



# *'The Bittern Buzz'*

*~ Newsletter ~*

Term 1—12/02/20



## Prep 2020

"When is it snack time?" "I can't find my hat."  
"Mum.... You're not my mum you're my teacher." "When can we play outside?"  
"I need a band-aid." "Why is there music playing at the end of lunchtime?"  
"Can you please open my lunch box?" "My shoe laces are undone."  
"When is it home time?" "I wonder what my mum is doing?"  
"I made lots of friends today." "I need to do a wee." "I'm tired!"

Comments heard during the first day! The students have settled in very well. A few tears on the first day (children and parents), lots of happy parents leaving to have the day to themselves, some students happy and excited to start school, some nervous. But they all came back the next day so it must have been a great first day!



### DIARY DATES 2020

#### FEBRUARY

- 14th - Free dress day—  
Gold coin donation to  
support victims of the  
recent bushfires**
- 18th - Finance meeting.  
2:15pm**
- 20th - Swim Carnival  
Years 3—6**
- 25th - Pancake day**
- 25th - School council AGM  
6pm**
- 27th - District swimming**
- 28th - Clean up Australia  
Day**
- #### MARCH
- 3rd - I Sea I Care- Moon-  
raker**
- 6th - Curriculum Day**
- 16th - Swimming lessons  
start (Years 3—6)**





We love to celebrate birthdays! We'd like to say a BIG happy birthday to....

**Sienna C**

**Jayden G**

**Ella S**

**Ryan H**



# DET Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website:

[http://www.bitternps.vic.edu.au/?page\\_id=74](http://www.bitternps.vic.edu.au/?page_id=74)



For more information about privacy, see: Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents. This information also available in nine community languages.

Family Information notices went home last week with students. Please check all details to ensure they are correct. If anything needs to be updated, please add it to the forms and return them to the front office.



# BITTERN PRESCHOOL FAIR

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

29TH FEBURARY

2:00PM-5:00PM

**BITTERN PRESCHOOL**

31 SUDHOLZ STREET, BITTERN 3918

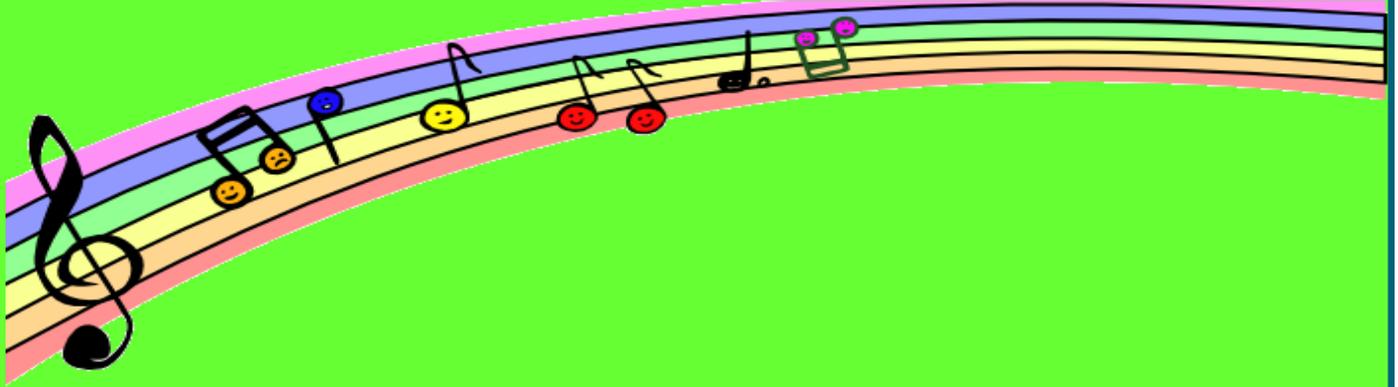
[WWW.BITTERNPRESCHOOL.COM.AU](http://WWW.BITTERNPRESCHOOL.COM.AU)

**\$15 ENTRY FOR 1ST  
CHILD, \$10 FOR  
ADDITIONAL CHILDREN**

JUMPING CASTLE, AUSKICK, SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE, MARKET STALLS, FACE PAINTING,  
ANIMAL FARM, WOODEN PAINTING AND  
MANY MORE ACTIVITIES, AND LOADS  
MORE!



# Musical Instrument Drive



As our music program at Bittern Primary School continues to expand, we are also looking to expand our collection of musical instruments. Do you have an old guitar or keyboard no longer being used? Maybe a drum kit collecting dust in the shed? Perhaps you have some percussion instruments your child has outgrown. Strings, percussion, wind, brass, electronic - whatever you have, we can use it! Even if it is broken, we would still love to have a look. Please bring anything you may wish to donate to the office or to the Library/ Music Room. PS... check out the photo of our new music space!

Thank you in advance – Nick Lewis (Music Teacher)



# Do you have a Pension/Health Care Card?

THE  
EDUCATION  
STATE

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

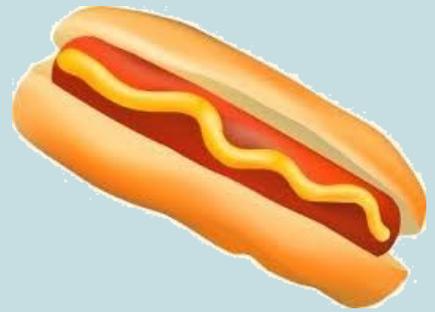
- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



# A few notes..

Please be advised that Hot dogs and Zooper Doopers are available every Friday. Please ensure your child's money is in an envelope clearly labelled for collection by the teacher.



Free Dress

Gold coin donation for free dress day on Friday 14th February. All money raised will go to support victims of the recent bushfires



A gentle reminder to pop into the office to pay the balance for your child's essential items. If you are on a payment plan, please continue regular payments. Thank you :)



# YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 24th March 2020

5pm - 7pm



*21st Century Education*

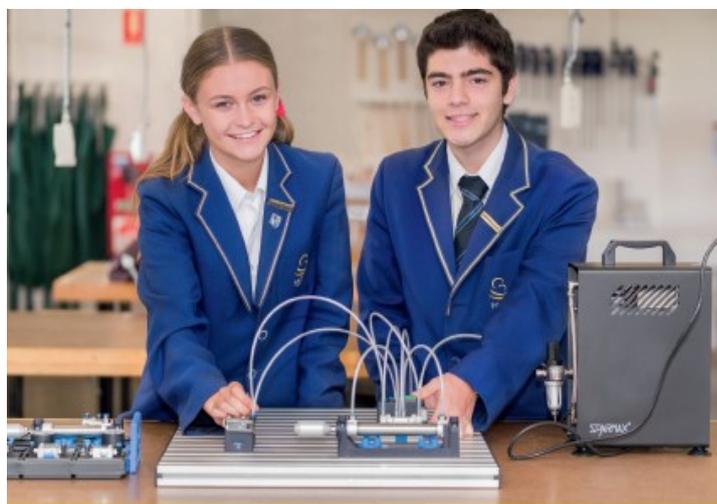
School tours, fun activities, family BBQ, live music,  
mini festival, plus free samples for VIP card holders

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Website: [www.westernportsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.westernportsc.vic.edu.au)



**TWILIGHT  
OPEN  
DAYS  
2020**

**Rosebud 7-9 Campus**

Wednesday 11 March from 4-7pm  
Inglewood Crescent T. 5982 9500

**Tyabb 7-9 Campus**

Wednesday 11 March from 4-7pm  
1385 Frankston-Flinders Road T. 5978 2700

**Mornington 7-12 Campus**

Thursday 12 March from 4-7pm  
Oakbank Road T. 5976 0100

Our Twilight Open Days give you the perfect opportunity to experience a taste of the curriculum, sporting, cultural and spiritual life that Padua College can offer your child.

**Year 7 2022 Enrolments**  
open Monday 2 March 2020 and  
close Friday 15 May 2020

Visit our website to enrol online or to book for the Twilight Open Day.

[www.padua.vic.edu.au](http://www.padua.vic.edu.au)

