



DECEMBER 15TH | WEEK 11 | TERM 4, 2023

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR

Monday December 18th

Tuesday December 19th

Wednesday December 20th

Tuesday January 30th

Final Assembly - 2:30pm Start in MPB

Last Day for Students - 3:30pm Finish

Curriculum Day - No School for Students

2024 First Day Back at School

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Families,

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2023. It has been a privilege leading Creswick Primary School for the second half of this year and I look forward to working with the community next year and beyond.

### Grade 6 Graduates

Monday night saw our 30 Year 6 Students graduate from Creswick Primary School. It was a full house in the MPB where families, students and teachers came together to celebrate 7 years of schooling. We would like to acknowledge and thank the students and their families for their contributions to our school and the greater community.

### Whole School Transition Day

On Tuesday, we had a wonderful day with our 2024 students in their new classes. Our students and staff all enjoyed getting to know each other. Thank you to the staff for all their work preparing for the day.

### 2024 School Times

Thank you to the many families who participated in the School Finishing Times survey. At the school council last night, we agreed to leave the finishing time at 3.30 pm for the beginning of the 2024 school year.

### Reports

On Monday, the Semester 2 reports will be released via Compass. I will send out a Compass notification when they are available for you to access.

### 2024 Starting Day

Our first school day next year will be Tuesday 30th January. We look forward to seeing all of our students and families back on this day.

I would like to wish all of our families a very happy and safe Festive Season. We look forward to seeing you all back in 2024.

Thank you, and have a nice week.

Helen

# Prep Transition

## Get Set For Prep! 2024 Prep Transition Sessions

Our 2024 Preps have been visiting school over the past few weeks for their transition sessions. They have been participating in a range of play-based learning activities, doing some art, sharing stories with their Grade 4 buddies, playing in the playground, and going on a "Bear Hunt" looking for clues around the school. It is wonderful to see how quickly they have settled in, and how excited they are to start school next year!



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Term 4, Week 9



**PERSONAL BEST**



**RESPECT**



**RESPONSIBILITY**



**SAFETY**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>VALUE</b>	<b>REASON</b>
PREP S	Patrick H	Personal Best	For always writing amazing sentences for your 'Little Red Riding Hood' retell.
1/2B	Callan A	Resilience	For taking on teacher feedback and corrections with a positive mindset when learning about 'to' and 'past' maths.
1/2C	Jacob C	Respect	For letting others join in, when no-one else would.
3/4D	Max O	Respect	For being a friendly, inclusive and caring class member who shows respect to peers and adults. Great work Max.
5/6H	Maddison M Jethro K	Resilience	For taking on board feedback with a positive mindset to uplevel and improve their persuasive text.
5/6H	Will C	Personal Best	For always completing all tasks in Maths with enthusiasm.
5/6K	Lucy J	Personal Best	For applying her knowledge of purpose, audience and detailed sentences when writing her Fashion Passion Project.
INDO JNR	Zai A	Personal Best	For always completing his work in Indonesian with pride and enthusiasm. Well done!
INDO SNR	Lainey H	Personal Best	For always completing everything asked of her in Indonesian to an excellent standard. Well done!

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GRADE	STUDENT	VALUE	REASON
1/2C	Nyah P	Safety	For looking out for others during Christmas concert dance rehearsals.
3/4S	Harley V	Resilience	For overcoming hurdles and set backs with a smile.
3/4S	Tyson E	Personal Best	For creating a well thought pit cereal box advertisements.
5/6H	Madison C	Personal Best	For listening carefully to all instructions before applying them so well to her Graduation work requirements.
INDO JNR	Jaxon F	Personal Best	For always working hard and doing excellent work in Indonesian.
INDO SNR	Iyana W	Personal Best	For always starting her work straight away and completing it to an excellent standard.

# VALUES WINNERS

Resilience  
Personal Best  
Respect  
Safety

Term 4, Week 9



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## Values Trophy

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## Fruit Trophy

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# Term 4 Important Dates



Last Day of School—Tuesday 19th December  
(3:30pm Finish)



Curriculum Day—Wednesday 20th December—  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



## FIRE SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

**Creswick Primary School Students participated in a fire safety day with fireman Phil earlier in the year. Students then created a poster relating to the theme 'Is Your Home Safe or a Hazard'. Posters were then part of a competition amongst grades. The winners selected are pictures below. Well done!**



# FINAL JOGATHON NEWS

This year marks the 38th anniversary of our school's Jogathon. We truly value the support of the children and parents for getting behind this very important event each year.

This year's Jogathon has continued to be an outstanding fundraiser for our school. The total money raised so far is over \$8000 (before expenses) which is fantastic! As stated on the sponsorship form this year's money will be spent school resources and improvements.

In 2023 the children covered 1446.2 kilometres completing 2066 laps.

This is an outstanding team effort!

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to raising this money, to Ava and her family for donating the icy poles for after the Jogathon and Cate and the Parents Club for help with the drinks and the delicious fruit platters.

## Grade Winners

Highest Money Raisers

Prep S – Elliot Geljon and Logan Marshall

1/2 B – Henry Ware

1/2 C – Ruby Drake

3/4 D – Ava Richter

3/4 S – Amelia Aver

5/6 H – Calen Bee

5/6 K – Ava Dunstan

Highest Money-Raiser for the School  
– Ava Richter

## GRADE MEDALLION WINNERS

Most Laps Completed

Grade	Boys	Girls
Prep	17 Laps Bodhi Kitchin	
1	21 Laps Jack Yanner	16 Laps Penny Pring
2	21 Laps Henry Ware	18 Laps Mia Walker
3	21 Laps Jarrah Minster	22 Laps Nellie Coulson
4	24 Laps Charlie Grigg	15 Laps Amara Phillips
5	22 Laps Joey Hearn	19 Laps Leiarnna Ferguson
6	29 Laps Charlie Rogers	22 Laps Stella Wylie

Congratulations to Charlie Rogers who ran the most laps in the school with 29 laps!

Congratulations to all winners and to everyone who competed on the day. A fantastic effort!

Katrina Davies (Jogathon Organiser)



## JOGATHON MEDALLION WINNERS



## JOGATHON HIGHEST MONEY RAISERS



## Vision

Creswick Primary School's Vision is to create a respectful and welcoming environment where parents, teachers and community members nurture students to achieve their best on an academic, social and emotional level.



# Values Trophy - Term 1, 2024

Week	Value	What We Are Looking For
1	Safety	Wearing an appropriately approved sun hat at all times in outside areas.
2	Safety & Respect	Lining up safely and respectfully when coming in from recess and lunch times.
3	Respect	Students who are seen as keeping the yard clean by picking up rubbish, eating in the correct areas or seen putting rubbish in the bins.
4	Resilience	Displaying manners towards others when playing games outside.
5	Personal Best	Having the cleanest classroom.
6	Respect	Displaying manners and sportsmanship towards others when playing games outside eg. through actions, speaking nicely, etc.
7	Safety & Respect	The grade displaying safe and respectful behaviours in the Tech room.
8	Resilience	The grade that demonstrates perseverance when trying challenging activities in P.E.
9	Respect	The grade demonstrating the most respect in LOTE during classes.
10	Safety	Playing safely in the yard and using equipment appropriately.

Safety

# Values Trophy

Respect

Personal Best

Resilience

Our School Captains will be looking for students who demonstrate the following values:

WEEK	VALUES	WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR
12	RESPECT	STUDENTS WHO ARE SEEN AS KEEPING THE YARD CLEAN BY PICKING UP RUBBISH, EATING IN THE CORRECT AREAS OR SEEN PUTTING RUBBISH IN THE BINS.

## 2024 CRESWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

We are currently in the process of putting together our 2024 CPS Calendar to be set for printing. If you would like to pre-order one, please let the office know and we will put your name down for pre-order.

Thank you.



## Change of Contact Details



Dear Families,

As we are nearing the end of the year and looking towards 2024, just a friendly reminder that if you have any changes to your contact details or student information throughout the year, it is a requirement for these to be updated at the school office.

It is a requirement that we have these updated frequently, to ensure that contact details and permissions are up to date in our system.

Please ensure that you let us know of any changes as soon as they occur.

Thank you.



# SCHOOL NEWS

*Donations, Reminders and Messages*

## Tissue Box Donations

We kindly ask if anyone has new unopened boxes of tissues that they are able to donate to the school if possible please.

These are used in our school classrooms by how students each day. It is greatly appreciated.



Thank you!

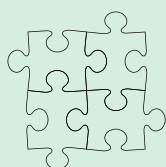


**2023**

### FINAL ASSEMBLY

Our final assembly for 2023 will be held on Monday the 18th of December at 2:30pm in the MPB.

We hope to see you there!



## 2024 Parent Payments



Creswick Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Creswick Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

The total contribution amount for a Prep to Year 2 child is \$150. The Total contribution amount for a Year 3 - 6 child is \$160. These contributions will be available to pay as a lump sum via Direct Deposit, BPay or lump sum/payment plan via the office. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please contact the office.

We thank you all for continually supporting our school.



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## KINGSTON SHOW

Over the weekend, we had a team of students from Creswick Primary School participate in the Rural Schools Challenge at the Kingston Agricultural Show.

We were the youngest team on the day, however our team showed an extensive amount of grit and determination in all the challenges. The team consisted of Billy, Archie, Gineura, Genevieve and Jack. We didn't have much time to put a team together, but they did a great job, undertaking a range of tasks from theory, erecting a tent and a team skills challenge using planks. The Creswick team came in second place overall. Such an amazing job done by our team. Well done!



# AROUND THE TOWN

Activities and Promotions Around Creswick and Surrounds



## BIG SUMMER READ

The Big Summer Read is taking place at Hepburn Libraries these Summer holidays!

The Big Summer Read aims to arrest the 'Summer slide' by engaging children and their families in a fun and dynamic campaign through public libraries. Research shows that an average of 2-3 months of reading proficiency is lost over the long holiday break, with low socio-economic students being hit the hardest.

We would love to enlist your help by promoting the program to your school community! I have attached a poster for your newsletter and/or notice boards. Anyone aged 0-18 can participate. By recording 10 books that they have read, they are eligible for milestone prizes and a fun celebration at the end of the holidays. There are also state-wide prizes for participants recording their reading via the Beanstack app.

The Big Summer Read runs from 1 December 2022 until 31 January 2023. Visit your Library to register and for terms and conditions, or see <https://www.plv.org.au/projects/big-summer-read/>



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- 9am-12:30pm. It's FREE!
- Creswick North Primary School
- Bring: Sun hat, sunblock, morning tea & friends!
- For Primary School aged children

## Jan 17, 18 & 19, 2024

To book, SMS/Ph: Jacqui 0409 181 884

Creswick Champions is a program organised by Christian Bible Fellowship Creswick. The program comes from a Christian worldview. For Primary School aged children.

Queries: Call Dom 0417 967 621

**KELLY SPORTS Summer HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**Mon 18th Dec - Fri 22nd Dec 2023**  
**Tue 2nd Jan - Wed 31st Jan 2024**

At Kelly Sports Ballarat, we believe in fostering children's well-being in a safe, encouraging environment. Our caring, friendly & professional staff are committed to working with kids, and receive training on behavior management techniques, first aid, and activity planning/delivery.

**What To Bring:**

- Suitable clothing
- A reusable drink bottle
- A hat & sunscreen
- Big packed lunch!

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# Merry Christmas!

All of us here at Creswick Primary School wish you a very merry and wonderful Christmas filled with fun and joy.



We hope you all enjoy a well deserved break and we will see you in the New Year.

**GET EXCITED FOR TERM 1 2024 WITH EXTEND!**

Book for Term 1 or the whole year! Whether you work, study or have personal commitments, Extend is here for you.

Bookings for the 2024 are now open, so take on Term 1 fully prepared with Extend!

GROUP ACTIVITIES!	HEALTHY SNACKS!	WARM ENVIRONMENTS!
<p>Get together and make new friends through fun and exciting activities!</p>	<p>Stay fueled and enjoy a delicious selection of healthy snacks!</p>	<p>Relax, play and learn in a comfortable and safe environment!</p>

Set yourself up for a new year of extraordinary at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)

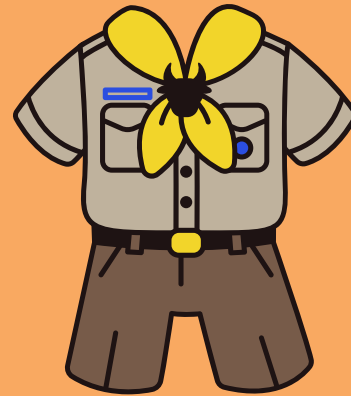
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## 1st Creswick Scout Group



Is a vibrant, growing group with huge plans on the horizon.  
To help facilitate the expansion, we are looking for adults with a thirst for  
adventure who want to help enable the youth of today become resilient,  
independent, fun loving adults of tomorrow!



### Creswick Scout Group

Positions vacant include:

Leaders of Joey Scouts (aged 5-7)

Leaders of Cub Scouts (aged 8-10)

Various Group Support Committee positions

Please direct expressions of interest to Group Leader, Simon Miller

Email: [gl.1stcreswick@vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:gl.1stcreswick@vicscouts.asn.au)

<http://www.scoutsvictoria.com.au>



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

**We look forward to seeing you all in the  
New Year, refreshed and ready to learn  
in 2024!**

