



Chewton

Primary School 1054



Community-Inclusion-Curiosity-Integrity

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Chewton Primary School Values			
Community	Inclusion	Curiosity	Integrity
Work and play together across the school Acceptance and sense of belonging Strong and active partnerships between students, staff, families and the community. Active participation in all structures, networks – class, whole school, family and community.	Include and respect all types of people Celebrate and respect differences and diversity	Questioning ideas, beliefs Challenging old thoughts Wondering why/how? Developing new interests	Be honest, even if you are in the wrong To consistently uphold the values of our school

Student Values Awards

Staff	Value	Awarded to	For
Emma	Community	Gr 1s in P/1	Helping to guide the Preps through the first week of school
Renee	Integrity	Archie Culph	Great listening in the classroom
Nicole	Integrity	Jemilah Van Eyk	Picking up rubbish that was not hers without anyone watching
Scott	Integrity	Leila Veracini Shamier	Being an excellent buddy during our swimming program
Mrs Eddy	Community	Oscar Vasilenko	Active participation in the swimming program

Star Learner of the Week

Staff	Curriculum	Awarded to	For
Emma	Reading	Akira	The effort he has put into his reading over the holidays and the huge improvement that he has made
Renee	Numeracy	Eidel Graham	Working hard to develop her understanding of skip counting and number patterns
Nicole	Writing	Jojo Muscat	Working hard in writing and finding the action verb
Scott	All	Aiden Jury	His brilliant effort in all areas, congratulations on a great start to the year!
Mrs Eddy	Reading	Nathan Peter	Reading his book confidently



Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staff have reflected on how we reinforce the school values and have chosen to continue to recognise students demonstrating the school values by acknowledging and rewarding this at assembly each Monday morning. In Term 1, we have decided to reward students for demonstrating any one of the four values. The four values include; Community, Inclusion, Curiosity, Integrity. Staff also wanted to take the opportunity to celebrate student achievement across curriculum areas in order to recognise effort and growth in learning. This will be known as the star learner of the week award and it will also be rewarded at assembly each Monday morning. All award recipients will be announced in the Friday newsletters and will be awarded their certificates the following Monday. We invite families and friends to attend the assembly and celebrate these rewards with us.

I have had the opportunity to listen to students read over the past week and have been very impressed. Children of all ages have shared with me their love of books, authors and topics that they enjoy. We are very fortunate to have a variety of reading material for children to select from at Chewton Primary School. It is important for children of all ages to select from a variety of text and to read every night. It is also very important that children are able to practice with a book that is "Just Right" for them regularly. This will provide them with the opportunity to practice the skills, knowledge and understanding for reading that they have been learning in the classroom. If you are unsure if your child is reading a book that is "Just Right" for their reading skills, please see your child's teacher and they will be able to support you.

I would like to offer families with the opportunity to purchase a book bag for \$15 from the office and/or a reading diary for \$5. Reading diaries can support students to track their home reading routine and set reading goals. Book bags support students to carry their favourite books to and from home and also provide a safe place to keep notes and share home/school learning. If you would like to purchase a book bag or a reading diary, please send money along to school by the end of next week in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name and your order required. On Friday 15th February, I will place the order.



It has been a very busy week with swimming in the afternoon. The children are all doing their absolute best in the pool and are challenging themselves to try new swimming and water safety skills and strokes. It is nice to see children encouraging each other and celebrating each person's success. We look forward to another week of swimming. Please, if your child is missing anything from swimming or school, look through the many items in the lost property.

Children are settling into their new learning spaces for 2019 and teachers are taking every opportunity to get to build relationships and ensure all children are comfortable, happy and engaged in learning. Teachers plan for reading, writing and numeracy lessons to occur in the hours before lunch as children are able to sustain the learning power that is required for the learning that is deliberately designed within their zone of proximal development. While children are settling into their new learning spaces, we ask that the hours before lunch be uninterrupted hours of learning. We value family engagement in learning and would like to invite families to take every opportunity to visit and assist children in classrooms as long as it is prearranged with the classroom teacher.

Thanks
Marita Eddy

Dates to Remember – 2019		
Term 1		
February		
Mon 4 th - Fri 15 th	1:30-3:30	School Swimming Program
Mon 11 th	9:30 am	Finance Meeting
Mon 11 th	10:00 am	School Crossing P/1/2
Thurs 14 th	6:30 pm	School Council Meeting
Fri 15 th	1:30-3:30 pm	Swimming Fun Carnival
Mon 18 th	3:45-4:45 pm	Autism Support Group
Mon 18 th	5:00-7:00 pm	Welcome Picnic/Pizza
Wed 20 th	9:00-11:00 am	Responsible Pet Ownership
Mon 25 th – Tues 26 th	3:30-6:30 pm	Parent Teacher Interviews
March		
Sat 2 nd	Morning	BBQ Fundraiser
Mon 11 th	No school	Labour Day Holiday
Fri 15 th		Athletics Day – Taradale Cricket Ground
Mon 18 th	3:45-4:45 pm	Autism Support Group
Thurs 21 st	6:00 pm	School Council AGM
Fri 22 nd	No school	Curriculum Day
Tue 26 th		Netball/AFL 9s Grade 3/4
Wed 27 th		Netball/AFL 9s Grade 5/6
Tue 19		Harmony Day
April		
Wed 3 rd		School Photos (TBC)
Thurs 4 th		Bike Ed: Mountain bike path 3-6 Harcourt
Fri 5 th	Morning	Sally's Wedding Breakfast (whole school)
Fri 5 th	2:30pm dismissal	End of Term 1

Term Dates – 2019

- Term 1: Wednesday February 30th to Friday April 5th
 Term 2: Tuesday April 23rd to Friday June 28th
 Term 3: Monday July 15th to Friday September 20th
 Term 4: Monday October 7th to Friday December 20th

Planned Power Outage – Wednesday 13th February

Chewton Primary School will experience a planned power outage on Wednesday 13th February between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. School will run as usual on this day and it will be a great opportunity for students to experience learning without lights, fans, coolers, internet and technologies. Teachers are looking forward to maximising the opportunities that a day of no power will provide. We plan to charge the school phone and school mobile phone to ensure there will be communication access to the school at all times. The school mobile number is 0466 331 529. The swimming program will continue as usual as the pool will not be without power on this day.

Sign in/Sign out Book

Please remember to sign your child into school if they arrive after 9:10 am. By 9:10 am the class roll will have already been completed by your child's teacher and collected for Sally to process. Sally uses the sign in book to check the time of arrival for students and to ensure that they are not marked as absent for the entire day. It is really important that we are aware of the names of all students that are in the school at all times in the case of an emergency. Visitors are also required to use the visitor sign in and sign out book so that we are aware of all adults that are in the school at all times in the case of an emergency.

Book Club

Book club order forms have been handed out for issue one. Orders can be done online or by returning the form and money to the school. Please return orders by FRIDAY 15th February.

CSEF – Camps Sports Excursion Fund

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for the Sports/Camps/Excursion Fund. Payments of \$125 per year for eligible primary school students are made directly to the school and are tied to the student to be used for Camps, sporting events and excursions. The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, or formals/graduations. If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf.

You will only need to submit an application form in 2018 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply at the same school in 2017 or
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Schools are able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year.

There are pink forms on the hallway table, please complete and return asap.

Please see Sally for any further clarification.

Keeping our Kids Safe

Parents are able to take photos of other children as part of school events however these images must never be placed on internet sites including all social media. Names must never be attached to images. As a school, most parents have given permission for photos to share on our school website, Chewton Chat and other promotional sites. You are able to withdraw permission at any time. First names only are used.

Working with Children's Checks

Please go online and fill out an application form. Checks are free when you volunteer at our school and are required for camps, excursions, playgroups and many other programs

Parent teacher interviews

Formal interviews will be in week 5 of Term 1 on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th February. Parents will be able to sign up for a time from week 3. There will be a list of times on your child's classroom door. If these days and times are not suitable for your needs, please negotiate another time with your child's teacher. Please continue to connect with all staff across the school at all times. We welcome regular communication and casual hellos. Close contact with your child's school makes a huge difference to the educational and social/emotional outcomes of all children. The Chewton Primary School community is leading the way in this area and family/school/community partnerships are certainly valued by all.

Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival will be on the last day of swimming, Friday the 15th February 2:00pm to 3:15. All children will be in their house teams. Prep and new students will be informed of their house team with family members being placed in the same team. All students will be informed of their team this week. Everyone is welcome to attend the swimming carnival. Please ensure that all children 5 years and under are within arm's length of an adult at all times while in and around water.

Autism Support Group Meeting

Monday 18th 3:45-4:45

Helpers

There are many small and large ways that you can be involved with our school. I will have a list at the sign in table where you can put your name to any jobs around the school that are of interest to you. Please add any ideas to the list that we may not have thought of yet.

Some examples for helping may include

- Working in the vegetable garden with small groups of children
- Grounds and Buildings
- Friends of the Arts
- Breakfast Club
- Helpers in the classroom
- Hearing children read
- Helping with computer programs
- Taking a group for maths
- Book covering
- Library shelve sorting
- Art room helpers (Friday)
- Consider joining School Council. Details next week
- Lunch days (2 a term)
- Typing stories
- Add your own ideas

Welcome Family Tea – Picnic/Pizza

5:00-7:00pm Monday 18th February

Please join us for this family friendly event to meet new families, mix with old friends and talk to staff members.

This is a BYO food and drink event (no alcohol)

- The pizza oven will be fired up and families are very welcome to bring any food item they would like to cook in the oven.
- There is also a BBQ option or you might just bring a picnic.
- Please bring food down from the BBQ area to eat as a whole group around the pizza oven.
- Children will be the responsibility of parents.

