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Colonel Light Gardens Primary School Newsletter

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Diary Dates

February

10 th	Whole school assembly 11:20am
13 th	Pupil free day – Australian Curriculum training
21 st	Pancake Day, Acquaintance Night

Dear parents, students and friends,

I am really pleased to have taken up the position of Principal at Colonel Light Gardens School and am looking forward to meeting many of you over the next couple of weeks.

I'd like to especially welcome 16 new students that started with us on Monday as well as the 30 reception children who started school on Wednesday. I hope that the students and their parents feel as welcomed to our school as I have been.

Our school year has started in a very smooth way due to our teaching and support staff remaining the same. We were extremely fortunate in having contract teachers from last year reappointed to our school and so on our first day I was the only new staff member!

As a staff we began the year a day earlier than programmed. We met at the Glenelg Golf Course to share learning and work that had been done in 2011 and will now be put into practice for this year. My first impressions of the staff have been of a very professional group of people who obviously have students' interests first and foremost and who are willing to continue to learn themselves and change and adapt their practice with new knowledge.

This week I have met the students and seen their interactions with one another and their teachers. Once again I have been impressed with the atmosphere in the classrooms and in the yard and from the amount of smiles around the place, the children have certainly enjoyed the start of their year.

In the first two weeks of the year teachers and students will be focussing on establishing a classroom climate that will provide an environment of success for each student. Our school values of care, respect and safety are also being discussed and I would encourage you as parents to discuss these values with your children to reinforce their importance in our lives.

Please keep the early evening of the 21st February free as it is our Acquaintance Night. You will have the

opportunity to come along and meet your child's teacher/s and hear about class plans for the year. I hope to meet you then as well so please introduce yourselves. Reception - Year 3 classes will meet from 6:00pm until 6:45pm and Year 4 - Year 7 classes will meet from 7:00pm until 7:45pm.

With such a great start to the year, I am sure that as a school community we will work together to ensure that the students at our school have a very challenging and fulfilling year of learning.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Graham
Principal



After Hours Sport Registration Night

All After Hours sports including Cricket, Baseball, Netball, Basketball, Soccer and Football will hold a registration evening on Wednesday, February 8th, at 6pm in the hall. This is open for children who turn 8 years and older this year. The purpose is for parents to meet the key people involved, sign children up into teams, find new coaches / coordinators if required and get the new seasons underway.

For students who are Under 8, Kanga Cricket is offered as an option and sign up for this is also available on Wednesday evening. This is a skill based program with lots of fun on offer.

If there is interest in getting other sports up and running later in the year, please contact Mr Wayne Hunt, Deputy Principal. Of course, we rely heavily on parent support with coaching and coordinating and can only offer sports through the volunteering of parent help. The school can assist parents with police checks and access to coaching courses if you are willing to assist with sports coaching games and activities for everyone.



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Canteen News

Welcome back and I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing break from routine. A new menu will be out shortly, in the meantime please use the old menu from last term.

Volunteers help the canteen run. Please, please consider donating a few hours a month to help out. The busy times are first thing in the morning (9:00-11:15am) and the lunchtime rush (1:00-1:45pm). Maybe come in with a friend, have a chat and a cuppa, whilst helping collate the children's orders and help out for the busy counter sales.

We are holding another Pancake Day on Tuesday 21st February. Due to last years overwhelming popularity with the children, we will have 2 sessions (R-3 and 4-7). I desperately need help during the following times 9:00am-12:00pm and 12:00pm-1:45pm. Please drop in and see me to put your name down to help.

Thank you,
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.

Assemblies

Our first whole school assembly will be held in Langley Hall next week Friday 10th February at 11:20am. Our student run assemblies will begin in week 4 on Friday 24th February.

The R-2 assembly (hosted by Room 22) will be from 11:20am- 12noon, and the Year 3-7 assembly (hosted by Room 1) will be from 12:10pm – 12:50pm.

Material and Services Charge for 2012

You will receive your invoice for the Material and Services Charge 2012 in your home letter box in the coming week. Once again, the school community was polled at the end of 2011 and voted in favour of the charge. This year's charge will be \$345.00.

School Card must be applied for each year. If you qualified last year, you will receive a form with your invoice. If you did not receive it in 2011 but believe you may be eligible, please see Veronica in the front office.

Thank you for your support in this important matter. All monies paid goes towards running vital programs for all students.

Veronica Robb, Finance Officer

Instrumental Music

There are spaces available for individual lessons on flute, clarinet, violin, and trumpet. Please contact Sarah Bradley on 0434 930 626 for more details.

OSHC

The Pupil Free Day on Monday 13th February 2012 is now fully booked. Apologies to those who were hoping to book their children in.

As of 30 January 2012 Pupil free and school closure days will be charged at \$49.00 per day. Vacation care will be \$38.50 for incursions and \$49.00 for excursions

THE GLOBAL EXPERIENCE – Live it at HOME

In June-July 2012 students from over 20 countries around the world will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 5 or 10 months.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300135331 or visit

www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

Community News

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KIDS CLUB 2012

Following interest in club activities for younger children Trinity Baptist will run two groups on alternate Fridays.

Years 3 to 7 meet on odd numbered school weeks beginning Friday of week 1 from 6:30 to 8:30pm. On alternate Fridays (from school week 2) a club for Reception to Year 3 students will be held from 3:30 to 5pm. Both groups meet at the church hall 8A Bedford Square Colonel Light Gardens. Contact Kevin Hull 8276 1144. (FYI - The overlap of year 3s is to allow parents to decide where their youngster would fit best)

STURT LIONS FOOTBALL (SOCCER) CLUB, your local Federation Club, is holding a Final Come and Try day for our Small Sided Football (SSF) teams on Feb 12th from 9.00am to 10.00am at Manson Oval, Bellevue Heights.

If you child is in the under 10 age group and interested in playing soccer this year we have *limited spots available* for the *2012 season*. You can *register TODAY* by *downloading the Junior Registration Form* or come along and try any Sunday morning at one of our Summer Sessions. For more details check the website www.sturtlions.com.au or contact Garth Thompson 0408 853 195 or ssfcoordinator@sturtlions.com.au

KIDS DANCE CLASSES – for fitness and fun at the Holdfast Community Centre, King George Avenue, Hove. Complimentary "come & try dancing lesson. Lessons are available to girls and boys between 5-12 years old. For more information email: bounce_around@live.com.au or www.bouncearound.webs.com or 0438 348 438