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School Motto: With Pride We Strive

Welcome to our final Newsletter for Term 1.

FACTION ATHLETICS WEEK

What a great week we have just had, with an excellent Field Day of events on Wednesday and then the running and team games on Friday.



Congratulations go to GOLD, who displayed much strength across the year levels and achieved a winning score of 658. RED came in second with

565 and BLUE scored 409.

The staff once again put in a huge amount of work and planning toward making the days go so smoothly, and much credit and thanks need to go to them. Special recognition is extended to Mrs Van Wyk and Mr Semmens for their overall coordination of the training program and the actual days of competition.

The children have been outstanding throughout this whole period and showed great sportsmanship throughout. They showed true pride in their efforts and participation. Well done students!

It was also wonderful to see such a great turnout of parents (and wider family members) at the main day on Friday. Thanks especially to the P&C, the members of which ran the refreshments and sausage sizzle tent. They appreciated the financial support from their sales, as well as other volunteers helping out on the stalls. As a staff, we really valued the volunteers helping out during the jumps day and then throughout the Friday carnival. All of this support is so typical of this school community, thank you all very much indeed!



COMING EVENTS

March

- 26 Ride to School Day
Great Bike Race
- 30 Uniform Shop Open 8:50am-9:30am
- 31 Interschool Sports Carnival Yr's 2-6

April

- 2 Students Last Day of Term 1
Retirement Assembly 2pm
Easter Raffle Draw
- 20 School Development Day - No students
- 21 Students Resume Term 2
- 24 School ANZAC Ceremony

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Tuesday 31 March is the Interschool Athletics Carnival to be held at the Athletics Track in Hay Park. We have selected our team who will be representing the school. An information and permission note has been sent home to participating students. Please send signed consent forms back to school as soon as possible. We will need some parental assistance on this day so, if you can help, please let Mrs Van Wyk or Mrs Clarke know. Thank you.



RIDE TO SCHOOL WEEK AND WHEEL-A-THON

As a standing member of our CHAT (Changing Health, Acting Together) once again Mrs Garton has excelled herself with her planning of this valuable week. It has been wonderful to see the involvement of the children as they decorate their bikes and take part in the Wheel-a-thon, as well as noting the emphasis on bike safety that is such a vital message to pass on to the children. I hope that the school app has been able to keep you informed of all the week's happenings.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council met this week. The 2014 School Annual Report was tabled for ratification by the Council. Copies of this Report are available from the office for school community members to view.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **Special Retirement Assembly**

On Thursday, 2 April, we will be conducting a special retirement assembly to farewell Mr Semmens. This assembly will begin at 2pm and all are welcome.



- **Easter Raffle**

Next Thursday, following the retirement assembly for Mr Semmens, we will be drawing out all of the prizes for the annual P&C Easter Raffle. Thank you to all of the families who have brought donations in for this fundraiser. Donations are still welcome and can be placed into the box at the front office.



NAPLAN



The Years 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN testing programme during the third week of next term. Notes have already gone home to the families of children involved in this.

SPECIAL DATES TO BE AWARE OF

The first day of next term –

- Monday 20 April, will be a School Development Day. Students don't attend school until the following day, Tuesday 21 April 2015.
- The Monday 27 April of Week 2 is a public holiday, so the children will have to wait until Week 3 before they have a Monday at school.

ANZAC CEREMONY

This year we are able to conduct our school ANZAC ceremony on the day before ANZAC Day itself. This is on the first Friday (24 April) of term two. Throughout Australia there is a focus on the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli and we will be maintaining that within our ceremony. All parents and friends of the school are invited to this ANZAC assembly, which will start at 2pm in the undercover area

- **Request for Flowers**

Students are asked to bring flowers or greenery that can be used to make up ANZAC wreaths for the assembly. Please leave them on the sink area outside the Art room on the Friday morning (24 April).



- **Assistance with making wreaths**

We would be very appreciative for any parents who are able to assist with the making of the wreaths for the ANZAC assembly. This needs to be done on the Friday morning between 9:00am and 10:00am. Please let the office know if you are able to help with the wreath making.

- **ANZAC Day City Parade**

All Clifton Park Primary School students are invited to march in the Bunbury City Parade on Saturday 25 April 2015. Students are to assemble with Mrs Jolliffe at the old RSL Hall by 10:15am for the parade to commence at 10:30am. Students will march to the main service which will be held at the Graham Bricknell Musical Shell. The group of students representing our school must be in school uniform, including wearing a hat. (Students are encouraged to wear service decorations of family members). It can be very hot weather so students may carry a water bottle with them as they march. Family members are also welcome to join in with the school group to march.



Ric Gates
PRINCIPAL

HAVE SUM FUN MATHS

Last Saturday we had two teams of 6 children participate in the annual Have Sum Fun Maths Competition. Ten Primary School teams participated from different schools in the Year 5 and 6 competition. Our teams were made up of children from Years 3 to 6, so their efforts and results were truly outstanding. One of our teams came second, while the other came ninth. The children worked extremely well in their teams and I was very proud of them. I compliment them on their commitment to do well - they turned up to practice sessions at 8am each Thursday for a number of weeks, and then went to the Catholic College on Saturday afternoon to take part. Thanks also to their parents who went out of their way to support the children and me in this wonderful experience.



DEPUTY'S PONDERINGS

By now you will know that I am a strong believer in the power of words. Today I will look at two different ways to ask the same question and what a difference the wording makes.



"What did you **do** at school today?" we ask our children when they get home. The normal replies might be, "Nothing" or "Maths", "Science" or "Reading".

Not very open-ended and not much is usually gained from this wording.

Try this instead, "What did you **learn** at school today?" Hopefully they won't say "Nothing"! This wording is more open-ended as it gives you the chance to get better sharing from your child and can be the opening for having quite rich conversations about their learning of that day. You might find that you end up on the computer together looking up more information on parliament house or the life cycle of a guinea pig, who knows?

Just by changing one word a richer sharing is possible between what we do here at school and what get passed on to you at home.

As they say in the tea advertisement: "Do try!"

FROM DEP'S PONDERINGS TO DES'S WANDERINGS!

With my impending retirement, this newsletter is the last one for any of my articles. I do hope that you have found them of interest over these years. Certainly it has been a fortnightly challenge for me to seek topics that might be both interesting and thought-provoking. I hope that I have succeeded for you. I can truly say that I have had to think hard about my own beliefs in many of the articles.

As I go from Ponderings to Wanderings I would like to say a big "Thank you" to the whole CPPS community. I have felt very welcome here and consider myself a very blessed person to have had these past five years working within such a wonderful community ... the children have been a joy to work with, the staff are incredible professionals and the parent community is extremely supportive. You are bringing up lovely children! Thank you for enabling me to have such great years in my career.

Des Semmens
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

School Councillors News

The school councillors would like to thank everyone for supporting the Crazy Hair Day to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Below is a letter from Robbie Kaitani who participated in the World's greatest shave.

"I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Staff, students and parents for their amazing support of me shaving my head for the Leukaemia Foundation. I had hoped to raise \$1200 but with all of your help I have now raised just over \$4000!! I still can't believe it!! Clifton Park Primary alone managed to raise \$196.60, every cent helps.

It is not too late to still donate. Simply click on this link <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/robbiekaitani>.

Today, 31 Australians will get the news they have blood cancer.

- \$160 can provide a regional family with a free, fully furnished 'home away from home' for two nights near a major hospital.
- \$350 can provide 13 people with free emotional support to help overcome the initial shock of diagnosis.
- \$1200 can provide free transport to over 200 patients and carers to and from hospital for a month.
- \$2000 supports a major blood cancer project for one week. Thank you again, Robbie Kaitani. "



P & C NEWS



Clifton Park Primary School P&C Executive for 2015:

President: Paul Ferrari

Vice President: Lauree Sims

Treasurer: Karen Phillips **Secretary:** Amy Pitts

Uniform Coordinator: Lauree Sims

Book Club Coordinator: Jodie Harkness

Safety House coordinator: Rob Sharp

Upcoming P&C Events

- Wheel-a-thon
- Easter Raffle
- Hot Cross Buns drive

Term 2

- Mother's Day Stall
- Wood Raffle

What have we been up to?

In 2015 the P&C has already funded two important requests:

- 1) Literacy Box materials
- 2) Year 6 Camp subsidy

We have also:

- 1) Fundraised at a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
- 2) Run the Cake Stall at the assembly
- 3) Helped set up for sports carnival
- 4) Run the food tent at the sports carnival
- 5) Stocked and run the Uniform Shop.

BECOME A PART OF YOUR P&C!

The more parents who are involved, the more ideas and energy we will have and the better it will be for ALL OUR CHILDREN!

WHAT IS THE P&C?

Parents playing a vital role in the education of their children!

A P&C is a group of community minded people who assist the school in providing feedback on school policies and activities, and additional resources to enhance student learning.

Got ideas to make our school even better?
Come along and join the P&C!

We are more than willing to be flexible in terms of the times, dates and venues of our meetings, especially if it will get more parents involved!
If you have any requests, don't hesitate to contact us!

P & C NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE 2015



Many thanks to all those who have donated to the Easter Raffle. If you have not yet brought in a donation, there is still time. Please bring your donation to the office.

Raffle tickets are available next to the P&C box.

Raffle will be drawn following the Special Assembly
2 April 2015 at 2pm

Thank you from the
P&C Fundraising committee

Hot Cross Buns



Croissant Express would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase delicious hot cross buns and make a profit for our school. The more buns you purchase the more profit you make.

For every 4 pack of hot cross buns you order, Croissant Express will give \$2.50 to our school.

For every 12 pack that you order, Croissant Express will give \$4.00 to our school.

Order forms have been sent home, simply fill in the details and bring your order with payment to the P&C box by Tuesday morning 31st March.

Hot cross buns will be distributed on Thursday 2nd April, to your child's classroom.

P&C contributions for 2015!

It's not too late to make your P&C contributions for 2015!

\$10 per child or \$20 per family.

This money makes a huge difference to what the P&C can achieve.

Simply direct deposit into the P&C bank account
BSB: 016515 Account Number: 3780 73412
or drop your donation into the P&C box at the front office.

The P&C would like to thank everyone who worked so hard

to make our Sports Carnival a success.

The P&C food tent raised over \$1000!



These funds will be contributed to our school and will help all of our children.

The P&C would also like to recognise the hard work and dedication of Clifton Park Primary School staff, whose effort and dedication certainly showed on the day.

Thank you also to Croissant Express and the Castle family for your donations.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open for the final time this term on:-

Monday 30 March 2015

Term 2

Mondays: Times: – 8:50am – 9:30am

- 4 May 2015
- 25 May 2015
- 15 June 2015

For those who are awaiting school polos to arrive, I would like to apologise for the delay. The delay is due to our supplier having to make more piping for our polos.

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

Community News



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE ?

Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills

Hosting - An Experience for Life

Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

Visit

www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student
or call 1300 135 331 for more information



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SURVEY FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents with children or teens between the ages of 8 and 16 to help us find out more about the relationship between the personality trait, narcissism, and children's emerging understanding of who they are (their sense of self and self-esteem).

The survey can be done over the internet and at home, and it takes about twenty minutes of your time (10 mins parents, 15 mins children). Parents are given the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of twenty \$50 gift certificates to Coles/Myer.

To participate go to:

www.tinyurl.com/SSBParents

For more information please contact
Kate Derry at 6488 3259.

Back Beach Bike Blast

BackBeachBikeBlast.com.au

See you on your bike Sunday morning,
29th March 2015

Symmons Street to Washington Avenue
Ocean Drive, Bunbury

More information overleaf



For more information and to register your participation please visit
backbeachbikeblast.com.au.

Rally 4 RESPECT

THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2015

MEET 4PM, ANZAC PARK

(Stirling Street next to Bunbury Library)

Get together for a good cause and make
a difference in your community.

Bring your friends & family to this FREE event -
entertainment, spot prizes, balloons and much more.

CHOOSE RESPECT

RESPECT IS TO TREAT WITH CARE AND CONSIDERATION

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