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School Motto: With Pride We Strive

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to everyone who attended our end of year celebrations on Tuesday. It was a fabulous morning, where we were able to acknowledge recipients of our awards, and thank members of our community for the dedication and effort that is put in on a daily basis. In my address I used the analogy of our students as gifts in our community, where we all play a role in their “wrapping” (teaching and learning). We work as a leadership team to ensure that the table is clean, the scissors sharp and with purposefully selected wrapping paper (teaching strategies and programs). I referred to the teachers as our gift wrappers, the ones who artistically and creatively wrap our students in teaching programs which facilitate their learning. We have an incredible support staff, from school officers to gardeners, to education assistants and cleaners. These staff are our scissors – with razor sharpness to enable a precision cut of wrapping paper, and support to fold the corners. I spoke about our parents as the sticky tape. Every time parents contribute to our community, to their child’s education, they add a piece of sticky tape to each gift. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to wrap your gifts – teach your children – this year, and we look forward to working with you all next year.

CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2020

Clifton Park Primary School has at the forefront of its decision making, the needs of individual students to ensure they are successful in their endeavours at school. We create our class structure based on how we can best support our students within our available resources. The ultimate goal of student placement is that each child be placed in the best possible learning environment, taking into account academic achievement, work habits and interpersonal relationships. The administration team and teaching staff establish class structures for the following year based upon anticipated enrolments and estimated funds indicated by the student centred funding model. There is a balance of how to best meet student needs within the budget that

Coming Events

2019 Term 4
December
19 Students Last day of school 2019

**HAPPY* Holidays!*

2020 Term 1
January
28 Uniform Shop Open 8:30am - 11am
31 Class lists available on the office window

February
3 Students Resume

must be achieved, and forms part of the decision making process. Time has been sanctioned for robust and valuable collaboration and consultation of teaching staff, to ensure that every voice is heard, and every child is discussed. Various scenarios and options have been discussed, and the best fit for each child is considered.

We treat these decisions as one of the most important responsibilities of the school staff, which present an opportunity to be able to positively influence the learning for every child. For that reason, they will only be announced once we are sure that they won’t change. Class lists will be made available on the office windows from 4pm on Friday 31st January, 2020. If they are available beforehand, we will advise parents via Skoolbag.

STUDENT REPORTS

The Semester Two Student Report packages have been sent home with your children Wednesday 19 December.

FAMILIES LEAVING

With the students graduating or leaving, we often see the last of their families at the school as well, and sometimes this can be the end of a long partnership with the school. To those families, we have valued your contributions over the time you have been here at our wonderful and unique school. Best wishes and thanks from Clifton Park Primary.

SCHOOL AWARDS AND GRADUATION CEREMONY

Tuesday's School Awards and Graduation Ceremony went very smoothly. There was a wonderful sense of community and we were very proud of all our students and particularly with our graduates.



Congratulations to the following Class Award and Graduation Award recipients for the 2019 school year:

CLASS	Effort and Achievement Award	Citizenship Award
Yr 1/2 ~ Rm 6	Murray	Devin
Yr 2/3 ~ Rm 5	Xavier	Taelor
Yr 3/4 ~ Rm 4	Stella	Tyson
Yr 4/5 ~ Rm 3	Bailey	Tomai
Yr 5/6 ~ Rm 2	Charlie	
ARTWORK		
Nayah Year 6		
PRINCIPAL AWARD		
Ebony Year 5		

YEAR 6 GRADUATION AWARDS	
Visual Arts	Isabelle
Physical Education	Addison
Japanese	Madison
Music	Lilliana
Citizenship	Isabelle
Dux	Katie

HEAD BOY 2020	HEAD GIRL 2020
Rory	Charli

FACTION TOKENS

Congratulations to **Red** for winning the faction token award system for semester 2, 2019. Rewards were handed out at the assembly

2020 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS (SDD)

The School Council recently approved the School Development Days (SDDs) for the 2020 school year. These are days where students do not come to school, and staff work together or attend professional development. See table below for the dates.

Term 1	Thursday January 30, Friday January 31,
Term 2	Tuesday 28 April
Term 3	Monday July 20
Term 4	Monday October 12, Friday December 18

UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPEN DAY

**TUESDAY
28TH JANUARY 2020
8.30AM - 11AM**

TERM 1

MONDAY 3/2/2020 8.50AM - 9.20AM
TUESDAY 25/2/2020 8.45AM - 9.15AM
MONDAY 23/3/2020 8.45AM - 9.15AM

Come see us in the undercover area!
Please note...
We are now cashless - EFT & direct deposit available

Cathy Allen
PRINCIPAL

My Home Reading

Congratulations to the many students who achieved 200 nights (or more) of reading by the end of the school year. All of these students' names went into the raffle in win a major prize.

Thank you to the families who supported their child by encouraging regular reading and annotating this in the Reading Journal.

Regular reading over the holidays helps to keep the reading skills fresh in children's minds, but it is also a lovely way to relax.