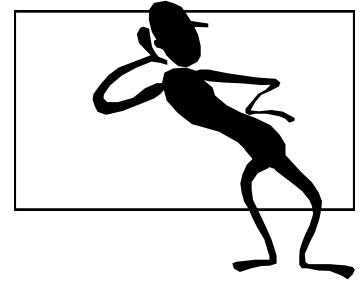


MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

March 24th 2017



DATES TO REMEMBE

MARCH

Fri 31st

Crazy hat and dress up day.
Easter raffle drawn
Last day of term 1.

APRIL

Tues 18th

Start of term 2.
Footsteps Dance program begins.
St Kilda footy clinic.

Tues 25th

ANZAC Day holiday.

AUSSIE OF THE WEEK DATES:

Term 2:

May 1st—3/4T
May 22nd—3/4A
June 26th—3/4T

Term 3:

Aug 7th—3/4A
Sept 4th—3/4T

Term 4:

Nov 13th—3/4A
Nov 27th—3/4T

HARMONY DAY

Yesterdays Harmony Day was a wonderful experience for all involved. We started the morning enjoying a musical multimedia performance from the very talented Amanaska. Following this the students were split into 8 multi-aged groups to participate in 3 activities with the teachers. Activities included playing games and food tasting from around the world, making paper doll chains, Harmony Day badges, Worry dolls and chatter boxes,



SILVER COIN COLLECTION

Thank you to all our families for your tremendous donations of silver coins. The school raised a total of \$812.05 which is an amazing amount of loose change.

Congratulations go to 3/4T who won the prize for collecting the most money, well done and enjoy your treats on Monday.

BIG WRITE

There will be no Big Write next week.

END OF TERM

To celebrate the end of Term 1 PAV are holding an Easter themed day next Friday. Students are encouraged to come dressed in Easter themed clothing. This may be an Easter bonnet, bunny ears, fancy dress of some Easter icon eg: Easter Bunny, a hot cross bun etc. or Easter themed T-shirts. We will be holding an assembly to display our outfits at 9:10 where the winners of our school raffle will also be drawn.

Tickets and money for the raffle must be returned to school by Thursday 30th March. Fifty percent of money raised from the raffle will be donated to the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY 31st.

As next Friday is the last day of term students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. Term 2 commences on Tuesday 18th April due to the Easter Monday holiday.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Baxter Primary School Council still has 1 more Parent Position that needs to be filled on our new school council. We ask our parents to think seriously about volunteering for this position, as being on School Council is not only important to the successful running of our wonderful school but is also a rewarding and interesting experience for parents. If you are interested in taking on this positions please contact the office.

CSEF eligibility

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;

Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

Be a temporary foster parent, and;

Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2017 closes on 30 June, 2017.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.