

Courtenay News

Issue 1 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

- 13th - House Sports for Grades 1 & 2
- 14th - Parent Helpers Training.
- 15th - 2.45pm Whole School Assembly and badge presentation for School Leaders.
- 20th - House Sports for Grades 4 - 6.
- 21st - School Photos
- 22nd - MAD Day & Parade
- 27th - Parent/Teacher Interviews Grades 1 & 2.
- 28th - Parent/Teacher Interviews Grade 3 - 6.

SCHOOL PURPOSE

For all to strive to achieve the best outcomes for all our students.

Principal's Report...

Welcome back to all our 834 children and families for the 2019 school year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break. Already our students are well underway with their learning.

New Students

A warm welcome to our 127 new Prep students and other students new to the school and their families. It has been very impressive to see the smooth transition of all students to their new level. We look forward to another outstanding year and I encourage all parents to be active participants in their child's education.

New Staff

A further Courtenay Gardens School welcome to our staff and especially the new staff. The new staff members are: Miss Baker (3B), Mrs Djuric (5D) and Mrs Collingwood (EAL). Also welcome to staff returning from leave: Mrs Kellett (3J) and Mrs Brereton (Support).

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Our first interviews will be taking place on 27th and 28th February. Please keep an eye out for the notice so that you can make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. These interviews are a chance for you to pass on any important information to the teacher regarding your child.

How Parents Can Help At Home

Often parents will ask teachers, "How can I help at home?" The simple answer is, "Talk with your children." Talking and listening play a major role in a child's school and life success. It is through hearing parents, family members and teachers talk and responding to those conversations that a child begins to pick up the language skills they require to succeed in life.

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Principal's Report...contd.

Communicating with your child alleviates many concerns when they first arrive at school. Of course, it is also important for you to show your child that you are interested in what he/she has to say.

Helping in the Classroom

All classroom helpers must have completed the 'Parent Helpers Training' course. If you have not done this course the next training day is Thursday 14th February, 9.15-10.30 in the PAC. A notice was sent home last week but if you missed the notice, just a note to the class teacher that you will be attending will suffice.

ALL helpers, whether in the classroom, helping on an excursion, etc. must have a **current** Working With Children Card. These need to be presented to the ladies at the front office.

Reminders

- Entry to the school is by one of the five gates around the school. **NO STUDENTS** or **PARENTS** are to enter or exit via the staff car park.
- Please use one of our school crossings to get students across the road. Cutting across the road is very dangerous and is giving students the wrong message on how to cross the road safely.
- It is school policy that only students in grade 4 and above are allowed to bring their bikes to school. Roller blades, scooters, skateboards and such are not to be brought to school.
- Students are not permitted to have mobile phones at school.
- All visitors, except for drop off and pick up times, **MUST** go the front office and sign in.
- The CGPS speed restriction is 40KPH. Please be aware that speeding cars or cars parked or dropping off illegally have been fined by Casey Council who do regular spot visits.
- Please be aware that along parts of Courtenay Ave is a drop off and pick up zone.

Term 1 Events

There are many events to look forward to in Term 1 and I encourage all families to participate in these, whether it be Friday assemblies, Sports Days, Parades or parents See for Yourself Day.

Looking forward to meeting you all throughout the year.

Margaret Sheppard
(Principal)

Beginning of the Year Reminders

School Uniform

School uniform is very expensive. We encourage all parents to ensure that school uniform is labelled appropriately. Student names should be clear and legible, we suggest using a black permanent marker and marking the item in multiple locations. The best areas to name jackets or jumpers are the collar and the hem or inside a pocket. Often the tags on jackets become worn and the names wear off, please check each term that the name is still legible and easy to read.

Lost property will always be sent back to the student IF the name is easy to read. If an item is labelled with the students initials or first name only it is very difficult to identify the student and therefore often not returned.

Parents and students should not be helping themselves to lost property items, if you are in need of second hand clothing please speak with Sue Grant and for a small donation the school can provide your child with suitable uniform.



A reminder that students should wear navy blue or white socks and only one small plain stud or sleeper in each ear.

School Hat

A reminder that in Term 1 and 4 a school hat is compulsory. Please ensure your child's name is clearly visible on the inside of the hat.



Drink Bottle



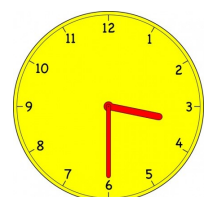
A drink bottle of water is great for this time of the year and helps keep your child hydrated throughout the day. Again, please ensure it is labelled before coming to school.

Hairstyles

We all know that students like to have the latest hairstyle and fashion. It is the policy of the school that students hairstyles do not include the following (coloured hair, shaved patterns or symbols, beads, hair extensions or rat's tails) and we ask that parents support us. If you have any queries or concerns please contact Mr Carlson.

School Hours

Being on time is very important for students to connect with their peers before classes start and develop strong friendships. Being on time also allows students to settle in before the bell so they are ready to learn from 9am. We encourage all students to be on time for the start of the day. It is equally important that students be collected on time so they do not develop an anxiety at the end of the day not knowing what will happen. Parents need to ensure students are collected at 3:30pm.



Office Reminders

DRINK BOTTLES & HATS.

Please ensure your child is prepared for school each day with their drink bottles, lunches and hats to limit interruptions to students' learning.

CHANGE OF DETAILS.

If you have any changes regarding student information, please come to the office to complete an updated details form.

STUDENT ABSENCES:

Student absences must be reported to the school, please leave a message on the absence line 1.

CANTEEN.

Operates - Wednesdays to Friday.



OVALTEENIES: Will be deleted from the canteen list, once they are all **sold out**.

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Ron Watts: 0418 552 334

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