



MICELAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 5

Thursday 13 February



From Claire's Desk....

To all our dear families:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2019 P&C for all their efforts last year in supporting the school. As a staff, we very much value the work of the P&C and the contributions they make to our school.

In 2020, we warmly welcome and congratulate the new P&C executive:

Co Presidents: Emily Green & Hope Barnes

Vice President: Jason Farmer

Treasurer: Laura Howarth

Secretary: Brooke Ovcarr

Parent helpers: At Michelago Public School, we encourage parents to assist with reading, art and craft, sport etc .

Many thanks to Laura who is providing a sports program building fitness and resilience once a fortnight on Monday afternoons.

Work Health & Safety: Working With Children Check Important

Please read the Factsheet attached.

Parents are required to complete Appendix 5.

This can be done online and is free. Please provide a completed copy to the school.

The site can be accessed at: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

A copy of your driver's licence, registration and insurance should also be provided to the office. Thank you.

Healthy Lunch Day Fundraiser! Thursday 5 March- \$3

Our students have thoroughly enjoyed our healthy lunch days. We ask each family to contribute a healthy and nutritional item to the lunch.

We ask each child to donate \$3 for the lunch. Donations contribute to excursions.

Please find attached your family's contribution.



Assembly 2020

Friday 6 March 9am.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Your encouragement of your children is always welcomed and appreciated.

Country Kids Club Michelago : Child care

Contact number for Country Kids Club - **6236 8305**

Casual Use: For those parents who may require casual use of the service, please fill in the forms as you also need to contact Centrelink. This is important as the documentation needs to be completed **before** you can access the Child Care service.

If you are a regular user of the service, please remember to call or text Country Learning if you *change arrangements* for the day or week. Word of mouth from a student is not appropriate.

Our students are very much enjoying the activities and the afternoon tea break provided by Tania and Mandy. What a success!

Transition To High School 2021

As we commence the enrolment processes for 2021 for Year 7 students, I strongly encourage parents to access “**SCHOOL FINDER**” <https://my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder> when selecting your local High School .

The # Ready2020 site below, has an enormous amount of information in relation to ‘Transition To High School’.

#Ready2020

The NSW department of Education has developed a new hub for parents and carers. You can access #Ready2020 at education.nsw.gov.au/ready2020

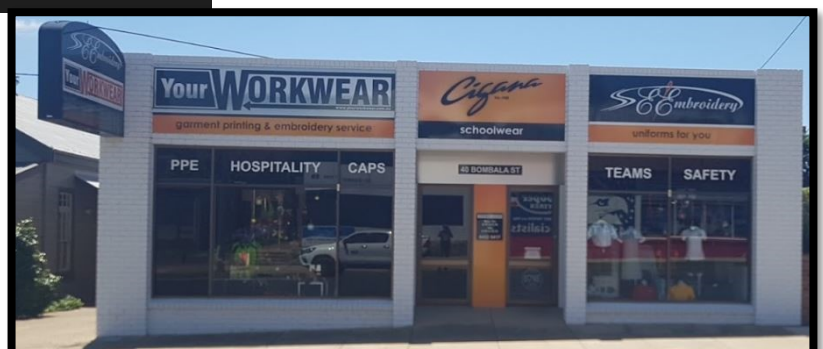
This parent friendly toolkit contains a host of information on all manner of topics relevant to your child and to yourself.

School Uniform & Hats

[Your WorkWear in Cooma](#) or [Workin Gear Schools in Fyshwick ACT](#) will assist you with all your uniform needs.

Note: The Uniform Shop (now known as “Working Gear Schools”) has moved from Kippax to 5/51 Kembla Street, Fyshwick

All items of clothing need to be clearly labelled.



P & C HAPPENINGS

P&C Update

Welcome Back : We had our annual AGM last week please see meeting minutes attached to this newsletter. I would like to welcome the new members that have volunteered to come on board and help our school. Hope, Jason and Brooke we look forward to your involvement.

Chicken Coop: As you may know we bought a chicken coop last year and now we need to make it operational so the children can get some chickens in it. Because of our location and the need to have them safely locked up on weekends an enclosed run is the only way we can guarantee safety. I have located an enclosure online that we could use and it may be a little easier and less labour intensive to build compared to constructing a new one.

If parents have any opinions on purchasing this item or have a better idea please let me know. If you have the skills and time to assist we will also need your help to build it. Please let me know your availability.

Before and after school care: I would like to provide parents with some personal perspective of the new service that is now operational at our school. As any parent I was always going to be wary of new people caring for my children – Country Kids Club has been great so far all three of my children looking forward to going and have not given me any negative feedback. They enjoy helping organise afternoon tea and are engaged in the activities provided. If you would like more info on out of pocket fees or have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.



Easter Raffle: Laura will be organising an Easter egg raffle this year. If families could start contributing items for the raffle and dropping them into the office before **13th March** that would be fantastic. Items don't all have to be chocolate eggs can be anything that can be put into a hamper. This has been proven to be an easy and lucrative fundraiser for our school. Any questions please contact us: Emily Green & Hope Barnes 0400054338

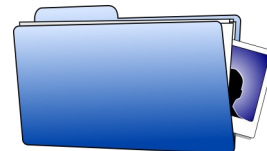


[Next meeting P&C : date tba](#)

Blue Communication Folders

Communication folders will be sent home each day.

Please ensure they are returned the following day.



This assists staff in sending important notes and messages home as well as providing you with an opportunity to pop in a note.

Mobile Phones at School: Update

In public schools, students will not be allowed to use digital technology during class, recess and lunch unless for an educational purpose or where a student needs it for another reason such as an adjustment or disability.

Any child bringing a mobile phone to school is required to hand it into the office for the day.

Absences

If a student is absent please advise either the teacher or the office with an explanation either in writing ,by telephone or text. Word of mouth from a student regarding absence is NOT LEGALLY ACCEPTABLE.

If a student is being collected by someone other than their parent and there is a change to routine, please inform the teacher prior to the collection.

Family Leave

Parents are required to complete an *Extended Leave Form* for student leave of a week or more.

Payments

Payments can be made at the front office or Online through the school website using the **Make a Payment Tab**. Eftpos at the school or Online is the preferable method of payment.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Nicole or Trish in the office.

Voluntary Contributions

Due to the bushfires and the emergency situation over the past few weeks, the school has decided to waver the voluntary contributions in order to reduce levels of stress and anxiety placed on all our families.

Student Activity Books

The school assists families by ordering student activity books for the beginning of the year.

The cost of the books is subsidised .The Student Activity Book fee is \$100 per student.

Early payment is greatly appreciated.



Thanks to Alana for braiding the girl's hair today.

They loved it!!!!!!

What's on at MPS

Thur 27 Feb

- * Welcome BBQ 5-7pm (Just bring yourselves along)

Wed 4 Mar

- * Excursion Canberra
- * Playgroup

Thur 5 Mar

- * Healthy Lunch Day - \$3.00 per student

Fri 6 Mar

- * Assembly 9.00am



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