

# Term Four - 6th November 2020

## Message from Jacqui

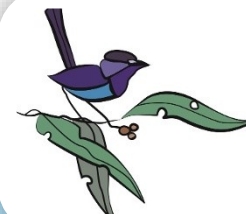
The last few weeks have certainly been busy. It has been terrific to see students re-connecting with their friends and sharing celebrations of their learning. We have a large focus on writing at the moment, with the staff participating in a project to improve student engagement. This began 3 weeks ago and it has been incredible to hear students' enthusiasm for writing and the pride they are taking in sharing their writing with each other and the staff. We look forward to these celebrations becoming whole school community events as the Covid restrictions continue to ease.



We understand that the ongoing restrictions are challenging for many, especially the restrictions around parents entering the school grounds. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of our community for the patience, understanding and respect you have shown during this challenging time. At Christmas Hills Primary School we are committed to supporting student learning through strong partnerships between home and school. A key to this is strong communication so we have begun to send weekly messages to families through the Sentral App. These conferences allow us to share student learning in a timely manner so that families are able to share their child's growth and also support them as they continue on their learning journeys. Parents are also able to use this messaging function to communicate with teachers regarding non urgent matters.

The Sentral App is now our primary communication method with all families, including as part of our Emergency responses. On Wednesday the staff and students practiced our response to a grassfire, including sending a message to families to inform you of the process. Thank you to the 4 families who responded to this message to confirm that you received it. This is a vital part of our Emergency Management Plan. Can all families please ensure their Sentral App is downloaded and notifications turned on especially as we head towards Summer.

In preparation for the upcoming Bushfire season families will receive an important notice today asking you to confirm your intentions when the school activates our relocation plan. This is part of our planning and preparation process, as is the upcoming CFA Community meeting which will be re-scheduled for early December.



## Important Dates for 2020

### Curriculum Days

Monday 30th November

### Important Dates for Term 4

11<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Day

13<sup>th</sup> November- Parent Opinion Survey Closes

26th/27<sup>th</sup> November - Bunjil Camp

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Curriculum Day

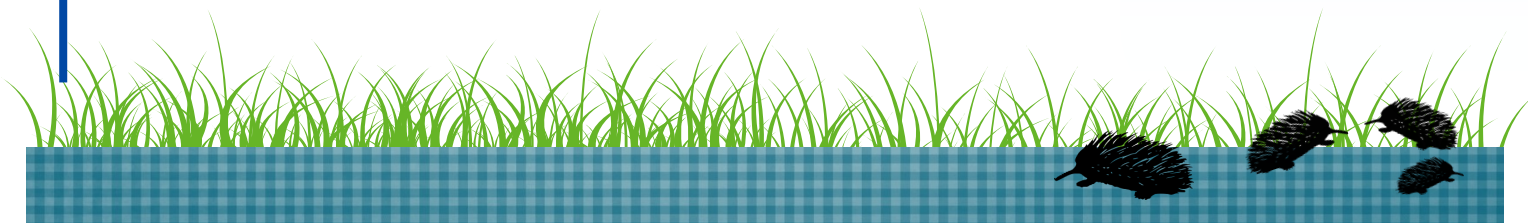
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Graduation

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December- End of Term (2:30 dismissal)

### Term Dates

#### Term 4

5th October—18th December





As the weather is heating up we remind students and their families of the following;

- Sun Smart clothing; no tank tops or singlets
- No Hat, No Play (wide brim hats)
- Closed shoes to provide protection against bugs and critters, as well as ankle support as they are very active during the school day with lots of running games happening in the yard.
- Sun Screen should be applied before school and reapplied during the day, the school has some available otherwise you might prefer to pack some in your child's bag
- Drink bottles

## Breakfast Club

Research shows that nutrition is an important part of supporting student learning. As a school we are committed to supporting students with brain breaks in the morning. We are very excited to be expanding this to include a Breakfast Club from December 1st.

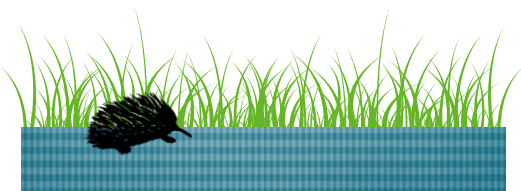
Breakfast Club will operate on Tuesday and Thursday mornings with all students being invited to have breakfast at school from 8:30 with a range of cereal and toast options being available. This is a terrific way to start the day. At least once a term we will be having a community cooked breakfast, this will be an opportunity for families to come together and share a meal before beginning another amazing day at CHPS. We will keep you informed of the finer details of Breakfast Club in the coming weeks so again please keep an eye on the Sentral App.



## Staffing News

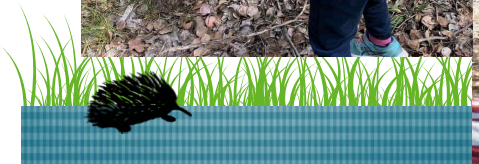
I would like to welcome Leanne Cleary to our school, Leanne will be the new Business Manager and will join us on 23rd November. I look forward to working with Leanne and welcoming her into our school community. Leanne will be working on Mondays so if you have any questions regarding fees, payments or any other finance matters including if your family is experiencing financial difficulties please don't hesitate to contact either Leanne or myself.

Thank you to Cath Fischer who has been doing a fabulous job supporting us with the financial operations of the school whilst we were completing the recruitment process. Cath jumped straight into the role and her experience and enthusiasm has been very much appreciated by the staff and students. Thanks Cath.





# Bush School







## Welcome to the Term 4 edition of Rise and Shine!

If you are joining us for the first time this term, we welcome you to the School Breakfast Clubs Program.

In this edition of *Rise and Shine* we cover our seasonal changeover of orange variety, an update on our Lunches Program, and information on the Healthy Eating Advisory Service, FoodChecker. With over 2,500 healthy products listed, it's a great way to find healthy supplementary foods for your School Breakfast Club.

### Find healthy foods and drinks for your school on FoodChecker

The School Breakfast Clubs program provides a great opportunity to help students develop healthy eating habits and contributes to a school wide approach to healthy eating. The majority of products offered by the program are GREEN rated according to the Victorian School Canteens and Other School Food Services Policy.

The FoodChecker is a free tool available for you to find healthier foods and drinks to provide at your school. They've recently added so many new products to the FoodChecker that they've actually doubled the database!

Now you can find more than 6000 branded products classified GREEN, AMBER, RED or BLACK according to the Victorian School Canteens and Other School Food Services Policy.

You can also assess your whole canteen menu, as well as individual recipes on FoodChecker. For more information on how to use the FoodChecker visit the [Healthy Eating Advisory Service's website](#).

