Newsletter

Creek Street Christian College

February 2019

COLLEGE PURPOSE STATEMENT

Helping students *discover* all God made them to be.

College Value for Term 1

Devotion

'Till I come, devote yourself to reading, to exhortation and to teaching and instilling doctrine.' 1 Timothy 4:13 AMP

From our College Principal

A GREAT START TO 2019

What a wonderful start to the year it has been! I think our first day was the best ever and we were delighted to welcome back everyone including our new students and their families.

We have had some wonderful feedback from parents in regard to our Transition Program at the end of 2018, our Senior School Induction Program for Year 8s and our Family Picnic. Thank you to all of these parents for taking the time to speak to us about their families start to the new school year.

Last Friday night was a great evening. Thank you to everyone who came along to our picnic. The weather was perfect and it was really nice to have everyone together. Thank you again to Country Cakes for supplying our delicious salads and desserts and thank you to our staff who looked after the food and sport activities. We cannot thank you enough for your support of our college.

As mentioned last week in our January newsletter our staff have written a prayer that focusses on various components of the college. Community is one of those and the other area in that section of the prayer already mentioned was Student Wellbeing. We will be using this prayer with the students, and as a staff, and it would be wonderful if you could also pray for our school at home.

I have included the next part of our prayer here. This section helps us to be thankful and prayerful about our Teaching and Learning programs and our Staff Wellbeing.

'**Lord** we pray that our students are open to learning and are inspired to learn.

We pray that our students feel secure and safe in our learning environment so that they have the confidence to take risks in their learning.

We pray that staff remain sensitive and in tune with our student's individual needs and that all our programs continue to enhance student learning.

Lord we pray for unity amongst the staff and that they would communicate openly, be supportive and compassionate towards one another and work collaboratively together.

We pray that they would all experience a healthy work/life balance and that their families will be healthy.

We pray particularly for staff new to the college that they would feel welcome and encouraged and settle in quickly.'

As we continue into Term 1 I pray that our young people will continue to develop great relationships with others in their classes and in the wider staff/student community.

How blessed we are to have a great school to share together.

Mrs Coral Maxwell
College Principal

Whole School News

Focus on the Family

Growing Creative Kids

"Once upon a time, in a land far, far away…" What kid doesn't light up at the sound of those simple words? There's nothing like a good story to make a child's imagination soar. Stories open up a kid's mind to all kinds of wonder and excitement—whether they're hearing a story or telling one. But not all kids are instinctively creative. In an age of TV and video games, storytelling is quickly becoming a lost art - one that I think needs to be recaptured. Take time to read aloud to your kids. Maybe you can implement a weekly story time, and take turns reading to each other? Or make up your own stories. It's a great chance to teach your kids how to develop simple plots and storylines, instead of letting their minds wander aimlessly. You'll be amazed at how inventive kids can be with just a little encouragement.

College Uniform

Thank you to everyone for a great start to the year. A special thank you to Naomi and Kay for manning and organising the uniform shop items for us.

Our young people look great when they are in school and when they are out and about in the community. We pray that they wear their Creek Street uniform with pride. Not only do they reflect well on the college but they represent themselves and their families well too.

Blazers - NOTE: Year 7 to 10 students- if they would like to wear their blazer with their summer uniform that is fine. The blazer does not have to be just a winter uniform item. When the weather cools down they can give this some thought.

Hoodies - The Year 10 students have their Hoodie order forms now. They are to be returned by next Monday the 11th.

Hair clips and hair ties- these are to be worn in student's hair and should be plain white, red or navy blue.

Shoes - reminder that these are to be black, leather lace up shoes.

Uniform Shop Hours
Wednesday 8:30am to 9:30am
Thursday 3:00pm to 4:00pm

You can also use our Qkr app. Orders will be filled and sent home with students.

Official Opening - Monday 25th February at 2:15pm

NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE
Please note that our Official Opening for the Admin Refurbishment Project will now take place on Monday the 25th of February. Parents are welcome to join us. Senator Jane Hume will be with us to cut the ribbon!

MIP program 2019

Our program for 2019 is now up and running. Ethan commenced our drum lessons yesterday and next week guitar and piano will begin. We had planned for Luke to come in and teach piano but he now working full time so we are pleased to announce that Maxine Goodwin will be taking our piano lessons. Maxine is an experienced pianist who plays regularly as part of our Creek Street Church Worship Team. She loves music and gives a lot of her own time to various musical activities.

Piano lessons with Maxine will commence next week and Jesse will start his guitar lessons on Monday.

If you have not put in an application yet it is not too late. Lessons are $30 per half hour lesson and most instrument lessons start at Year 3 but Vocals can be taken from Prep.

Absence notifications

If your child is going to be absent please notify the college office. You can do so by phoning our college absence line 54412442 or by email info@creekstreet.vic.edu.au or by phoning the admin staff directly on 54421722. Please always make sure the office is notified.

Admin staff will then record on the roll and notify the respective homeroom teachers as appropriate.

Safe Parking Around Schools

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up / drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

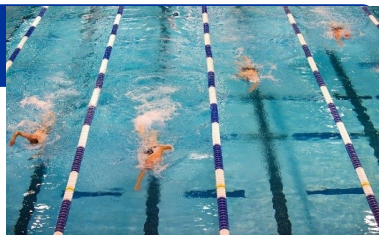
With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary, stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

Icypoles sales - every Friday for Term 1

Icypoles will be sold at lunch time tomorrow to Prep to Year 10 students. They are $1 each and are sold in the ASC hall from the servery window. Thank you to our SRC for serving everyone.

College Swimming Sports - 4th March 2019



The Creek Street Christian College House Swimming Sports are to be held on **Monday, 4th March** at the Bendigo East Pool.

Event programs outlining the day's activities will be distributed to each family prior to the sports.

Students will be transported to the Bendigo East Pool by bus and please note that at the end of the day we are asking parents to collect their child/ren from the pool (please no later than 3.15pm).

The program for Years 2 - 6 commences at 9:30am with the Years 7-10 program commencing at 10.15am.

Both programs have an emphasis on maximum participation in a variety of individual and team swimming events.

Prep and Year 1 will commence after lunch break and will also have a focus on fun and enjoyment with all children participating in a range of water familiarisation activities and games.

We rely heavily on parent assistance on this day so if you would like to help please complete the attached form and return to school by Monday, 25th February. Assistance is always required with setting up, judging, scoring, cooking, transporting equipment and of course, supporting!

Please contact Mrs Lovell (camille.lovell@creekstreet.vic.edu.au) for further information on assisting with our program. Time contributed can go towards your Parent Service Levy.

Parent, Staff and Student relay race!! 4x50 metre freestyle.

Anyone wanting to compete on behalf of the parents would be very welcome to enter this event. We would love to have more than 1 parent team so gather your swim stars and come ready to race on the day!

Our House Chant Competition will be held again. We look forward to seeing each presentation. It is worth BIG points which go towards the overall points for the day. All students Year 2-10 come together for this event.

Swimming Sports Coordination Team

REPLY SLIP for Assisting with Swimming Sports

I am able to assist with swimming sports.

Please circle area that you would like to assist with.

Junior School Program **Middle School Program** **Senior School Program** **Barbecue & Setting**

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Reply slip to be returned to Administration Office by Monday 25th February

REPLY SLIP for Transport Assistance

My child/ren will need transport from Bendigo East Pool to Creek Street Christian College at the conclusion of the Swimming Sports because:

_____

Child/ren's Names/Year Levels: _____

Signed: _____Contact Number: _____

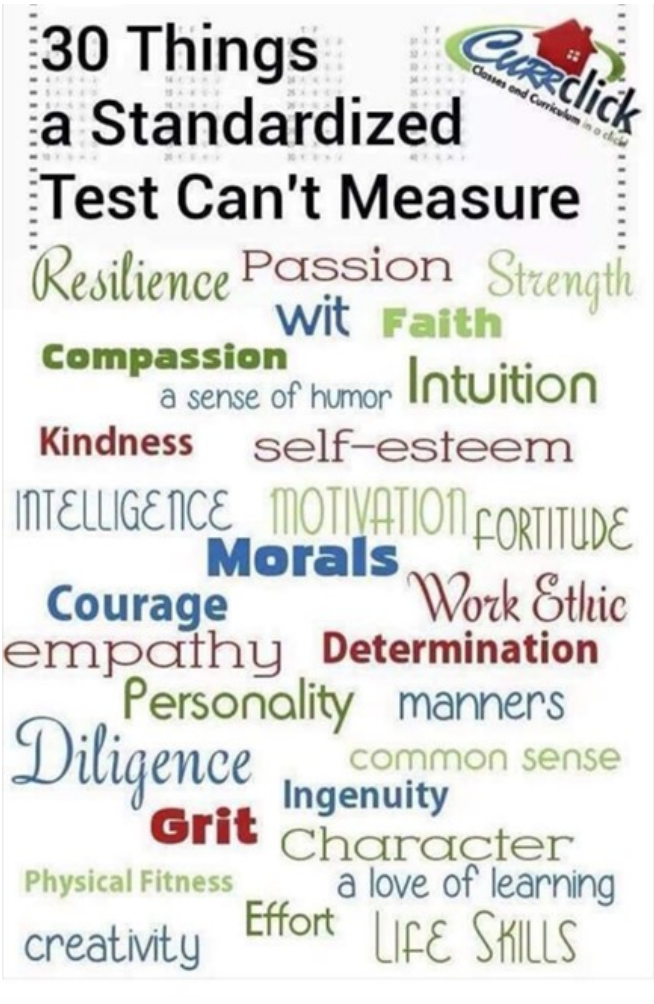
Reply slip to be returned to Administration Office by Monday 25th February to ensure that your child has a seat.

Outside the Classroom

At Creek Street we recognize that students need to be cared for from a holistic point of view. This is why we have additional programs running during lunch and before and after school because there are some skills and experiences that a classroom cannot give you.

We run a multitude of programs throughout the week that give students the chance to be part of a group, develop relationships and practice caring for their peers.

Book Club – A book shared is a friendship made.



Hangtime = Lego time

Chess and Games club

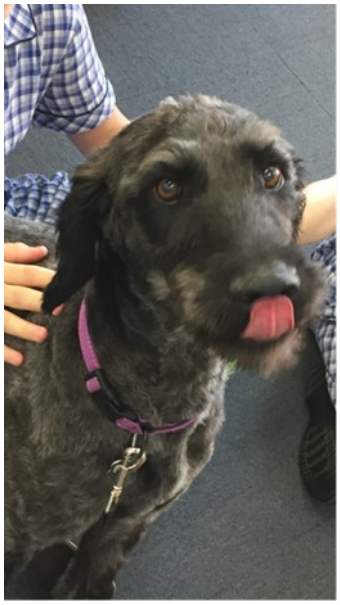
A frantic game of lunchtime dodgeball is still a place to show care and concern

Thursday Walking Club

Running club began this morning at 7am – Well done young people!

Golf with the Master!

HPV – preseason training has begun.



Mayer is always ready to show some acceptance.

Perfects 2019

Another successful Prefect Camp was held this past weekend. Our four sterling leaders have each been given the responsibility of looking after a portfolio for the year. In addition, each prefect has been allocated a mentor from staff who has experience in each of the portfolio areas.

Spiritual Leadership – Lewis Gillet. Lewis will be responsible for looking out for ways to enhance the spiritual walk of his peers.

Wellbeing – Angel Shaju. Angel will use her naturally caring nature to bring to attention any needs or ways in which she can improve the overall wellbeing of students.

Student Engagement – Samuel Nicholas. Sam will work closely with Angel and the House Captains as he endeavors to create team spirit and a sense of unity amongst students.

Leadership – Jemma Fawcett. Jemma will oversee the prefect body, support her fellow prefects and represent the college at community events.

We wish the prefects all the very best as they discover for themselves and help their fellow students *discover all God made them to be*.

Mr. Sourgen - Prefect Coordinator

Named Pavers out the front

The finishing touches to the pavers are going in now out the front of the main entrance. We hope you have been able to find your brick. A number of students have pointed theirs out to staff. If you are a new family or just missed out on putting your order in last time we will be doing another order shortly. We need to update the School Captain and Prefect names going on from those we already have and this task was a little tricky when they were all pulled up and stored elsewhere.
So, we have included a new order form for you. Please complete and hand in at the college office by 28th February.

DESIGN A BRICK

Creek Street
Christian College

$35.00

Entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. This will be permanently installed in front of the main entrance of the College.

You may include a family name or individual student names on pavers.

Engraving details

Please print clearly in block letters, each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark.
Max 3 lines per paver.
Max 17 characters/line.

CONTACT DETAILS AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

Name	Phone	Amount
		$

Payment Options (please circle) : **CASH** **CHEQUE** **CARD**	
Credit Card Payments Option : Credit Card Type (please circle) **Visa** / **Master Card**	
Name on Credit Card :	

Credit Card Number

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Expiry Date CRC Number

Early Learning Centre

In the Early Learning Centre we have been thrilled to welcome a whole new group of children. You may have noticed the term 'Belonging, Being, Becoming' as it is featured around our kinder. It refers to the framework under which we base all of our programming, assessment and reporting. Belonging, Being, Becoming : The Early Years Framework.

This segment of the news letter will introduce you to aspects of our programme and environment. This month we want to share what belonging is in our space.

We want all our children to feel safe, secure, happy, loved (by us and God), and know they are important, and a valued part of our kinder and wider school family. This is "belonging" - We use the children's names and their image to promote belonging because it is very important to the child. Cards with their photo and name are available in the writing corner to increase their literacy awareness and sense of identity. We also use these cards for various games with the children. Children use them to identify where their belongings go each day. We talk about working as a team and looking out for each other. If we actually asked children, families and educators what does a sense of Belonging feel like, they might answer in the following ways: As an educator and parent this would be about relationships, trust, respect, open communication, being able to ask questions, share lives, laugh, challenge safely, feel comfortable, be able to be myself and being part of a bigger faith community. If I asked children what it would mean for them, their responses might be similar…. having friends, feeling safe, laughing and playing. This is part of belonging to our Early Learning community. We are looking forward to having our new children and families actively involved in this year's journey with us.

Junior School

Prep

Student of the Week

Listin for settling into school well with a big smile and positive approach.

Prep Rest Days

Please note that Prep children do not come to school on a Wednesday until the week starting Monday the 11th of March. Monday is the Labour Day holiday and from then on the preps are with us every day. It is great to have them all with us.

Year 1

Student of the Week

Johana has made an excellent start to the school year. She has displayed a friendly attitude towards new students and has made our classroom bright.

Year 2

Student of the Week

Lisbet for a great start to Year 2, always listening and being ready to learn.

Year 3

Student of the Week

Megan for her careful listening and following of instructions and also for showing initiative around the classroom!

Year 4

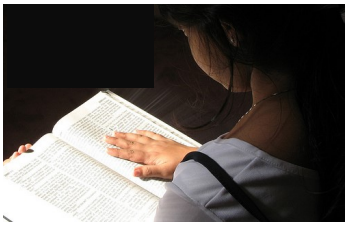
Student of the Week

Liam for his calmness and for being able to work with any unexpected problems which arose both in and out of the classroom.

Memory Verse

'Do you know that God's Spirit dwells in you?'

1 Corinthians 3:16



Middle and Senior School

Year 7/8 Camp

Year 7/8 Portsea Camp is around the corner please check CareMonkey for full details.

With kayaking, snorkelling, high ropes, beach activities and a ferry ride across to Sorrento all on offer, it promises to be a great time of learning and fellowship.

Important Information:

Drop off is 7:50am Monday 25th February – stadium entrance in Hargreaves St.
Return: 5:00pm Wednesday 27th February – main school entrance in Creek St.

Year 5

Student of the Week

Henry for his excellent class participation and being a caring Buddy.

Year 6

Student of the Week

Isaac for an excellent start to the year and for being consistently focused.

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10

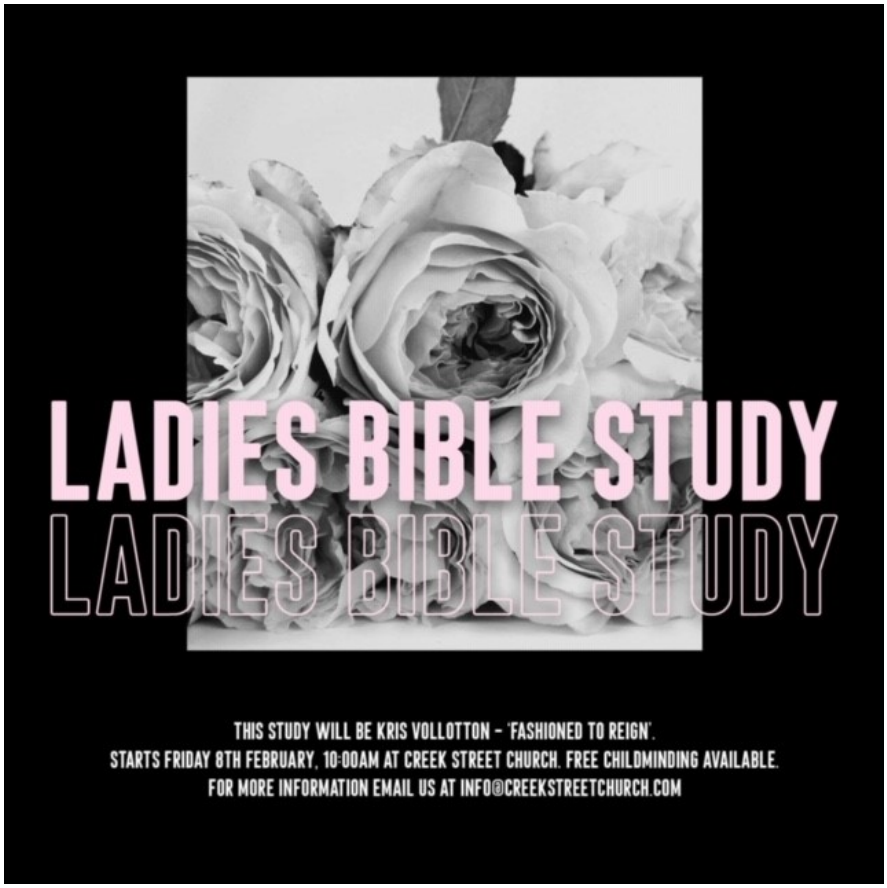
Student of the Week

Seth **Brooke** **Tyler** **Chloe** and **Annie**

Memory Verse

'But I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead?'
Philippians 3:13

Community Noticeboard



Scouting is an adventure for ages 5 –25

Join the adventure at 1st Eaglehawk Scouts

3 Nights free trial

Joey Mob 5—8 year old Tuesdays 5:30pm—6:30 pm

Cub Group 8—11 year old Thursdays 7pm—8:30pm

Scout Troop 11—15 year old Tuesdays 7pm—9pm

47 Simpsons Road Eaglehawk

Group Leader Jacqui 0418 520 731

Scouts
VICTORIA

Community Noticeboard

EPSOM FC'S FAMILY FUN DAY

FEBRUARY 23rd

3:30PM – 5:30PM

- For all present, past and future players, aged 5years to 16years.
- Come to Epsom FC's family fun day at Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve.
- PLENTY OF SOCCER ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!.
- Meet our Junior coordinators; get all the information you need, for the upcoming 2019 season.
- Our sponsor Sportspower will have samples for players to view and order.
- Epsom FC merchandise will be available.

Email the coordinators juniors@epsomfc.com.au for more information.

ARE YOUR KIDS INTERESTED IN PLAYING SOCCER?

COME TO OUR FAMILY FUN DAY!

MEET OUR JUNIOR COORDINATORS

FIND OUT ALL INFORMATION FOR THE 2019 SEASON

PLENTY OF SOCCER ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!

EPSOM FC MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

EPSOM FC
353 Midland Hwy, Huntly, VIC, 3551

www.epsomfc.com.au

Email:
juniors@epsomfc.com.au

www.facebook.com/epsomsoccer

Enrolment Process

Parents who are willing to support the Christian philosophy of our College and who agree to their children fully participating in the programs of the College are free to apply for enrolment.

Prospective parents should:

1. Obtain an Information Pack and read the College's Parent Handbook which is contained within this pack
2. Contact the College office to arrange an interview with the Principal and a tour of the school
3. Submit the Enrolment Application Form and supply a copy of the student's most recent report; as appropriate
4. Payment of a $200 (or $100 Kinder) non-refundable fee is required once a position has been offered
5. At this point parents will be given additional documentation to complete and will be given assistance with uniform and booklist purchases.
6. Once these steps are completed children or young people will be able to commence as a student at Creek Street Christian College.

2020 ENROLMENTS

2020 enrolments for all levels are now being taken. Thank you to those of our current families who have been promoting our college. Your support is very much appreciated. Don't forget to claim your fee rebate for any families that you encourage to join our school community.

3 YEAR OLD AND 4 YEAR OLD KINDER ENROLMENT OPEN

Enrolments are now being taken for the 2020 year. These enrolments are submitted directly through the college as we do all other enrolments.

Kinder and Pre-Kinder Information Packs are available from the college office.

Calendar

- 2019 -

Term 1 *(29th January - 5th April)*

February 11
- Year 5/6 & Year 7/8 Swimming Program

February 12
- Junior School Chapel
  - Speaker : Mrs Donna Clarke

February 13
- Year 9/10 Swimming Program

February 18
- Year 2 - 4. Year 5/6 & Year 7/8 Swimming Program

February 19
- Junior School Chapel
  - Mrs Jenny McWilliam
- Year 2 - 4 Swimming Program

February 20
- Year 2 - 4 & Year 9/10 Swimming Program

February 21
- Year 2 - 4 Swimming Program

February 23
- Working Bee - 8:30am to 12:30pm

February 25
- Year 2 - 4, Year 5/6 Swimming Program
- Official Opening of admin works

February 25 - 27
- Year 7/8 Camp - Portsea

February 26
- Junior School Chapel
  - Mrs Glenda Clifton
- Year 2 - 4 Swimming Program

February 27
- Year 2 - 4 & Year 9/10 Swimming Program

February 28
- Year 2 - 4 Swimming Program

March 4
- College Swimming Sports

March 5
- Junior School Chapel
  - Pastor David Hickman

March 11
- Labour Day Holiday

March 12
- Junior School Chapel

March 13 - 14
- Parent/Teacher Interviews

March 18
- CSEN Swimming Program : Ballarat

March 19
- Junior School Chapel
  - Mrs Jenny McWilliam

March 23
- Working Bee - 8:30m to 12:30pm

March 26
- Junior School Chapel

March 28 - 29
- Year 5/6 Resiliency Camp - overnight

April 2
- Junior School Chapel

April 2 and 3
- Year 9 & 10 Amazing Race

April 5
- Final Day of Term 1

Term 2 :
Friday, 26th April - Friday, 28th June

Term 3 :
Wednesday, 17th July - Friday, 20th September

Term 4 :
Monday, 7th October - Friday 13th December

As we are able to give early notification of holiday periods for 2019 we would ask that parents make every effort to ensure that their children are at school at all times during the year. It is our college request that families do not take holidays during school terms.

Find us on Facebook

Creek Street Christian College has its own Facebook page. If you would like to see more about what is happening and support the college please take some time to have a look and feel free to Like our page.

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