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## Colonel Light Gardens Primary School Newsletter

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### Diary Dates

#### AUGUST

<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>6pm - Year 2 Sleepover</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am - Reading workshop for Term 2 &amp; 3 Reception parents</b>
	<b>7pm - Governing Council Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5/6/7 Girls SAPSASA Basketball tournament</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5/6/7 Boys SAPSASA Basketball tournament</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LAP-A-THON</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Retake of class photo for Rooms 21, 01, 2, 18, 20, 12, 14, 23 &amp; 24 ONLY</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ICAS – Maths</b>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Marc McBride (Illustrator) workshops</b>
	<b>9:15am - Maths workshop for Reception parents</b>
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>BOOK WEEK – Read across the Universe</b>

**Dear parents, carers and community friends,**

*Welcome Back!*

It was great to see all our students again after the break, refreshed and eager to see all their friends and get back into learning and play. We hope parents enjoyed the break as well – merely not having to make lunches and nag about routines is a holiday for parents!

There are many special events to look forward to this term, such as the Special Persons Day, Book Week, the Festival of Music, Sports Day and the Lap-A-Thon. There is never a dull moment at our school!

We now have 629 students in 24 classes, having started two new Reception classes this term. This is the last year we will start mid-year classes because the 'Same First Day' initiative begins next year across SA, with all Receptions starting only in January.

This term teachers will be continuing to focus on improving our teaching of English through the Literacy for Learning and Jolly Phonics/Jolly Grammar programs. We will also have an intensive focus on two of our school's Expert Learner Qualities.

#### Staff Changes

- Welcome to Stephanie Coutts, taking students in Room 2 in place of Mark Dorman. Welcome also to Laura Searle (Room 07) and Bianca Schultz (Room 03) who have started our new Reception classes.
- Welcome to Catherine Calder in Room 16. She will be starting at the start of week 4 until the end of Term 3, when Karen Hawkes will return from England.
- Welcome back to Sue Wilson from a term Long Service Leave.
- Sue Woollard will be on leave from August 1 to 15 and Wayne Hunt will be Principal. Ashley Blight will be released from teaching to be Assistant Principal, with PE lessons being taken by Lee Tremaine.
- Other staff taking short amounts of leave this term include Adele and Sylvia in the school office and Ann Smith. There are also several staff attending an ICT conference for a week and some of them are presenting papers.

Wherever possible we attempt to minimise disruption to classes and services by using relief and contract staff familiar with our school and students.

#### Changes in the Wind

Parents would have noticed the ongoing discussions in the media regarding local schools making changes to their school hours. Changes in some form are unavoidable because we need to accommodate the new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement that defines conditions under which our school teachers are employed in South Australia. Our school has been conspicuously silent on the matter while we have been investigating possible ways to address the issue without inconveniencing parents. We are trying to be creative and to learn from changes made by other schools but at the end of the day we are not going to be able to come up with a scheduling solution that will please everyone.

Please be assured that changes will not be introduced until 2014 and parents will receive as much notice as we can provide. We will also be working with Governing Council to provide parents with an opportunity to make comment. Watch this space!

**Sue, Wayne, Louisa and Anthony**

### Class Photos

Due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, the class photos that were taken on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> need to be retaken. On **MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> August Rooms 21, 01, 2, 18, 20, 12, 14, 23 and 24 class photo** taken again. It is only the class photos, **not individual or family photos**. Thank you for your understanding regarding this.

## Safety Matters

The concern associated with young students waiting to be picked up well after school dismissal is again beginning to re-emerge. On regular occasions staff are noticing students waiting in the park, laneway and adjacent streets for parents / carers to pick them up. Sometimes, this can be as late as 4.00pm on any given day. Fortunately, the school staff takes its responsibility of 'duty of care' ethically and professionally. To this end, I have asked that any students found waiting in these unsupervised areas from 3.30pm are to be directed to the front office for collection.

We understand that, on occasions, we all get caught up with work, traffic, mishaps, etc. Our concern is for the safety of the students at these critical times. Please collect students from the front office if you are running late. If you find you are not able to collect your child on time on a regular basis, please enquire if positions are available at OSHC.

## Administering Medications at school

I would like to clarify for parents the limitations on staff for the *administering* of medications to children during school hours. As you can appreciate this is a significant responsibility that cannot be delegated to a staff member during the school day, unless there is total clarity and agreement between parent and staff member. Usually, scripted medication requiring 3 doses per day can be worked around the school day times. **They can be taken before school, after school and before bedtime.** Such medications usually require cool storage and this can be best achieved at home.

Other medications, such as asthma puffers, may require *supervision* only. Usually, asthma medication plans exist for those children who are asthma sufferers and many children self-medicate if they are conscious of their own danger signs. Younger children may need reminders from teachers to take medications during the day and this should be discussed and agreed to with the teacher. Teachers will always do their best to remind children throughout the day, but sometimes we do forget! Always discuss these issues with your child's teacher and achieve clarity about what can and can't be covered during the teaching day.

***If your child/ren is taking any kind of medication and it is kept in the office, could you please come 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. Please collect any medication that is no longer required for your child/ren.***

## Special Persons' Day

The Reception to Year 2 students are holding a Special Persons' Day on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August**. Special Persons' Day is specifically for the significant adults in your child's life other than parents e.g. Grandparents, Aunt/Uncle, close family friend.

This year the children are performing a musical called 'Possibilities'. As this is a popular event we need to limit the number of invited guests to a maximum of **2 per student**.

The musical has two casts and will be performed twice to cater for all classes.

**Cast 1 is rooms: 01, 02, 05, 07, 14, 16 and 23.** The performance for cast 1 will begin in Langley Hall at 9.40am

**Cast 2 is rooms: 03, 04, 11, 12, 22 and 24.** The performance for cast 2 will begin in Langley Hall at 11.40am.

Both performances will be followed by a visit to your child's classroom. There will be a Book Fair in the library: an opportunity for the special visitors to purchase a book for the school to mark the occasion. This event is always very special for students and their special people and we are usually inundated with visitors.

For this reason we ask that **parents do not** attend Wednesday's performance but join us for the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 9.40am for cast 1 and 11.40am for cast 2.

## New Faces

A special welcome to Gracie, Max, Samuel, Emma, Alicia, Lachlan, Miles, Jakeb, Harvey, Annika, Ranugi, Rafferty, Sienna, Ashley, Lloyd, Tahera, Jeremy, Hudson, Charlotte, Lauren, Hana, Ben, Lacey, Jessica, Jacob, Lucy & Maddie who have started school for the first time. Also welcome to Itsuki, Kazuma, Asha, Finn, Nina, Samira, and David who have come to us from other schools. We trust you will find Colonel Light Gardens Primary an exciting and supportive learning environment.

## SRC

The SRC held a 'sports theme' disco in June. We raised \$813. This money will be used to help pay for the new playground equipment in Mortlock Park. At our SRC meeting in week 1 of Term 3 we talked about Footy Trading Cards. Things seem to be going well, but the cards are not so popular anymore.

## Infectious / Notifiable diseases

We have recently had a number of children away with Gastro. It is a DECD requirement children must not attend school until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours. Please be aware there has also been a confirmed case of School Sores.

## Dogs on School grounds

Recently there have been an increasing number of dogs brought onto school grounds, particularly after school when parents are collecting children. Whilst most dogs are family pets and very friendly, pets on campus can result in safety issues. Also some people have allergies to animals. Please arrange to collect children outside of the school grounds if you have a pet with you.

## EdAlive Software fair

As in previous years, we are participating in Ed Alive's Software fair. In this year's sale, there are lots of bargains on offer. We use many of these titles at school. The bundles of software are a very economical way of buying educational software for your children. Flyers were sent home this week to the youngest in the family.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO CASH CAN BE SENT TO SCHOOL FOR THESE OFFERS.**

If you would like to purchase software, you need to complete the credit card details on the order form or securely attach a cheque/money order to your order form.

Please make sure that your child's name and class can be easily read on the order form.

Class teachers will collect the order forms and send them to the Front Office for processing.

**NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST.**

Orders should be available for distribution approximately the first week of September 2013. If you have any questions about the software fair, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Louisa.Guest741@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Louisa.Guest741@schools.sa.edu.au) or phone 8276 1523

Louisa Guest, Assistant Principal

## Canteen

Mark this in your diary: **Monday August 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm** afternoon tea in the Canteen – come and meet our volunteers, offer your feedback / new ideas (a suggestion box will be located on the counter if you wish your suggestion and opinion to stay anonymous) and enjoy some delicious Devonshire tea, scones, jam, cream and coffee. The afternoon will be hosted by our Governing representative Wayne Hunt.

We are looking forward to seeing you there and sharing your ideas over a cuppa and a scone.

Helen Parsons, Canteen Manager

## Resource Centre



Only five more weeks left of the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2013! Congratulations to the following students for having met the challenge since last newsletter:

**Room 1-9:** Jack, Georgina, Mitchell, Tayla, Liam, Jarrod

**Room 11-14:** Aleksander, Max

**Room 16-21:** Kosta, Jack, Georgina, Oliver, Jack F, Ella, Asher, Brodie, Jack H, Darcy, Charli, Edward, Dylan, Brianna, Ekaterini, Eloise, Madison

**Room 01-07:** Alana, Max, Ned, Hannah, Lukas, Oskar, Alex, Ethan, Thomas, Raiendi, Leon, James, Cally, Flynn, Grace, Ben, Austin, Henry, Maya, Sophie, Jessica, Elijah, Gemma, Illiana, Sage, Molly, Casper, Jemima, Paul

### EVENTS HAPPENING FOR BOOK WEEK (AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>-24<sup>TH</sup>)

**Weeks 2-4:** Students will become familiar with The Book of the Year Early Childhood shortlist. There are some great stories that the students will be rating and then voting on their favourite.

**Week 4:** Years 3-7 will be attending sessions with Marc McBride an air-brush illustrator who is famous for his dragons and monsters in the Deltora quest series, written by Emily Rodda.

#### **Week 5: BOOK WEEK 'READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE'**

Reception students will be attending a session with George Kavanagh, a story teller who puts a different slant on traditional stories. Also during week 5 there will be performances by the ladies from the Mitcham Library. Their performance is "Peter Pan". Students in Reception, Years 1 & Year 2 will be attending on the Wednesday. These performances have been great!

Year 1 and Year 2 students will be attending sessions with Amanda Graham, a well-known South Australian author and illustrator famous for her 'Arthur' books

On the Friday, we will have our annual Book Week parade. Students can come dressed as anything 'spacey' from our universe. A culminating assembly will also occur.

**Week 6:** The Year 6 & 7 students will also be having the heats for their Readers Cup. They have been in teams reading 7 titles and will be quizzed on those books. Keep on reading, you have a couple of weeks to go!!

Jan Hakkaart, Teacher Librarian



**CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**

17-23 August 2013

## QUIZ NIGHT

Please mark **Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>** at **7pm** in your diary - the infamous CLGPS Quiz Night has been planned! The school's fundraising committee is well into planning for the quiz night, which was such a success last year. Come and try to beat the staff tables! Tables of 10 people can be purchased for \$150 per table from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and there are only 20 tables available! We again have that famous Quiz Master, Shane Pluck and it's important you start planning your theme for the table now. For example, themes for dress and table decoration last year included Survivor, Hawaiian, black tie, princesses, scientists, bubbles, superheroes, bogans and 80s We are asking parents to donate now items from their work or business for the Silent Auction.

*\*\*Please note if the federal election is called for September 7<sup>th</sup>, the Quiz night will be rescheduled to an alternate date. Check future newsletters for any changes\*\**

## LAP-A-THON



The Lap-A-Thon will take place on **Friday August 9<sup>th</sup>** in two groups

**11:30am-12:30pm: Rooms 2, 3, 4, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, 24, 01, 02, 04**

**2:00 – 3:00pm: Rooms 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 19, 20, 22, 23, 03, 05, 07**

This is going to be so much fun, with dress-ups, teams and bribery all encouraged! There are only two things we need support with – the weather and the sponsors. Parents can't help with the weather, so your part is the sponsors! All the money raised will be used to buy iPads, working towards our goal of providing at least two iPads per class by the end of the year. Our fundraising goal for the Lap-A-Thon is at least \$6,000 which sounds a lot but is an average of just \$10 per child. This will provide another 14 iPads, bringing our total so far to 20.

## Sunday Mail City – Bay Fun Run Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September



Colonel Light Gardens PS is participating in the *Sunday Mail City-Bay Fun Run*! We had a fantastic turn out by families last year and are looking to improve on this again in 2013.

It is a brilliant event that promotes a healthy lifestyle and is also a great social event. Many staff members will be participating this year and we invite families to join the fun.

We will designate a meeting spot for each of the race distances for families to meet up at so the kids can run together if they choose. At the end, families can meet at Colley Reserve for a picnic-style celebration if they would like. More information about these aspects of the day will come in the weeks leading up to the event.

The most pressing item is registering and paying. The early bird gets the worm! Below is a copy of the details from the *Sunday Mail City-Bay* website. When entering, make sure you enter as a team member of: **CLGPS SUPERSTARS**.

	Early Entry Period Until July 31 <sup>st</sup>		Standard Entry Period August 1 <sup>st</sup> - September 1 <sup>st</sup>		Late Entry Period September 2 <sup>nd</sup> - September 14 <sup>th</sup>	
	3km	6km/12km	3km	6km/12km	3km	6km/12km
Adult	\$32	\$40	\$37	\$45	\$47	\$55
Concession	\$27	\$35	\$32	\$40	\$42	\$50
Child	\$11	\$15	\$11	\$15	\$21	\$25
	Free postage or collect from expo at no cost.		Post \$5 per payment or collect from expo at no cost		Collect from expo at no cost only.	

Please read all of the details at <http://www.city-bay.org.au> to get important information about indemnity and the logistics of the race.

Keep in mind, this is not a school excursion, rather an invitation to a social event. Teachers will be running their own event and will not be responsible for the supervision of students before, during or after the event.

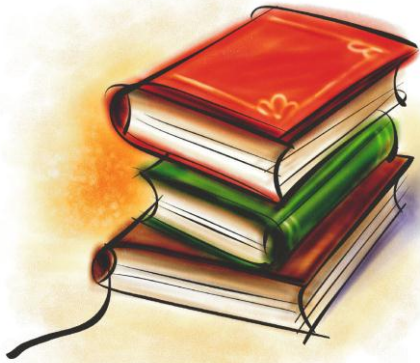
The more the merrier! For interested runners, we will have training sessions on Mortlock Park on Thursday mornings from 8:00am – 8:30am. This will begin Thursday 15th August.

If you would like any more information, check out the Sunday Mail City-Bay website or contact our PE teacher, Ashley Blight via email: [Ashley.Blight57@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Ashley.Blight57@schools.sa.edu.au)



## Reading – How important?

Reading can be one of the most enjoyable pastimes one can do when you have some downtime. For many it can also be frustrating and laborious both for the reader and for the person listening. Learning to read and comprehend is one of those basic fundamentals that we grapple with all the time as parents and teachers.



My favourite part of the day as a parent of young children was sharing a book just before bedtime and trying to make the book come alive. The giggles, excitement and anticipation that flowed from the kids as they listened were rewards in themselves. When it came to listening to them read there were lots of things I didn't know!



### I didn't know:-

- *When to interrupt and correct an error*
- *When to prompt*
- *How to prompt if they got stuck on a word*
- *How to keep it flowing and not ruin the story (the reason for enjoying a book)*

I think I learnt more in the style of 'trial and error' than being equipped with some good strategies. Parents of students who started in Reception in Term 2 and Term 3 are invited to meet with Carol Le Lant (Reading support and Class teacher in Room 14) in the Staffroom on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 9:00am** for an information session on how you can assist your child in becoming a confident, successful reader.

## After Hours Sport

**SPORTS FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE, please pay invoice promptly**

### Netball results:

A2 (Year 7): CLG 23 defeated Westbourne Park 14  
A3 (Year 6/7): CLG 32 defeated Mitcham 2  
B3: (Year 5/6): CLG 9 defeated Belair 7  
D1: (Year 4): CLG scored 18 goals against Happy Valley  
D3: (Year 3/4): CLG scored 3 goals Westbourne Park  
E Red (Blue) (Year 3): CLG scored 19 goals against Edwardstown  
E Red (White) (Year 3): CLG scored 9 goals against St Ignatius  
E White (Red) (Year 2): Scored 1 goal against Coromandel Valley  
E White (White) (Year 2): Scored 2 goals against Mercedes  
E White (Blue) (Year 2): Scored 6 goals against Hawthorndene



## Jessica's Junction



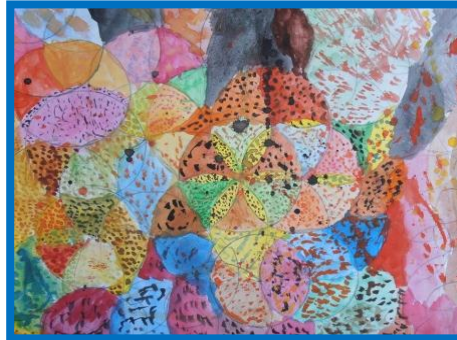
Last week I attended Schools Ministry Group conference. The keynote speaker was Mark McCrindle who is a social researcher. He is renowned for tracking emerging issues and researching social trends. Some of the statistics shocked me, for example in 1966 Australia's population was 11.5 million whereas today it is 23 million. That's a growth of 1.4% and by 2050 it's estimated to be 40 million. The median age now is 38, in 2050 it will be 43. And the population of people aged 65+ is 3 million now, 9 million in 2050. Check out his website: [www.mccrindle.com.au](http://www.mccrindle.com.au)  
Continue reading Jessica's Junction in the coming weeks to see more statistics and trends affecting us today.

Jessica Hunt, Christian Pastoral Support Worker





ART IS FUN



YEAR 3'S  
ROOM 1

