

The Connection

Coldstream Primary School

6th February 2024

Respect

Compassion

Personal Best

Resilience

Diary Dates

6th February

Gr 3 – 6 Information Night

6:00 – 6:30pm

Combined Consent forms due

7th, 14th, 21st & 28th February

Prep Testing

8th February

Information Night

Prep 6:00 – 6:30pm

1/2 6:30 – 7:00pm

16th February

Young Leaders Day – Selected students

School Nurse forms due

CSEF Applications due

22nd February

Sausage sizzle - 5/6 provide treats

8th March

Curriculum Day – No school

11th March

Labour Day Holiday – No school

13th March

Twilight Sports

15th March

School Photos

21st March

Harmony Day – WALA drumming

28th March

Last Day of Term 1

Easter Bonnet Parade – 9:00am

2:30pm dismissal

From the Principal's Desk WELCOME: everyone to

the smoothest start to a school year that I have ever experienced. Children moving from Early Years into Prep have had such a seamless transition! Welcome to those 19 Preps and all the new families we are bringing into our Coldstream Community. We know that it often takes 'a village to raise a child' and I have already seen so many examples of parents stepping in to assist other families. This is just SUCH an awesome community of which to be part!

KINDER and EARLY YEARS: Wonderful also that we have started our Kinder and are in our second week with everything going swimmingly and the learning program in place to support each child's emotional, social and academic growth.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS: There are sessions on Tuesday (tomorrow) and Thursday of this week. Please take this opportunity to hear the expectations that we have for your children for the 2024 year. There is a HUGE emphasis across the school on targeted teaching to ensure your child being able to reach their potential.

CLASS PARENT REPS: This year we are looking to take some of the workload off our School Councillors. To this end we would like each grade to nominate at least two parent representatives to assist with the co-ordination of class events and sausage sizzles and to be the reference point for general questions parents might have.

If you would like to become a parent helper, please speak to your classroom teacher about ways in which you can assist our children. There will also be some vacancies on School Council this year. We will keep you posted.

ACU RESEARCH: You may recall that through our work with the Australian Catholic University, that we were cited as a **best practice playgroup in schools**. On the back of that work, we are again engaging with the ACU to undertake research into how we can better prepare children for Foundation in primary school.

LEADERSHIP: Badges will be presented by Bridget Vallance at a special assembly at 2.45 on Monday Feb 26th. Building leadership capacity is another very important building block for children's later success in life. Please ask your child how their leadership role is coming on. There are leaders at all levels of the school, and you valuing these roles is crucial to their ability to persevere with responsibility positions.

Phillippa Adgemis - Principal

Uniform

Orders and payment may be left at the office at any time to be filled and sent home with your child. Please name all your child's belongings making it easier for us to return mislaid items.

Order form at the back of the newsletter.

Student Asthma Plans

Just a reminder to all families who have a student diagnosed with Asthma that it is necessary to provide an Asthma Management Plan completed by your GP every 12 months.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps, and sporting activities.

If you have a valid (as at the commencement of school on 30th January 2024) means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card, or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$150 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you would like to apply for the CSEF payment, please contact Janet on the school email address coldstream.ps@education.vic.gov.au to ask for an application form to be sent home.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms along with a copy of your card to the school office by February 17, 2023.

Notes you may have missed.

- Kayaking (Grade 5/6)
- Digital Technologies Consent Form (return asap)
- Scholastic order due 12th February
- Student Information Update due 10th February

Attendance Champions

Prep	
1/2B	
1/2P	
3/4	
5/6	

Library Tales

Library books that are overdue need to be returned ASAP.

To continue borrowing, return or re-borrow at your next library session.

Please look after the books you borrow.



Oliver showing great respect for our school and keeping it clean of rubbish.

ASSEMBLY AWARD



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE SUPERSTARS ON RECEIVING THEIR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to Chloe and Oliver on winning the Nude Food Award



Congratulations to Red House on winning the House Points Award

From the Department of Education

Dear parents and carers

There is at present an increase in community transmission of COVID-19 in Victoria.

You can help us keep your school as safe as possible by taking two important steps:

1. Ensure your COVID-19 vaccinations are up to date. Information on how and where to get vaccinated is available on the [Get vaccinated webpage](#).
2. If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they stay home and get tested. The easiest way to test is to use a rapid antigen test (RAT).

Free RATs are available from your local council where you can collect 2 packs of 5 RATs and an extra 2 packs for each person in your household. People with disability and their carers can get 4 packs of 5 RATs. You are not required to have a Medicare card and you can collect RATs as many times as you need. You can also buy RATs at supermarkets, pharmacies, and other retailers.

If your child has symptoms but tests negative, please ensure they stay home until they no longer have symptoms.

If the RAT test result is positive, please ensure they stay home for at least 5 days and until there are no more symptoms.

Thank you for your support – these steps will help us all stay well.

Phillippa Adgemis - Principal

BUDDIES



This week has been special for the 2024 Preps as they were able to meet their Grade 6 buddies for the first time. This is an important part of school enabling our Preps to transition into school life. A bond is formed between these two grades that will be remembered by both for years to come.

FUSSY EATERS - FOOD SCHOOL EXPLORE THERAPY MOOROOLBARK, 2024

What is Food School?

The Sequential Oral Sensory (SOS) Approach to Feeding at Explore Therapy is a program run by a trained Occupational Therapist focusing on intervention for children with eating difficulties. The SOS program aims to increase the range and types of foods a child will explore. The play-based program helps children to progress through the Steps to Eating Hierarchy from tolerating, touching, smelling, and eating new and non-preferred foods. Parent information sessions are incorporated into the SOS program to encourage the child's food exploration at home. Private and NDIS funded clients suitable.

Who is Food School for?

A child is suitable for the SOS Food School if:

- they have a decreased range of foods in their diet (they will only eat a few foods/drinks)
- they are reluctant to try new foods.
- they eat different foods to the rest of the family.
- mealtimes have become a stressful time for the child and parent/s or caregiver.

Ideally, a child:

- can copy actions in pretend play.
- can sit at the table for mealtimes.
- does not have food intolerances or severe food allergies (e.g. dairy free/nut allergy)
- is aged 3—10 years.

When does Food School run?

A 1:1 assessment is required to determine if the child is suitable for the food school program. The child is then allocated to weekly group Food School sessions on Tuesdays each school term in 2024.

- 2pm pre-schoolers
- 4:15 school aged children

Please contact Rhonda Kimberley (Occupational Therapist) at Explore Therapy for more details!



Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy for Children

Lauren Planner - Principal Speech Pathologist
Rhonda Kimberley - Principal Occupational Therapist

Speech Pathology: 0432 313 615
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e: info@exploretherapy.com.au
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Sunday 18th Feb 10am-12pm
Halley Supple Reserve, Coldstream

Register: www.playhq.com/afl/register/047a27
Queries: Chris (President) - 0431 480 703

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UNIFORM ORDER

February 2024

FAMILY NAME:

DATE:

ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	SIZE	TOTAL
BOOTLEG PANTS <i>Size 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14</i>	\$20.00			
STRAIGHT LEG TRACKSUIT PANTS <i>Size 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16</i>	\$24.00			
SHORTS <i>Size 6, 8, 10, 12, 14</i>	\$23.00			
POLO SHIRT <i>Child Size 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16</i> <i>Adult Size 14, 16, 18</i>	\$32.00			
BOMBER JACKET <i>Child Size 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16</i> <i>Adult Size 14, 16,</i>	\$48.00			
WINDCHEATER <i>Child Size 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16</i> <i>Adult Size 12, 14,16</i>	\$27.00			
BROAD BRIM HAT <i>Size S, M, L, XL</i>	\$11.00			
WATERPROOF JACKET <i>Child Size 4 - 6,</i> <i>Adult Size 14 - 16</i>	\$32.00 \$36.00			
FLEECE JACKET <i>Size 8, 10</i>	\$32.00			
SCHOOL BAG	\$45.00			
PINAFORE – <i>Ordered separately</i>	\$50.00			
TOTAL			\$	

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

- CASH
- EFT
- MOTO
- DD

DIRECT DEPOSIT
 BSB:063 852
 ACCOUNT NO.:1015 4980
 Coldstream Primary School Council Official Account

RECEIPT NUMBER:



COLDSTREAM PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

PURPOSE:

A uniform reinforces in students, pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the uniform.

SCOPE:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification, with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To be readily identifiable on excursions and sporting activities.

POLICY:

- School Council supports a policy of compulsory uniform. It is the expectation of the School Council that all students wear school uniform in the school colours of navy, sky blue and white, including the wearing of wide brimmed school hats as outlined in the Sunsmart Policy.
- Following consultation with the Junior School Council and the school community, School Council developed a uniform that provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and affords families value for money. A range of uniform options are available.
- The uniform applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions, unless specified.
- The Principal is responsible for the implementation of the uniform. Sanctions may apply for breaches of the uniform guidelines.
- Students are required to bring a note of explanation should they be out of uniform for any reason.
- Details of the student uniform items and places of purchase will be published in the school newsletter at the start of each year. A price list is available at the office. The cost of the uniform will be kept as low as possible.
- Summer and winter uniforms are available and should be worn to match climatic conditions.
- School socks, hair ties and headbands should be worn in school colours of navy, sky blue and white only.

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- Scarves may be worn to and from school but not during recess and lunch play.
- Watches, Medical I.D., **stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears are the only acceptable jewellery**. Students wearing any items other than those listed will be asked to remove them. This is in the interest of the student's safety.
- **Unnatural hair colours**, (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) **are permissible only for special events such as sports days or dress up days. Extreme hairstyles**, (eg: spikes or Mohawks) **are strongly discouraged**.
- To minimize the spread of head lice, students with long hair are required to have their hair tied back as a preventative measure. (Refer Head Lice Policy)
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school. If there is a medical reason that some make up eg. Concealer needs to be worn; a letter of explanation, signed by a parent must be presented to the class teacher. **Nails need to be of a functional length that will not risk injury to self or others**.
- The only headwear that is acceptable shall be the school wide brimmed Sunsmart hats, consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside from September 1 to April 30. Navy blue beanies may be worn in winter, to and from school. Hats are not to be worn inside, except for extenuating circumstances or medical reasons.
- Students are required to wear supportive, well fitting shoes or runners at all times. Under no circumstances, including days of free dress, are open toe sandals or thongs to be worn. Slip on shoes are not considered suitable shoes for school. Shoes with rollers on the sole are considered to be unsafe at school. Students' shoes should be suitable for the activities undertaken on the day, eg. Runners are recommended on days of Physical Education.
- The Uniform shop will also offer second hand uniform as stock allows.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the uniform due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council, through the Principal.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- **Available publicly on our school's website**
- **Made available in hard copy from the general office upon request**

Policy last reviewed	July 2023
Approved by	Principal & School Council
Next scheduled review date	2027