



MILL PARK HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL VALUES:

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY & TRUST, CARE & COMPASSION, PERSONAL BEST AND TEAM WORK

OUR VISION:

Our students can be critical and creative thinkers who are resilient and valuable contributors to a global society.

OUR MISSION:

To ensure high quality instruction that maximises the individual potential and growth of all students.

Hello to our MPHPS Community

Week 2 has begun and here we are back in remote learning. Thank you for making this such an easy transition and for supporting the staff and students by staying home where possible. As more children and students move to online learning, we ask you to please be mindful of social etiquette by not taking screen shots of students or WebEx meetings as some families are not keen to have their children saved in pictures. We ask you to please observe this request as it has caused some angst to families who wish to participate in the communication element but in a confidential manner. In regards to health and well being, Department of Education and Ministerial directives have now seen us include masks onsite as a non negotiable. The following information has been shared with the staff to begin Week 2:

1. Face masks are to be worn at all times on a school site, except when a teacher is directly involved in student instruction in the classroom.
2. Walking around school grounds, supervising yard duty, in the staff lounge, working in the office, all require a facemask being worn.
3. The only time at MPHPS we would consider it safe to not wear your mask, would be when you are isolated in your classroom/office.
4. Primary school children are not required to wear a mask, however, this is based on parent discretion.
5. Disposable and reusable masks are currently being delivered to school during this week.

We will continue to keep you informed of updates and expectations as they come through. As always, safety of our students and staff is paramount and we will maintain this in all circumstances.

While we continue to provide remote learning, many of our school responsibilities remain business as usual. We are in the process of Workforce Planning for 2021 and are working through our staffing, Strategic Plan targets and goals and our budget position. We are still required to provide this information to the DET and show responsible and timely management of the school. Our School Council and Finance committee met on Monday with a key focus on looking at how the school is managing at the moment and how we are planning to move forward. School Council is an extremely important committee that provides a reflective lens on programs and processes.

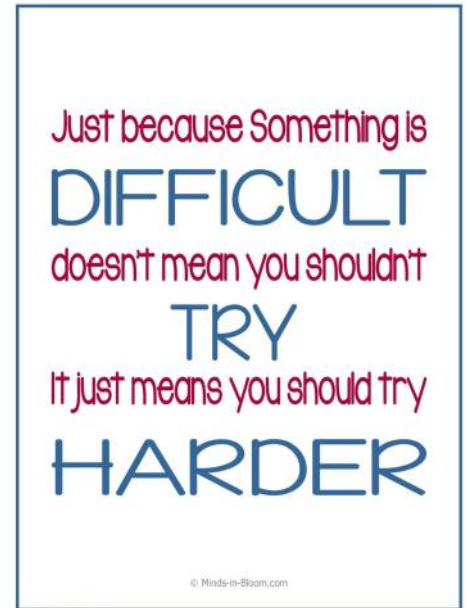
As part of our discussion we have determined that regrettably, due to COVID-19 and further restrictions, both Swimming and the remainder of Inter Schools Sports will not be occurring this year. Parents who have paid for Swimming will receive a letter shortly related to that payment and options for either a redirection of the payment or refund.

In relation to Inter School Sports (ISS) or the alternative sports program, during the first half of the year students participated in 7 weeks of this program. ISS included catching buses to games and participating in the school's sports program. ASP was run by external providers.

We have calculated the cost of the partial program to be \$55, if you have paid the full \$95 a credit of \$40 is being held in your school account. You will receive a letter shortly related to that payment and options for either a redirection of the payment or refund. Any payments made using CSEF will be refunded and held on the account for future use. Please note if your child is currently in Year 6 and swimming and/or Inter School Sports was paid by CSEF then this will remain as a credit on your account to be used for future excursions/incursion or transferred to High School in 2021.

This is a most unique year and I sincerely thank you for your flexibility in changes to some of our school based processes. I wish you all a wonderful week and encourage you to keep happy, safe and well.

Cheers, Chris Beare, Principal



FOR PARENTS ~ CSEF PAYMENTS

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses 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 achievements. **CSEF will be provided to 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 issued prior to 14th April 2020, 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.

If you have not applied for CSEF before and are new to our school or hold a Current Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Gold Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

Don't forget to drop in and complete forms, supply a copy of your card and we can apply for the \$125 per student for you. **How to Apply:** Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. If you have already completed this last year then there is no need to complete it again. Application forms are available at the office.

CLOSING DATE: THIS FRIDAY, 24TH JULY 2020

FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE LIBRARY

Don't forget that all Book Club orders are due in **TOMORROW** (Thursday 23rd July 2020) by 9am.

What We
LEARN
BECOMES A PART OF
WHO WE
ARE

IN A
WORLD
WHERE
YOU
CAN BE
ANYTHING,
BE KIND.

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Available at **MILL PARK HEIGHTS PS**



UNITED MINDS
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

- This service is available to all students
- Students may be eligible for up to 10 bulk billed sessions with us, providing they have a valid referral (Mental Health Care Plan) from a GP
- We are available on-site at the school every Monday and Wednesday

To make an appointment, please contact Kate Stimpson at Mill Park Heights Primary School on 9436 8866.



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