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Diary Dates

February

29th Reading session for Reception parents 9-10am in Staffroom

March

1st Room 17 & 18 excursion – Wind in the Willows

2nd School's clean up Australia day. Room 16, 19, 20 & 21 excursion – Wind in the Willows

8th SRC Executive training

12th Adelaide Cup public holiday

Dear parents and caregivers, friends and students,

Last week's pupil free day saw the gathering of over 150 teachers from Edwardstown PS, Westbourne Park PS, Clapham PS, Mitcham Schools and our school focussing on learning more about the new Australian Curriculum for Mathematics.

The day began with an opening address by Professor Martin Westwell from Flinders University. Professor Westwell highlighted what he believes are the positive aspects of the new Australian Curriculum which included the focus on learning for understanding and the important shift from "how much" a student knows to "how well" a student knows. The challenge he gave teachers and leaders was to ensure students have opportunities to build and explore connections in their learning and to be able to provide evidence of their learning. It was also heartening to hear that there is an emphasis on depth of learning or in other words less quantity in the curriculum but more quality of learning.

After his address we then broke into year level groups and spent the rest of the day building an understanding of the mathematics achievement standards on which students will be assessed at the end of the year.

The mathematics curriculum is now organised around the interconnection of 3 content strands and 4 proficiency strands.

All these strands continue from reception to year 10.

The content strands, which describe what is to be taught and learnt, are:

1. Number and Algebra,
2. Measurement and Geometry
3. Statistics and Probability

The proficiency strands, which describe how content is developed and how well students are applying their learning, are:

1. Understanding
2. Fluency
3. Problem Solving
4. Reasoning

Our teachers continued to build on information from the day at our staff meeting the following night and we have set aside staff meetings throughout the year in order to gain a comprehensive understanding of the teaching and learning required in this area of the curriculum.

Debbie Graham
Principal

Communication

Clear communication between teachers and parents/caregivers lies at the heart of ensuring a child feels supported and successful at school. At CLGPS communication diaries between home and school are the main way we ensure information is shared daily. Teachers will check student diaries for messages and will respond if needed. We also use email for communication between teachers and parents/caregivers, however due to the nature of teaching, teachers often don't get time during school hours to check their emails and therefore emails can't be relied upon for urgent or daily matters. Staff will ensure that emails are responded to within 48 hours.

If you wish to get an urgent message to your child's class teacher please ring our office and you can then be assured the message has been received and acted upon. For concerns or information sharing that will take time to discuss please make a time to meet with your child's teacher as face-to-face communication.



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Grounds & Environment Committee

Welcome back everyone, and a big hello to families new to the school in 2012. The School Grounds & Environment Committee is a small group of committed parents and friends who strive to make Colonel Light Gardens Primary School a clean, safe and environmentally aware environment for our kids. Amongst other things, this year we hope to:

- ✓ Organise working bees at the school each term.
- ✓ Investigate new and interesting ways to maintain and improve the school's appearance.
- ✓ Explore environmentally friendly schemes to promote to the students and school community.

One such scheme currently operating is the Money Tree – Recycling with Rewards program. This simple fundraising activity involves families bringing used newspapers to school for collection in the Money Tree bins. These yellow-topped bins can be found in each building, so it is easy to drop your newspaper in as you drop off or collect your child. The bins are emptied each Thursday, and the newspaper is recycled and reused in spill kits, kitty litter, cereal boxes, egg cartons and pencil barrels to name just a few examples. The school earns money for every tonne of newspaper we collect, so it's a great way to participate in school fundraising (and do something for the environment at the same time). For more information about the scheme, visit www.transpacific.com.au/content/school-fundraising.aspx

The School Grounds & Environment Committee is always looking for new members. If you would like to become involved with this interesting and rewarding group, please watch this space for information on our first meeting for 2012.

Canteen News

Pancake day was an absolute success! Thank you for the support. We had 348 orders (approx ½ the school) totalling 634 pancakes (or 7 dozen eggs, 21 litres of milk and 12 kg of flour!) Thank you so much to my helpers (Courtney, Kelly, Ruzelle, Nina & Michelle) I couldn't have done it without your help!

The new menu & change of prices took effect Monday 20th February. Please make sure you have downloaded your copy & stuck it on your fridge.

Helen Parsons, Canteen Manager

School Banking

For the start of Term 1, BankSA is offering all students who open a new Incentive Save Account via the School a \$10 Gift Voucher, which will be deposited into your child's account once opened.

All children under 13 who open an account with BankSA will also receive a Digger the Wombat Money Box, LittleSavers Calculator, LittleSavers Library bag and a School Bank Wallet. LittleSavers is BankSA's special saving club for kids and it's all about having fun and learning how to save! Take a look at the LittleSavers website www.littlesavers.com.au

This offer is available until 30 March 2012 and is for new customers only. For more details or to collect a BankSA Application Pack, please call into the school office.

After Hours Sport

Basketball Results: Yr 6/7 Girls CLG 17 defeated St Peters Woodlands 12, Yr 6/7 Boys CLG 58 defeated Edwardstown 6, Yr 4/5 Girls BYE, Yr 4/5 Boys CLG 10 defeated by St Mary's Memorial 18, Yr 3/4 Boys BYE, Yr 2 Mixed CLG 2 defeated by Paringa Park 22

Netball: Thanks to all everyone for returning their netball registration forms so promptly. We have had a great response so far. If there are any girls still wanting to register to play (must be turning at least 8yo this year to be eligible to play) could you please return your forms to the front office by Tuesday March 6. We need to organise the teams and register them with SAJNA shortly thereafter, so having all the registration forms in hand will make this task easier for us. Thank you, Sue and Teresa.

Festival of Music



Do you like to sing, dance or act? Want to try out for a solo in 'Danny Allen was Here' Are you in Year 6/7? Want to try something new and challenging? Everyone is welcome! Then the Festival of Music Performance Troupe is for you!

Audition bookings open on Monday, February 13, 2012!

Audition bookings close on Friday, March 9, 2012.

Weekly rehearsals are held at 3 locations across the metropolitan area:

North - Paradise Primary on Tuesdays

Central - Gilles Street Primary on Wednesdays

West - Darlington Primary on Thursdays.

Rehearsals are from 4.15 - 5.30 pm. There will also be a few weekend workshops.

Each troupe will be involved in 4 performances accompanying the massed choirs at the Festival Theatre between the (4th and 14th September).

Ask your choir, drama or dance teacher or principal for more information. Check out our website: www.festivalofmusic.org.au or call the Festival Office on 8261 5438 for more information.

Karen's Class

Room 03 Receptions are on a Road to Discovery.



Tom's Dad shared plans of the 'Super Highway' being built.



Harry and Poppy are sorting groups into colours.



Zayd's Dad shared his Classic Holden Wagon



Alissa, Evie and Mikaela are role playing.



Ashton is sharing his favourite truck.



Angus shared his transport quilt.



We had lunch in the park with our buddies. Layla's buddies are Eloise and Lara.



Belinda is learning to log on to the computer.



Izaiah, Bastien, Tom, Zayd, Luke and Sean are looking after each other.

Fundraising Event

MOVIE NIGHT - The Vow on Monday 26th March at Capri Theatre - Goodwood Road, Goodwood

Tickets are \$15.00 and it includes a glass of champagne or soft drink. What a great way to socialise with your girlfriends on a Monday evening sitting back watching a chick flick & sipping on bubbles! Men are also more than welcome to attend. More details and tickets will be available next week. Numbers are limited.

Your support will be greatly appreciated. Don't forget to spread the word to mothers, sisters and friends to see if they are interested!

Medication

If your child is taking any kind of medication and it is kept in the office, please come in and check to see if the date on the medication has expired, as it is illegal to be administered once it's out of date. You will also need to fill in the permission form for 2012. Please collect any medication that is no longer required for your child.

Jessica's Junction



It was really great to see so many people at Acquaintance night, thanks for coming over, saying hi and meeting me. I will again have a parent resource table set up under the rotunda near the canteen on Friday afternoon from 3:00pm until 3:45. These books and resource are available for you to borrow through your child's library card. Please feel free to come and check them out.

Enrolments

We are currently looking at enrolments for the remainder of the year. If you know of anyone who is intending to enrol their child and has not yet notified us, please encourage them to contact us. Parents of children beginning in term 2 should have received a letter asking for confirmation for enrolment, which also needs to be returned as soon as possible

ESL

What is ESL (English as a Second Language) at CLG?

When a student enrolls at CLG, one of the questions that a parent answers on the form is ***"Does the student speak a language other than English at home?"*** If a parent indicates that their child does identify with a culture other than English, that student is classed as ESL. Every year in August, writing samples from all ESL students are marked and scored. If a student scores 2 levels below where they should be, that student may access learning support which at CLG means small group or individual English lessons with the ESL teacher (Katina Pagonis). Of the 120 students at CLG who identify as ESL, approximately 50 receive learning support. If you have any questions about English as a Second Language learning support, please contact Louisa Guest or Katina Pagonis on 8276 1523 or email

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Community News

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FORESTVILLE HOCKEY CLUB – Come along to Forestville Hockey club's junior registration day. You can borrow a stick, talk to club members and register your interest for the 2012 season. Sunday 26th February 11:00am – 1:00pm at Forestville hockey club (Goodwood oval, Fairfax Avenue, Millswood). Contact Richard Lange for more information Richard.lange@internode.on.net

SOUTH ADELAIDE RUGBY LEAGUE – Rugby League come'n'try. The local club Tigers Rugby League and ARL Development are conducting a specific clinic where students who attend will receive a free promotional pack including a promo football plus free coaching. Anyone who signs up to play will also receive a free football. Monday 5th March from 5:00- 6:00 at Sport Club (corner of Quick Road and Bradley Grove, Mitchell Park). For more information please contact: John Elliott 8276 1269 or 0411 610 106 or check out the website www.sarugbyleague.com.au

COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS FOOTBALL CLUB JUNIOR FOOTBALL PROGRAM - Join the Junior Lions in 2012. New players and families welcome for Under 8's, 9's, 10's & 13's. Auskick will also run in Term 2 Visit www.clgfc.com.au to discuss our program with the relevant age group coach, or email clgfc.juniors@clgfc.com.au for more information.

COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS NETBALL CLUB are looking for Under 13 and Under 15 girls interested in playing the winter season Saturday afternoon competition. All enquiries to Karen Fleming 0419 822 715

MISSING from bike shed on Wed 15th February two Razor scooters with helmets. If you have any information, please contact the front office on 8276 1523

FOR SALE: Nike T90 Size 9 football boots, brand new. \$50 o.n.o Ph 0414 720 542

PARENTING AFTER SEPARATION WORKSHOPS - Making Step-families work: a course for couples. Six evening sessions starting Tues 28th February 6:30-9pm. Relationships Australia 49a Orsmond St, Hindmarsh. Cost \$60/\$30 for bookings: 82450 8100