

DATES TO REMEMBER

Division Athletics	12 September
Market Day	14 September
Last Day Term 3	22 September
First Day Term 4	10 October
Year 9 Information Night	11 October
Years 3-5 Swimming	16 October

24 HR ABSENTEE LINE

Please ring **5991 0801** (not the school's main number) to alert the school of a child's absence.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 fees – Now due
Monthly fees – Due 28th of each month.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday 3:00pm to 5:30pm
Thursday 8:30am to 10:30am

Please note:
The Uniform shop will close during the first week of the school holidays, reopening the second week.

SEQTA LINKS

Student Login  Learn
learn.caseygrammar.vic.edu.au/

Parent Login  Engage
engage.caseygrammar.vic.edu.au/

From the Principal



At the moment much of the news we see on television is very graphic. Violence is vividly described and often shown. I have spoken with a number of parents who recently who have commented on this, and wondered what is the best way to handle what is happening in the world around them and what messages to convey to their children. Our 24/7 news culture – in conjunction with easily accessible iPads, mobile phones and televisions – provides a window to events that both children and adults can struggle to understand. And when bad things happen in the world it is very natural and healthy for children to bring up questions at home or in the classroom. Decisions about what to say, and what not to say, are best guided by a child's developmental age.

Some suggestions may include:

- Listen to children to understand how *they* understand the situation. They often have very different fears from adults.
- Answer the *why* questions, with an answer tailored to a child's age.
- Protect your child from seeing traumatic visual images over and over again.
- Self-soothing techniques can be helpful. If children are feeling upset, deep breathing, exercise, listening to music and other strategies for calming down and managing anxiety can help.
- Modelling how you manage through tough times helps to build resilience in children.
- Your children watch how you respond to scary events and take their cue from you.
- The guiding principle is to talk to children in ways they understand, while being careful to not provide too much detail to a younger child.

If your children have access to a mobile phone or other device, remember that they can look at things of which you are not necessarily aware. Whilst we all now live in a digital world we need to be aware of, and avoid, the dangers.

Margaret Buttigieg - Principal

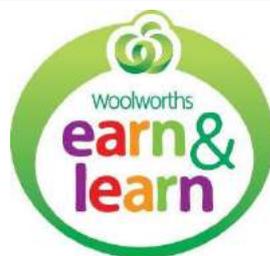
From the Office

Please ensure you have submitted a separate enrolment application form for all of your children to ensure they receive priority placement for future years.

If you are intending to withdraw your child at the end of 2017, you are required to give one term's notice in writing. If such notice is not given, a term's fee in lieu of notice will be charged. Please mark your letter to the attention of the Principal, Mrs Margaret Buttigieg and include your current address, the reason that your child is leaving and the name of the new school they will be attending.

The final date for notification is **Friday, 29 September 2017**.

Earn & Learn



Casey Grammar School is participating in this year's Woolworths Earn & Learn!

You can collect stickers until Tuesday, 19 September 2017 and place them in the box at your local Woolworths, or hand in completed forms at Reception.

Instrumental Soiree

Last week the Music department hosted the Casey Grammar School Instrumental Soiree.

Congratulations to all of our students who performed on the evening; your hard work and talent were evident.





From the School Chaplain

'Let the little children come to me... for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven' Matthew 19:14

Over the last week, Primary classes from Prep – Year 2 have been attending their class Chapel services. These will continue over the coming weeks with each class working towards their services. It has been wonderful to welcome parents and younger siblings to share in this experience, watching their students reading and singing to celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are evident in our own lives and those around us.

One of the elements of the service was asking the students to think about those who have shown them love or kindness lately and the way in which this has been demonstrated. It is easy in our daily lives not to recognize or acknowledge the small acts of love and kindness expressed to us. Being more aware of these can open us up to acting in response to those we are around; building stronger friendships, families, and community in the process.

Particular thanks to Carol Vandeloo who has put many hours into preparing the Chapel services and ensuring students are ready. Grateful thanks also to the teachers, parents and other staff who have attended and supported our students.

In celebrating the gifts of the Holy Spirit, let us look at some of the many ways that these are evident within our community at Casey Grammar.

I see love when I go into the Prep and Year 1 rooms and see parents and grandparents listening to their children and grandchildren read. It is beautiful to see different generations together enjoying books and sharing in that time together.

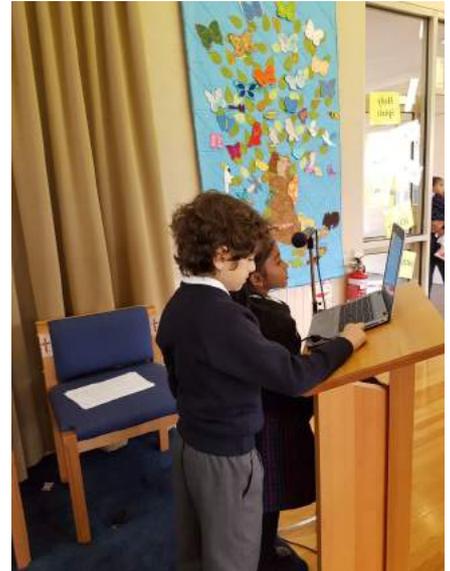
I see faithfulness when I arrive in the morning, and the maintenance team is smiling and waving in their high visibility vests directing traffic, making sure everyone arrives at school safely.

I see goodness when I see the way that teachers organise excursions and experiences for students so that they can see more of Melbourne beyond the gates of Casey Grammar. Among other activities, in the last week Prep teachers have taken their students to Werribee Zoo, Art staff accompanied Year 9s and 10s to the NGV and Year 12s have listened to a representative of the RBA with their Economics teacher.

Of course, there are countless examples in such a community, and these are just a few. However, it is important every now and then to take a moment to consider where evidence of these 'Fruits of the Spirit' is among us.

May God bless you and your families in the week ahead.

Monique Riviere-Pendle



Playground Mentor



This term the Student Leadership Team has identified playground culture as an area they would like to support. As a group, the SLT came up with an idea to have more people on duty looking out for students and encouraging a positive playground where everyone gets along. Each lunchtime, until the end of term 'Playground Mentors,' will be wandering around the primary school area visiting the Friendship Benches and ensuring students are having fun. The bright orange coloured vests with 'PLAYGROUND MENTOR' on the back have made them easily identifiable to the students, especially the younger ones.



"It's been really great getting to know other students. Shenal and I got to help some Year 1's on the oval. I'm looking forward to my next lunchtime duty." Jude SLT
"I walked around and checked the Friendship Benches and helped some friends sort out a problem." Alisha.

The Primary Student Leadership Team

PFC News

Thank you to all the parents, teachers, Year 9 students and staff who supported the Father's Day Stall. We hope the father figures in your lives enjoyed their gifts and a relaxing Father's Day.

Events for next term will be discussed at our next meeting.



Healthy Living

This week 2T has been cooking up a storm in the classroom! On Monday we made Banana Choc Chip Muffins. We followed a recipe that allowed each student to have a turn mixing, mashing and combining ingredients to reach the perfect muffins!

On Tuesday we created colourful toast! We did this by adding food dye to milk and painting our bread with it before we toasted and munched it up with some delicious honey on top!

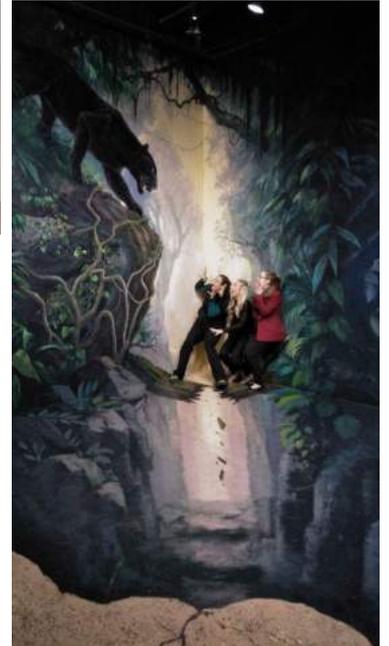
As part of our Healthy Living topic, we have discussed the idea of making snacks over buying processed food and treats. The students have loved participating in the cooking and have worked in small groups to create their delicious masterpieces!

Brittany Testro - Year 2 Teacher



Art and Photography Excursion

On Friday, 25 August a group of incredibly creative minded Year 9 and 10 Art and Photography students set out to the city to visit the National Gallery of Victoria. Students actively participated in a workshop writing about art in which they practised their analytical skills and interpreted works of art from different historical and cultural contexts. Students presented a range of highly creative ideas when working through a series of activities designed to encourage students to look beyond the surface of the artworks to develop a deeper meaning. The National Gallery staff could not have spoken more highly about the students who attended this excursion on the day.



After the NGV we ventured off to Artvo where students were immersed in a world of 3-dimensional art and experienced how art can be viewed and interacted with in a different environment. Here students examined camera angles, compositions, and perspectives. Students participated in all activities on the day with an open mind and a keen attitude to learning new things. An excellent effort from all Casey Grammar students and a great opportunity for them to see real art up close and personal.

Brittany Scott - Art Teacher

6R Artwork



This term 6R have been learning about the government apology to the Stolen Generations. We created this display by decorating our handprints in indigenous themes and colours.

Bridgette Reale - Year 6 Teacher



MARKET DAY

What: Market Day 2017
Where: Around school grounds
When: Thursday, 14 Sept Lunchtime (1:00pm-1:40pm)

In Term 3, as part of their studies in VCE Business Management, Year 11 students have been busily organising this year's Market Day! Demand on the day has been strong in previous years, highlighting the incredible support from the CGS whole school community.

This year we will have ten groups with activities and stalls including:

- Basketball shooting tournament
- 2 x Primary discos (Prep to Year 2 + Year 3 to 6)
- Checkpoint: Mario Kart racing videogame competition
- Mexican Fiesta party room
- Movies
- Talent show (auditions week comm. 11/9: Tuesday and Thursday-details to follow)
- Lucky Dips and 'Guess the Jar'

Many of these stalls and activities will cost gold coins to enter and participate, most will be selling health-conscious snacks and drinks with donation boxes setup for their selected charity. As in previous years, all profits raised on the day will be donated to charities nominated by the VCE students themselves. In the past we have supported important causes such as Zoo Victoria Foundation, Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, Oscar's Law, Kids with Cancer Foundation and Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife. We are looking forward to a great day! Our VCE Business Management students are excited to welcome all students and staff across the school to have fun and get involved on what will be an excellent time for the whole CGS community!

Brendan and Kate - VCE Business Management Teachers

Market Day - Crazy Chemistry

Crazy Chemistry will be running within the primary school area, selling slime and conducting Science experiments with students.

There will also be music, loads of games and prizes to be won.

Prices range from \$1-\$3 for slime and \$1 and \$2 for light snacks.

