



Chilwell
Primary School



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NEWSLETTER No.30- 19th September 2017

Sept 21	Fri	Special Lunch Orders Due by 3pm
Sept 22	Fri	Last Day of Term 2.30 Dismissal
Oct 9	Mon	Term 4 commences
Oct 19-22	Thu-Sun	Chilwell Art Show Rutland St
Oct 23	Mon	2018 Prep Transition Day 9.15-11.30 am
Oct 23	Mon	School Council—6.30pm
Oct 25	Wed	Geelong Cup—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Oct 26	Thu	Prep Werribee Zoo Excursion
Oct 27	Fri	2018 Prep Transition Day 9.15—10.45 am
Nov 6-Nov 8		Gr.4 Lady Northcote Camp
Nov 13	Mon	2018 Prep Parent Transition Information Session 7-8.00 pm
Nov 14	Tue	2018 Prep Transition Day 9.15-10.45 am
Nov 20	Mon	Gr 6 Gallery Excursion
Nov 20	Mon	School Council—6.30pm
Dec 11	Mon	School Council
Dec 19	Tue	Grade 6 Graduation—Fred Flanagan Room Geelong Football Club
2018		
Mar 23	Fri	CHILWELL FAIR—SAVE THE DATE

Chilwell Art Show 2017

Thursday October 19th – Sunday 22nd Rutland St Newtown

This year the Chilwell Art Show will be held in a fabulous space just along from Boom Gallery in Rutland Street. Students will have the opportunity to walk down with their grades to view the show as well as Open hours on the weekend for our community. The Art Show will also host music and singing acts from our students throughout the weekend.



If any parents are able to help set up the Art Show on Wednesday 18th and would like to work with Deb Fisher and The 2017 Art Committee, or have any questions, please see Deb in the Art Room.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR HAT TO SCHOOL



NO HAT—NO PLAY



Dear Families

Regional Athletics: The weather presented quite a challenge last Tuesday when our team of 24 competitors represented our school at the regional level of competition. As always our children won best on ground for endeavour, support for one another and sportsmanship.

School Council: Last night our Council met to discuss a number of issues and discuss reports from sub committees. The night included:

Finance, Principal, Fundraising, Facilities, Out of School Care and Trivia Night reports.

Discussion/ratification of all school policies, acceptance of correspondence in and correspondence and out. Discussion on our general direction with fundraising, viewing the latest proposed building plans, hiring of our facilities etc.

On our communities behalf I wish to thank these parents and staff who serve on council for their time and commitment to all our community. Attending meetings on cold nights can be a challenge.

Concert: What a terrific night! The children, audience, staff and visitors all thoroughly enjoyed the night. The entertainment was exciting and very professional. Again thank you to all families who supported the night by attending (over 1100 attended!!!), providing costumes (didn't the children look good!!)and showing their appreciation through the huge applause. Thank you to Kai and Howard for their support and expertise so readily given and to our staff, both office and teachers. (we still need to practise our routines!!! But we had fun).

The DVDs are on the way, we will send home with students when they arrive. If you did not purchase a DVD via Trybooking a payment form is attached to the newsletter. This form must be returned to the office by Friday 22nd September. Families that order via this form will not receive the DVD until Term 4.

Grounds: One of the great community activities is the number of families who make use of the oval, basketball and netball courts after school and during the holidays. They are community facilities and we all love to see them being used. While you are in the school please take responsibility for looking out for anyone misusing the facilities. Please pop rubbish in the bin, remind others to take care of our wonderful facilities and remind them that our school is for the proper use of everyone.

White Balloon Day: You may have noticed white balloons along the front fence and the Bravehearts Mascot, Ditto, raising awareness for Child Protection Week. The newspaper article highlighted our children's commitment to the program.

Out of School Care Accounts: These accounts must be in the positive by the end of term. Failure to do so means that the service is no longer available until a positive balance is achieved.

We spend far too much time on this issue, so please help us to help the program and families by adhering to the positive balance policy. We have far too many families who are not supporting the program in regards to accounts.

A few reminders for all regarding some "jobs" to be done.

- Firstly, hats need to be sent to school this week, in line with the Sunsmart policy followed by schools. Please make sure these are named.
- Lost property will be culled over the holiday period. Please take some time to look for lost items and reclaim them. Lost items may be found inside the door in the middle of the south wing.
- Assembly will be at 2.00pm on Friday with dismissal at 2.30.
- Crossings will not be supervised until 2.30 so take care when coming to school to attend the final assembly.
- Thank you to all our community for your continued support of your child(ren's) education and our school. Your support is both of great assistance to the children and the staff at Chilwell. Enjoy the time over the holidays to spend quality time with your family. We all look forward to another great term after the holidays.

Regards,

Gavan Welsh, Principal

Happy Birthday !

Sat 23 Sept	Monty W	2JO
Sun 24 Sept	Neve V	4JM
Mon 25 Sept	Sophie M	5MA
Tue 26 Sept	Montana H	6JC
Wed 27 Sept	Evan W	1BH
Fri 29 Sept	Brodie K Alfie W	4 JM 5NR
Sat 30 Sept	Abigail H Lucinda C	3KH 3PD

Sun 1 Oct	James I	PCB
Tue 3 Oct	Mikayla R Sienna F	3KH 4 JS
Thu 5 Oct	Claude H	2 JO
Fri 6 Oct	Annabel Z Lachlan F Haydn B Xavier W	PCB 5MA 5MA 6JC
Sat 7 Oct	Nicholas L Andrew M	2JO 2JS
Sat 8 Oct	Bea V	1MW
Sat 9 Oct	Aaron Y Sybilla G	1MW 5NR



Concert DVD Order form

A professional DVD will be made of the event through Videoworks. The order form below must be returned to the office by Friday 22nd September. These DVDs are of very high quality and will be a wonderful record of the event and children will spend countless hours re-living their performances. DVD's ordered via below form will be available in term 4.



“Chilwell Concert!” – DVD Order form

Due by Friday 22nd September

Name Grade

DVD's @ \$30.00 (gst incl.)

Total \$.....

Payment method:

Cash

Cheque

Credit Card

Amount: Visa Mastercard \$

Card Number:

Cardholder's Name: Expiry Date

Cardholder's Signature:

Payment for: **School Concert DVD 2017**

CHILWELL CONCERT



Staff Morning Tea—Bowel Cancer

Last Thursday staff held a morning tea to raise money for Bowel Cancer Australia through Research4Riney Thankyou to staff who helped raise \$180.

A special thankyou also to Pam Bradshaw and Val Muhor for supplying some beautiful treats.

Deb Fisher

PE NEWS

Registrations are now open for a Primary School Golf Event at Queens Park Golf Club on Monday, October 16th, 2017. Link <http://www.golfvic.org.au/primary-school-events>
Peter Blackall

LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of unnamed jumpers and lunch boxes in the lost property. If your child has lost their jumper please come and have a look. Lost property is located outside the Reading recovery room. PLEASE remember to name your students clothing.



Canteen News—SPECIAL END OF TERM TREAT

Orders must be into your grade teacher by 9.30am on Thursday –

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Each option \$5.00

OPTION 1	Party Pie, 2 Sausage Rolls & Donut
OPTION 2	Vegetarian Pizza & Donut

Canteen Roster. - Fridays – 12.45pm

Fri 22nd Sept	Amanda Lovell
Fri 13th Oct	Amie Cox

Chilwell P.S. Outside School Hours Care

Term 3 –September 2017

To book or cancel care please call Cheryl on 0417 014 973

Wednesday 20 September	Down Ball Competition
Thursday 21 September	Charcoal Drawing
Friday 22 September	Last Day Of Term - Disco Party Night come dressed ready to dance the night away.

Bookings are essential for both before and after school care.

EFTPOS facility is available – for payments over \$10.00.

Form available at the office or from OSHC.

IMPORTANT!!! School Council encourages families to keep their account in credit.

We issue Weekly Accounts .

Just a reminder to all those who have a permanent before/after school booking.

If unable to attend please cancel before 7.00am for mornings and 2.00pm for afternoon to assist staff or avoid session fees being charged to your account. Thanks – Cheryl & OSHC Staff



Failure! What a genius idea!

by Michael Grose

A leading Victorian independent school is actively encouraging its students to fail, which is an absolutely genius idea.

As reported in *The Age* (28th August 2017), Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School is holding Failure Week to teach students that making mistakes is a crucial part of learning.

Teachers are sharing their personal stories of failure and students from prep to Year 12 are learning challenging activities such as abstract painting, juggling, reciting poetry and dancing. At the end of the week they'll be displaying their new skills in front of each other with the emphasis being on stuff ups rather than perfection.

I suspect for many students making errors, stuffing up and struggling to get things right will feel uncomfortable. But that's the whole point.

Kids need to fail more if they are to succeed

Traditionally, schools and, in recent years, parents have excelled at celebrating student success. "Top marks", "Dux of the school" and "Perfect score!" are the types of aspirations that teachers and parents have for kids.

But to many students academic success means "Don't stuff it up!", "No mistakes please!" and "You've got to get it right!"

It's been widely reported that Australian kids are anxious, perfectionistic and risk averse. They just don't feel comfortable with failure. And who could blame them? We've hidden failure and disappointment from them for far too long. In recent years there's been a common perception that failure damages people. Unfortunately, this is to the detriment of young people's future success.



Failure is an integral part of learning anything significant, challenging or worthwhile. Resilient learners realise that they don't always get things right the first or even second time but with effort and practice they will master skills, find solutions and gain the knowledge they need to succeed.

As reported in *The Age*, failure, if handled properly, provides kids with the feedback they need to help them achieve excellence. Yes, kids need positive feedback too ... but only when it's deserved. When we tell a child everything is wonderful when, in fact, his work is mediocre at best, we give him a false sense of achievement.

Failure takes bravery

I've long been a fan of encouragement. What I mean by that is parents and teachers focusing their comments on

the processes (effort, contribution, improvement) of what kids do rather than the outcomes. Encouragement places the locus of control onto the child, which is essential for resilience. That doesn't mean that we avoid giving a child feedback if their work or behaviour isn't up to scratch. By all means, we should inform kids when they need to lift their game, but this feedback needs to be provided respectfully and with sensitivity if we want it to be taken on board.

The real strength of encouragement is hidden in its French derivative, the verb *courir*: 'to give heart'. Encouraging teachers and parents to somehow find a way to give their kids the courage to be imperfect. It takes a brave soul to make a mistake sometimes, particularly when others may be watching.

Failure needs a supportive environment

It's all very well to encourage kids to have a go but they won't stretch themselves unless mistakes are truly accepted by the people that matter to them. A child won't speak up in class when he's unsure of the answer if he knows his classmates will laugh at his errors. Similarly, if kids are to take more learning and social risks they need to know that mistakes and stuff ups won't be thrown back in their faces at home by parents or siblings.

Five simple ways to encourage kids to fail and celebrate errors

- 1. Model failure:** Next time you break a plate when emptying the dishwasher, avoid negative language ("What a klutz!") or catastrophising ("This is the worst thing ever!). It's a plate. Stuff happens.
- 2. Tell stories of failure:** We tend to be nostalgic of the past and tell kids of the good stuff when we talk about our childhoods. But kids love to hear the warts'n'all stories of the difficulties you faced and stuff-ups you made as a kid. It makes you more human and also gives them permission to do the same.
- 3. Encourage them:** Develop a vocabulary around effort, improvement, contribution and enjoyment. Be your child's cheerleader but don't avoid giving feedback when necessary.
- 4. Tell and show kids how to improve:** Feedback is always best when it has a teaching focus. So next time you pick up a child on their poor schoolwork or untidy bedroom, make sure you remind them how to do it right.
- 5. Provide the time to fail and get it right:** Modern teachers and parents are time poor. Crowded curricula and busy lifestyles make us less tolerant of failure. But as anyone who has taught a young child to do up his or her shoelaces will know, some things can't be rushed. Time and patience can be your best assets when helping kids to handle learning challenges.



Failure doesn't sit comfortably with many of us, but it's an essential element to success. The idea of a school setting aside a week to encourage their students to fail more may challenge our perceptions of the education process. But it's a very timely, very smart idea that should be adopted and adapted by schools and families everywhere.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children*.