



# Clifton Park Primary School

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## School Motto: With Pride We Strive

### COMING EVENTS

June

28 Student Reports go home

30 Students Last day of Term 2

July

17 Staff return

18 Students return for Term 3

### SCHOOL EVENTS AND NEWS

As we come to the halfway point of the year I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for your continued support of our school. It is very much appreciated.

I wish for your children to have a great break and then come back ready for Term 3. I hope that you can find some time within the holidays to share some quality time together. Be safe.

Next term we look forward to the following events – the winter carnival, school photos, parent/school open night, in-term swimming, book week author visit and parade.

### STUDENT REPORTS

Student Reports were sent home yesterday. If a meeting is requested by the teacher or you'd like to discuss your child's report, please arrange a meeting either later this week, or early next term.



### ASSEMBLY



It was a most enjoyable assembly last week with the Year 5/6 class putting on a very entertaining play. The costuming, humour and engagement by all the students was great to see. The four main performers did exceptionally well considering the number of lines they remembered. Well done to all concerned.

### EISTEDDFOD

Our school choir did a fantastic job representing the school at the recent Eisteddfod. What a great opportunity it is for them to perform at BREC, on stage and in front of a large audience. Well done choir and thank you Mrs Kaitani for making it possible.



### CROSS COUNTRY

The interschool Cross Country Run was another excellent opportunity for our students to achieve something significant. For some that may mean a personal best, for others a top 10 finish, however for us it was that the students did their very best on the day and finished what they set out to do. Again we were impressed with the manner in which our students competed and represented their school. Thank you Mr Deane for your coaching and coordination, and Mrs Depiazzi for assisting on the day.



### STUDENT LEADERS

Thank you to our outgoing student leaders and welcome to our new leaders. Congratulations to the following students for being selected by their peers to be student faction leaders for Semester 2. Like their predecessors, I'm confident that these students will do a fantastic job. School Councillors for Semester 2 will be announced this Friday, June 30.



## SPORT LEADERS FOR SEMESTER 2

BLUE FACTION	GOLD FACTION	RED FACTION
<b>CAPTAINS</b>	<b>CAPTAINS</b>	<b>CAPTAINS</b>
Bailey Harkness and Jayk Lindroth	Abbey Jones and Todd Warren	Elijah Hehir and Felix Newman
<b>Vice Captains</b>	<b>Vice Captains</b>	<b>Vice Captains</b>
Lily Buckland and Dominyk Stubbs	Zoe McKay and Jackson Eaton	Izzy McDonald and Dylan Jaroka

### GARDENING

Thank you Greg and Kirsten as they continue in the gardening role replacing Leo following his retirement. They are doing a great job and will continue at our school, until the Department of Education directs our school regarding the vacancy.

There have been some noticeable changes to the school grounds lately. Please refer to the article below in this newsletter regarding this.

The school is starting to plan an upgrade of its grounds and is in the process of planning nature play areas. If you have any great ideas please put them in writing and/or photographs and either email [cliftonpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:cliftonpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au) or bring them into the office. Thank you.



### STAFFING NEWS

A number of our staff are having, or going to be on leave in Term 3. (Our department is still pushing for us to reduce the overall departmental leave liability). The staff and their relief are:

Mrs Dignan; Week 1 and 2 of – Relief is Mrs Oakley

Mrs Gerace; Week 1 and 2 – Relief is Mrs Millar

Mrs Jones; Week 1 to 6 – Relief is Mrs George

Mrs Van Wyk; Week 1 to week 4 – Relief is Mrs Myers

### KINDERGARTEN INTEREST FOR 2018 (REPEAT)

Kindergarten applications for 2018 are now open. Application for Enrolment forms are available at the front office. If you have relatives or friends you think would be interested in enrolling for Kindergarten in 2018 at Clifton Park Primary School, they are welcome to collect a form at the office from Mrs Clarke or Mrs Clayton. Applications for enrolments are due by 21 July 2017.



### A BIG ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations are in order for ex-student from last year, Cameron Kelly and Broden Pollard (ex-Kingston PS from 2015) who were recently in the UK competing in the Maths in Motion Challenge.

Cameron and Broden were one of 30 teams in the World Final and the only team who qualified from Australia. The competition started with over 100,000 students worldwide and the 'virtual' car they designed finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall and runner-up in the senior division (12-16 year group – he is 12 and Broden is 13!). The final race was streamed live across the globe via YouTube.

#### More about the Challenge

*The Jaguar Maths in Motion Challenge has now become well established in the calendars of many schools as a way of engaging children of all ages and abilities in an exciting and motivating mathematics based project. The software is suitable for all ages from 8 upwards. It is an ideal base for a primary school maths project, for a 'transition years' project or for general use with older students throughout secondary school.*

*The Challenge involves students working together in small teams. These teams set up virtual racing cars and then compete against each other in a series of Grands Prix type races throughout the year in the hope of becoming World Champions. This activity involves a wide range of basic mathematical skills, some practical, being used and applied.*

*Maths in Motion Grand Prix - Our flagship Challenge involving 100,000 children, globally! This Challenge, for 8 to 16 year olds, has been running since 2000 and is tried and tested. Simulating a fuel powered car race many of the children who have got involved have finished up in STEM based careers. Exciting, motivating and has its own website at [www.mathschallenge.org.uk](http://www.mathschallenge.org.uk)*

**Ric Gates**  
PRINCIPAL

# Activity in the bushland areas around our school

You may have noticed recently that there has been some clearing happening around our school site. Gardeners don't really like to do this but, being a government organisation, we have to ensure that we create and maintain not only visually stimulating grounds around our schools but also that all aspects of our grounds are safe. This involves 5 key areas:

- 1. Supervision site lines.** When our kids are outside at morning tea and lunch they are supervised by staff on duty. Government policy requires certain heights of all vegetation, with the exception of tree trunks, to provide the best possible sight lines for staff to supervise our kids and keep them safe.
- 2. Security.** Policy requires that all areas of the school be maintained, as best as possible, to minimise the opportunity for potential offenders to hide or gain entry to the school. The same clearing as for sight lines for supervision of the kids achieves this around the school buildings but means that we also need to continue this clearing out to the boundaries of the school site.
- 3. Safety.** Our school grounds must be kept in a safe condition for not only our kids but for visitors and staff as well. This means as trees either die or become stressed, they need to be removed or pruned back. We attempt to recycle all trees and shrubs on site. It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that if you think there is a safety issue anywhere at the school, to report it at the front desk, where such matters are dealt with in a timely manner.
- 4. Bush Fire.** Although the school site is not identified as being in the "Bushfire Prone Area" as determined by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, many parts of Clifton Park, most particularly around the borders, are included. This obviously puts the school site at risk of ember attack and as such reasonable efforts must be made to reduce the fuel load on site to minimise the effect of any spot fires that may start on site.



- 5. Tree and shrub Health.** Various plant diseases are present on our school site. In some cases we need to remove trees and scrubs because of disease, or stress or are just too leggy. We keep this to an absolute minimum.

## What are our plans for the future?

The intention, once the school grounds have been made safe and compliant, is to start a program of replanting of mainly low growing shrubs and ground covers. This will be done in conjunction with several classes to enhance the learning outcomes in areas that the students would otherwise be doing in theory. This also builds ownership of the school grounds in the students which helps them to value our environment.

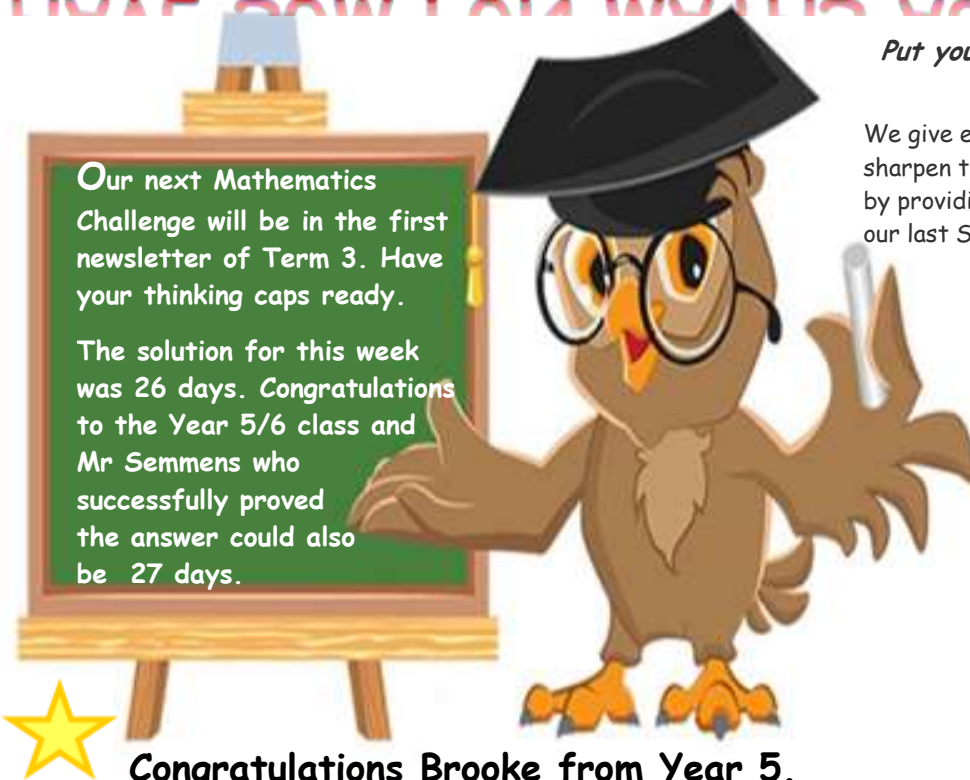
Other projects in the very early stages of consideration are a Nature Based Playground, Bush Sculpture and Outdoor Classrooms, all of which you will hear more about in the future.

A major refurbishment of bushland always looks a bit poor immediately after the clearing stage. Please bear with us as this is not the case once follow up mulching and planting development work is completed.

If you have any question or great ideas, please don't hesitate to approach Greg or Kirsten, who currently make up our garden staff, or the Admin who would be happy to hear from you.



# HAVE SUM FUN MATHS ACTIVITY!



Our next Mathematics Challenge will be in the first newsletter of Term 3. Have your thinking caps ready.

The solution for this week was 26 days. Congratulations to the Year 5/6 class and Mr Semmens who successfully proved the answer could also be 27 days.

**Congratulations Brooke from Year 5.**

**You are this week's Mathematics star!**

*Put your thinking caps on and 'Have Sum Fun'*

We give everyone the opportunity to sharpen their skills and knowledge by providing problem solving tasks in our last School Newsletter.

- Families are encouraged to work together to discuss strategies and solve the maths problem.
- Each student may enter one answer.
- Answers can be written on any type of paper.
- **Answers need to be put into the box located outside of TA5.**
- Please ensure answers are named clearly, including classroom form (e.g. TA5).
- A small prize will be presented to the first correct answer drawn at the mini assembly on Mondays.



## HOME READING



School holidays are upon us and they can get pretty hectic! Routines can fly out the window with celebrations, travel and out-of-town guests. You may like to use these tips for keeping your child/ren engaged in learning and reading during the break.

1. Read for fun! Whether your child is in the mood for holiday stories or the newest instalment from a favourite series, holidays provides the perfect opportunity to set aside school books and read for fun. Make time for bedtime stories to create the routine and enjoy books on a daily basis.
2. Stock up on books at the local library. Help your child pick out books they're interested in reading during the holidays. Libraries may also have fun, free holiday activities throughout the break.
3. Make the most of travel time. Turn travel time to or from a holiday get-together into an opportunity to practise reading. You can look for license plates from different states, try to find the alphabet on the license plates, or count the number of red (or white or green) cars you see. Read street signs and billboards you see along the way.
4. Create a new tradition. A little predictability is comforting for kids. Starting a special Winter Break Story Time can be a new tradition that links reading with happy memories. Hot cocoa and your favourite stories will have the whole family feeling comfy and cozy, while creating memories that will last a lifetime.



Remember, you don't have to be an expert to help your child with reading. By simply interacting with children around books, you can show them that books are important and worthy of our attention.

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# RESILIENCE

# GAMES

A fantastic day was had on Tuesday June 13. Students from Year One to Year Six enjoyed participating in ten fun activities challenging their mental agility and resilience, as well as cooperating in group challenges.

Favourites for the students were the Pipeline Roll and Ping Pong Skip.

The students were a credit to our school with their behaviour and resilience being exemplary.

The school community have donated \$1544.00 via sponsorship.

Thank you for your amazing response.

Our top fundraising families were the Lindroth and the Castle families.



I hope to purchase the Hokki Chairs soon to be used by students in Term Three.



Thank you,  
Carolyn Garton



# P & C NEWS

**Keep warm this winter with your home fires burning!**

**\$2 per ticket**

A 6x4 trailer load of chopped firewood (Trailer not included)

**Wood Raffle will be drawn on Friday 30th June**

Don't forget to get your tickets in!



Thank you to Simcoa for donating the wood. Please return all tickets (sold and unsold) with money, in the plastic sealable bag provided, to the P&C box in the hallway of the school by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Spare tickets are available next to the P&C Box.

*The P&C*

**The NEW Entertainment Memberships are here!**



Clifton Park Primary School is raising funds. Here's how you can help...

Help us raise funds for our school by buying Entertainment Memberships. This offers hundreds of valuable offers to do, and help out.

**Only 2 left!**

Over \$20,000 worth of offers the whole family will love!



**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK**



Did you know the P&C has a new Facebook page? Check it out at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/cliftonparkpandc/>.  
 Make sure you follow us to hear about what we're doing to help our school and what you can do to be involved.

**ENJOY TIME WITH YOUR KIDS AND BUILD A STRONGER SCHOOL COMMUNITY...**

**ARE YOU A CHAMPION DAD?**

**WHAT IS CHAMPION DADS ALL ABOUT?**

Clifton Park Primary's "Champion" Dads' group is a chapter of the The Fathering Project; a not-for-profit charity that aims to help fathers realise how important they are in a child's life and to give them advice on how to encourage their children.



The "Champion" Dads' group aims to build the knowledge and skills of fathers, and father figures, but most importantly is an opportunity for dads to get together in a relaxed, informal environment.

**HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?**

We aim to meet every six weeks and to host an event once a term. Watch this space for more details!

**WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?**

Check out [www.thefatheringproject.org](http://www.thefatheringproject.org) to find out more about The Fathering Project or email [cpchampiondads@gmail.com](mailto:cpchampiondads@gmail.com) to get involved in the CPPS "Champion Dads" group.

**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be open in Term 2 on the following dates:-

**Monday 31<sup>ST</sup> July**  
**Monday 21<sup>ST</sup> August**  
**Monday 11<sup>TH</sup> September**

**OPEN TIME**  
**8:45am – 9:15am**

**Winter is coming!**  
**Get in early to order your winter uniforms!**

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.



**IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE UNIFORM SHOP!**

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

# Community News

Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service

Department of Education

**Positive Parenting**  
Group Program /Bunbury District  
For parents of children 3-8 years

Come along to this free interactive group program to learn:

- Key concepts of positive parenting
- Effective strategies to encourage positive child behaviour and development
- How to prevent & manage common child behaviour challenges

Common TOPICS include:

Tantrums      Bedtimes      Shopping with children  
Meal times      Compliance      Fighting & Hurting Others

Group Triple P is for parents/carers of children aged 3-8 years. It includes 4 weekly group sessions and 3-4 individual phone sessions. Parents are given a workbook and an opportunity to apply the strategies with their children at home, with the support of an experienced facilitator during the 8 week program.

**DATES for Term 3 2017**

VENUE	DATE	TIME	CRECHE	BOOKINGS
South Bunbury PS	Wednesdays July 19/26th & August 23th	0930 to 1130am	Creche available Bookings 46446667	Please call 97952888 Bunbury Community Health
Glen Huon PS	Fridays July 21/28th August 4/11th	0930 to 1130am	Creche available Bookings 46446667	Please call 97952888 Or visit: ChildHealth.health.wa.gov.au

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**Glen Huon Dental Clinic**  
CLOSED over the school holidays  
Emergencies can contact  
Week 1: 9734 2330  
Week 2: 9721 1497

Beginning term 3 the dental clinic will be closed on Fridays

Emergencies on that day can call 0417291951

Opening hours will be  
Monday - Thursday 8am - 4pm

**KIDS HOLIDAY SPECIAL**  
(UNDER 15 YRS)

1 GAME OF BOWLING & KIDS MEAL  
(your choice of kids meal from the menu)

**\$18.00p.p** (extra games \$6)  
Wear your own joggers  
Or hire shoes for \$3.00

Bunbury Tenpin Bowl & Family Fun Centre  
136 Strickland St (behind big w) ph; 97912233

**SUNSMART IRONMAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA BUSSELTON 4444**

IRONKIDS Busselton entries are now open!

This event will be held on  
**2 December 2017**

This is held on the same weekend as the Busselton Ironman and Half Ironman (70.3) events.

This year there will be a Triathlon and also a Duathlon option for children. It is open to **children aged 7 - 13 years old**.

To enter, or to find out more about the IRONKIDS event, please go here:  
<http://ap.ironman.com/triathlon/events/asiapac/ironman/western-australia/events/ironkids-busselton.aspx#axzz4kDIh6FXZ>

**CITY OF BUNBURY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC**  
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Email: surfclub@bunburyslsc.com.au Website: www.bunburyslsc.com.au

**SAVE THE DATE - SURF TO SURF FUN RUN**  
**SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2017**

The Surf to Surf Fun Run, now in its 40th year, is a popular event for schools, corporates, community groups and anyone who wants to 'have a go'.

Once again we will hold a **Fast 5 Schools Challenge** and the **Handicap Shield**. The Fast 5 will be determined by an average of the fastest five students representing their school. The Handicap Shield will be determined by the highest entries per school population. Prizes will be awarded to the Primary and Secondary school with the highest entries per school population - Handicap Shield and the Fastest 5 School Award in both Primary and Secondary categories.

**Entry Fees:**

Students

- \$20 Early Bird Entry before 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- \$25 Normal Entry 24<sup>th</sup> September to 12 noon 14<sup>th</sup> October
- \$30 Late Entry after online registrations closed

Families (2 Adults, 2 children or 1 Adult, 3 Children)

- \$75 Early Bird Entry before 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- \$85 Normal Entry 24<sup>th</sup> September to 12 noon 14<sup>th</sup> October
- \$90 Late Entry after online registrations closed

There will be other monetary, gifts and vouchers as 'spot' prizes given out on the day. All children are also eligible to win in the Individual age category prizes for the 5 km run event. We have found over the previous years that the Community and Schools have been big supporters of our volunteer lifesaving club and this major fundraiser enables us to purchase essential lifesaving equipment and continue with our intensive training programs to keep our beaches safe.

We would greatly appreciate if you could promote this event within your school and sports departments and of course please feel free to enter your students as a school team. If you enter before 12<sup>th</sup> September all entries will be eligible for an Early Bird Spot Prize.

If you would like further information, contact us via: [surfclub@bunburyslsc.com.au](mailto:surfclub@bunburyslsc.com.au)

Heather Freeman  
City of Bunbury SLSC Surf to Surf Fun Run Committee

**School Vacation Care Adventures**  
1-14 July 2017

5yrs - 12yrs in full-time school  
**\$62/child/day** (including lunch)  
**\$7 lunch** or pack your own

Movie & Popcorn      Outdoor Play      Cooking  
Indoor Sports      Craft      Pool Table      Foose Ball  
Arts & Logo      Air Hockey

Enrol your child today!  
Enrolment@llc.com.au 1300 799 8000 www.llc.com.au

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