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# Newsletter

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017  
Issue 1

## Dates to remember....

### FEBRUARY 2017

- Monday 13 – Pupil **FREE** Day (School closed).
- Monday 20 – MARKET NIGHT (5.00pm to 6.30pm).

## From the Principal....

Thursday, 2 February 2017 – Issue 1.

### WELCOME TO ROLLINS!

A number of children have moved into the Bell Post Hill area and enrolled with us and we hope that each of these new students will feel welcome and comfortable in their new environment.

Our new Preps start with us next Monday, 6 February and we look forward to them joining us. For the first week the Prep students will finish school at 1.00pm.

We also have some new members of staff to introduce. They are: Patrick White (Year 2), Gary Hindle (Years 3/4) and Laura Di Biagio (Education Support). We know that each of these people will quickly become valued members of our school community. We are also very excited to welcome back Jaclyn Knowles who will be teaching Year 1.



Patrick



Gary



Laura



Jaclyn

### Fortnightly Assemblies

This year we are going to have our school assemblies fortnightly instead of weekly. The assembly will coincide with newsletter week so that we can acknowledge student achievements in a timely manner and also enjoy a variety of class performances and presentations.

**This week is Assembly Week.**

## MARKET NIGHT

5.00pm to 7.00pm Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

On Monday, 20 February we will be having our annual Market Night. This event provides a great opportunity for parents to meet the staff and other members of our parent community in a very social atmosphere. We will be having a free sausage sizzle for a limited time with soft drinks available for purchase at \$1 each. If you would prefer a picnic dinner you are welcome to bring along your own food. We will gather on the synthetic grass area between the two buildings so bring along a picnic rug or deck chairs and settle in for a while. The market stalls will be located in or near the Multi-purpose Room and be open for everyone to enjoy. There will also be some simple, fun activities available for the children and parents to join in together. Our sincere thanks go to Erin McGill, one of our fabulous parents, who has done a great job coordinating this event.

### SANDY

If you have called into the office this week you will notice that Sandy is sporting a new hair-do. Unfortunately Sandy was diagnosed with breast cancer late last year and she has been undergoing treatment over the summer holidays. Sandy's prognosis is very good and she is responding extremely well to the treatment. I'm sure all of you will join with me in wishing Sandy all the best as she continues her treatment in the coming months. There will be times when we will need to have relief staff in the office to replace Sandy and we ask for your patience and understanding when this occurs.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER STUDENTS

I would like to acknowledge Chloe Klein and Tahlia Hirst who have been selected as House Captains at Matthew Flinders GSC and Kate Frith who will be a School Captain at North Geelong SC this year. It's always wonderful to hear when former students achieve great things.

### ROLLINS IS A SUNSMART SCHOOL

As a Sunsmart school we ensure that our students wear their broad brimmed hats during Terms 1 and 4. Those children without a hat will be restricted to shaded areas.

Steve McGarrigle

# CSEF - If you hold a current Health Care Card please complete and return to the school office as soon as possible.

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;

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

Be a temporary foster parent, and;

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](http://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 (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

## 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](http://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

**NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN**

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 as soon as possible.** The CSEF program for 2017 closes on 30 June, 2017.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

**Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.**

**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM**

School Name

School REF ID

**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**

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

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 /or 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    /    /



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