

LE PAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

YOUR CHELTENHAM SCHOOL

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Dates for Your Diary



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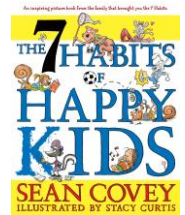
Friday, 17 th February	Parents and Carers' Afternoon Tea in Staffroom 3:15-3:30pm
Monday, 20 th February	Parents & Friends' meeting in Staffroom at 3:45pm
Tuesday, 21 st February	School Council Meeting – 5:00-6:00pm
Sunday, 7 th March	Bunnings BBQ at Mentone Store
Monday, 20 th – 24 th March	Year 6 students off to Camp Woorabinda with Parktone students.
Tuesday, 21 st March	School Council AGM – 5:00-5:30pm followed by SC Meeting 5:30-6:15pm



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our Vision

There is a prosperous path for every child. Each journey is theirs to lead. There is a place in which every child can shine.

Our Mission

Identify the talent, develop the confidence and create the leader.

Our Habits

Be Proactive (I'm in charge)

Begin with the End in Mind (have a plan)

Put First Things First (work first then play)

Think Win-Win (everyone can win)

Synergise (together is better)

Sharpen the Saw (balance feels best)

Our Attitude

Gratitude: Be thankful for what we have.

Empathy: Practice random acts of kindness.

Mindfulness: Keep in the present moment.

Open Night and Picnic

It was great to see so many at our open night and picnic last week. Our new families and staff felt most welcomed. The classrooms looked stimulating and the Grade 3-6 students' goals were shared from their Leadership Note Books.

Senior School Sport

Our Grade 6 students participated in their first interschool sports competition last Friday. They and Parktone Primary students rallied together as one team and did us proud.

Lezioni di Italiano Hanno Iniziato (Italian Lessons Have Begun)

The students have been learning greetings and personal statements and questions. It would be helpful for the students to use their new language as often as possible and they are encouraged to practise at home. Vocabulary covered thus far includes: Ciao (hi and bye); Buongiorno (good morning); Buonasera good afternoon and good evening); buonanotte (good night); A presto (see you later); Come ti chiami? (What is your name?); Mi chiamo (My name is); Come stai? (How are you?); Sto bene (I'm fine), Così così (so so) e (and) Sto male (I'm unwell).



What Time Should I Send the Kids to School?

Student safety is our number one priority, and as in all government schools, staff members are assigned yard-duty at 8:45am, to supervise the students. Department of Education policy recommends that students do not arrive earlier than 8:45am for safety reasons.

Before and After School Care Program

The Before and After School Care Program will begin on Monday, February 27th in the new building. Le Page Primary School will subsidise 50% of the program's total cost to make it more affordable for families to use the service. The 7:30-8:45am session will cost \$5 per child per day, which will include breakfast. The 3:45-6:00pm session cost will be \$8 per child per day, and will include a fruit snack. The program will be managed by Giancarlo Siclari who has managed like programs in other schools. Enrolment forms should be completed and returned to Heather Gillott at the school office by next Thursday, February 23rd for program planning purposes.

Breakfast Club

The breakfast club has been restructured to help meet the needs of our increasing enrolment. Breakfast will be reserved for students participating in the Before School Care Program.

Resiliency Project

To be resilient is to be able to bounce back when the going gets tough. When facing hardship, to be able to manage our emotions and thoughts can mean the difference between sadness and happiness. Last year a team of Parktone teachers researched best practices in teaching social and emotional intelligences and constructed a curriculum targeting mental health. Last week the whole staff participated in a professional development program, which focused on three key principles: gratitude, empathy and mindfulness. Our students will be introduced to the three principles next week and together the staff and students will learn to practice gratitude, empathy and mindfulness on a daily basis. The aim is to develop emotional strength in every individual and as a collective. An information session was held this week and over 500 parents from Le Page and Parktone went along to hear inspirational speaker Martin Heppel. Martin delivered a powerful and moving presentation highlighting the importance of building, practicing and modelling resilience.

Thought for the Week

It doesn't matter if my glass is half empty or half full. I am grateful that I have a glass, and there is something in it.

Have a great weekend.
Kind Regards,

George Danson

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund - CSEF

It is not too late to apply for this fund. To be eligible, a parent or legal guardian must on the first day of Term one or two be a holder of Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card or be a temporary foster parent. The rate for this fund is \$125.00 per year for a Primary school student. This is paid directly to the school to be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

Application form can be obtained from the school office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Next meeting is to be held next Tuesday, 21st February in the staffroom at 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Council Elections are in progress. If you require a Nomination Form, please call into the office.

Parents & Friends News

Guess what, we have a **Bunnings BBQ on Sunday, 5th March** booked. We are looking for volunteers to help run this fun, fundraising opportunity. If you are interested in assisting or would be able to help with other fundraising events throughout the year, you are welcome to come to the P & F meeting next Monday, 20th February in the staffroom at 3:45pm. Children welcome.



STUDENT BANKING –

Get involved in the School Banking program.

Le Page PS is excited to again offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Please find attached the 2017 School Banking Program for Parents. This will give you all the contacts to enable your child to commence banking at school.



Come and Join us



Le Page Primary School Orchestra Program

A free orchestral **music program** is now available to students at Le Page Primary School in 2017

All you need is an instrument (Violin, Viola, 'Cello). The free program is provided by teachers from the Australian Children's Orchestra. Students get to learn group and solo performance skills, musicianship / theory; develop their rhythm and aural skills, participate in orchestral performances (concerts are held at the end of every term). Bookings are now open. Some of the children have taken up the program and are now playing in the main group already.

Lessons are held on **Wednesdays 4.00 – 4.45 pm**

(in the Music Room)

The program is available for **Grades 1 – 6:**

What you will need?

Violin, or a Viola, or a 'Cello

Instruments can be bought cheaply or rented from Bows for Strings or Pat's Music
A display book, a pencil and rubber are also required.

Bookings and Enquiries:

admin@australianchildrensorchestra.com.au

It's
Free!