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Colonel Light Gardens Primary School Newsletter

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Diary Dates

March

Friday 15th

Term 2 new reception students visit #1

Monday 18th

National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence - CASUAL DAY "BRIGHT COLOURS" theme

Friday 22nd

Governing Council Meeting

Week 9 & 10

Term 2 new reception students visit #2

(25th March- 5th April)

Parent/ Teacher interviews

Friday 29th

Good Friday – Public Holiday

April

Monday 1st

Easter Monday – Public Holiday

Sunday 7th

Daylight Savings Ends – Turn your clocks back 1 hour

Wednesday 10th

Enterprise Day

Friday 12th

Term 1 ends – 2:20pm Dismissal

Dear parents, carers, students and community friends,

It was wonderful to see such a good turnout of parents for the Cyber Safety workshop recently. Much of the interest was around the games designed for young children that actually have a social networking component. The main message provided to parents was to know (not assume) what your child is doing and playing and be the adult – set the rules and take control.

Following the workshop a number of parents stayed on for the Governing council AGM. We reluctantly farewelled and sincerely thanked Judy Croft, Mel Lawton and George Tsourtos for their work on Council. The parent representatives on the 2013 Governing Council are:

John Harvey

Anna Smith

Larissa Andrews

Tony Hill

Lynne Giles Angley

Kellie Horton

Odile Ruijs

Vicki Chave

Sarah Andrews

Graeme McDonald

Our Governing Council has a full complement of members, with a good mix of new faces and 'old hands'. We also thank Alison Vink, Vashti Wood and Venessa Tiddy for their sub-committee nominations, which are gratefully accepted.

Our teachers had a very productive day of learning on Tuesday, looking at the Australian Curriculum: English and at Spelling in particular. The new English curriculum is very different from the South Australian curriculum teachers have been familiar with and is quite a challenge. Parents will particularly notice the difference at the end of the year in our written student progress report. Teachers would like to thank parents for supporting this staff training day, which we found so valuable.

Tomorrow, Friday 15th March is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence and marks the end of a two week focus on anti-bullying strategies across all classes. This has also included an anti-cyber bullying message. An important point made by ACMA in our Cyber Safety presentations was that online and face to face bullying in children usually go together, it doesn't just happen online. We celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence with a **dress brightly casual day**, a special Assembly and a gift of an anti-bullying wristband for our older students. The anti-bullying focus has included reference to the school's anti-bullying policy so all students understand their rights, responsibilities and the grievance procedure. Parents will find this policy on the school's website in the 'school information' section under 'policies'. We encourage you to familiarise yourself with this policy so you can support your child if necessary.

Sue, Wayne, Anthony and Ashley



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Fruit & Veg Drive

The Fruit and Vegetable Box Drive starts this week from Aussie Farmers Direct. This time they are offering 2 different boxes – small and large. For each box sold Colonel Light Gardens Primary School receives \$10. We raised the most amount of money in the state last year for the fruit and veg box fundraiser – so let's keep this up. It easy to order – fill out the attached form with your payment details and drop it off to the front office or hand in to your child's teacher before **Wednesday 20th March** and the delivery will be the following fortnight on **Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd or Thursday 4th April** – straight after Easter – way too easy! A great healthy delivery straight to your front door!

Kellie Horton, Fundraising Committee

Coles Sports for Schools

Thank you to all of the families that helped to collect vouchers for the Coles Sports for Schools promotion. This has earned our school a fantastic supply of new equipment for 2013. Also a big thank you to the staff and students who worked many hours in the front office folding and counting the vouchers. It really does make a huge difference to the quality and quantity of our PE gear each year. Thanks



SRC

The first Casual Day for 2013 will be **TOMORROW, Friday 15th March**. The theme is "Bright Colours". This theme 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.

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 28th March 2013. All issues regarding late entries and refunds must be taken up with ICAS directly.

Canteen

Volunteers help the canteen run. Please, please consider donating a few hours a month to help out. Even if you can offer to help just one day a month, every bit helps. The coffee is free and you can even bring a friend!

We are holding another Pancake Day at the end of March. Due to last year's overwhelming popularity with the children, the Reception to Year 2 students will be able to buy a pancake on Tuesday 26th March and the Year 3-7 students can buy a pancake on Wednesday 27th March. Pancakes will be \$1 each with 1 pancake per person only.

We URGENTLY need help in the Canteen for the upcoming pancake special:

Monday 18th March - 3 helpers

Wednesday 20th March - 2 helpers

Tuesday 26th March - 6 helpers

Tuesday 19th March - 2 helpers

Monday 25th March - 3 helpers

Wednesday 27th 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.

Helen Parsons, Canteen Manager

After Hours Sport

Netball

A proposed "three" Netball Umpiring Clinic is to be held on Sunday April 7th from 9.00am – 12.00 at Edwardstown Primary School (Maria St, Melrose Park) if 15 participants or more are interested. It is suitable for any player (Upper Primary and Secondary students) and will be a great way to improve your own understandings of netball and encourages players to gain confidence to become an umpire themselves. COST: \$6.00 per person. To register or for more information email Judy Fitzpatrick (and if possible pay me the \$6.00 before the day) on fitzpatricks@dodo.com.au

Softball

Year 3/4 (B2 grade): The girls have scored a total of 31 runs in the three matches played so far. A fantastic effort! We are learning lots and having a great time. Well done girls.

Jessica's Junction

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 **TOMORROW, FRIDAY 15th MARCH**. No late orders will be accepted. Orders will be delivered to students' classrooms during week 9.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Shaun B who has successfully auditioned for the Primary Schools Music Festival Orchestra, playing flute. Shaun will be having many late nights in September!

In February, Sam M competed in the National Junior Tennis Championships in Mildura, Victoria. Sam went into the tournament seeded 8th in a very strong field. Along the way he beat the top seed and went through to the singles final. Unfortunately Sam lost the final in a close match; however we can be extremely proud of him finishing runner up in the National Championships! Great effort Sam!

Earlier this term the City South SAPSASA district held Softball trials. They had girls trying out from lots of schools, including a small group from CLG. Well done to Lily C on her selection in the district team. Lily will now compete representing the City South team at the state carnival held this week (March 12th – 15th). Congratulations!

On Friday 1st March, Colonel Light Gardens sent a team of 11 swimmers to the District SAPSASA Swimming Carnival, held at Marion pool. We had lots of kids swimming in their first formal race and there were impressive results all around with several children swimming their best times and/or receiving ribbons for placing in their events. Thank you to all of the parents for coming out to support your children, and others, on the night. Special acknowledgement goes to Charley KD and Kahlia G for making the City South District team. These girls will now compete at the Metro Swimming Day on 21st March. Good luck!

Last Friday our SAPSASA Knockout Cricket team travelled to Mercedes College for the first round of knockout sports for 2013. The boys bowled first and kept it very tight, taking wickets at regular intervals they restricted Mercedes to 67 runs. Unfortunately the batting didn't go as well. The boys fell agonisingly close to the required target. Despite this, they can be proud of their efforts on the day. A big thankyou needs to be said to Barry Earl for organising and coaching the team, along with the other parent helpers who transported children and scored on the day.

Football Boots Sale

Soccer/Football second-hand boots sale - Friday 22nd March. Buy, sell or swap your child's old boots in preparation for the Term 2 soccer or football season. Buyers and sellers should meet outside the entrance to the library straight after school on Friday 22nd March. For more information please contact Wyatt on 0408 802 348.

OSHC

Our OSHC service is currently working towards the improvement of the programme under the new National Quality Framework. An important part of the framework is getting the local community involved in our OSHC service. One way we are trying to achieve this is by inviting parents to come along to a session of OSHC between 4pm and 5pm to talk to the children about their job and how they contribute to our community. If you work locally, have an interesting job and have a spare half an hour or so, we would really appreciate it if you could come along and inform our students about your area of expertise!

Also, to all of our multicultural families, we would love a couple of volunteers throughout the year to come along to an OSHC session and maybe run a cooking demonstration or bring in some photos, costumes, treasures etc from your culture so we are able to learn, discover and explore the heritage of our friends. We would love to speak to any parent who is interested and able to help us out with this. Please see Inta or Tammy in the OSHC office or call OSHC on 8276 9065 if you are interested. Thursday 21st March is Harmony day – what a great opportunity to share your culture.

Vacation Care

Vacation Care programs and booking sheets are available from the school website under school information, from the newsletter website, or from the front office. Please fill in booking form **AND** excursion form. Booking forms are due in **BY MON 18th MARCH (Week 8)**. If you wish your child to attend vacation care they must be enrolled. Enrolment forms are available from the front office. You will receive a confirmation of your booking after this date.

Have Your Say!

The community consultation on the management of parks and reserves in Colonel Light Gardens has been extended until Wednesday 20th March. We are encouraging all of our school community to respond as the outcome may have an impact on the school's access to facilities on Mortlock Park. As a school we are keen to develop positive relations with all park users and promote the joint use of facilities which encourage our students to be physically active. This includes the establishment of cricket nets in an area that would have minimal impact on other park users, but would provide our cricket teams with safe access to training facilities. Responses can be emailed to mitcham@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or a feedback form completed online at www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

Building Works

In the next few weeks some long-overdue painting on the exterior of the Mortlock building will be taking place. This will be managed to cause the least disruption possible, but please take note of and keep your children away from areas which have been bunted off.

Money Tree Recycling Scheme

Unfortunately as of 31st March 2013, the Money Tree newspaper collection service will cease. This service was introduced at a time when the government introduced their roof insulation program and used newspapers were a valuable commodity. Since that time the government has ceased its roof insulation program and newspapers have greatly reduced in value. We sincerely regret any inconvenience that this may cause.

Working Bee – Sunday 7th 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.

Resource Centre



Wow! The Premier's Reading Challenge has got off to a flying start in 2013. What a great thing to see, students keenly reading and wanting to meet the challenge set before them! Did you know that 124,244 students from 718 schools across South Australia completed the challenge in 2012?

The Premier challenged South Australian students to read an extra book in 2012 as part of the National Year of Reading celebrations. South Australia reached its target of over 1.5 million books read in the Premier's Reading Challenge since its inception. 69,500 extra books were read. What a great effort! Well done all those students who read and achieved success in the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2012... So let's get reading in 2013.

So far this year Cooper from Room 21 was the first student to complete the challenge. Congratulations Cooper! Mrs Grant's Reception class was the first class to complete the challenge, closely followed by Mrs Ellidge and Mrs De Pierro's reception class. Congratulations guys!

Congratulations also must go to the following students who have completed the challenge.

Room 02: Jackson, Toby, Hanna, Ethan, Cameron, Matthew, Laila, Lilly, Jack, Thomas H, Sophia, Alana, Leo, Oliver, Macy, Lakai, Maggie, Thomas R, Lewis, Charlie, Noah, Rex

Room 04: Deakin, Lucas, Lincoln, Iliana, Scarlett, Amelia, Tyler, Cormac, Nabilia, Fred, Emily, Ruby, Jacob, Lucy, Sam, Thomas

Rooms 1-9: Zachary, Kyan, Imaad, Natalie, Jay, Brittany, Jasmine, Liam

Rooms 12-14: Ethan, Kurtis, Charlize, Olivia

Rooms 16-21: Anne, Tyson, Cooper P, Heather, Callum, Georgia, Teagan, Chris, Filip, Henry, Cooper H, Zac, Sophia, Abby, Jackson, Connor, Finn, Peter

Fantastic work! So keep up the good efforts.

Jan Hakkaart, Teacher Librarian

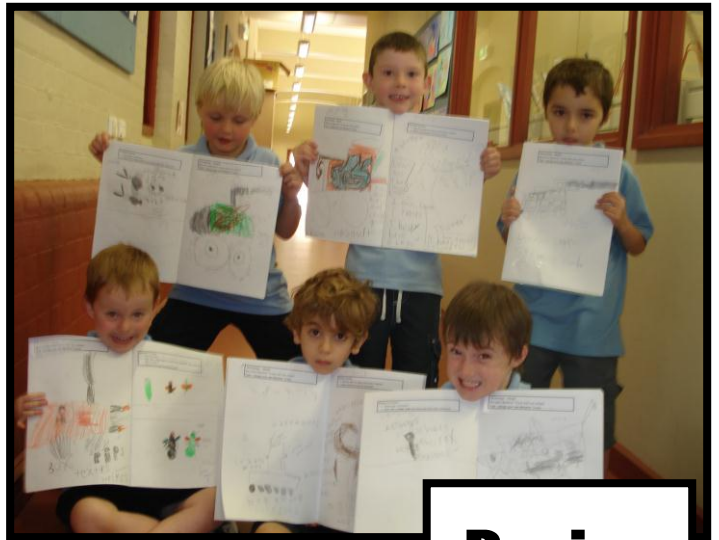
Instrumental Flute Lessons

Students in years 5 – 7 can access free instrumental lessons provided by the DECD Instrumental Music Service. An opportunity exists for students from Colonel Light Gardens to learn **Flute**. There are also band lessons several times a term at Edwardstown Primary School, where all the students play together. Carpooling is recommended. Skill on a musical instrument takes a long time to develop and requires students to make an individual commitment. Students need to practice their instrument most days (with support and encouragement from their family). We will work in Band towards school performances that are fun and highly rewarding. Our present students have performed both within and outside the school community, with some individuals rising to the challenge of the Primary Schools Festival of Music Orchestra, The Primary Schools Wind Ensemble, the annual Concert Band Workshop and have gained entry to one of the Special Interest Music Centres.

Costs: Lessons are free BUT you will need to borrow, buy or hire an instrument. *Instruments are available for hire through the Instrumental Music Service for \$180 per year.* If you intend on hiring an Instrumental Music Service Instrument, you will receive an invoice for your instrument hire from your school in Term 1, 2013. For further information, please contact Wayne Hunt, Marian Woodlands or email Sally Eads at Sally.Eads551@schools.sa.edu.au

Secondary School visiting dates and times

SCHOOL	DATE OF OPEN	TIME
ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL	20 March	6pm to 8pm
ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL	Principal Tours (bookings essential) 9 April & 30 April	9am to 11am
AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS SCHOOL	8 May & 23 May	7pm
BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL	25 March	5 pm to 7:30 pm
BRIGHTON SECONDARY SCHOOL	8 May	Tours: 9:30 am & 2 pm Self-Guided Tours: 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm Principal's Address 7pm
CHRISTIES BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	24 March	11 am to 1 pm
GLENUNGA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	20 March	6 pm to 8 pm
HALLETT COVE R-12	20 March	9:15 am to 11 am 5 pm to 7:30 pm
HAMILTON SECONDARY COLLEGE	16 May	9:30 am to 10:30 am 2 pm to 3 pm 6 pm to 8 pm
MARRYATVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	4 April	9:30 am to 11 am 2 pm to 4 pm
MITCHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL	13 May	9:30 am to 11 am 5:30 to 8 pm
PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL & PASADENA UNIT	14 May	11:30am to 1 pm 6 pm to 8 pm
REYNELLA EAST COLLEGE	5 May	1:30pm to 4 pm
SEAFORD 6-12 SCHOOL	27 March	6pm to 8 pm
UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL	19 May	2 pm to 4 pm
URRBRAE AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL	26 March	Information sessions 2 pm & 6 pm Tours 1 pm, 4 pm & 5 pm
WILLIAM LIGHT R-12	Open Day 26 March Principal's Address & Tours Open Night 26 March Principal's Address	9:30 am 1:30 pm 6:30 pm
WIRREANDA HIGH SCHOOL	4 April	4 pm to 7 pm



Design



Room 11 **Technology**

Following a visit to our school by a Monster Truck, we designed and made our very own Monster Trucks.



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