



# Clifton Park Primary School

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### School Motto: With Pride We Strive



#### FRIDAY - FOOTBALL COLOURS DAY



As a bit of fun to complete the term I invite students and staff to wear their Eagles or Dockers colours on Friday 25 September, to celebrate the historic occurrence of both WA teams in the Preliminary Finals (and hopefully the Grand Final).

#### SWIMMING LESSONS

The students are into the second week of their lessons at the Leschenault Leisure Centre. If your child/ren have been successful at passing a stage their certificates will be coming home with them later this week.

#### PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to those who have already responded to our Parent Survey online. If you have not completed this survey but would like to, you will find the survey link on our skoolbag app. The closing date for you to respond is 1 October 2015. As mentioned in the survey introduction, this is an invaluable way of gaining feedback on how we are going and to gauge the perceptions of our school community.

#### STUDENT FREE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Please take note and start making necessary plans for the pupil free day (SDD) happening on **Monday 26 October** this year (that is the Monday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of term). On this day the staff will be undertaking substantial planning for the 2016 school year. There is no SDD on the first Monday next term.



We are aware that these days have the potential to cause some significant disruptions to your schedules hence the timely advice.

#### SPECIALIST ASSEMBLY

Mrs Kaitani and our talented students did a great job at our last assembly entertaining the audience with a variety of Japanese and Music items. The enthusiasm and knowledge displayed by the students demonstrated the effectiveness of these two programs. Well done to all involved and thank you parents for your continued support.

#### COMING EVENTS

Sept	
25	WA Football colours day Student Final Day Term 3
Oct	
1	Parent Survey Due
12	Students and Staff return for Term 4
26	School Development Day (Student Free)
27	Uniform Shop Open 8:50am - 9:30am

Students Resume  
for Term 4  
Mon 12 OCT

#### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Students from CPPS participated in the South West Primary Instrumental Music Workshop held at Busselton Senior High School on Monday 21 Sept. The day concluded with a short performance showcasing the work completed by the students throughout the day. All agreed it was a very worthwhile workshop.

#### STUDENT LEADERS

The Term 3 Student Councillors will be finishing this week and, on behalf of the school, I would like to sincerely thank Kate Russell and Jonathon Cornish for the great job that they have done for our school. I know that they really enjoyed the leadership opportunity and learned much about how to go about it. I'd now like to welcome our Term 4 Councillors Leila Golding and Sophia Wiles-Day, to the role, I am confident that they will serve their school well and that they will also learn more about leadership.

#### HAVE A GOOD BREAK

The staff would like to wish all families a safe and fulfilling end of term break. Thank you for your continued support of our great little school. See you all next term refreshed and ready for fourth term.

## PLANNING FOR 2016 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Planning for 2016 is underway at our school and we are at the stage of gathering information in regards to student numbers and staffing. If you already know that your child/children will not be returning to Clifton Park Primary School could you please contact the office to let us know. This will enable us to more accurately work out class sizes and funding for next year.

## POSITIVE PARENTING

Being a good parent is the hardest job you'll ever do (and the most rewarding). Over the years I have provided information through this newsletter to help and I hope that some of the ideas have done just that. I thought it would be a good idea to reacquaint you with the website that I think is the best source of helpful hints; Michael Grose's site is [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au) I hope you find it useful. I do.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RISK		
What does attendance risk mean?		
<p>If a student attends 90% of the time, we regard them as attending regularly.</p> <p>However, a student attending 90% of the time will miss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 day a fortnight</li> <li>• 1 week a term</li> <li>• 4 weeks a year</li> <li>• 1 year by the end of Year 9</li> <li>• 1 semester between Year 8 &amp; Year 12</li> </ul>	<p>If a student attends 80% of the time They are in the lowest risk category, but they will miss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 day a week</li> <li>• 2 weeks a term</li> <li>• 8 weeks a year</li> <li>• 1 year by the end of Year 4</li> <li>• 2 years by the end of Year 8</li> <li>• 3 years by the end of Year 12</li> <li>• 1 year between Year 8 and Year 11</li> </ul>	<p>If a student attends 60% of the time They are at moderate risk, but will miss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 days a week</li> <li>• 4 weeks a term</li> <li>• 16 weeks each year</li> <li>• 1 year by the end of Semester 1, Year 3</li> <li>• 2 years by the end of Year 5</li> <li>• 3 years by the end of Semester 1, Year 8</li> <li>• 4 years by the end of Year 10</li> <li>• 5 years by the end of Semester 1, Year 12</li> </ul>
Makes you think and reevaluate doesn't it?		

**Ric Gates**  
PRINCIPAL

## MRS JOLLIFFE'S JOTTINGS

### Parent Card Supporting Punctuation and Grammar



As students learn to write they often can't control all elements at the same time. For example, they may be focusing on the meaning of the story, or writing the information down, rather than concentrating on their spelling and punctuation. It is important to focus on one thing at a time when working with your child on punctuation and grammar; this helps them to gain control over one element of their writing before beginning to use and refine another.

Use the following suggestions to assist your child in developing their understanding and use of punctuation and grammar.

- If your child asks you to help them edit their writing, remember to focus only on one new thing at a time.
- When your child is editing their work, ask them to read their work out aloud. Often as work is read aloud, many more changes are detected.
- If your child has produced their text on the computer, encourage them to use the grammar checker. Be mindful that not all computer-generated suggestions will be appropriate and that your child will have to make decisions about whether or not to accept the computer-generated suggestions.
- When reading texts with your child, talk about the punctuation and grammar that the author uses, e.g. "See here where the author has used a comma before the character speaks and then used speech marks before and after the character has spoken".
- Read a story and deliberately use incorrect grammar then ask your child to say it correctly.

**Deborah Jolliffe**  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

# Dear Healthy Elfie ...



My child doesn't like swimming and I am tired of the fuss he has made about attending the current school swimming lesson. I am not sure if the battle of getting him to go is worth it really! We don't have a pool, so that isn't an issue but we do like to go camping near rivers and lakes.

Regards

Sir Vive

Dear Sir,



It is important that you as the parent at times inform your child that there are just some things that need to be done as part of their safety and education in life. Living in the Bunbury area with access to the beach means it is a life skill to know how to swim and have knowledge about safety issues near water that may prevent injury or save someone else's life. These skills will be acquired from being involved in swimming lessons. It not only helps improve their swimming ability and fitness, but provides valuable knowledge and skills related to water safety. We can all keep safe while enjoying water activities by knowing how to swim and act responsibly. While you do not have a pool, many of your child's friends may do and these lessons could be an important strategy to preventing a tragedy.

Below are a number of facts related to water safety in Australia. Parents are encouraged to discuss these with their children so that important concepts can be reinforced and they understand the importance of attending the swimming lessons:

- 85% of people who suffer spinal injuries in aquatic environments are male.
- You should always check the depth of water before diving in – feet first, first time.
- Each year in Australia, at least 50 people are paralysed due to spinal injuries related to diving, jumping or being dumped in water.
- Most drownings occur in open water such as lakes, dams, rivers and oceans.
- Many people drown when there are others nearby.
- You can rescue someone without entering the water. In fact the safest way to rescue is when the rescuer does not enter the water.
- Anyone can save a life if they learn about water safety.
- One in five people who go boating cannot swim.
- You should always wear a PFD (Personal Flotation Device) when boating. Children should always wear PFD's, even in calm conditions.
- If you don't have a fence around your home pool, someone could drown.
- The emergency telephone number is 000 (112 from a mobile phone).

...Healthy Elfie





**FROM THE LIBRARY...**

A letter of congratulations and a message of thanks we would like to share.

# Congratulations

and thanks for participating in the  
Scholastic Book Fairs CBCA Offer.

As you have hosted two Scholastic Book Fairs and your May event achieved more than \$1000 in revenue, your school is entitled to receive the winning titles of the 2015 Children's Book Council of Australia Awards.

We are pleased to present you with the winning titles valued at over \$160, which includes:

**BOOK OF THE YEAR (OLDER READERS): THE PROTECTED**

**BOOK OF THE YEAR (YOUNGER READERS): THE CLEO STORIES: THE NECKLACE AND THE PRESENT**

**BOOK OF THE YEAR (EARLY CHILDHOOD): GO TO SLEEP, JESSIE!**

**PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR: MY TWO BLANKETS**

**EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS: A-Z OF CONVICTS IN VAN DIEMEN'S LAND**

**CRICHTON AWARD FOR NEW ILLUSTRATORS: ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE**

To ensure your school receives this exciting offer next year, talk to your consultant today.

Thank you for partnering with Scholastic Book Fairs. We hope your students enjoy the 2015 winning titles.

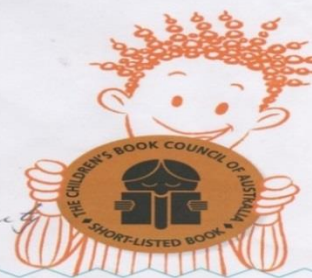
Kindest regards,



David Peagram  
Managing Director  
Scholastic Australia & New Zealand

*Thank you to Scholastic Australia,  
Jodie Hadzeger for organising and running  
our Bookfairs and the school community  
for supporting them.*

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# LUNCHBOX Legend



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**DYLAN!**

**You are our  
Lunchbox Legend!**

*Have you got a  
healthy lunchbox?*



# P & C NEWS


## HELP WANTED

P&C DISCO  
MEETING ON  
**FRIDAY 25 SEPT**

**9am**  
**TA1 CLASSROOM**

Please join us to contribute your  
great ideas.

## Uniform Shop

 Come and get your winter uniform!!

Term 4 Uniform Shop Dates:-

- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Time: 8:50am – 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.

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



**Turning Children's Art & Photos**  
into unique products!

Calendars



Sketch Pads



House Mats



Cards



Diaries



Phone Covers



\$13.00	\$18.00	\$14.00
Per Calendar	Per Diary	Per Mouse Mat
\$14.00 Per Pack of 8 Cards	\$14	\$15 Per Phone Cover
	Per Sketch Pad	

Each year the P&C organise a fantastic fundraiser involving your child's artwork. You have the opportunity to buy personalised calendars, diaries, cards and more with your child's very own artistic creation. Order forms and Payment are due back by Friday 16 October Week 1 Term 4.

**advancedlife**  
photography

### Family Portrait Fundraiser 18<sup>th</sup> Oct

For \$20.00 you get all this:-

- 10"x13" family portrait
- Key chain
- Chance to go in the draw for \$1500 cash

\*Invite family and friends

For every booking  
\$20.00 is donated to CPPS P&C

Contact: Renia Clark  
PH: 0418 208 186  
Email: clarkrenia@gmail.com

*A minimum of 25 families is required for this fundraiser to go ahead.*



# Community News

## ANZ Tennis Hot Shots

NEW TIMES STARTING TERM 4, 2015

### HOT SHOTS RED BALL

4-6 years - 8 x 30 minutes \$110  
 Tuesday 3.30pm, Wednesday 3.30pm or Saturday 8.30am  
 6-8 years - 8 x 60 Minutes \$140  
 Tuesday 4.00pm, Wednesday 4.00pm or Saturday 9.00am  
 25% compression RED BALL  
 Smaller courts, larger balls and mini nets.  
 Introduces main shots and swing shapes.  
 Develops social skills, team work,  
 fundamental motor skills, rallying and scoring

### HOT SHOTS ORANGE BALL

8-10 years - 8 x 60 Minutes \$140  
 Tuesday 4.00pm, Wednesday 5.00pm or Saturday 9.00am  
 50% compression ORANGE BALL  
 3 quarter length courts over the big net  
 Introduces spin and more complex scoring,  
 rules and technique. Develops rallying and tactics.

### HOT SHOTS GREEN BALL

9+ years - 8 x 60 Minutes \$140  
 Tuesday 4.00pm, Wednesday 5.00pm or Saturday 9.00am  
 75% compression GREEN BALL  
 Full length court over the big net.  
 Introduces whole court use, advanced  
 technique and develops strategy.

### JUNIOR RACQUET OFFER

Each registered Hot Shot student is  
 able to purchase a brand new racquet  
 at the their right size for only \$20.00

BUNBURY  
 TENNIS CENTRE  
 Hay Park, Bunbury



Contact: Andrew Woodward  
 bunbury@tennisexcellence.com.au  
 1300 424 544  
 www.tennisexcellence.com.au



Putting the FUN back into FUNdamentals

Did you know there is a  
**Playgroup in Clifton Park**  
 For Children 0-5 years old?



Playgroup WA membership \$30 per year

Concession \$25.00

Family Contribution \$25 per term

(for Tea, Coffee, arts, Crafts etc)

www.playgroupwa.com.au

At: Clifton Park Primary School

When: Friday mornings 9:00am - 12noon

Where: Room next to the Kindy room

- Bring a piece of fruit/veggie to share
- Fun educational activities for the children

For more information contact: Selina Prosser 0408 925 009

# HOT 95.7

Surf to Surf

## FUN RUN



CITY OF BUNBURY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

Sunday 18th October 2015

ADULTS \$25  
 CHILDREN \$20  
 FAMILY \$85

EARLY BIRD  
 SPECIAL

Enter before  
 4th October for  
 \$5 discount!

10km RUN  
 5km RUN  
 Cristal  
 5km WALK

Register  
 now!

bunburyslc.com.au or find us on Facebook

Ph: 0418 954 678



## September-October School Holidays at the Australind Public Library!

### KITE KINETICS

Wednesday 30th September 1pm-3pm

Think you know kites...well think again!!!  
 Amazing kite creator Michael Alvares is coming to our library  
 to teach you everything there is to know about kites, the  
 magnificent history of kites and how to make the perfect kite!

NOTE: Kids 7+. There's a fee of \$3.00 per child to attend  
 the kite workshop. Cash only. PLEASE BOOK, LIMITED  
 SPACES!



### PAPER PLANES

Thursday 1st October 1pm-3pm

Visit the library and make your own paper plane! We have  
 lots of different materials and papers to choose from. When  
 complete have a plane race with your friends and watch  
 them soar!



### BOARD GAMES

Monday 5th October

2pm-5pm

Spend an afternoon at the library playing  
 board games and doing puzzles with your  
 friends and family. We have lots of board  
 games to play!



### HEAD GEAR QUIZ ALL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Come to the library, ask for  
 an answer sheet and see if  
 you can name who wears  
 the head gear on display in  
 the library's glass cabinet. If  
 you get 8 or more questions  
 correct you win a prize!!!



### ALL DAY CRAFTS

Thursday 8th October

Visit the library anytime during the day and  
 create your own masterpiece. We have plenty  
 of art and craft supplies to choose from.



Rhymetime and Storytime will run as usual

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