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 3rd 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.

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 I hope you find it useful. I do.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RISK

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Makes you think and revaluate 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 (EARLY CHILDHOOD): GO TO SLEEP, JESSE!
- 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 Hadnger, organizing and running our book fairs 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?
HELP WANTED

Term 4 Uniform Shop Dates:

- Tuesday 27th October
- Monday 16th November
- Monday 7th 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.

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

Family Portrait Fundraiser
18th 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

BUNBURY TENNIS CENTRE
Hoy Park, Bunbury

HOT SHOTS RED BALL
4-6 years: 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday 28th March
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday 29th March
4-6 years: 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday 11th April
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday 12th April

HOT SHOTS ORANGE BALL
8-10 years: 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday 28th March
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday 29th March
8-10 years: 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday 11th April
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday 12th April

HOT SHOTS GREEN BALL
9+ years: 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday 28th March
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday 29th March
9+ years: 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday 11th April
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Sunday 12th April

Contact: Andrew Woodward
bunbury@tennis excellence.com.au
1300 434 544
www.tennis excellence.com.au

Putting the FUN back into FUNDamentals

PLAYGROUP

Did you know there is a

Playgroup in Clifton Park

For children 0-5 years old

Playgroup WA membership $20 per year
Concession $15.00
Family contribution $25 per term

(tea, coffee, arts, crafts etc)

www.jeniferparker.com.au

At: Clifton Park Primary School
When: Friday mornings 9:45am - 11:00am
Where: Room next to the Kindy room

- bring a piece of fruit to share
- fun educational activities for the children

For more information contact Jenifer Parker 0421 825 029

September-October School Holidays
at the Australind Public Library!

KITE KINETICS
Wednesday 30th September 1pm-3pm

Your own homemade kite workshop.

Amazing kite creator Michael Alvens is coming to our library
to teach you everything there is to know about kites,
the magnificient history of kites and how to make the perfect kite.

NOTE: Kids Jr. There's a fee of $5.00 per child to attend the kite workshop. Cash only. PLEASE BOOK. LIMITED SPACES!

BOARD GAMES
Monday 5th October
2pm - 5pm

Visit the library anytime during the day and enjoy a game of chess, checkers and board games.

PAPER PLANES
Thursday 1st October 1pm-3pm

Visit the library anytime during the day and enjoy a game of chess, checkers and board games.

ALL DAY CRAFTS
Friday 8th October
9am - 3pm

Create your own day with some of the art and craft supplies to choose from.

Rhythm and Storytime will run as usual

Australind Public Library: Paris Road, Australind
Ph: (08) 9797 1430 OR Email: es@staff.harvey.wa.gov.au