



Clifton Park Primary School

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School Motto: With Pride We Strive

COMING EVENTS

February

- 12 Playgroup Begins
- 15 2016 Kindy Meet and Greet
- 16 Uniform Shop Open 9am-9:30am
ANZ Student Banking
- 17 P&C Meeting 7pm
- 26 Yr 3 Assembly
- 29 World of Maths (Incursion Yr1-6)

March

- 7 Labour Day - Public Holiday

TERM DATES

Term 1

1 February - 8 April

Term 2

26 April (SDD) - 1 July

Term 3

18 July - 23 September

Term 4

10 October - 15 December

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY (SDD)

form part of each term please see term planner for these dates.

WELCOME TO 2016

Welcome back to the new school year at Clifton Park PS. To all the new students and their families I would like to officially welcome you to the school and its community and I trust that you thoroughly enjoy and benefit from your involvement with your new school. Welcome back to all the returning students and families too.

It was great to see the enthusiasm and bright eyed smiling faces shown by the students on day one and it is wonderful to see them all back with us. A big part of the success of our school is the partnerships that are built between the school and its community/families so, with this in mind, please take the opportunity to meet with the teachers of your children, ask questions and show that you value education. Also I would encourage you to be a part of helping to keep the tone of our school friendly and warm.

CLASS STRUCTURE 2016

Due to a number of reasons including Mrs Gerace returning from Meekatharra and the fortunate spread of student numbers we have the opportunity of running straight classes throughout the school this year. Unfortunately we are dipping heavily into 'the red' as we do not have the funding for this structure and as such the straight classes are a bonus for this year but unsustainable for the future unless we get substantially more students. So let's all enjoy it while we've got it.

STAFF ON LEAVE

The Department of Education has directed all staff with Long Service Leave accrued prior to 2015 to take it all by the end of this year as the leave liability for the Department was becoming too great. What this will mean for our school is that many of the staff will be taking extended leave this year to ensure compliance with the directive. I will manage this situation as best I can to ensure minimal disruption to the educational program.

TERM PLANNER


A copy of the Term 1 Planner is included in this newsletter, it can also be found on the webpage and skoolbag app. Please refer to it for important dates and future reference.

STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to the following students who were voted by their peers last December as student leaders. Head Girl and Head Boy: Lily Anderson and Cameron Kelly. School Councillors and Sports Leaders for Semester 1 will be selected in the very near future.

SCHOOL HOURS

If children arrive at school before 8.35am they are to wait outside the front office area. Once the siren sounds students then move to their classroom.

	
First siren:	8:35am
Start of school day:	8:50am
Recess:	11:00am to 11:20am
Lunch:	12:40pm to 1:20pm
Close:	3:00pm

 8:15am to 3:30pm
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SCHOOL STAFF AS OF FEBRUARY 2016

Principal: Ric Gates
Deputy Principal: Deborah Jolliffe
Registrar: Kylie Clarke
School Officer: Jodie Clayton

CLASSES	STAFF
Kindergarten Teacher	Marian Colling
Kindergarten Ed. Assistant	Liz Davy
Pre-Primary Teachers	Moira George and Michelle Clifton
Pre-Primary Ed Assistant	Carolyn Garton
Year 1 Teacher (TA 6)	Leah Tiede
Year 2 Teacher (TA 4)	Rebecca Dignan and Marian Colling
Year 3 Teacher (TA 5)	Gwyn Jones
Year 4 Teacher (TA 1)	Robyn Gerace
Year 5 Teacher (TA 3)	Christopher Deane
Year 6 Teacher (TA 2)	Geoff Kelly
Art/PE Teacher	Peta Van Wyk
Japanese and Music Teacher	Shani Kaitani
Education Assistant (Special Needs)	Alison Bryant
Education Assistant (Special Needs)	Katelyn Yates
Education Assistant (Special Needs)	Joanne Lawson
Education Assistant (Special Needs)	Kellie Depiazzi
Education Assistant (Special Needs)	Michelle Buswell
Education Assistant (Special Needs)	Diana Evans
Library Officers	Carolyn Garton and Janine Franklin
Gardener	Leo Nitschke
Cleaner in charge	Kaye Davison
Cleaner	Justin Park

LUNCH ORDERS

We are currently negotiating a lunch menu with Mell Billy's Bakery. Once this has been set, a menu can be found near the collection box in the school hallway, on our webpage and skoolbag app.



WEBPAGE AND SKOOLBAG APP

Follow this web address to access our website www.cliftonpark.wa.edu.au Included on the website is school information, newsletters, P & C information, forms and lots more.



The free Skoolbag app can be downloaded by smart phone users. Instructions on how to download this app is included in this newsletter. You have the option to receive notifications from your child's class only. Ask them for their TA (Teaching Area) number.

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

Please notify the school office if any change of address or phone number occurs as soon as possible.

SIGNING IN AT THE OFFICE WHEN ON THE SCHOOL SITE

Any visitor to the school, be it a tradesperson, salespeople, other school's staff, community members or even a parent or guardian coming into the school must sign in at the front office. For parents and guardians this means that if you volunteer to work at the school in any way you must come to the office and sign in the register when you arrive. If you are coming in to drop something off to your child at any time during the day you must also come to the office to sign in. This is to safeguard our students and also it allows us to know who is on the site in case a fire or another emergency occurs.



STUDENTS SIGNED IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL

Any student who arrives late needs to come to the office to collect a late note. If a student arrives more than half an hour after the morning siren then they must be signed in by a parent or guardian. After this time students cannot be dropped off in the car park and be left to come into the school by themselves, they must be accompanied by an adult so that they are legally signed in. This is also the case if a student is being taken out of school before the end of the day. A parent or guardian must come to the office to complete the sign out form which is then to be taken to your child's classroom and handed to the teacher. Please make sure that you adhere to these policies at all times.



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

School Voluntary Contributions are collected by the school to supplement school expenditure in curriculum related areas. While contributions are voluntary, the quality of our teaching and learning programs will be maximised when each family contributes to the cost of supplementing the funding from other sources, including State and Commonwealth governments. This year's Kindy to Year 6 voluntary contributions are \$50.00 per child.

Payment may be made by any of the following methods:

1. Pay in person – Forward payment (by cash or cheque) in an envelope to the front office in the first term of 2016. Please make cheques payable to "Clifton Park Primary School".
2. Direct Deposit
ACCOUNT NAME: Clifton Park Primary School
BSB: 016515
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 262705449
(Reference: Please use your family surname as the reference, family payments can be made in a single transaction).

HATS AND WATER



The recent hot weather prompts me to remind you to ensure your children have hats (full brim recommended) and adequate water. Our school has a policy for student protection stating *No hat no play in the sun*. This applies for terms 1 and 4 in particular. Please apply sunscreen, as appropriate, in the morning for each day.



MOSQUITOES



These pesky critters are always causing problems and as such you may like to think about applying insect repellent before coming to school.

We are also encouraging 'rub not scratch' as it does help to avoid secondary skin infections (however I'm aware that this is easier said than done).

ALLERGIES

Please ensure that the school is notified of any allergies that your child may have and the correct procedures if an attack occurs.

As you are no doubt aware, the number of children suffering from some kind of an allergy is on the increase, so as a school we need to be sensitive to it. This is no longer a 'toughen up Princess' type of situation. The problems are real. You are all parents and as such you can empathise with a fellow parent who has seen their child being violently ill, or their life threatened, after coming into contact with the allergen. We can not protect our children from all triggers, but as a school we are educating our students about these allergies and how we can avoid serious or life threatening reactions for allergic children. NEVER sharing food with others and ALWAYS washing hands after eating are two good ways to help out.



MEDICATION

Staff must have written parental permission to administer prescribed medications to students using a "Medical Request Form" available from the front office. Staff are unable to administer analgesics to students. Emergency medication, such as that used for insect stings, should be provided with the correct instructions attached. Please let your child's teacher know if your child is taking regular medication or may require emergency medication.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

You can find the uniform policy on our school website.

ANZ SCHOOL BANKING

A representative from the ANZ Bank, Australind will be in the school corridor between 8:30am and 8:50am to assist with your child's banking. Term 1 dates are the 16 February and 15 March. These dates are on the term planner. Teach your child to save by banking at the school every month. New customers are welcome.



For more information please contact ANZ Australind Branch 6164 2303.

CLIFTON GOLD AWARDS

Clifton Park Primary School runs an award system which recognises students citizenship and positive behaviour. Students are allocated points weekly for positive behaviour and these points accrue towards earning the Clifton Gold award over many years. There are three levels of the award, Bronze – 25 points, Silver – 60 points and Gold – 100 points. (Badges for these achievements are awarded at School Assemblies).

Ric Gates
PRINCIPAL

MRS JOLLIFFE'S JOTTINGS

Reading is one of the school's focus areas for 2016.

Home reading, done regularly, is a major strategy that assists with learning to read.

Some Tips for Success to think about include:

- **Praise every effort** in reading, especially if your child's confidence is low.
- **Don't compare** your child's performance with that of friends or relatives.
- If your child sees you reading every day this will develop lifelong **positive attitudes** to reading.
- **Involve your child in the selection** of a story or a book. Ask your child to tell you about something that interests him/her. Use this information when selecting reading material for your child.
- There is a difference between reading for pleasure and reading for learning or study.
- We, as adults, when we read for pleasure, will seldom read something that is hard for us to read or is on a topic not of interest to us. We tend to read challenging texts if it is for study or work related purposes and for when we are wanting to learn something new. Children need to not only have opportunities to read for pleasure but also there is a time and place for compulsory selection and reading of books. **There needs to be a balance.**



Deborah Jolliffe
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOWNLOADING SKOOLBAG APP

Skoolbag is the ultimate school to parent communication tool. This School Mobile App provides schools with an easy way to tell parents and carers everything they need to know about school news, newsletters, events calendar, cancellations, school notices, school information, parent sick note forms, and much more. No more lost paper in school bags! **Skoolbag** is an iPhone and Android based School communication App that delivers School notices and information direct to parents' mobile phones.



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

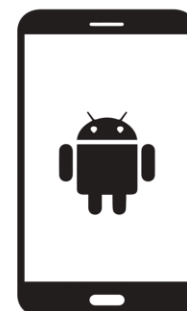
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.



Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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P & C NEWS

Clifton Park Primary School P&C Association
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 17th February 2016, 7pm

The Annual General Meeting of the Clifton Park Primary School P&C Association will be held on Wednesday 17th February 2016 at 7pm in the staff room.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect the office bearers for 2016, receive the audited financial statements for 2015 and to conduct any other business that may arise.

All positions on the P&C have been declared vacant and nominations are sought for the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Executive Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Uniform Coordinator
- Book Club Coordinator
- Safety House Coordinator
- School Council Members

BECOME A PART OF YOUR P&C!

The more parents who are involved, the more ideas and energy we will have and the better it will be for

Got ideas to make our school even better?
Come along and join the P&C!

WHAT IS THE P&C?

Parents playing a vital role in the education of their children!
A P&C is a group of community minded people who assist the school in providing feedback on school policies and activities, and additional resources to enhance student learning.

We are more than willing to be flexible in terms of the times, dates and venues of our meetings, especially if it will get more parents involved!
If you have any requests, don't hesitate to contact us!

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open in Term 1 on the following dates:-

Tuesday 16 February
Tuesday 8 March
Monday 4 April

OPENING TIMES
9am – 9:30am

School Uniform Order Forms are available at the front office. Complete and place them in the uniform box in the front office and they will be processed as soon as possible.

Lauree Sims
Uniform Coordinator
Monday – Friday
during school hours
PH: 0400 239 144

2016 PLANNER

Term One

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
H	25 January	26 Australia Day	27	28 Teachers resume School Development Day	29 Teachers resume School Development Day	30	31 Jan
1	1 Feb Students Resume	2	3	4 PP - Parent Meeting 9am	5	6	7
2	8 Feb	9	10	11	12 Playgroup Begins	13	14
3	15 Feb 2016 Kindy Meet & Greet Morning Tea	16 Uniform Shop Open 9-9:30am ANZ Student Banking 8:30am – 8:50am	17 P&C AGM 7pm	18	19	20	21
4	22 Feb	23	24	25	26 Year 3 Assembly	27	28
5	29 Feb World of Maths (Yr 1-6) Incursion	1 Mar	2	3	4	5	6
6	7 Mar Labour Day	8 Year 6 Camp Uniform Shop Open 9-9:30am	9 Year 6 Camp	10 Year 6 Camp	11 Year 6 Camp	12	13
7	14 Mar Staff Meeting	15 ANZ Student Banking 8:30am – 8:50am	16 Faction Field & Distance	17	18 Faction Athletics Carnival	19	20
8	21 Mar Council Meeting 6:30pm P&C Meeting 7pm	22	23	24 Assembly Yr 1	25 Good Friday	26	27
9	28 Mar Easter Monday	29 Easter Tuesday	30	31	1 April	2	3
10	4 April Uniform Shop Open 9-9:30am	5 Interschool Athletics Carnival	6	7	8 ANZAC assembly 9am Students last day	9	10
H	11 April	12	13	14	15	16	17

Start and End of Term
 Public Holidays
 School Holidays (students)
 School Development Days