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School Motto: With Pride We Strive

WELCOME TO 2015

Welcome back everybody as we start another wonderful 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. I trust that you thoroughly enjoy and benefit from your involvement with your new school. Part of the success of a school is the partnership that is built between the school and the community/families so please take the opportunity to meet with the teachers of your children, ask questions and show that you value education. Be a part of helping to keep the tone of our school friendly and warm.

STAFF

A big welcome to the following staff who have joined our school this year; Mrs Deborah Jolliffe - Deputy Principal, Mrs Katelyn Yates - Education Assistant, Mrs Novi Coutts - Cleaner in Charge (pm) and Mr Justin Park - Cleaner (pm). All are sure to be assets for our school.

NEW DEPUTY

We are fortunate to have two deputies this term as Mrs Jolliffe joins us and Mr Semmens transitions into retirement. This will allow for a seamless takeover for her in term 2. Mrs Jolliffe is a very experienced teacher and administrator, having taught and been a Deputy or Principal at a number of schools within the state. Please make her feel welcome in typical Clifton Park style.

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 place it in a handy position for 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: Bronte Anderson and Ashton Watkins

School Councillors and Sports Leaders for Semester 1 will be selected on Friday.

ENROLMENTS

We commenced this year with students across seven classes. It was great to see the bright eyed enthusiasm shown by the students on day one and it was wonderful to see all their smiling faces back with us.

In a school this size split classes are a reality and there is a misconception that students are less able or 'kept down' when in certain split classes (eg the 2's in a 1/2 class or 5's in a 4/5 etc) however I can assure you that this is not the case. Each child is considered where they will be best placed, within the class sizing guidelines, using a number of criteria with academic ability being only one of the considerations. Education these days is about teaching at the level and needs of the child regardless of the year level.

COMING EVENTS

February

- 2 2015 school year begins for students
- 11 Kindy Meet & Greet 9am
- 18 7pm AGM followed by P&C Meeting in staffroom
- 23-25 Yr 6 Camp
- 27 Yr 3/4 Assembly

March

- 2 Public Holiday (School Closed)

TERM DATES

(for students)

Term 1

2 February - 2 April

Term 2

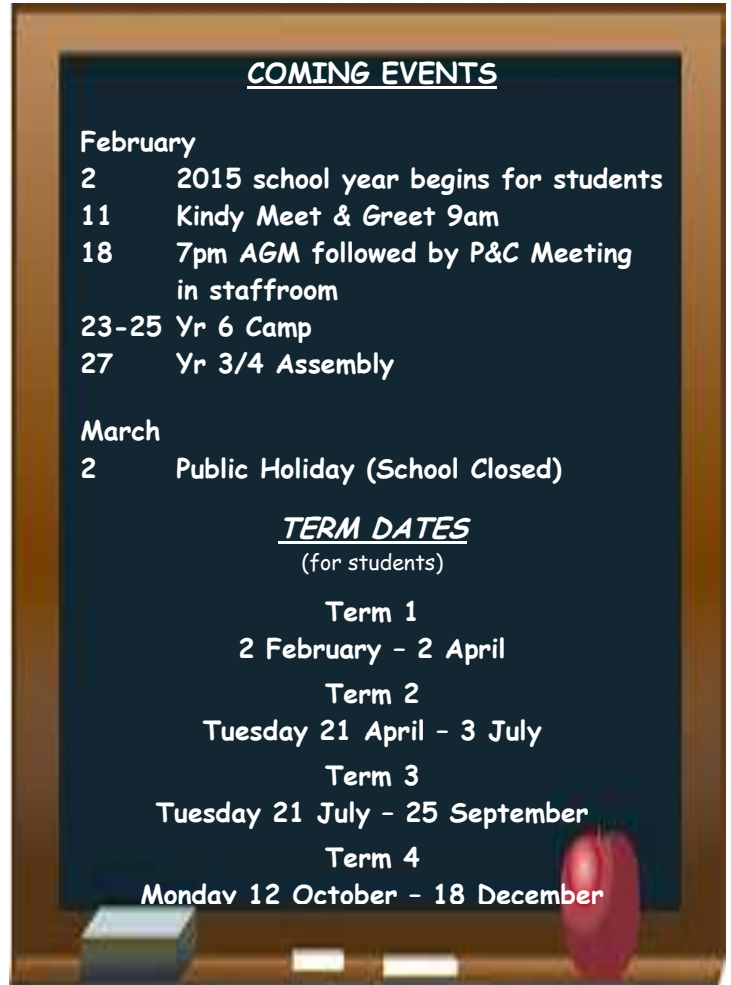
Tuesday 21 April - 3 July

Term 3

Tuesday 21 July - 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October - 18 December



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



SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

8:30am to 3:30pm

SCHOOL STAFF AS OF FEBRUARY 2015

Principal: Ric Gates Deputy Principal: Des Semmens transitioning to Deborah Jolliffe Registrar: Kylie Clarke School Officer: Jodie Clayton	
CLASSES	STAFF
Kindergarten Teacher	Marian Colling
Kindergarten Ed. Assistant	Liz Davy
Pre-primary/Year 1 Teachers	Moira George and Michelle Clifton
Pre-primary Ed Assistants	Carolyn Garton, Kirsty Webley-Hurrell, Joanne Lawson and Michelle Buswell
Year 1/2 Teacher (TA 6)	Leah Tiede
Year 2/3 Teacher (TA 4)	Rebecca Dignan and Marian Colling
Year 3/4 Teacher (TA 5)	Gwyn Jones
Year 4/5 Teacher (TA 3)	Christopher Deane
Year 5/6 Teacher (TA 2)	Geoff Kelly
Art/PE Teacher	Peta Van Wyk
Learning Support Coordinator	Deborah Jolliffe
Japanese/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)	Kelly Depiazzi
Library Officers	Carolyn Garton and Janine Franklin
Gardener	Leo Nitschke
Cleaner in charge	Kaye Davison
Cleaner in charge	Novi Coutts
Cleaner	Justin Park

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.

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 2015. 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.



CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

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

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. As part of the policy a return slip will be issued to students to take home to parents when the school uniform has not been worn.

LUNCH ORDERS

Just a reminder, lunch orders are available to purchase from Croissant Express on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday ONLY. The menu can be found near the collection box in the school hallway, on our webpage and skoolbag app.



Please make sure the lunch order is written on an envelope and deposited in the collection box by 8:50am. Please mark clearly

- ✓ Child's name and class
- ✓ Food required
- ✓ Correct money



Unfortunately the Deli is no longer an option and as such you will need to self-cater on Monday and Tuesday.

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 17 February and 17 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 – 70 points and Gold – 110 points.** (Badges for these achievements are awarded at School Assemblies).

Ric Gates
PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY'S PONDERINGS

Today I have included a complete article that I consider to be of great worth for both teaching and parenting. May I stress that I see these tips as being of **equal worth for any child**, no matter what level of learning and age.

MENSA TIPS FOR RAISING A SMARTER CHILD

Parenting Magazine, September 1997

Not all of us are brilliant enough to belong to Mensa, the high IQ society. But you don't have to be a genius to follow these suggestions for bringing up brighter kids from J. Kent Hollingsworth, Ph.D., coordinator of Mensa's Gifted Children's programs.

1. **Set a good example.** Children learn to emulate their parents. Do you read for pleasure? Do you make learning a lifelong pursuit?
2. **Read to your child from an early age.** This one-on-one quality time reinforces the value of reading, and the material you read to them will usually be more interesting and advanced than what they can read on their own.
3. **Provide hands-on experiences.** Children learn more through experience than explanation. Make a habit of taking them to museums, libraries and other places of interest.
4. **Encourage risk-taking.** Bright children are often praised for being right, which may teach them to avoid risks. Failures can be learning experiences -- the heavy hitters strike out the most.
5. **Get involved at your child's school.** Educate yourself about your child's school, and approach the teacher with a "How can I help?" attitude.
6. **Listen.** Show that you understand your child by listening to the feeling behind your questions or statements. For questions that are requests for information, show your child how to find out for him/herself.
7. **Treat your child as an independent person -- not an extension of yourself.** Before pushing your kids to excel at chess, music or algebra, ask yourself whose needs this would meet -- yours or your child's.
8. **Consult the experts, but use your own sense and values.** Read what the experts have to say, then filter it through your own beliefs before deciding what to do.

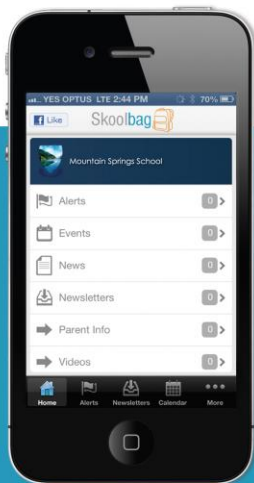


Des Semmens
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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.



Skoolbag 
Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone Users

Simply search for your school name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

After the app is installed on your phone, make sure that you select "OK" to allow push notifications. Also click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.



Android Users

Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

After the app is installed click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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P & C NEWS

AGM

Clifton Park Primary School P&C Association NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday February 18th, 2015

The Annual General Meeting of the Clifton Park Primary School P&C Association will be held on Wednesday February 18th, 2015 at 7pm in the staff room.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect the office bearers for 2015, receive the audited financial statements for 2014 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
- Bookclub Coordinator
- Safety House Coordinator
- School Council Members

CPPS – modernising school uniform

Clifton Park Primary School has made the change!!

We welcome a fresh new designed polo, marking the beginning of a new era at Clifton Park Primary School.

This hasn't just been an overnight decision, but a year's worth of research and discussions at council and P&C meetings.

The traditional school colours of Navy and Lemon are incorporated into the new design, a change of fabric and the logo will now be embroidered onto the polo.

The older style polos will be phased out over a couple of years and are still able to be worn. We will expect by the end of the school year 2016 that all the older style polos will come to their end.

Our council and P&C have agreed on the following pricing for the new polos:

- 2015 - \$27.00
- 2016 - \$29.00
- 2017 - \$30.00

Uniform Shop

Term 1

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

Monday 16th Feb 2015

Monday 9th March 2015

Monday 30th Feb 2015

Times: – 8:50am – 9:30am

New stock will be arriving end of February, beginning of March.

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

Community News

THE WEST COAST EAGLES ARE COMING TO BUNBURY
FEBRUARY 10 - 11, 2015

PLAYER SIGNING SESSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
 5.00PM - 6.00PM
 HANDS OVAL
 HALSLEY STREET, BUNBURY
FREE EVENT!

COMMUNITY PANEL NIGHT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
 7.00PM - 10.00PM
 SOUTH WEST ITALIAN CLUB
 WHITE STREET, BUNBURY
 PLAYER INTERVIEWS, SIGNINGS, AUCTION
 ITEMS AND DOOR PRIZES UP FOR GRABS
\$50 PER TICKET
 PLEASE CONTACT GLENN OMODEI ON
 0402 258 232 FOR FURTHER DETAILS

BUSINESS BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
 7.00AM - 8.30AM
 LIGHTHOUSE INN
 CAREY STREET, BUNBURY
 HEAR FROM ADAM SIMPSON & KEY WEST
 COAST EAGLES PERSONALITIES
\$50 PER TICKET
 PLEASE CONTACT ADAM DEHRING ON
 0409 101 589 FOR FURTHER DETAILS

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE
 COMMUNITY CAMP GO TOWARDS
 FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT
 IN THE SOUTH WEST**



**WEST COAST
 THE WEST IS
 OURS**










**REGISTRATION
 DAY**

15th & 22nd February 2015, 11am - 1pm
 Bunbury Runners Club, Cnr Ocean Dr & Symmons St
 Bunbury

<p>FEES</p> <p>Men's Senior: \$220.00 Women's League Tag: \$170.00 Under 18's: \$80.00 Girl's League Tag: \$130.00 Junior's (U6's to U16's): \$130.00</p> <p>NEVA PLAYERS</p> <p>Please bring an original copy of either Birth Certificate, Current Passport or Driver's Licence.</p>	<p>KIDSPORT VOUCHERS</p> <p>Kidsports vouchers are available for all children aged 5 - 18 years of age if you hold a Centrelink Card.</p> <p>PLAYER SPONSORSHIP</p> <p>Letters are available for players who have family, friends or employers interested in sponsoring.</p> <p>For further information please contact Martha Te Puia - 0420 885 187</p>
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2015 REGISTRATION DAYS



**Eaton Junior Football Club
 Online Registration**
www.eatonjfc.sportingpulse.net

Dates: Thursday 26th & Friday 27th February

Venue: Eaton Recreation Centre

Time: 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Fees: \$ 90 (Year 4 to Year 6)
 \$100 (Year 7 to Year 11)
 \$170 (Family - 2 children)
 \$195 + \$10 per child (Family - 3 or
 more children)

Contact: Greg Hodgson (President) 0429 206600
 Darren Demarti (Registrar) 0438 980213

www.eatonjfc.sportingpulse.net
www.facebook.com/EatonJFC

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...RELATIONSHIP BUILDING...
 ... SELF DEVELOPMENT...
 ...PARENTING... SUPPORT...

January – March 2015 Seminars and Workshops

Please phone Michelle 08 9792 1111 for course
 information and bookings.

Relationships Australia
 20 Molloy Street
 BUNBURY

Website: www.wa.relationships.com.au

2015 Term 1 Planner

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
H	26 January Australia Day Public Holiday	27 Admin Resume	28	29 Teacher Resume Development Day	30 January Teacher Resume Development Day	31	1
1	2 Feb Students resume	3	4	5 9am PP Parent Meeting	6	7	8
2	9 Feb	10	11 Kindy Meet & Greet 9am	12	13	14	15
3	16 Uniform Shop Open 8:50am – 9:30am	17 ANZ School Banking 8:30am – 8:50am	18 P&C AGM 7pm	19	20	21	22
4	23 Yr 6 Camp	24 Yr 6 Camp	25 Yr 6 Camp	26	27 Yr 3/4 Class Assembly	28	1 Mar
5	2 March Labour Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
6	9 Uniform Shop Open 8:50am – 9:30am	10	11	12	13	14	15
7	16	17 ANZ School Banking 8:30am – 8:50am	18 Distance Running events, Field Events	19	20 Faction Sports Day	21	22
8 Bike Week	23 School Council P&C Meeting	24 Wheel-a-thon (K-2)	25	26 Ride to school day	27	28	29
9	30 Uniform Shop Open 8:50am – 9:30am	31 Interschool Sports Carnival Yr 2-Yr 6	1 April	2 Students Last Day	3 Good Friday	4	5
H	6 April Easter Monday	7	8	9	10	11	12
H	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

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