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COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th February 2015



DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

Friday 20th Assemblies (Rec-Yr 2 11:10am-12:00pm ; Yr 3-7 12:10pm-12:50pm)
Wednesday 26th SRC Executive – GRIPP Leadership conference

MARCH

Monday 2nd Governing Council AGM
Friday 6th Pupil Free Day
Monday 9th Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

APRIL

Friday 3rd Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday 6th Easter Monday Public Holiday

Dear parents, carers, students and community friends,

It was wonderful to see such a big attendance at our Acquaintance Night on Tuesday. We hope you found it useful and have a good idea how your child's class is operating this year, including the class agreements and teacher expectations.

All our programmes are now in action, including our student support programmes in literacy. Student Support for Literacy at our school can include:

- **EALD** (English as an additional language or dialect), taken by Katina Pagonis. Inclusion in this program is based on specific EALD testing and small groups of students can receive help for all or part of each year, depending on how quickly they reach the year level standard.
- **Special Education** for students who have been identified as having a learning disability. Students usually work with the special education teacher individually or in pairs, on the goals of their individual learning plan which are developed in consultation with parents and teachers.
- **Early Intervention.** This consists of the Gillon program which provides additional Phonological awareness support for identified students at Reception level. It is short term, usually only for a term. At Yr 1 students who need some extra help with their reading skills receive support, again usually for the short term until skills are progressing towards Yr. level standards. Students work either individually or in small groups. Support is provided by SSOs under the guidance of the Reading Support Teacher.
- **Aboriginal Education.** We currently have 10 aboriginal students and most are achieving either at the required level or well above it. All aboriginal students have an individual learning plan and resources are provided to assist the goals to be met.
- **Learning Support.** Some students need extra help at certain points, to improve their literacy achievement. Other students, particularly those with severe dyslexia, need ongoing support. These students work with our Learning Support teacher for a short time each week. In 2014 we began the use of individual iPads with specific apps related to individual student needs, for students in Years 4 or 5 and above. We have seen remarkable results!

However, the most important student learning support happens ***in the classroom every day.*** Teachers collect and record assessment results and plan lessons that have different goals for different students. If you have concerns about your child's achievement please make an appointment to see the teacher by the end of term. You will be surprised at how much information they have on your child's learning and the way they provide learning intervention every day in the classroom!

Sue, Wayne, Louisa and Sharyn



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PARENT WORKSHOP: VOLUNTEER INDUCTION and TRAINING

We currently have 224 parents who have child-related screening checks and we have put in sixty three new applications for a Child Related Screening so far this year! We expect to do many more in the coming weeks. This reflects our concern for child protection as well as the strong parent support we enjoy at our school.

The second part of our child protection measures is ensuring that our volunteers have been provided with induction and understand their role as mandated notifiers of suspected child abuse. The RAN-EC (responding to abuse and neglect) induction outlines to our volunteers their child protection responsibilities.

We are holding a workshop for parents who volunteer in our school, serve on committees, coach sports teams etc. on **Monday 2nd March from 7:00-8:00pm in Langley Hall**. Following the training there will be a short break and the AGM will follow.

Please rsvp to the Volunteer Induction Workshop by sending the completed tear-off slip to the school office OR email dl.0723.info@schools.sa.edu.au

PARENTS IN OUR SCHOOL

This is the year to stop thinking about it and actually do it!! Put your hand up to be involved in a committee, or as a class parent representative, or a sports coach or on Governing Council. The rewards are great:

- for you, in getting to know other parents and developing a greater sense of community connection
- for your children, who see how much you value their school and education
- for the school community, who benefit from decisions made by a broadly representative group

Please see below an outline of the role of Governing Council and the subcommittees and the times they usually meet. Then turn immediately to end of the newsletter for a nomination form! Nominations are also gratefully accepted by email to sue.woollard725@schools.sa.edu.au

Governing Council

This important parent group has the responsibility for the governance of the school. Meetings are held twice a term on a Monday evening and deal with issues such as school policies, goals and directions as well as school fees and the school budget.

The Governing Council has a number of sub-committees:

- **Finance** committee meets twice a term and its chairperson reports to Governing Council. This committee looks carefully at the school's financial statements, helps to develop the budget and monitors spending. It has teacher and parent representatives, including the school business manager. It meets at a time agreed by the members, usually shortly after working hours.
- The **Education** committee responds on behalf of the Council to consultation papers sent by DECD and provides advice on what parents will find useful in the way of parent information workshops. They meet at least once a term, as agreed.
- **Sport** oversees the organisation of the sports opportunities we offer out of school hours. It has representation from all the competitive sports and Governing Council. It develops sports policy and fees, registers teams and promotes our code of conduct. It meets at least once a term of an evening as needed to get sports seasons organised.
- The **OSHC** Committee has membership from parents who use OSHC and a representative from Governing Council. It examines policy and procedures, OSHC fees and budgets and makes program recommendations. It meets of an evening once a term or as required.
- **Canteen** committee meets in the day twice a term and provides advice on menus, compliance with relevant food and safety legislation and monitors the financial performance of the canteen.
- The **Grounds & Environment** committee plans for the development of our grounds to ensure a safe and stimulating environment. It organises working bees and promotes environmental projects for students. It meets during the day as needed.
- **Fundraising** committee plans our fundraising events for the year. It then co-opts parents to help out with each event.

We especially need more parents on Finance, Education and Fundraising groups. Can you help?

Please consider if you can give up an hour or two twice a term to help these committees. If you would like more information on any of the committees please speak to any of the Leadership Team or Governing Council.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

The 2015 Annual General Meeting of parents will be held on **Monday, March 2nd at 8:00pm in the staffroom** immediately following the **Volunteer Training Workshop**. The meeting will be brief and consist of presentation and discussion of the school's 2014 Annual Report and reports from the Governing Council and subcommittees. There is opportunity for questions, followed by the election of four Council members for a term of two years. These are real vacancies! If you would like to nominate for Council or a sub-committee, please complete the tear off slip in this newsletter and return it to the school office, addressed to Sue Woollard.

WHEN YOU HAVE A CONCERN

Working together will give us the best chance of solving any problem that may arise during your child's years at our school.

If you have a concern or a complaint, we want you to let us know. It's important to learn from mistakes or misunderstandings so that we can improve your child's experience and learning, and also improve our processes where possible.

The first step in working through a complaint is to talk to your child's teacher, and then one of the Leadership Team if you still are not happy.

A copy of the school *Parent Guide to Raising a Concern or Complaint* brochure can be found in the School Information section of our website and is also available at the school office. Steps guiding how complaints should be made are explained in the brochure. Use this guide to help you think through what you are concerned about and how to resolve the matter respectfully and effectively.

About complaints or concerns

A complaint may be made by a parent if they think that the school has, for example:

- done something wrong
- failed to do something it should have done
- acted unfairly or impolitely.

Your concern or complaint may be about:

- the type, level or quality of service
- the behaviour and decisions of staff
- a policy, procedure or practice.

Sometimes a complaint is about something we have to do because of State or Federal law. In such cases we are able to talk to you about the matter and help you understand the requirements and why they exist.

If you'd like more information visit the Department's website at www.decd.sa.gov.au/feedback and complaints or email DECD.parentcomplaint@sa.gov.au. There is also a Freecall number 1800 677 435.

MATERIAL & SERVICES FEE

A reminder that Materials & Services Fees are due in full by Friday 27th February 2015, unless you have signed a pay-by-instalment, which extends the due date to Friday 3rd July 2015.

The school office is open from 8.30-11am each day for the payment of charges.

Payments may be made by cash, cheque or by using Visa or MasterCard in person or over the phone.

Online payment with Credit card

Go to www.colgrdnsps.sa.edu.au and select 'pay my bills' and then 'Pay Your School Invoice Online Now!'

Direct Credit

Transfer the funds into the school bank account – (School Fees only – No Vacation care or OSHC)

Account:	Colonel Light Gardens School
BSB:	105-075
Account No.:	293354740

Please quote the invoice number and first 4 letters of students surname as a reference, and send a copy of the bank receipt to Amanda.Jackson143@schools.sa.edu.au

Instalment Plans

Please see Amanda in the front office to make arrangements for instalments plans. Parents wanting to pay by instalments will need to sign a Pay-by-instalment agreement, and fees must be paid in full by Friday 3rd July 2015.

Direct Debit by Instalment – the school is now offering direct debit for school fees to be deducted from your nominated bank account. The scheduled payments are either:

- fortnightly - 10 payments of \$36/student commencing Friday 13th February 2015 or
- monthly – 5 payments of \$72/student commencing Friday 27th February 2015

School Card – Applications for School Card (financial assistance) need to be completed every year, for every child. If you have not filled in and returned the application form, can you please do so immediately. Applications are available from the school office and Amanda is happy to provide assistance with the form.

OSHC PUPIL FREE DAY: FRIDAY MARCH 6th

OSHC is visiting the Mitcham Cinema to see the movie 'Paper Planes'. Children must be at OSHC by no later than 8:45am to allow sufficient time to catch public transport. Parents, please make sure that appropriate clothing is worn (ie HATS, sunscreen, walking shoes). The second half of the day will be spent back at OSHC "Headquarters" participating in craft activities and indoor/outdoor games. Staff must be given any medication (original packaging with instructions) that their child might require during that day.

There are no half day bookings and all children must bring their own recess and lunch. Afternoon tea is provided as usual.

Cost of the day is \$55 (normal CCB applies) and our 48 hour cancellation policy is applicable on the day.

Please return booking form below to the office or Inta (without fees) no later than 12 noon Friday 27th February. NO BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE. Queries – please phone Inta on 8276 9065.

OSHC PUPIL FREE DAY: 'Paper Planes' FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH

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

Emergency contact details:.....

Relevant medical information:.....

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GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION

Parent Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

I would like to nominate for the Colonel Light Gardens PS Governing Council for 2015.

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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOMINATION

Committee Nomination

I nominate for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> OSHC Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Education Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Environment Committee | | |

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

CANTEEN

"Surprise Pancakes"!

Available on Tuesday 17th February . . . for ONE SPECIAL DAY ONLY!

Only 200 serves available and they can be bought on the spot (one serve per person). So don't miss out – Once all sold, there are no more.

Also, are you able to spare half an hour please - to help with over the counter lunch service from 1 – 1:30pm? With this hot weather, ice block sales are such a popular choice that I'm unable to fill the demand by myself.

Please don't forget to place the **Sushi Special Meal Orders**, as they close on the 18th February. Best to return them as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment.

Please note that with Tuesday Only sushi orders, "crispy chicken" is no longer available.

Also, Billabong and Paddlepops are no longer available. Alternatives like Ice Cream Slice (\$0-80) and Icpole (\$1) are a great alternative.

Helen Parsons, Canteen Manager

AFTER HOURS SPORT

School Netball is played in terms 2 and 3, and whilst that may seem a long way off, now is the time to sign up as we will soon need to get the teams organised (including coaches and team managers).

Thanks to everyone who has returned their registration forms so promptly.

If you signed up on the Sports Registration Night, but have not yet returned your purple registration form, please do so as soon as you can.

School netball is all about fun and participation. There are no trials, and all girls who register to play will be placed in a team. No prior experience is necessary.

We would particularly love to have some more girls from grade 7 sign up. It's your last year to play netball for the school and what better way than to play with all your friends!

Any questions please ring Sue 0438 704266 or Teresa 0417 854639 or email clgpsnetball@gmail.com

Basketballers Wanted

We need more Yr 4 Boys and Yr 6/7 Girls for our school basketball teams. No experience necessary. If you are interested then we would love to have you! Please fill out an orange basketball registration form (available at the front office) and leave it at the office. For any enquiries please contact the basketball co-ordinator Graeme McDonald on 0419 851 534.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Welcome to 2015! We are excited with what we have achieved so far and what we hope to raise this year. Our plan for this year will be out shortly. You can see the current benefits for our children with the new **outdoor learning environment**.

We are looking for supportive members to join our team. If you can't attend the meetings, that's OK. You will still be a valuable supportive member with your ideas and opinions. It may be just one event you can help with or more, every little bit helps.

Please contact me via email, or drop into the Canteen after drop off – I'm usually there!

Kelly Gilbert – kellygilbert01@gmail.com

ORIENTEERING

On Feb 15th there will be an Introduction to Orienteering for Juniors to be held at South Parklands. For more details go to the **Orienteering SA** website.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Blackwood Fitness Swim School is NOW OPEN

- Swimming Lessons from 6 months
- Qualified Instructors, Small class sizes

Book online : www.blackwoodfitness.com.au/swim-school or Contact us :210 Main Road, Blackwood p.h. 82785388 Find us on Facebook

MILO in2CRICKET Program

MILO in2CRICKET is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids aged 5-7 to the great Australian game. It provides children with an opportunity to develop their motor skills and meet new friends in a fun, safe and interactive environment.

Your nearest Centre/s will be run at **Adelaide Oval**, Pennington Tce, starting Friday 13th February at 5:30pm

Adelaide CC, Glandore Oval (Margaret St, Glandore), starting Friday 13th February at 4:00pm

First session is a FREE Come & Try

Cricket this term will be a very popular sport with the ICC Cricket World Cup starting on the 14th of February.

By registering and paying for the Program not only will you enjoy some great cricket fun this term but every registered child receives an in2CRICKET Participant Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, drink bottle and other goodies! They will look just like their Aussie Cricket heroes!

MILO T20 Blast Program

MILO T20 Blast is the next step in the pathway for girls and boys looking to start playing cricket! Aimed at ages 7 and up. T20 Blast runs one night a week for 8 weeks throughout Term 1, and is the perfect introduction to playing matches and continuing to learn skills.

All Centres start with a FREE Come & Try Session with appearances from Adelaide Strikers players, giveaways and the Strikers mascot, SMASH!

All T20 Blast Programs are professionally run by qualified SACA staff and coaches.

Free T20 Blast Come & Try Days in your area:

Unley Oval MILO T20 Blast – Free Come & Try Day, Tuesday 10th February 5:30-7:00pm

Glennelg MILO T20 Blast – Free Come & Try Day, Friday 13th February 5:30-7:00pm

To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for this season, log on to www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your post code

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental care is FREE for most children.**

SA Dental Service participates in the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Japan Junction

Where you'll find cool facts and info...



Japanese at CLGPS

The benefit of learning another language is universally recognised. As one of our nearest and most influential trading neighbours, it makes sense to introduce our children to an Asian language and culture.

Japanese has been a popular subject throughout schools in Australia setting a significant learning asset to our students.

Japanese is being taught at CLGPS because;

1. Japanese is one of the world's most popular languages to learn as a curricular choice in both primary and secondary schools.
2. The study of Japanese develops an invaluable understanding of different people and cultures.
Japanese Culture is integral to the learning of the language. Learning about Japanese history, modern Japanese life, industries, festivals, food, music, drama and art enriches the language learning experience for students at CLGPS
3. The primary school course teaches basic word knowledge, grammar, phrasing, conversational skills and language application. The programme is designed to be sequential, building on from Junior Primary to a more advanced curriculum through to year 7.
4. In the Japanese room, students also learn World Geography, International Affairs and Studies of Asia.
5. One of the benefits of learning Japanese at CLGPS is the opportunity to continue their studies of Japanese at High School and beyond. This popular SACE subject is offered at schools such as Scotch College, Pultney Grammar, Cabra, Glenunga International, St John's Grammar, Westminster, Brighton High and Adelaide High as well as at TAFE and University.
6. Vocationally there are numerous ongoing job opportunities for students and graduates fluent in the Japanese language both in South Australia and overseas. The opportunities can range from Hospitality, Trade and Technology to Teaching and International affairs.

Finally I'll be very proud (and quietly pleased) if your house ends up full of paper cranes or you find your children singing karaoke with their hairbrush or even finding 'seaweed' (nori) written on your grocery list...

Arigato.