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## Colonel Light Gardens Primary School Newsletter

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013 Issue: 03

### Diary Dates

#### March

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

**Cybersafety day – Student, Staff & Parent workshops**

**Governing Council AGM – 7:45pm**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

**Adelaide Cup Public Holiday**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

**Pupil Free Day – Staff training: English – Australian Curriculum**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

**Let's stand together – National no bullying day - Casual day "bright colours theme"**

**Term 2 new reception students visit #1**

#### Dear parents, carers, students and community friends,

It was wonderful to see such a large percentage of families make the effort to attend the Acquaintance Night last Tuesday. We hope it gave parents a good idea of what they can expect for their children this year and also laid the groundwork for effective and regular communication between parents and teachers.

The next formal reporting to parents occurs in a few weeks' time at the Parent/Teacher interviews in the week beginning March 25<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime we encourage parents to contact the teacher by phone or email if they have a concern or question and to read the class and school newsletters and blogs.

This newsletter has been provided in hard copy to all families because we are worried that some parents have missed the previous note about subscribing to our blog or requesting a hard copy. Subscriptions to the blog only need to be done once, not annually. But if you require a hard copy of the newsletter we ask you to let us know *every year*.

### Governing Council and sub-committees

Information about our Governing Council and sub-committees was provided in the last newsletter. I have only received one nomination, so I encourage parents not to hang back and trust someone else will do it. Take a risk and get involved, just as we encourage our children to do! The nomination form is enclosed with this newsletter.

The Annual General Meeting of Governing Council will be held in Langley Hall next Tuesday night, March 5<sup>th</sup> following the Cyber Safety Parent Workshop. It will be brief and consist of reports and elections. All parents are welcome.

### Cybersafety Presentations – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

For the past several years, Colonel Light Gardens has had presenters from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) speak to students, staff and parents about Cyber-safety. This year we will have a presenter coming on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of March. Kerry Jarvis has been in the education sector for the past 30 years as a teacher, counsellor and university educator. She has also worked extensively with key researchers and program developers in the area of bullying intervention and prevention. During the day, Kerry will deliver two presentations, one to Year 3/4 students and another to Year 5/6/7 students. After school, Kerry will run a session with the staff. **The parent session will run from 6pm - 7:30pm.**

The sessions will cover:

- The ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- Potential risks for children online, such as cyber-bullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
- Tips to help children stay safe online

It would be great to see lots of parents attend the 6pm session. If you are interested, please RSVP to Ashley Blight at [Ashley.Blight57@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Ashley.Blight57@schools.sa.edu.au) to assist in planning seating and venue size.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Now that we have been back at school for a month our attendance records have been analysed, with some surprising results! In only 19 school days we have had 437 absences, of which 40 were unacceptable or unexplained, 73 were for family reasons and 84 were exemptions for family holiday. Only slightly more than half of student absences were for illness! Another interesting statistic is that we have had 171 student late arrivals and 93 early pick-ups.

**As well as thinking carefully about your child's attendance, we ask that parents notify the school in person or in writing when their child is away or late. We cannot accept a verbal reason from the child.**



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## Assistance Required

As a number of parents may be aware Luke Kennedy, younger brother of Cade and Abby who both attend our school has been diagnosed with Leukaemia. Luke's mother Sarah has been working with a number of our students in her Speech Pathologist capacity as well as volunteering generally. Leukaemia is a cancer of the blood. It is not infectious and can't be passed on to anyone. Unfortunately Luke's condition makes him very vulnerable to infection particularly to chicken pox and measles. The good news is that if we can find out within a couple of days that he has been in contact with someone who has developed chicken pox or measles (or has a family member who has), he can be given a preventative injection to give him some extra protection. We request parents/caregivers contact the school if your school child or an immediate family member develops either of these diseases.

## Schoolkids bonus

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – *have you?*

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive \$410 a year for each primary student and \$820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don't have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children's education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting [australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus](http://australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus) and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

## ICAS

Each year, Colonel Light Gardens enters the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) in Science, Mathematics and English. More than 500,000 students from years 3-12 throughout Australia participate. The cost is \$8.00 per competition and we invite your child to consider sitting for one or all of them. The papers are completed at school, in school hours in terms 2 and 3. It is a helpful way of building your child's self-esteem, broadening their horizons and giving them extra academic experience. For further information, please contact Ashley Blight via the front office. Entry forms are included in this edition of the school newsletter or can be downloaded from the newsletter website.

Please note that entry fees are not refundable and late entries are not accepted by the school after the cut-off date of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013. All issues regarding late entries and refunds must be taken up with ICAS directly.

## Premier's *be active* Challenge

Last week you would have received a flyer promoting the Premier's *be active* Challenge. This program has been running for several years however it has not been a focus at CLG. While we greatly support the ideology of the Challenge, with CLG's very busy health and physical education programs along with the wider curriculum, it is not a program we have implemented during school time. We do encourage students to take part by registering at home. They can then record all of their physical activity, including that which they do at school, or when taking part in after school sports. Similar to the Premier's Reading Challenge, students can achieve awards over time based on their progress.

## OSHC

The Pupil free day on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March is now fully booked.

OSHC has a table tennis table that requires a handy person's touch to give away. Please phone OSHC on 8276 9065 if interested.

## Canteen

The 2013 canteen menu/price list is accompanying this newsletter, prices are effective immediately. Please stick it up on your fridge and take note of the changes. \*Please note Potato Pies are no longer available, they have been discontinued\*

We are holding another Pancake Day at the end of March. Due to last year's overwhelming popularity with the children, we will have it over 2 days (26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March) I need help during the following days:

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 3 helpers

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March 2 helpers

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March 6 helpers

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2 helpers

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March 3 helpers

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March 6 helpers

Traditionally this is a very busy time with lots of pancakes made and sold, please pop into the canteen to put your name down to help, it is always greatly appreciated.

## Free Friday?

We are looking for a parent or grandparent (especially a grandpa!) to work with a couple of boys on a Friday to make models. Please see Sue Woollard if you have an hour you could spare on a Friday.

## SRC

The first Casual Day for 2013 will be on Friday 15th March. The theme is "Bright Colours". This theme and date ties in with the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Bright colours represent everyone taking a stand together against bullying. The gold coin donations from Casual Day will be given to Kathy's school in Cambodia, as decided by the SRC late in 2012.

**We are pleased to announce the SRC members for 2013. These representatives will provide student leadership at SRC meetings this year. Our first meeting will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

**Executive representatives:** Cate S, Chloe L, Jess M, Matt R, Olli M, Sam M, Vinnie S, Zac H

### Class representatives:

<b>Room 1</b> Kyan E Matthew T Emma S Chantilly J	<b>Room 9</b> Caitlin M Lucy O Lily C Kieren T	<b>Room 17</b> Samuel B Heather M Lilyan R Anthony T	<b>Room 22</b> Phoebe H Ella M Matthew P Ryan W	<b>Room 04</b> Lucy W Deakin A Amelia H Jacob W
<b>Room 2</b> Sammy B Josiah S Alana B Hugh N	<b>Room 11</b> Matteo H Luke T Jessica M Eva N	<b>Room 18</b> Callum S Ruby Z Finn L Teagan R	<b>Room 23</b> Nathan H Zia A Emili R Milad E	<b>Room 05</b> Chloe V Jemima T Cormac M Oliver B
<b>Room 3</b> Dorothea M Sam G Fairlie W Jye F	<b>Room 12</b> Sophie A Ethan G Harry L Grace B	<b>Room 19</b> Katie B Madison F Jacob W Michael C	<b>Room 24</b> Jasper L Tilly M James T Lucy P	
<b>Room 4</b> Lachlan M Georgia C Jack L Brianna S	<b>Room 14</b> Evie Z Sam B Emma D Talon M	<b>Room 20</b> Ellie G Jack G Patrick D Jessica B	<b>Room 01</b> Maya W Jess Y Thomas H Alex G	
<b>Room 8</b> Brittany A Benjamin B Liam C Emily A	<b>Room 16</b> Jeanine D Sean D Grace A Jacob B	<b>Room 21</b> Jake M Elly C Edward A Ekaterini K	<b>Room 02</b> Maggie R Cameron G Lilly H Lakai R	

## Jessica's Junction

With the cyber safety workshops next week, I looked up some stats around the issue. In a report run by 'Insight for Business and Government', 72.4% of children have internet access in an open family space and 16.7% use the internet in a private space such as their bedroom. 17.4% of children interviewed in this report had experienced a cyber safety issue in the last 12 months. The three main problems were accessing inappropriate websites, receiving bullying emails and strangers asking for personal information. The more knowledgeable we are, the better we can keep our children safe. Therefore I am looking forward to the cyber safety workshop to understand the world of the internet.

[www.dbcde.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/132691/security-projectreport\\_on-the-results-of-a\\_parents\\_survey.pdf](http://www.dbcde.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/132691/security-projectreport_on-the-results-of-a_parents_survey.pdf)

The Colonel Light Gardens & District Inter Church Council are raising money to support their funding of the school CPSW positions in the area. Hot cross buns at Easter time are a major fundraiser for them. This week you will have received an order form. If you are interested in buying some hot cross buns, please fill in the order form and return it to the front office **with the correct money** by **FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH**. No late orders will be accepted. Orders will be delivered to students' classrooms during week 9.

## Money Tree Recycling Scheme

This simple scheme has been in operation at CLG for 2 years now, and over that time has raised just over \$250. That's not bad for just recycling newspaper! The yellow-topped bins are located in each of the school buildings (don't mistake them for rubbish bins). All you need to do is drop in your unwanted newspapers and the bins are collected every second Thursday. If you want to know more about the scheme, you can check it out at

<http://www.transpacific.com.au/asset/cms/Documents/Money-tree-brochure.pdf>

## Sing, Dance, Act, Play?

The Festival of Music provides opportunities for students in many ways. Auditions are about to start for these positions: **Troupe** - Do you love to Sing, Act or Dance AND are in Yr 6 or 7? **Orchestra** - Can you play a band instrument at a high level (ie. at least Grade 3) and are in Yr 5, 6 or 7? **Assisting Artist** - Do you wish to perform on stage individually or in a group and can perform at a high standard? Go to [www.festivalofmusic.org.au](http://www.festivalofmusic.org.au) for more information.

## Week 4 Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received the Care Award at last week's assembly:

Clare M, Corey G, Dylan N, Alicia H, Lukman L, Stephanie A, Shaun B, Jessica Mc, Oliver D, Jye S, Kieran T, Nickayla M, Lily S, Bailey C, Ethan G, Nellie K, Oliver F, Sam B, Sean D, Grace A, Lilyan R, Heather M, Darcy C, Sophie Y, Eliza M, Damon W, Keeley K, Kate M, Jack H, Brodie H, Cameron C, Phoebe H, Nathan H, Zia A, Jessica Z, Angus P, Sophie W, Lukas E, Lilly H, Alana O, Lucas C, Ruby T, Amy H, Cormac M.

Our next Assembly: is for the whole school, on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11.20 and is hosted by rooms 04 and 18. The next student run assemblies will be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The R-2 assembly (hosted by Room 11) will be from 11:20am-12noon, and the Year 3-7 assembly (hosted by Room 17) will be from 12:10pm – 12:50pm.

## After Hours Sport

If your child is interested in playing sport, contact the Coordinator of the sport on the number. All students must register using these forms to be allowed to play. Registration forms are available from the front office.

**Cricket** – Barry Earl **0423 027 354**

**Basketball** – Graeme McDonald **0419 851 534**

**Softball** – Liz March **0435 015 788**

**Netball** – Sue Camero **0438 704 266**

**Football** – Annette Wilson **0417 811 329**

**Soccer** – Wyatt Groth **0408 802 348**

### Basketball

#### Week 3

Yr 6/7 Boys: CLG 25 defeated St Peters Woodlands 10

Yr 6/7 Girls: CLG 26 defeated Marymount Tigers 10

Yr 5 Boys: CLG 15 defeated Forbes 0

Yr 4/5 Girls: CLG 24 defeated Immanuel 2

Yr 4 Boys: CLG 19 defeated St Teresa's 11

Yr 2/3 Girls: CLG 0 defeated by St Teresa's 14

#### Week 4

Yr 5 Boys: CLG 18 defeated Christ The King 2

Yr 3 Boys: CLG 8 defeated by Seacliff 10

Yr 2/3 Boys: CLG 0 defeated by St Peters Woodlands 12

Yr 2/3 Girls: CLG 8 defeated by St Peters Woodlands 16

### Softball

On weekend 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February, Lily and Cate (Year 7) participated in the Junior State Softball Championships. Their team won the U13 B Division final. Congratulations girls!

## Coles Junior Landcare School Garden Grant

Last year the school Grounds and Environment Committee applied for and was awarded a Coles Junior Landcare School Garden Grant of \$1000. Together with the money raised from the Money Tree Recycling Scheme, the funds were used to purchase a worm farm, compost bin, gardening tools for the students, a couple of junior size wheelbarrows, native bush tucker plants, mulch for the garden and some seeds to be planted in the raised garden beds in the N/E corner of the yard. The gardening equipment and seeds were purchased from Mitre10 on Goodwood Road, and the staff there were really helpful in organising and delivering the gear free of charge. Much of the planting and construction was done by a group of parent volunteers at the Term 4 working bee last year. The work done on the garden as a result of the Coles Junior Landcare School Garden Grant has helped to promote a positive sense of community spirit in the school and local neighbourhood, and we hope that this can continue. Trevor the Scarecrow who is minding the raised garden beds was built by the teachers and kids of OSHC. If you see him looking a bit tired in the yard, why not give him a hand?

## Working Bee – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Each term at CLG we have a working bee. This is simply an opportunity for parents and friends of the school to come along for an hour or more and help to care for and maintain the grounds of our school. It can involve: picking up rubbish, weeding sections of garden, moving or removing plants, mulching the garden, clearing drains, planting plants, sweeping, cleaning windows, painting and pruning. The idea is that people with a little free time can come along and pick a job in the yard that needs doing and get on with it. Over the past year, attendance at our working bees has increased fivefold, so it's clearly a growing trend! The Term 1 Working Bee will be held on **Sunday, 7 April from 12-4** and there will be more information in future newsletters so stay tuned.

## Governing Council Nomination Form

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

A. I would like to be considered for nomination to the Colonel Light Gardens PS Governing Council for 2013/14

Please attach a short paragraph outlining your interest and any relevant experience.

B. I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for Governing Council for 2013/14

### Committee Nomination

**I nominate for:**

Sports Committee	Finance Committee	Canteen Committee
Education Committee	Fundraising Committee	OSHC Committee
		School Environment Committee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_