From The Principal...

Dear Parents/Carers

We are moving towards making COMPASS our communication platform. Our newsletters are now uploaded to COMPASS. The COMPASS website address is https://rowvilleps.vic.jdlf.com.au/. We have sent letters to families who have not yet logged onto COMPASS. Please contact the school office on 9764 1955 if you require support or guidance.

The week commenced with me celebrating my birthday with two students who also shared my special date and one student who celebrated their birthday on the Sunday.

All families have received notification of the call for nominations for the 2016 School Council. Nominations close on Friday 12th February. The last meeting of the current School Council will be Wednesday 24th February. A combined meeting of the current and new school council will be held at the Mulgrave Country Club on Wednesday 23rd March at 6.00pm.

A Meet the Teacher evening will be held on Tuesday 16th February from 3.30pm - 8.00pm, bookings can be made through COMPASS. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the new class teacher. Alternatively, parents may make a time to catch up with their child’s teacher at a mutually convenient time.

Please log in to COMPASS and go to this area to book your meeting.

Our 2016 foundation students met their year six buddies on the second day of the school year. Our Year Six students are charged with the responsibility of assisting their Foundation buddy to settle into school life. We captured some of our Year Six students with their Foundation buddies and the images show the relationships that are developing.

It has been a difficult start to the school year for some schools that have experienced threatening hoax phone calls. All schools are required to develop an Emergency Management Plan. The plan includes a schedule of practice drills. I would like to assure all parents that we have a plan and that over the course of the year we will be undertaking a range of drills.

Anne Babich
Principal
From The Assistant Principal...

At an August assembly last year I launched the theme of ‘extraordinary effort’ with our students. It was a way of celebrating not only academic excellence but also recognising the achievements of our students in their endeavors outside of school. I have spoken of this at subsequent assemblies many times and have often written about this and included wonderful examples of student achievements in my newsletter article. Indeed, I will continue to do this although I thought that being a new year we might have a slightly different focus. At our assembly on Monday I spoke of the importance of effort. I gave this a working title of ‘Aim high!’ and expanded on this adding that ‘you won’t know what is possible until you try’. It is the effort that we put in that most often determines whether we will achieve extraordinary things or not.

It is also important to note that the outcome does not necessarily need to be a successful one in order to have lived up to this ideal of aiming high. It is about the effort that is invested. To illustrate this, consider someone that sets themselves the goal of running their first ever marathon. They train every day in the lead up to the event with the aim of improving their fitness. They run the marathon and finish although they are the last person to cross the line. They have still achieved their goal and have shown both an extraordinary effort and what is possible if you put your mind to it.

The first example that I used to describe a student that has indeed lived up to the challenge of aiming high was Heath L of Year 5. Over the Summer vacation he decided that he wanted to be the ‘best in the world’ at Mathletics. Logging on to the computer, he proceeded to spend six hours intently focused on the task at hand. At the conclusion of this extended block of time he had accrued over 11,000 points and was ranked the Number 1 student in the world. As we know with Mathletics, the leaderboard can change very quickly, but Heath has a screen shot of his world ranking as evidence that on this day he achieved his goal. It would have been easy for him to say ‘I won’t make it’ or ‘it’s impossible’ but he did not. He aimed high and gave it a go and showed great determination and perseverance. It paid off. A perfect example of ‘you don’t know what is possible until you try.’ Well done Heath. I look forward to including many more examples of where our children have shown that they have aimed high each week throughout the year.

It was also a special assembly on Monday because we celebrated Ms Babich’s birthday. Far from declaring it a public holiday, it was decided that we would run a competition to caption a photo of Ms Babich. As she is a deep and reflective thinker and a passionate writer, the captions need to explain what it is that has her so perplexed in the photograph. The entries that are judged to be the best will win a lunch date with Ms Babich where the lucky students will have the opportunity to discuss her writing with her.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Stuart Boyle
Assistant Principal
Congratulations to the following students who were presented with an award at our Monday morning assembly. These awards were given to students who have made significant achievements in Writing - Writer’s Notebooks

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<td>Making a positive start to writing workshop by making sure she has all the materials ready for writing.</td>
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<td>Foundation B</td>
<td>Inara A</td>
<td>Making a great start to 2016 by setting up her writing space so that she is ready to start her writing. Well Done Inara!</td>
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<td>Foundation C</td>
<td>Addison R</td>
<td>Making a fantastic start to 2016 at Rowville Primary School by making sure her writing space is set up so that she is ready for writing.</td>
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<td>Jessie L</td>
<td>Setting very high writing expectations by producing good quality and volume of writing to start the year.</td>
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<td>Dylan B</td>
<td>Making an excellent start to 2016 by organising his writing space and showing excellent stamina.</td>
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<td>Isabel P</td>
<td>Displaying enthusiasm while gathering her thoughts and ideas in her Writer’s Notebook.</td>
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<td>Sanya K</td>
<td>Making an excellent start to her Writer’s Notebook and beginning to record her seeds.</td>
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<td>4A</td>
<td>Lola M</td>
<td>Beginning the year with multiple entries into her Writer’s Notebook to inspire her writing.</td>
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<td>Georgia S</td>
<td>Making a fantastic start to 2016 and at Rowville Primary School by taking ownership of her Writer’s Notebook and adding memorabilia to it frequently.</td>
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<td>Lily F</td>
<td>Working diligently to record her inspirations in her Writer’s Notebook.</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Arwa S</td>
<td>Making a wonderful start to the year with her Writer’s Notebook. Arwa has taken on outstanding initiative on including several snapshots throughout her holidays.</td>
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<td>Tyler B</td>
<td>Composing an interesting descriptive story, using her Writer’s Notebook that engages her audience.</td>
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<td>Tegan W</td>
<td>Believing in the power of her Writer’s Notebook and for using an artefact to inspire several seed ideas.</td>
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<td>Alyssa S</td>
<td>Making an excellent start to her Writer’s Notebook for 2016. Alyssa has taken great pride in setting up her book and has begun to plant meaningful ‘seeds’ to help inspire her writing.</td>
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<td>Tenaya F</td>
<td>Recording meaningful seeds in her Writer's Notebook to inspire her writing. Tenaya takes great pride in her Writer’s Notebook and we look forward to seeing these seeds grow.</td>
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**2016 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION**

Is your child interested in joining our instrumental music program at Rowville Primary School?

**Music Makers**

are offering keyboard, guitar, voice, drum kit, bass guitar and ukulele lessons starting from 22nd February 2016.

A brief information session will be held on Tuesday the 16th February 2016 at 3.30pm in the Performing Arts Room.

Enrolment forms will be available at the School Office.
**DIARY OF EVENTS**

All dates for school events can be viewed in the calendar on Compass


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**Nut, Kiwi Fruit & Egg Alert**

Within Rowville Primary School we have students with allergies to nuts, eggs and kiwi fruit. When sending food to school either for snack, lunch or to share for a birthday celebration, please read the product label and ensure that it does not contain nuts and avoid sending kiwi fruit and eggs (egg sandwiches, hard boiled eggs etc).

*Please remember this for the class party food.*

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**Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps & Slapped Cheek**

We wish to advise families at Rowville Primary School, that a parent and two student in our school community are currently receiving medical treatment and as such have a suppressed immune system.

A major concern is if this parent or student develops Measles, Chickenpox or Slapped Cheek, they can become seriously ill.

We seek your cooperation in preventing this situation.

If your son/daughter has or may have measles, mumps, chickenpox or slapped cheek it is requested that you do not send them to school during this period and notify the class teacher or school office as soon as possible.

Children with Chickenpox must not attend school and need to remain at home until all blisters have dried which is usually at least 5 days after the rash appears. Children with Measles must not attend school and need to remain at home until the rash has cleared and 4 days after the rash appears.

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**Commonwealth Bank School Banking**

School Banking Day is Friday.

If you would like to open a school bank account please go to your local Commonwealth Bank branch and mention Rowville Primary School. Our school receives $5 for every new account opened.

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**Rowville Kids Café News**

**Specials Menu**

**POPCORN MONDAY**

Recess Only

Freshly Popped Popcorn $1.00

**Monday Lunch order only**

Delish Fish Burger, CookieLishis and a choice of drink (Big M, Just Juice or Water)

$7.00

**SUSHI HANDBROLL TUESDAY**

Lunch order only

- Crispy Chicken $3.00
- Tuna and Avocado (GF) $3.00
- Avocado & Cucumber (V, GF) $3.00
- Teriyaki Chicken $3.00

*Soy Sauce will only be provided on request – please note on order*

**Wacky WEDNESDAY**

Lunch order only

- Chicken Chippies (bag of 6) $3.00 a bag

*A copy of the full café menu is available on the website: rowville.ps.vic.edu.au*

**Thank you to our helpers for next week**

- Monday 15th February  
  N. Thomson
- Tuesday 16th February  
  L. McConnochie
- Wednesday 17th February  
  S. Faraji
- Thursday 18th February  
  T. Denman
- Friday 19th February  
  C. Bartlett,
  L. Shore & H. Haynes

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“Calling all Green Thumbs”

On Monday 15th February the following grades will be working in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. We are asking parents, carers, grandparents and friends to volunteer to help assist the students during this time.

- 2C - 11.15am
- 2B - 11.55am
- 2A - 12.35pm
Mathletics News

Congratulations to the following students who earned Mathletics Certificates this year!

Gold Certificates

Olivia N  Jonathan L  Dindin W  Danica C  Nathaniel L

Silver Certificates

Jenna C  Neha C  Lucas N  Heath L  Celina B
Dhruti S  Elizabeth H  Cedric C  Chloe S
Isabella T  Adrian S  Ebony G  Shaun R
Jake D  Kaylee A  Jasmine S  Shiyao H

Bronze Certificates

Shaun L  Isabella T  Neha C  Disha A  Dandan W
Ella F  Lily Z  Zach H  Alesha M  Heath L
Lachlan W  Jake D  Elizabeth H  Lucas N  William S
Nicole L  Michael M  Adrian S  Cedric C  Nathaniel L
Joshua S  Ashley M  Aanya P  Shivonne A  Shiyao H
Nouman F  Isabel P  Jonathan L  Ebony G  Grace C
Jenna C  Eloise R  Tanvi P  Ximing D  Ty T
Olivia N  George S  Hayley M  Jamie B  Martim V
Nicolas S  Prachee A  Kaylee A  Jasmine S  Evelyn H
Aiden S  Ayden B  Albena R  Simone R  Ethan S

Sun Smart Policy - No Hat No Play - 1st September to 30th April

Part of our Sun smart policy at Rowville Primary School is that students should wear the official school uniform wide brimmed hat when outdoors from 1st September to the 30th April. We urge all parents to protect their children for now and the future by purchasing a school hat. Students are also encouraged to apply sunscreen (SPF 30 + 20 mins prior to outdoor activity) provided by parents. Please place the students name on the sunscreen container.

Please encourage your children to have their hat at school each day. Hats are available from our uniform supplier Klad Sport, Factory 8 Macro Court, Rowville.

FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS 2017

Rowville Primary School is now accepting enrolments for 2017. Children who turn five by April 30th of the enrolment year are eligible to attend school. When transferring from interstate, overseas or from a local school it is helpful if a written report is available at the time of enrolment. Group tour information will be available soon.

Enrolment forms are available online http://www.rowvilleps.vic.edu.au/index.php/enrolments/enrolment-information or from the office.
On Thursday 4th February, Rowville Primary School Years 3 to 6 students took part in the NRL Community Carnival.

The students were involved in an interactive presentation on ‘Wellbeing’ which focused on the importance of physical activity, healthy eating, adequate sleep and belonging. Two NRL Melbourne Storm players, including Captain Cameron Smith, joined in the fun and games and helped promote the ‘Wellbeing’ message. It was a great afternoon!

Paris: “It was fun being a part of the white team, which was Tim’s team.”

Nicholas: “I liked playing the ball game as it helped us learn about teamwork. My team scored 19 points”

Dakota: “I was really happy that the NRL players came. The Storm captain was the leader of our team and they talked about us needing water to stay hydrated.”

Mary: “I enjoyed the Heads and Tails game. I learnt about how much sleep I should get and that you should get healthy by drinking water, getting enough sleep and working in a team.”

Summer: “I was on Cameron’s purple team and in all the games we worked as a team and purple won 3 out of 4 games.”

Sophia: “I enjoyed playing Heads and Tails and learnt about what was true and false about hydration. I learnt that if you work together as a team you will feel better about yourself.”
LUCKY JAR COMPETITION

Only five weeks to go until our Twilight Fete. The Lucky Jar competition is back on so get your jars into the house tubs in front of the office as soon as possible.

Every jar will need to be decorated in the students’ house colour; this can be done with a fabric swatch on top, stickers or paint. Each jar will be awarded one house point and all points will go towards the house cup awarded at the end of the year. A running tally will be kept throughout term 4 this year and the start of term 1 next year and announced at assemblies throughout.

The house that accumulates the most points in this competition will gain possession of the coveted Lucky Jar Cup until the next fete.

Jars will need to be filled with items of your choice that may be appealing to children or others. Some ideas may be toys, stationery (erasers, paperclips, sticky notes etc), hair ties, ribbons, lollies or anything you can think of that people would be happy to receive, (Keep in mind best before dates if putting lollies or other foodstuffs in). Try to keep items as gender neutral as possible. Jars can be of any shape or size, re-purposed or store bought. Have fun, be creative.

Jars will be collected until Friday 4th March 2016 with the winners announced at assembly on Monday 7th March 2016. Please hand your jars in to the office. Remember you can donate more than one – the more you donate, the more points for your house!

Results from the end of 2015 are as follows:

Bergin       0
Franklin     1
Clow          2
Lonsdale  10

Rowville Primary School Fete Committee
Imagine if each Rowville Primary School family did ‘Just One Thing’ for the Twilight School Fete, either on the night, in the lead up or after the event....

Twilight Fete Committee’s Wish List....

- Are you a Master Chef ‘want to be’ and can help with food preparation on Friday 18th March?
- Can you take a day off to help set up on Thursday 17th or Friday 18th March?
- Know someone with a refrigerated van we could use on Fete night?
- Are you a butcher that could offer us a good deal on mince, roast pork, roast beef and chicken fillets?
- Where can we get free hay bales or borrow them for sitting on or cordonning off areas?
- Do you have a plastic trestle table we could borrow?
- Do you have flood lights on a stand we could borrow?
- Do you have a spare refrigerator or freezer we could borrow?
- Can you work a deep fryer for hot jam donuts or chips?
- Can you lend us a pop up marquee or market umbrellas?
- Lend us water containers to weigh down marquees?
- Can you access food service goods at cost price? Do you work at PFD Foods, Stambos, Campbells Cash & Carry, Costco or Coke?
- Do you work for an employer that would be generous with a donation for a major raffle or spinning wheel prize? 1000 house points for your child is on offer.
- Do you have access to a pie warmer, bain marie with lids, food warmer, electric frypan or slow cooker we could borrow?
- Are you a barista, willing to donate your time if we can source equipment and resources?
- Do you have contacts in the entertainment industry - singers or bands willing to donate their time?
- Do you have towing capacity of 1.7 tonne, to tow 3 light towers on Friday 18th March?
- Can you access cost price or donate food grade sanitiser?
- Can you access cost price or donate disposable plates, utensils, napkins, rubbish bags etc.?
- Are you a baker? We need bread.
- Would you like to co-ordinate a Devonshire tea area?
- Do you belong to a church or scout/guides group that would lend us chairs and trestle or round café style tables?
- Can you help collect items with a trailer in the days leading up to the Fete and return them to a supplier after the fact?
- Can you donate a quantity of terracotta pots for painting or donate blocks of chocolate?

There are lots of ways you can help ......eager to grant our wish? We would be delighted to hear from you, fill in your details below, text Tania on 0423593511 or contact us with details via forps@rowvilleps.vic.edu.au.

Name: _______________________________       Contact Number: __________________________
Email: _______________________________     How might you like to assist? _______________________________
Get Your 2016 Twilight Fete Ride Wristbands
Now and Save!

5 Hours of Unlimited Rides
Pre-order for only $30

Unlimited ride wristbands for the 2016 Twilight Fete on Friday 18th March 2016 are NOW on sale at the school office for a discounted price of $30.00.

Wristbands allow unlimited rides on the Cha Cha, Ocean Adventure Slide, Cup & Saucer, Kite Flyer and the Camelot’s Jumping Castle from 3.30pm until 8.30pm. The discounted price is available until Wednesday 16th March 2016. On the day of the Fete, wrist bands will be available for $35.00. Prepaid wrist bands for Rowville Primary School students will be distributed to your child in their classroom on the day of the Fete. Please keep your receipt as proof of payment and to claim any extra wristbands ordered for siblings or friends from the ticket booth on the night.

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2016 Twilight Fete Ride Wristband Order Form

Complete and return with payment by Wednesday 16th March 2016

I would like to order…………….. Ride Wristbands at a cost of $30.00 each.

Total Amount Enclosed $………………

Child’s Name………………………….. Grade…………

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Or Sibling / Friend □

Parent/Carer’s Name……………………………… Contact number…………………………

Parent/Carer’s Signature:……………………………………………………………………………………………………

I wish to pay by: □ cash □ cheque (made payable to Rowville Primary School)

□ I have paid by BPAY Receipt #…………………… Contact Date …………………..by 11th March 2016

□ credit card (please complete details below)

PLEASE CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD

□ MASTERCARD □ VISA AMOUNT: $ _____________

(Please note: Debit Cards, American Express & Diners Club not accepted)

CARD NUMBER: □□□□ □□□□ □□□□ □□□□ □□□□ □□□□ □□□□ □□□□ Expiry Date: / /

CARD HOLDER’S NAME (Please Print) CARD HOLDERS ADDRESS CARD HOLDER’S SIGNATURE DATE
Upper Ferntree Gully Junior Football Club

Upper Ferntree Gully Junior Football Club are a family club focused on the development and enjoyment of the game for all our members and we are seeking players for our U8 & U10 teams.

We are based at Dobson Reserve, corner Francis Cres & Dorset Rd, Ferntree Gully with pre-season training for Under 8’s (born in 2008) & Under 10’s (born in 2006) commencing early March.

Please contact our Club Secretary Jo Fiscalini for more information or to register your interest via email: upperferntreegullyjnr@efl.org.au
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Rowville Primary School

School Name

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb

State

Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | OR

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant ___________________________ Date __/__/____
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

Closing Date

Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 28 February 2016, so that payments can be made from March 2016. However schools can accept parent applications up until 03 June 2016.

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
Please present your completed application form and current health care card at the school office.

Completed form due 29th February 2016 for school payment in March.

Late application accepted until 3rd June 2016

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 will be 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.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef