

Year 6 Update: 9th November 2017

Dear Parents of Year 6 students,

Thank you to all the families who helped with, supported and donated towards our 'Welcome Back Breakfast' and 'Cadbury Chocolate Drive' activities over the last few weeks. Both fundraisers have proved to be successful and will help to ensure our Year 6 students enjoy an exciting final week of their primary school life.

Now that all the fundraising is almost complete with the whole-school 'Coin Round-Up' underway, we are now up to finalising the arrangements for the last week of school. This includes the **Graduation Ceremony to be held on the evening of Thursday 21st December in the Green Learning Zone** here at Chelsea Heights PS. A supervised disco with a D.J. will be held afterwards for students in the June Elliott Centre.

Activities in the Final Week

We are awaiting final confirmation of the Beach Water Safety program for the Senior School. The proposed dates are **Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December**. Notices will be sent home as soon as the Life Saving Club confirms this with the school.

The activities for Year 6 students in the final week of school are as follows:

Monday 18th December: Activities and lunch at Bicentennial Park

Tuesday 19th December: Movie at Hoyts Cinema Frankston and lunch at La Porchetta

Wednesday 20th December: Melbourne Cable Park Inflatable Course, Bangholme

Permission notices for these activities will be sent home later this term.

Committee Meeting

The next graduation committee meeting is to be held on **Monday 27th November at 3.45pm** in the Grade 6 room. The purpose of this meeting will be to look at the budget and delegate roles for putting the evening together. If you think you may be able to help with this, please come along.

Scrapbooking

Your child has no doubt told you about their Term 4 project of collating a scrapbook of their primary school years. Many students have already brought in lots of photos and craft items to use on this project. Students have the option of purchasing a photo album type scrapbook for this project, or they can use a display book from school. These books will be displayed in the entry foyer at the Graduation Ceremony.

Photos

This year we are asking parents to send in 3 photos of their child/ren to use as part of the presentation of the students at graduation. We ask that parents send a baby photo, a photo from their child's first year of school and a photo from their final year of school in a SEALED ENVELOPE to the classroom teacher by Friday 24th November. These will be scanned and returned to you.

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Supporting our students throughout their final term at Primary School

As the end of the year is a very eventful time for our Year 6 students, many of them will be facing a lot of different emotions and thoughts around growing up and the transition into high school. At Chelsea Heights PS we do our best to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students at all times, especially when they may be feeling tense or worried about changes that they are experiencing.

There are a few major issues that often crop up around this time of year that affect our students in different ways. Due to the nature of these issues, staff at Chelsea Heights PS respond rather strongly and seriously to them.

Cyber Safety/Bullying: Use of technology to harass, intimidate or insult another person. Most children in this day and age have access to mobile phones and other forms of communication technology. The impact that cyber bullying can have on children/adolescents can be devastating and parents will be notified if their child is involved in a situation of this nature.

Relationships between Male & Female Students: As this can cause many issues and repercussions that often seep into the classroom therefore affecting learning, we STRONGLY DISCOURAGE and do not tolerate ANY 'boyfriend/girlfriend' type of behaviour at school. We ENCOURAGE all of our students to develop and maintain FRIENDSHIPS with both students of the same and opposite genders. It is important that our senior students set a strong example for the rest of the school by modelling appropriate behaviour for a primary school setting. Parents will be notified if their child is involved in a situation of this nature.

Nerves/Anxiety about transition into Secondary School: Most Year 6 students will at some point feel nervous or anxious about going to Secondary School. This can be for various reasons from being worried about the work to getting lost in a big school. We have recently had the Reach Foundation run a workshop for Year 6 students to provide strategies to manage some of these feelings and ways to make strong choices in Year 7. Teachers talk frequently with the students about how they can best manage these situations and what it might be like next year in a new school. The students will have the chance to attend their Secondary School on the **Statewide Orientation Day on Tuesday 12th December**. We encourage you to talk regularly with your Year 6 student about Secondary School to help make this transition as smooth and stress free as possible.

We really appreciate your ongoing support. After all, our aim is to give your child the most exciting and memorable end to their time at Chelsea Heights Primary School that we possibly can.

Thank you,

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(Year 6 Teachers)

