

# **Courtenay News**

Issue 1 2017

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **FEBRUARY**

- Junior Athletics Prep -Grade 2
- 17 MAD DAY
- 21 Parent Teacher Interviews Grade 1 -Grade 3
- 22 Parent Teacher Interviews Grade 4 -Grade 6
- 23 School Photos
- 27 Bike Education Grade 4

#### **MARCH**

- 10 Grandparents Day
- 13 NO SCHOOL Labour Day
- 14 Preps start full time
- 31 Easter Bonnet Parade
  LAST DAY OF TERM 1
  2.30PM DISMISSAL

#### **APRIL**

18 First Day of Term 2

#### SCHOOL PURPOSE

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

### From the Principal's Desk....

A big welcome back to all our 830 children and families for the 2017 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 all our 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: Mr McCormick (Grade 3), Mr Tolliday (Grade 5) and Mrs Brereton (Art). Welcome also to our teachers returning to full time in 2017: Miss Mihevic (Grade 1), Mrs Dunkley (Grade 2) and Mrs Zandona (Grade 4).

#### Staff

Our Staff are very motivated and already keenly working to achieve our school goal of helping all students to achieve their overall best in learning and as a person.

#### **School Values**

Our school values are: Respect, Responsibility, Honesty and Resilience. This term we will be focusing on the school value of 'Respect' whereby we encourage all students to treat others with fairness and consideration.

#### **School Times for Student Attendance**

Parents are reminded that school starts at 9.00am in the classrooms and students should arrive from 8.45am when our grounds are supervised in line with DET requirements. For safety reasons do not send students prior to this time. It is important that your child is ready to start the day at 9.00am.

At the end of the school day students are dismissed at 3.30pm and must be collected prior to 3.45pm. If your child is collected at the end of the day please make sure they know exactly where you will be waiting for them.

#### **Other 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 – who have taken part in the bicycle education course – 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.

### **WELCOME BACK**

### **Principal Report Continued**

### **Student Uniform**

#### **Term 1 Events**

There are many events to look forward to and I encourage all families to participate in these, whether it be Friday assemblies, MAD Day Parade, Sports Days, Easter Bonnet Parade and these are just some of the events taking place throughout Term 1.

Looking forward to meeting you all throughout the year.

Margaret Sheppard (Assistant Principal)

## Celebrating our differences?



DONATION to

Friday 17th February, 2017 MAD DAY!

Our school community will be going MAD on Friday the 17th of February 2017 to help raise money for the Starlight Foundation. On this day students may dress WEIRDLY and OUTRAGEOUSLY!

However NO COLOUR IN HAIR OR FACE PAINT WILL BE ALLOWED.

**GOLD COIN** participate!



Student uniform is very important in promoting school pride. It is important your child attends school each day in the correct uniform including the wide brimmed hat for Term 1.

The Summer uniform includes

- Summer dress (navy, green, white checked)
- Unisex shorts or skorts (navy blue)
- Polo shirt (emerald green) with CGPS logo
- Plain track suit pants (navy blue)
- Plain skirt (navy blue)
- Wide brimmed navy blue school hat

Please note students are allowed to have one earring in each ear lobe. The earring needs to be a plain sleeper or

stud no bigger than 10mm.



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