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# COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2014



## DIARY DATES

### OCTOBER

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Skoolbag communication survey due back

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop open 8:30-10:00am

Adelaide 36ers visit

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Year 6/7 Footsteps program 9:00-10:45am

Assemblies (Rec-Year 2 11:20am-12:00pm & Year 3-7 12:10pm-12:50pm)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Interschool Reader's Cup

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm – OSHC Committee Meeting

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop open 3:00-4:30pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Casual Day

Year 6/7 Footsteps program 9:00-10:45am

### DECEMBER

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 7pm – Governing Council Meeting

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL CONCERT – All day Rehearsals & Evening Concert

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Graduation

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Term 4 ends – 2:10pm DISMISSAL

Dear parents, carers, students and community friends,

### Failure is good medicine\*

As parents and teachers we often say we want our children to be 'resilient'. We know that life isn't always easy or predictable and we want our children to be able to bounce back from difficulties and have confidence in their abilities to solve their problems and find happiness.

However, as much as we may want this, in our society far too many of our children resilience is in short supply. One reason for this is that, almost by definition, for children to develop the ability to bounce back from failure or disappointment they must first experience it. And that means they may be unhappy for a while.

This is what we find hard to accept. Too often, we rush in to 'fix it' so that our child's unhappiness disappears.

Just as you can't get fit without exercising, you can't become resilient without encountering failure or disappointment. But for failure not to be debilitating, parents and teachers must set challenges that are only just beyond the reach of the child. These challenges should require effort, persistence, the extension of current skills or the acquisition of new skills. They should be achievable if these things are employed.

This goal that parents and teachers share - to set achievable challenges just beyond the child's reach - is the most complicated simple task in the world!

Over the few weeks of this term we have had a wonderful opportunity to foster resilience in our students through the 'CLG's Got Talent' activity. Initiated and run by the SRC (Student Representative Council) this has provided students with a chance to challenge themselves and to cope with disappointment. Often students have stepped bravely into the unknown, e.g. our younger students may not have realised that a 'talent quest' meant performing in front of others!

'Good on you!' to all the parents who have coached their child through the minefield of deciding the item, the people involved, the rehearsal and organisation and finally (and most powerfully) de-briefing the result. Helping your child to reflect on the experience, focus on the positive comments or what they discovered, pick themselves up and think about 'next time' is what will build resilience. *\*Shamelessly plagiarised from the Play is the Way handbook.*



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## World Teacher's Day

Today, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October, is World Teacher's Day. It's a time when we stop to think of the important role a teacher plays in the development of any person and to thank the teachers in our lives.

Last night several teachers from our school attended the Ba'hai Teacher Appreciation Night and we are grateful for the attention we received. It reminded me again of the important role education plays not only in the development of a child but also in the creation of future citizens and a peaceful, just world.

On behalf of our students and parents I would like to thank all our teachers for their dedication and thoughtful development of their students.

## Landscaping begins

The landscaping of the area to the east of the Doolette building, often hopefully called the 'junior primary lawn', is starting this week. Work will continue for 4 to 6 weeks and we are all very excited. The plans are on the office window opposite the canteen gazebo for your information. This project is your fundraising dollars at work!

The work by Mitcham Council in Mortlock Park adjacent to our school also begins next week. Students must stay away from areas that are bunted off.

Of course, there will be strict guidelines in place about fencing, police checks, vehicular access and more. We will be emphasising with the students, particularly those in the Reade and Doolette buildings, the importance of safety around building works. Why don't you ask your child what we said? That way you can reinforce the safety message – or let us know that they weren't listening!

## Come On Parents!

This is survey season. We want to know how well we are doing in meeting the needs of your children and our school community, so we have set up surveys for students, staff and parents.

So far the score is:

Year 5-7 students: 154 responses

Staff: 35 responses

Parents: 29 responses

Come on, parents – you can do better than that! There are only 16 questions, but lots of opportunity to comment if you wish. Please take a moment to do your 'homework'. This is a great opportunity to be involved, especially if you are someone who doesn't get the chance to come to school very often.

To access the survey go to

<http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/SKwQ2adx>

and paste in the survey code NAYDbdVa

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received the Reflective Award during the Week 2's assembly:

Bijayan, Zoe W, Olivia E, Dylan H, Charley K-D, Spencer M, Aisya I, Jack F, Kye O, Lachlan W, Yiewi, Oliver D, Cameron C, Maggie H, Matthew P, Charlie A, Alicia H, Milad, Sophia W, Noah H, Natalie M, Jacob T, Heather M, Sophia S, Ava McG, Thomas F, Mabel C, Max T, Lachie V, Daniel R, Jarren R, Amy H, Samira, Rory, Sophie W, Amelia H, Lauren R, Deakin, Larson, Drew, Andrea, Charlie G, Samuel L, Zahra, Lacey, Ranugi.

## STUDENT WELFARE WORKER

Parent Book borrowing - I have a great selection of informative and useful books for parents on a range of topics including self-esteem and relationship building, dealing with grief and loss and parenting tricky kids. Please come and have a browse and borrow on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, in the Reade building from 2:30 – 3:00pm.

## Magazines please!

I am still collecting magazines. There will be a box in Reade building for any donations. Thanks

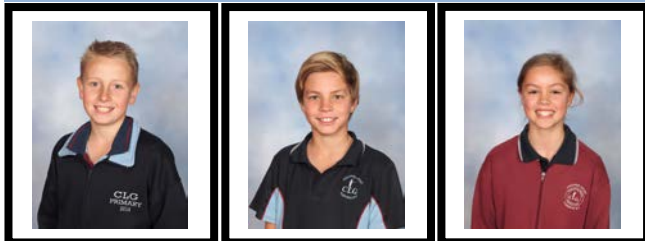
*Georgina Jama, Student Welfare Worker*

## GOLD COAST RAFFLE

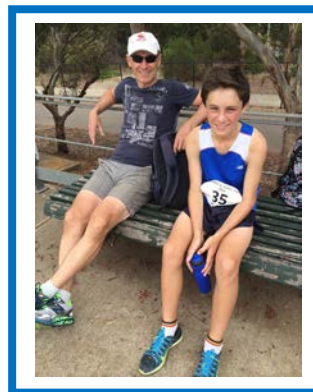
Would you like to win a holiday to Sea World Resort? The fundraising committee sent home raffle books and letters on the 17<sup>th</sup> October. Raffle books are due back by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. It will be drawn on Concert night, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

The first prize is a 5 night holiday at Sea world Resort. Other prizes to be won – incentive prizes to be won as well. If you would like more raffle books to sell, please come into the Front Office.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Tom R, Jack F and Kate M who have been selected to represent City South in the SAPSASA Tennis carnival.



Congratulations to Mitchell B who competed at the All Schools Athletics Competition, which occurred Sat 25th and Sunday 26th Oct. Against some tough competition in his U14 age group, Mitchell came 4th in the 1500m with a 24 sec personal best, and 6th in the 800m with a 5 sec personal best time.



### T 20 CRICKET

MILO T20 Blast School Cup is an enjoyable and safe one-day carnival, available for all primary school children. Our senior cricket team participated in the carnival and came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Congratulations. A big thank you to parents, especially Janelle Paech, who helped organize and coached the team.

## HOTSHOT TENNIS

It's great that our school is part of the National School Partnership Program (NSPP) and involved in tennis this year. Over 1,200 schools around the country will officially deliver tennis as part of their Health and Physical Education Curriculum. We are getting our students active.

This term, all Reception to Year 5 classes are having tennis coaching clinics either on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. They are gaining skills in ball play, fundamental movement and game play.

Every student in these year levels can get a free T-shirt if they register on the website [hotshots.tennis.com.au](http://hotshots.tennis.com.au). Student that registers earns \$2 for our school to enable us to buy tennis equipment. Please take a moment and have a browse at the website as well as consider joining up with a tennis club. Happy tennis.

## ADELAIDE 36ERS VISIT

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November the 36ers are coming to share their basketball skills and play a game between our year 6 and Year 7 students. Some Year 1s and 2s will get to race in 36ers tops and shoes. Every student will receive a free ticket to a 36ers home game. The 36ers have also requested to video their visit as a media release, a great way to show case our school. All students are invited to design a poster about basketball. It can be any size and have any content on it as long as it is about basketball. These need to be ready to give to the 36ers on Tuesday. So get creative.

## PE WEEK

In Week 5 – from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating PE Week. The sports shed monitors will be setting out equipment so everyone can have a go at different games over recess and lunchtime. A netball match between Year 7s and teachers will be held on Friday afternoon at 2pm. Some exciting events happening to support students being active.

*Kim Boothey, PE Teacher*

## SCHOOL BANKING

Due to WHS circumstances, Bank SA has cancelled the school banking. **THIS WEEK** was the last week to do school banking. They are no longer coming to schools.

## NEW UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

All online uniform orders are to be paid for via Bizgate when ordered or credit card details to be phoned through with your order. Once paid, uniforms will be sent to your child's classroom. Just a reminder the Term 4 dates and hours are as follows:

Week 4	Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November	8:30-10:00am
Week 5	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November	3:00-4:30pm
Week 6	Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	8:30-10:00am
Week 7	Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November	3:00-4:30pm
Week 8	Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	8:30-10:00am
Week 9	Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December	3:00-4:30pm

## SRC

On Friday the 14th of November all students can pay a gold coin to wear casual clothes to school. The money raised from this event will be going to the RSPCA.

## OSHC – PUPIL FREE DAY - MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

OSHC is visiting Mitcham Cinemas to see the movie "Maya the Bee movie". Children must be at OSHC no later than 8.45am to allow sufficient time to catch public transport. There are no half day bookings and all children must bring their own recess and lunch (no spending money) Afternoon tea is provided as usual.

Parents please make sure that appropriate clothing is worn (i.e. hats, sensible walking shoes and sunscreen).

The second half of the day will be spent back at OSHC "headquarters" participating in craft activities and indoor/outdoor games.

Cost of the day is \$50.50 (normal CCB applies.) Cancellation on the day will incur the full fee.

Staff must be given any medication (in original packaging with instructions) that their child might require during that day.

Please return booking form below to the office or Inta WITHOUT FEES no later than 12 noon on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. NO BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE. Any queries please ring Inta on 8276 9065

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### OSHC PUPIL FREE DAY: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Child/ren name/s and class:.....

Emergency contact details:.....

Relevant medical information:.....

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## 2014 YEAR BOOK

If you would like to order the full colour edition of our Yearbook, please complete the tear off slip and return it to the office with **\$30**. Because they are being professionally printed, **NO SPARE COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE**. Your copy will be distributed to your child at the end of the week, of the last week of term. **Get your order in now and don't miss out!**

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### CLG 2014 YEAR BOOK ORDER FORM

Child's Name: .....

Teacher..... Room: .....

I have enclosed \$..... for..... copy/ies of the CLGPS 2014 Year Book.

Signed: .....