in the Church
Friday	20th	Year 6 return from Camp at Philip Island Whole School Assembly at 3pm - Senior Yard
Tuesday	24th	Regional Swimming
Wednesday	25th	Special Food Day
Thursday	26th	Parent/Teacher Interviews 4.00pm
Friday	27th	Parent/Teacher Interviews - No students Last Day Term 1

April

Tuesday	14th	Term 2 Begins
Thursday	16th	Year 1D Class Mass in the Church at 9.15am
Friday	17th	Year 6R Assembly in the Hall at 3.00pm
Wednesday	22nd	CROSS COUNTRY Year 4-6
Thursday	23rd	Year 1P Class Mass in the Church at 9.15am Reconciliation Workshops 5.30pm & 7.00pm
Friday	24th	1D Assembly in the Hall at 3.00pm Year 6 Interschool Sports

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Friday	6th	Michelle Christian, Chanel Martino, Volunteer Required
Monday	9th	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	10th	Kim Bramwell Mazzaella
Wednesday	11th	Sue-Ellen Jongebloed, Lyn Garvey
Thursday	12th	Jane Callaghan
Friday	13th	Michelle Wing, Skye Palmer, Terri Thaus, Serena Smith
Monday	16th	Domina Charchedi
Tuesday	17th	Sarah Pell
Wednesday	18th	Jenny Lirosi/Robert Busseddu, Adam De Guara
Thursday	19th	Melissa Stanley
Friday	20th	Yvonne Yuen, Natalie Gunn, Jay Doolan, Michelle Miller

NOTICES

Children's Liturgy

Term 1

15 March -10.30am

Term 2

19 April - 10.30am, 3 May – 5.30pm, 10 May – 10.30am, 17 May – 10.30am, 24 May - 10.30am,

14 June – 10.30am



St Monica's 2020 Ladies Lunch



ST. MONICA'S OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION



- DATE:** Thursday 19 March
- EVENT:** Round 1 - Carlton v Richmond
- LOCATION:** MANCAVE - 216 Pascoe Vale Road, Essendon
- TIME:** 6pm onwards
- COST:** Approximately \$40
(Final cost determined by numbers – pay on the night)
- INCLUDES:** Snacks, BBQ dinner, 4n20 Pie and Drinks
- ENTERTAINMENT:** Barlow's Half Time Putting Comp-\$5 winner takes all
- RSVP:** Survey Monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XK8XNC2>
Message - Hogi 0402 919 523



ST. BERNARD'S AUSKICK 2020

After a huge year in 2019 with 176 boys/girls registered we are excited for another season of Auskick down at St.Bernards. We have the coaches, facilities and equipment to make this year bigger and better.

We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces at Auskick in 2020. Registration is now open, please register and pay online at www.aflauskick.com.au.

WHAT ST.BERNARD'S PROVIDES

- The girl's group is back following the success of 2020
- Footy pack from the AFL mailed directly to each participant
- Weekly prizes: footballs, backpacks and St.Bernards training tops
- Opportunity to play grid games at the MCG and Marvel Stadium
- Opportunity to get your own personalised AFL footy cards
- Sessions taken by St.Bernards Senior Players
- Auskick game @ Half Time of the Seniors followed by presentations
- Chance to run out with the Seniors in full St.Bernards uniform
- Presentation day: trophies, lollies, BBQ and great raffle prizes
- Each group is coached by Dad's with football knowledge and experience

STARTING DATE

Saturday 18 April 2020

SESSION TIMES

9:30am – 11:00am

TOTAL COST

\$96 for 13 sessions

LOCATION

St.Bernard's Football Club

GIRLS - Danny Roach

KINDERGARTEN - David Biggs (Ivy 2O)

PREP - Mick Kavanagh (Jimmy FE) **GRADE 1** - Michael Stapleton (Grace 3B, Fred 1D)

GRADE 2 & 3 - Ben Hogan (Cooper 5T, Gus 2B)

Please contact St.Bernard's Auskick Coordinator Ben Hogan **0402 919 523** or stbernardsfooty@gmail.com

ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE

41 Rosehill Road, Essendon, 3040.

ENROLMENT APPLICATION

YEAR 7, 2022

ENROLMENT APPLICATION PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

(New and Current Families)
TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2020

at
7.00 PM

in
O'BRIEN CENTRE GYMNASIUM

The evening is for Parents/Caregivers only.

Booking for the Parent Information Evening is not necessary.

Applications for Year 7 2022 close on **Thursday, 16 April 2020.**

TOURS of the College in **2020** are as follows:

TERM 1 - 10 February, 11 February, 17 February, 18 February, 19 February, 24 February, 27 February, 2 March, 3 March, 4 March, 5 March, 11 March, 12 March, 23 March, 25 March, 26 March,

TERM 2 - 15 April, 16 April, 20 April, 21 April, 22 April, 23 April, 27 April, 28 April, 29 April,

Families assemble in the O'Brien Centre Foyer – entrance to O'Brien Centre Gymnasium

School Tours commence at 8:45am and conclude at 10:45am

Bookings essential – via College website or www.trybooking.com/TYRI

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION :

Refer to -

COLLEGE WEBSITE: www.sbc.vic.edu.au

or Telephone: College Receptionist - Jenette Nicholl on 9289 1182 (Wednesday – Friday)

Program Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We will be running a pupil free day program on Friday March 27th. Bookings can now be made for this day through your parental portal, selecting the pupil free day tab. Bookings can also be made for our April Vacation Care Program. Unfortunately we do not serve food during vacation care or pupil free services, therefore we ask that your child brings their own food. We stop to eat at morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. We also ask that they bring a drink bottle and hat.

Bookings can now be made for our April Vacation Care Program. These bookings can be made through the parental portal. Terms 1 and 4 are sun smart terms, which means your child must wear a hat and sunscreen before going outside for play. OSHClub provides sunscreen, however, should your child have a sensitivity to sunscreen please provide your own. If your child suffers from a medical condition, can you please bring in all relevant paperwork and medication. All children that have anaphylaxis, allergies or asthma must have an up to date copy of their action plan and medication stored with us.

****Important reminder****

Please remember to book in for Before and/or After School Care if you know in advance. It helps us to ensure we have enough staff rostered on and for catering purposes. If you do need to make a booking on the day, please text the program phone on 0412 616 491. Registration and future bookings can be completed through our website www.oshclub.com.au

Take care,
Jess

YOU CAN GET YOUR KIDS TENNIS LESSONS DONE WHILST THEY ARE AT AFTERCARE!

St. Monica's Tennis Club

Contact – Steve Riley – Club Professional

0403 433 750 or steve@rileytennis.com.au

BOOK IN FOR A FREE HOTSHOTS TENNIS LESSON Just inform your OSHClub Co-ordinator about your tennis lesson (day & time) OSHCLUB DROPS OFF AND PICKS UP FOR THEIR TENNIS LESSONS!!!

(Children must be booked into After Care session to be dropped off and picked up.)



KIDS

7.30pm-6.15pm Vacation care)

Coordinator: Jess

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	-Kinetic sand -Musical statues	-Pancakes -Musical chairs	-Telescope -Heads down thumbs up	-Twister comp -Pass the egg	-Painting -Silent ball
After Care Activities	-Brownies -Play doh creations -Soccer -Donkey	-Painting -recycled materials -Tiggy -Kick to kick	-Slime -Create story book -Cricket -Soccer skills	-Rocky road -Telescope -Down ball -Tunnel ball	-Kinetic sand -four square -Hula hoop tricks

Assistants: Mel, Nairy

OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.



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 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 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

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

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

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

