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COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

30th January 2014



DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 4 th	Camp Quality Puppet Show for Reception – Year 3
Wednesday 5 th	Year 6/7 Aquatics Year 4 – Bike Ed
Thursday 6 th	Year 6/7 Aquatics
Monday 10 th	7pm Governing Council Meeting
Tuesday 11 th	Acquaintance night
Wednesday 12 th	Year 4 – Bike Ed
Wednesday 16 th	Year 4 – Bike Ed

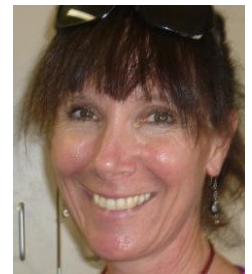
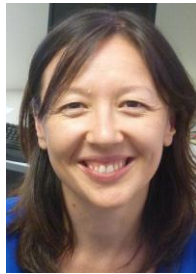
Dear parents, carers, students and community friends,

The school year has started at a cracking pace! We are already well into our social development programs, building cohesive class groups who know the routines and expectations that will enable them to learn together effectively throughout the year. We focus on the requirements of the Health, Physical Education and Child Protection curriculum areas, as well as our school values, the expert learner qualities and a theme from the new Play is the Way program.

The Year 4 students have begun the Bike Education. Watch out in the yard on Wednesdays! Year 6 & 7 students go to Aquatics next week. It's all go!

The school day will finish at 3.10pm from the first day of 2014.

NEW FACES



Sharyn Darrell is our new Assistant Principal, replacing Anthony Fischer. Sharyn is responsible for International students, aboriginal education and is line manager for the Year 2/3 to 3/4 classes.

Ashleigh Cosford is our new Student Welfare Worker. She has a qualification in Health Science and Youth work and has worked in schools previously.

Lyn Jones has a Year 5 class with Naomi Brown, but she is well known to our staff for her work across our local school partnership group as the Australian Curriculum Coordinator.

Tamra Waye is a permanently appointed teacher to our school, taking Year 3 & 4 in Room 18. She is also a parent at our school, so she is having a full CLG experience!

Kim Boothey is a permanent appointment as our PE teacher. She has come from Aldinga Primary and has already been using the Play is The Way program.

Welcome back! We are really pleased to welcome back to CLG some of our valued contract teachers. Laura Searle (Year 1), Michelle Wyman (Year 2/3), Nancy Elder (Year 2), and Naomi Brown (Year 5) are all back with us this year.



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This week we especially welcome students and families new to Colonel Light Gardens PS:

- **50** Receptions starting school for the very first time. They are in Rooms 01 and 02 and are the first group of students to start under the 'Same First Day' policy, where we only have one intake of Reception students each year. They have made a very successful start to their schooling.
- **14** students transferring from other schools in Australia and overseas, including China, France and USA.
- **2** new International students from Korea. We expect to have them here with us for the next five weeks.

We look forward to the contribution all these staff, students and their families will make to our school community and wish them great success and happiness at our school.

NEW LANGUAGE

This year we are implementing the 'Play is the Way' social development program from Reception to Year 7. This program has five key themes (see below) and students' understanding of the themes is developed in 'real time' as they play a series of physical games.

The key to the success of the Play is The Way program is the shared language and consistent program across the school. The program challenges students to be tough and work hard to achieve their best. Some of the language you will hear teachers using may be surprising, for example: *'Was that a strong choice or a weak choice?'* These tough but positive conversations are held after the theme has been introduced to the students.

The five themes are:

- **It takes great strength to be sensible.** We do the right thing because it's the best thing to do.
- **Be brave – participate to progress.** School is about stepping bravely into the unknown, which is often uncomfortable. The braver you are, the more you learn!
- **Treat others as you would like to be treated.** If someone is unlike you, seek to understand them.
- **Have reasons for the things you say or do.** If you don't know why you're doing something, then don't do it because it's most probably wrong.
- **Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with.** We don't come to school to be better than others. We come to school to better ourselves by being able to work with others.

Later this year we will run a workshop for parents on how we use these themes and some of the games we play. In the meantime, Wilson McAskill, who designed the program, has written a terrific book for parents titled *'Children aren't made of China!'* We recommend it as a great read.

CLASSES 2014

Room 01	Reception	Veronica Scicchitano	Room 17	Year 3/4	Jodie Cunningham
Room 02	Reception	Sarah Grant	Room 18	Year 3/4	Tamra Waye
Room 03	Reception	Karen Hawkes	Room 19	Year 3	Des Norman
Room 04	Reception	Kathy Ellidge Gabby De Pierro	Room 20	Year 4/5	Kate McSkimming
Room 22	Year 1	Sue Speechley Sue Myles	Room 21	Year 4	Julie Welford
Room 23	Year 1	Laura Searle	Room 1	Year 5/6	Ashley Blight
Room 24	Year 1	Carol Le Lant	Room 2	Year 5	Lyn Jones Naomi Brown
Room 11	Year 2/3	Michelle Wyman	Room 3	Year 6/7	Heather Frances
Room 12	Year 2	Nancy Elder	Room 4	Year 6/7	Chris Braybrook
Room 13	Year 2	Jade Pudney	Room 8	Year 4/5	Shane Pluck
Room 14	Year 2	Rachel Palmer	Room 9	Year 6/7	Glenda Weaver
Room 16	Year 2/3	Kat Butle			
Room 15	Japanese	Sarah Vinall Keiko Yoshino	English as an additional language (EALD)		Katina Pagonis
	PE	Kim Boothey	Special Education		Kirsty Sideris
Room 6&7	Music	Marian Woodlands	Student Support		Renee Hanna

NEWSLETTERS

The first newsletter for the year has been provided in hard copy to all families. There is an insert 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*. If you would like a hard copy of the newsletter, please pop into the Front Office and fill out a form to be added to the list.

Newsletters for Term 1 will be odd weeks then for Terms 2 – 4 will be sent out on even weeks. Due dates for items in the newsletter is 12 noon on Tuesdays of the week it is due out. Next newsletter's cut off date is Tuesday 11th February.

ASSEMBLIES

Our student run assemblies will begin in week 2 on Friday 7th February. The R-2 assembly will be from 11:30am-12noon, and the Year 3-7 assembly will be from 12:20pm – 12:50pm.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014

Once again the government has allocated extra training days for teachers to implement the new Australian Curriculum. Last year our focus was on the areas of English and History. In 2014 we will continue to focus on English, but also begin the implementation of Geography, and later in the year Civics & Citizenship and Health & Physical Education.

We have tied many of the staff training pupil free days to long weekends, allowing families who wish to take holidays to minimise student absence from school. Student attendance rates at our school are generally very good, but absences are often of an extended nature due to family holidays. Please consider the following dates when booking your holidays this year.

Term 1: January 29th – April 11th

Staff training Pupil Free Day: Tuesday, March 11th (after Adelaide Cup Day, a 4 day break)

Easter: April 18th to 21st (the middle weekend of the April school holidays)

Term 2: April 28th to July 4th

Proposed Staff training Pupil Free Day: Thursday 5th & Friday 6th June (before Queens Birthday holiday, a 5 day break)

NAPLaN Test days: Tuesday May 13th to Thursday May 15th

Lighting Up the Arts: Thursday 19th June.

Term 3: July 21st to September 26th

Proposed SHOW DAY School Closure: Monday, September 8th

Term 4: October 13th to December 12th

Year 7 Graduation: Wednesday December 8th

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Acquaintance Night will be held on **Tuesday, February 11th, 2014**. This is a time for you to come to school, to meet your child's teacher and to develop an understanding of the class and programs planned for this year.

The R - 1 classrooms are open from 6.00 - 6.45pm and your child will have a series of tasks to complete with you to provide you with a really good understanding of their classroom and specialist programs. You can chat with the teacher and ask any general questions. Please note there is no general meeting between sessions.

Year 2 to 7 classrooms are open from 7:00 to 7:45pm. Teachers will speak to parents about the classroom environment they have created and the goals that their class is working towards in 2014. This will include such topics as:

- classroom expectations
- communication methods to be used
- homework expectations
- planned activities for the year
- curriculum topics to be covered
- outline of weekly timetable
- how parents may be of assistance

We hope to see a member of every family here for this introduction.

A SPECIAL PLEA

Every child in our school is unique in their needs, interests and skills and some have special medical requirements.

This year we welcome one child with Leukaemia and one with an auto-immune disorder. Both are in the Doolette building and are very vulnerable to childhood diseases such as measles, chickenpox, and gastroenteritis.

We also have 63 students with an asthma plan and 18 students with anaphylactic reactions to nuts, eggs and other common foods.

To include all these children safely in our school community we need to take extra care:

- Please notify the school if your child contracts diseases such as measles, chickenpox, etc.
- Please keep your child home for 24 hours after last episode of vomiting/diarrhoea, i.e., if your child is unwell repeatedly during the night but not in the morning, it is still not appropriate to send them to school that day.
- Please do not send lunches that contain nuts including nutella, peanut paste and whole nuts.
- Train your children not to share food. If you wish to send in any food, such as a cake or treat for your child's birthday, please notify the class teacher at least 2 days in advance, to ensure this is convenient and they have the time to contact some parents to provide an alternative.

CONSENT FORMS

This week you will have received 3 consent forms from your child.

The **green consent form** is a general consent form for yard supervision, borrowing library books, SWW, and for medications.

The **blue consent form** is for permission to be photographed in school, class blog, newsletter and website. During the course of the year, students' likenesses, images (still or video), voice and creative work may be uploaded to the internet via the school newsletter or through a class blog or other websites such as Youtube, iTunes, etc. A blog is an interactive website that many teachers use for communicating with parents and to showcase students' learning.

The three permissions on the blue form are specifically for photographs and video of your child and allow us to easily collate permissions for teacher and administration purposes. The form on the reverse of this page gives permission for images *and* creative works eg stories, animations, powerpoints, songs, poetry etc, to be uploaded to the internet.

If you wish to allow creative works but not images to be published please amend the form as indicated. Please contact Louisa Guest at Louisa.Guest741@schools.sa.edu.au or by phone on 8276 1523 if you have any questions regarding these permissions.

The **white form** is an ICT user agreement. Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) are electronic devices and /or applications which allow users to record, send, access or receive information in textual, audio, image or video form. To promote the safe and responsible use of ICT, Colonel Light Gardens Primary School has developed guidelines on acceptable and non acceptable uses for students.

Please return all three forms promptly to your child's class teacher.

STUDENT DATA INFORMATION

This week you will receive a printed copy of the information about your child that we currently have on entered on the school database. This information includes medical and custody information, emergency contacts as well as other vital information pertaining to your child. If you have changed phone numbers, mobile numbers, address or need to update your emergency contacts, please change the details on the form, sign it and return to your child's teacher by FRI 7th February.

MEDICATIONS

If your child/ren is taking any kind of medication and it is kept in the office, could you please come in **NEXT WEEK** 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 2014. Please collect any medication that is no longer required for your child/ren.

AFTER HOURS SPORT

We had an excellent turn out of parents and students to the School Sports registration evening. All sports have had increased interest and potentially we look like fielding teams at most levels. The sports coordinators will now be sorting the teams. After school sport is run and managed by **parent volunteers**. Each sport has a coordinator who manages the overall organisation and each team requires a coach, assistant and team manager. All sports rely on parents of the students playing to help out in one of these roles. As we increase the number of students wanting to play we need to have more parents willing to support the teams. Please consider taking on a coaching/assistant or manager role. If you are not sure have a chat to the coordinators.

This year our coordinators are

Cricket: Barry Earl

Basketball: Graeme McDonald

Football: Kendall Zimmerman

Soccer: Olivia Kemp

Netball: Sue Camero

Softball: Sharon Harvey

OSHC

Vacation Care – All vacation care accounts have been sent to parents. If you have not received your invoice, please see Tammy at OSHC. We request all payments be made within 14 days.

MATERIALS & SERVICES 2014

You will have received your invoice for the Material and Services Charge 2014 by post last week. Once again, the school community was polled at the end of 2013 and voted in favour of the charge of \$350.00 being legally recoverable.

School Card must be applied for each year. If you believe you may be eligible, please see Amanda in the school office. If you would like to set up an alternate payment arrangement please also speak to Amanda.

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

Did you know?

You can also pay for excursions, sports fees and other invoiced charges using the online Bizgate? Included with this newsletter is a "how to use bizgate" flyer.