Welcome to our final newsletter for 2016.

On behalf of the whole school staff I’d like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great safe break and thank you all for your fabulous support during the year. I’d like to wish all the very best to our graduating students and to all other students leaving our school at the end of this year.

LEAVING FAMILIES
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. Best wishes and thanks from Clifton Park Primary to the following families of students graduating:

- Anderson family,
- Berry family,
- Brown family,
- Clifton family (x2),
- Foley/Silver family,
- Kelly family,
- Michael family,
- O’Hara family,
- Russell family,
- and Wright family.

We know we have a wonderful and unique school here and have valued your part in it, so it’s a sad farewell. We trust we have made a difference and have helped set a solid foundation in your children’s lives.

IMPORTANT DATES
The 2017 school year begins for students on Wednesday February 1. The school is open on Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 January, however these are Professional Planning Days for staff.

PP ASSEMBLY
Congratulations to the Pre-Primary class staff and students on their excellent assembly last week. The students spoke very well, the songs were great and they looked cute in their costumes. It really was a great effort and those pesky ‘baddies’ got what they deserved for stealing our Clifton Golds!

LEONARDO DAY
The Science Day was again a great hit with our students. Seeing so many students actively engaged in science activities is a wonderful spectacle. Thank you Mr Semmens for coordinating this for our Year 5 students.

Staff from Clifton Park Primary School
Wish you all a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year
CLASS EXCURSIONS
All classes will be going on an excursion or having a ‘fun day’ either this week or next. Please ensure your children have all their requirements with them. All students are really looking forward to them.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITIONS
All of the graduating students have completed their high school transitioning programs and have returned less anxious for the experience.

STUDENT REPORTS
The Semester Two Student Report packages will be sent home on Wednesday afternoon December 14.

SCHOOL AWARDS AND GRADUATION CEREMONY
The ceremony will commence at 9am on Tuesday December 13 in the undercover area. This event will be hosted by the student leaders as in previous years. Proceedings will include:

- Presentation of Class Awards
- Speeches, farewells and acknowledgements
- Graduation Ceremony
- Festive songs / School song to the Graduates
- Announcement of the 2017 Head Boy and Girl
- Graduates’ song/performance to the school

This will then be followed by:

- Morning tea for the Year 6 Graduates and their guests, book award donors and the Staff (Recess for the rest of the school).

Graduates will then leave for their excursion and lunch. (Normal schooling for the rest of the school).

CLASSES FOR 2017
The class structure for 2017 still looks like being: K, PP, 1, 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6. I have received a number of requests and if you haven’t already you are welcome to have input into where your child is placed by either writing or emailing to me with your thoughts. (cliftonpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au). Your request will be considered (and granted if possible) however I cannot guarantee any request as other factors or extenuating circumstances may have to be taken into account. I can assure you though that the staff look at every single student and carefully consider where they should be placed.

2017 CLASS LISTS
These will be placed on the office window on the afternoon of Monday January 30, 2017.

WILL YOUR CHILD BE WITH US NEXT YEAR?
To assist us with our classroom planning for 2017 we need to be aware of any students not returning next year. So please let us know, if you haven’t already, by contacting the front office.

Ric Gates
PRINCIPAL

Social and Emotional Focus
Each fortnight you will see a poster in the classrooms and around the school. In 2016 the school has raised the awareness of social and emotional literacy by focusing on resilience. Keep an eye out for this fortnight’s poster.
The Clifton Park Primary School P & C would like to thank all parents, students, staff and the community for their continued support of the P&C.
We wish you all a safe, happy holiday and a very Merry Christmas!
We look forward to working with you all in 2017

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN BEFORE THE 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL 2017!!

TRADING HOURS
TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2017
9:30am-11:30am & 2:00pm-3:30pm

If you are unable to attend or just don’t want to hang around during these hours complete an order form and place in the uniform box complete with form, payment and requested day for pick up!!

Payment Options:
- CASH
- CHEQUE
(Please make payable to CPS P&C Association)
- Direct Deposit
  Account Name: CPS P&C
  BSB: 036 315
  Account Number: 3760 73412
  Ref: (child name)

UNIFORM COORDINATOR:
Contact only during open hours
LAUREE SIMS
0400 239 144

Carols by Candlelight
Eaton Primary School Amphitheatre
Monday 19th December
7:30pm – 9:00pm

Glow candles on sale for $2
(Battery powered & reusable)

Enjoy singing traditional & modern carols and hearing the Christmas story

FIGHT the BITE

WEAR LONG, LOOSE-FITTING, CLOTHING.
USE INSECT REPELLENT.
REMOVE THE WATER THEY BREED IN.
The Forever Project

FIRE: RECOVERY & RESILIENCE WORKSHOP
Featuring leading experts Chris Ferreira and Rohan Caton, who have extensive experience in Australian vegetation and landscape management.

Saturday 10th December 2016
1 - 4pm
Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre Function Room

- Create fire safe & drought resilient landscapes.
- Balance fuel loads and reduce weed burdens.
- Interpret DECL assessments.
- Tips on building or retrofitting for fire safety.

Please register for this FREE workshop by 30th November 2016. Contact Melissa Howard on 9729 0381 or recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au. The initiative is proudly sponsored and supported by the Harvey Shire Council.

January School Holiday Camp
Nurture Works presents

BUZ Pitstop Camp

For children in school years 4—7
Tuesday January 10th —Friday January 13th
Point Walter, Applecross
Cost: $450 includes meals, accommodation, activities, Adventure World and bus
Limited number of fee subsidies available

This is a 4 day camp where kids will find ways to prepare for the coming school year by developing essential life skills to solve problems and overcome life’s ups and downs. Run by a team of screened leaders under the leadership of Min Merriman.

BOOK ONLINE NOW! www.buildupzone.com
An initiative of St. Mary’s Community Care (Busselton)

FREE Koombana Bay Sailing Club
OPEN DAY

You are invited to experience the joys of sailing at our

FREE Discover Sailing Day
Hosted by Koombana Bay Sailing Club
Saturday 10th December 2016 - 10am to 1pm
Rotary Sail Into Life
Accessible Sailing for People with Disabilities
9.30am to 11.30am

West Coast Outrigger Canoe Club will have the outrigger canoes on the water for you to paddle in.

Club facilities, boats and life jackets will be available on the day so come along, learn to sail or paddle and enjoy a FREE adventure.
There is something to suit every member of the family.
We look forward to seeing you all there.

Parents or guardians should accompany children under the age of 18.
Please be sure to wear comfortable clothes/shoes, a tie-on hat and don’t forget to slip, slop, slap, wrap!
Getting to School in 2017

Want to avoid the hassle of traffic jams, can’t find a park and really don’t have the time to take the kids to and from school? TransBunbury has an extensive network of school special services using fully accessible air conditioned buses that can do the work for you.

We operate to/from all the Australind, Eaton, Bunbury, Dalyellup and Gelorup senior high schools and colleges.

We also operate to South Regional TAFE using TransBunbury school specials and the local TransBunbury public network.

To find out how please have a look at the School Special Timetable guide at www.transregional.wa.gov.au.

Once you find your timetable, simply open it up and all the information you need will be there or simply call the infoline on 13 62 13.

Printed timetables and information are also available from our Depot at 1 – 3 Allnut Court, Bunbury during Business hours.

Why not give public transport a go? It will save you fuel, time, and the environment.

The Summer Reading Challenge, Power-Up with Books is up and running!

The reading challenge has been designed as a fun way to keep the reading momentum rolling all summer long and prevent the ‘summer slide’. Children can log their reading minutes and collect fun badges and power-ups as they progress.

Three awesome prize packs to be won, each worth over $800! Plus, the chance for parents to purchase books at 50% off from the Scholastic Store!

Competition opens 1 December 2016 and closes 31 February, 2017.


Australia Day – January 26

3:30pm meet at Stirling Street Art Centre
4:00pm community march into Music Shell
Presentain and community concert to follow