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COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12th March 2015



DIARY DATES

MARCH

Monday 16th

Governing Council Meeting

Friday 20th

Assemblies (Rec-Yr 2 11:10am-12:00pm ; Yr 3-7 12:10pm-12:50pm)

Thursday 26th

SAPSASA State Swimming - Marion

Friday 27th

Family Picnic

Friday 27th -

History Roadshow

Monday 30th

APRIL

Friday 3rd

Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 6th

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Thursday 9th

Enterprise Day

Friday 10th

Term 1 ends – 2:10pm DISMISSAL

Dear parents, carers, students and community friends,

2015 GOVERNING COUNCIL

Congratulations to the new Governing Council members who were elected at the AGM on Monday March 2nd. All vacancies were filled. The parent members on our 2015 Governing Council and the activities with which they are affiliated are:

Anna Lee (Chairperson)

Jarrad Gray (Treasurer)

Graeme McDonald, Jason Hoet (Sport)

Kelly Gilbert (Fundraising)

Kelly Barr (Canteen)

Katrin Rauter (OSHC)

Alison Vink (Education)

Dion Byas

Robert Lawton

Adrian Rickards

The following new committee members were also welcomed and endorsed. It is terrific that our Finance and Education Committees now have greater parent representation.

Finance: Peter Allanson, Cath Pfeiffer-Smith, Mariana Andryushkina, Stephen Vink

Education: Suzi Ting, Sherie Redden, Alison Vink, Kara Smernik, Liz Lohse, Kathryn Morrish

As well as welcoming four new Governing Council members, we sadly farewelled four Council members who have contributed a great deal to our school community. We would especially like to recognise outgoing Chairperson **John Harvey**. John has been an active member of Council for at least eight years as well as serving as Chairperson through four school principals. John's deep understanding of governance and fiscal responsibility has been greatly appreciated.

Many thanks also to **Vikki Chave** who was such an efficient Secretary; **Odile Ruijs** who led the Education subcommittee in providing great parent workshops last year; and Larissa Andrews. You have made a great contribution to our community.

The Governing Council meets on a Monday evening in the third and eighth weeks of each term. They can be contacted by dropping a note to the school office or emailing dl.0723.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Sue, Wayne, Louisa and Sharyn

LEARNING IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Last Friday our teachers were involved in a combined pupil free day with teachers from Edwardstown, Mitcham, Clapham and Westbourne Park. Held at Westbourne Park, the theme for the day was 'Developing powerful learners through digital technologies'. A keynote address from Margot Foster inspired us to engage our students and challenge them to take risks in their learning so they can make the best progress they are capable of. We also looked at the changing landscape our students face in using online technologies. The afternoon was spent in workshops designed to help us implement various aspects of the Digital Technologies curriculum using innovative practices. This was followed up at our Tuesday staff meeting where we revisited the key ideas, reflected on the implications for our practice and planned for taking action in our classrooms.

Brett Hammerl

Coordinator, Primary Australian Curriculum

PROVIDING CHALLENGE TO SENIOR MATHS STUDENTS

This year we are providing challenge and extension to our more advanced senior mathematics students through a partnership with Unley High School.

Each week a teacher from Unley High School works with identified students to focus on a mathematical topic or skill and then to set a problem-solving 'challenge question' for the student to work on over the week. Students will be given some time in class to work on this question, but will also be expected to complete it in their own time. The following week the students will present their answers to the group and explain their reasoning. Then the cycle starts again.

This design of this extension program ensures that students still engage in the core maths curriculum of the classroom and that class teachers still have the responsibility to teach, assess and report on the key mathematical knowledge and skills. Importantly, it challenges students to think mathematically and problem solve by applying knowledge and skills in new contexts. Both of these abilities are characteristics of higher order mathematical achievement.

We would like to thank Unley High School and Year 8 Coordinator Rob Perkins in particular, for partnering with us in offering challenging curriculum to our advanced students.

ENTERPRISE DAY IS COMING!

Like the Royal Show, Christmas, Easter and birthdays the CLG Enterprise Day is an eagerly awaited fixture on our children's calendars. It's different from any other school day! It's a 'red' day where all food doesn't have to be good for you, children are at school but don't have to stay with the class and its lots of FUN!

Enterprise Day 2015 will be held on **Thursday April 9th from 12:30 to 2:00pm.**

It is essentially a student-run 'fete'. Students *collaborate* to decide their stalls and then show *team work* as they collect materials, make items, decide the rules of games and make up rosters to staff the stalls. Some students are designated the *communicators*, in charge of making signs, posters and spruiking the stall. At the end of the day, students meet to *reflect* on the success of their stall and the day, making suggestions for further improvement. In between all of that, they have great fun with their friends and family choosing, buying, eating, playing activities and serving on stalls.



It's no accident that Enterprise Day offers students the opportunity to develop so many of our Expert Learner Qualities, because the day is as much about learning as it is about raising funds.



While we encourage independence and student-led activities, parents still come in handy – especially in the 'hip pocket' department! You can expect to be invited to contribute through donations of time, money and ingredients.

In the lead-up to Enterprise Day parents can do a lot to help younger children enjoy the day. One of the most important things you can do is help your child understand money. Give them practise in recognising coins, tendering amounts and for older students, working out change and profit margins. There are many opportunities in 'real life' to give your child a chance to handle money.

The money raised from Enterprise Day goes to our school. This year the students, through the Student Representative Council (SRC) have decided to contribute the funds raised towards the push to upgrade our outdoor learning areas. In particular, the area incorporating the 'blue steps' and handball courts

outside Langley Hall is in need of repair and upgrading.

The Enterprise Day is great fun and many families, friends and grandparents join us on the day. A map and information will come home closer to the day.

Japan Junction

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



This week's introduction: *Origami* - (*ori* = folding, *gami* = paper)

The earliest evidence of Origami was an instruction sheet found in an ancient Japanese manuscript dating back to the 11th century.

Over the centuries Origami has grown in popularity and has been globally recognised as some of the most amazing craftwork which in itself can be formed into almost any shape or form.

Here are some interesting examples of how the origami concept is used in the modern world...

- **Shoji screen** – Traditional internal sliding paper doors which are still very common in modern houses in Japan. They are light, portable (you can remove them to create a bigger space) and create an ambient silhouetting effect within the living environment.



- **Airbags and solar panels on satellites** – have folding techniques which incorporate the origami principle.

- **Cardboard Cathedral, Christchurch, NZ** – a temporary home for the Christchurch Cathedral has been built on the site of St John the Baptist Church after the devastating earthquake in 2011, using materials including a high tech cardboard, by an architect from Japan.



Another interesting fact is - Origami, with its stimulating effect, has been a successful therapy in Japan for many decades, assisting the elderly in the delay of Alzheimer's and other mind debilitating diseases.

Longevity rules in Japan – and that's a fact!!!!

Based on folding techniques, origami also has a strong link to geometry. Studies dictate that the art of origami enhances and stimulates brain development and the students at CLGPS are frequently exposed to this in the Japanese room with loads of opportunity to experience this maths oriented activity. **We make it fun!!!!**

PARKING CHAOS!

We have been informed that next week on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March, streets at the eastern end of our school will be closed for asphalt replacement. The streets are:

- 1) Freeling Cres from the strand to Windsor Avenue. This means you may not be able to get in or out of the extension to Windsor Avenue that people use to access OSHC and you will not be able to use the laneway behind the school.
- 2) Windsor Avenue from Freeling Cres to East Parkway - this will cause more of an access than a parking issue.

The area to the west of the school will still be OK. Please allow extra time to find a park or even better, choose to walk or ride to school. We just have to hope that it doesn't rain!

HISTORY IN ACTION



On **Friday, March 27th** the Mitcham Army Camp Centenary Exhibition will be launched at our school. At 9:30am a ceremony will be held on the court near the Grange building and will include a Welcome to Country, the Last Post, and some songs from the era as well as an official opening by The Hon. Martin Hamilton-Smith.



Parents are welcome to watch the official opening and some of our older students will also be attending. Thank you to the parents who have offered to make Anzac biscuits!

PICNIC in the PARK: A CLG social event!



Friday, March 27th from 5:00 to 8:00pm in Mortlock Park. Bring your own chairs and picnic rug. A BBQ, slushie machine, drinks, face painting, paper plane competition, and family activities will be available. There will be a raffle, and the History Display will be open from 5:-7:00 for you to look at with your children.



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 Louisa Guest via the front office. Entry forms can be downloaded from the newsletter website or are available from the Front Office.

Please note that entry fees are not refundable and late entries are not accepted by the school after the cut-off date of 27th March 2014. All issues regarding late entries and refunds must be taken up with ICAS directly.

VACATION CARE – APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The April Vacation Care Program is now available for bookings from the school website under School Information, from the Newsletter website, or from the Front Office. Please fill in the booking form **AND** excursion form. The closing date for bookings is **Friday 20th March (Week 8)** and order of priority access will be followed.

Please note that there are still a number of accounts from Dec 14/Jan 15 Vacation Care which have not been paid and you will not be able to utilise upcoming Vacation Care programs if your account is outstanding.

AFTER HOURS SPORT

FOOTBALL - We still require a few more players for after-hours football for each level, Years 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7. If you are interested, please fill in a green registration form and leave at the front office.

We are also in urgent need of a coach for the Year 4/5 team. This can be a shared role if it helps. Training nights are flexible. If you are able to assist, please contact Kendall Zimmermann Ph: 0400 009 314 ASAP.

CANTEEN

Prices have not changed from last year's menu, however there appears to be old versions being referred to, ie items being ordered that are no longer stocked. Please download and print the updated 2015 menu from the school website to ensure accuracy. Menus are also available at the front office.

Please remember to always wrap all money in paper or use a reusable zip-lock bag, which will be returned to you. This is very important please - for hygiene reasons and to reduce the chances of loss of part or the money.

Also, Oak milks are no longer stocked, but Breaka Milk in Chocolate, Strawberry or Vanilla is available for \$1-50.

Helen Parsons, Canteen Manager

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHTS

The following Open Days and Principals Tours are designed to help Year 6 and 7 students in their decision of a future secondary school. Brochures from local schools are available from our school office.

SCHOOL	DATE OF OPEN	TIME
ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL	Wednesday 17 th March	6:00 – 7:30pm
ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL	Wednesday 1 st April	5:30pm - 8:00pm. Applications are made separately for The Special language Entry, Cricket and Rowing programmes.
BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL	Monday 23 rd March	4:40pm - 7:30pm
BRIGHTON SECONDARY SCHOOL	Wednesday 29 th April	Guided tours of the school in action at 9:00am and 2:00pm. Self-guided tours and twilight showcase of special programs from 5.30pm. Principal's Address 7:00pm - 7.30pm in the Brighton Performing Arts Centre.
GLENUNGA INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	Friday 29 May	Performing Arts Centre 8:55am Please register at www.gihs.sa.edu.au
HAMILTON SECONDARY COLLEGE	Wednesday 6 th May	Tours 9.30am; 2:00pm and 6:00pm. Pricipal's address at 6:00pm
MITCHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL	Monday 4 th May	9:00am - 11:00am & 5:00pm - 8:00pm
PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL	Wednesday 13 th May	6:00 -7:30pm
UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL	Sunday 6 th May	Principal's Tour 9:00am - 10:30am Please phone to book a tour.
URRBRAE AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL	Tuesday 17 th March	2 hour visits to the school will comprise of: Information about the Application Process, Farm Tour & School Tour. 9.30 am - 11.30am, 1.00pm - 3.00pm and 6.00pm - 8.00pm

SAPSASA SWIMMING

It was a great Swimming Carnival on 26th February with many personal bests achieved.

Students who attended were: Georgie H, Filip P, Alexander T, Kern M, Chris S, Josh B, Charley K, Kahlia G, Asha D, Demi K, Anne H, Ava M, Charlotte O, Vasily A, Jack M.

Congratulations to Alexander T, Asha D, Charley K, Georgie H and Kern M who will be part of the City South SAPSASA District State Metropolitan State Swimming Championships on Thursday March 26th.

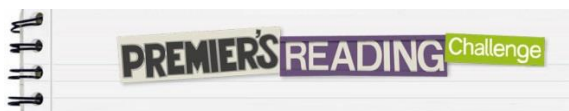


SAPSASA INTERSTATE PROGRAM

SAPSASA selects State teams in 15 different sports for students aged 12 years and under in the year of competition and a minimum of 10 years of age in the year of competition. The one exception is the current age dispensation for girls' cricket and boys and girls Touch.

To be eligible for selection, students must attend a school affiliated with SAPSASA, both State and Independent Primary Schools. All students who wish to be considered for selection in a SAPSASA 12 and Under State Team must nominate on-line. The nomination must be completed and submitted by the due date by accessing the following web address www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport then click on SAPSASA, go to List of Sports and drop down to the relevant sport and locate the nomination form in the interstate section of that sport. If you have any problems please contact the unit on 8416 5900. A confirmation email will be generated within 2 working days of nominating.

RESOURCE CENTRE



A huge ***congratulations*** to the following students who have finished the Premiers reading challenge for 2015: The first whole class to finish the challenge is Room 02 Ms Grant's receptions, closely followed by Room 03 Karen's receptions.

Room 1-9: Kyan, Zach, Ella, Amelia, Teagan, Tina, Sophie, Nicole, Connor, Samuel, Georgina

Room 16 - 21: Daniel, Matthew

Room 22-24: -

Room 01 - 05: Leonard, Cody, Eva, William, Lawrence, Henry, Nicolas, Ethan, Charlize, Thomas, Sadie, Liam, Griffin, Max, Anika, Leila, Holly, Etham, Grace, Oliver, Henry, Angus, Will, Zachary, Leila, Lily, Daisy, Isabelle, Alannah, Sharlia, Matthew, Rosie, Olivia, Alastair, Ziya, Mike, Tom, Mitchell, Tait

We are aiming for **100% completion** in 2015, so read, read, read! The books can come from anywhere, home, public libraries or our library. The PRC website has an easy to use search for books on the challenge list <http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/books/challenge/?reFlag=1> to help with recording.

The Resource Centre blog is up and running so subscribe to keep up to date with new books, the Premier's Reading Challenge, author information and library happenings.

Fantastic work everyone. Happy reading!

Simone Percy, Teacher Librarian

TENNIS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

You have until the **27th March** to register your child in the Hot Shots Tennis Partnership Program. By registering your child they will receive a FREE Hot Shots T-shirt, plus the school gets a \$7 rebate per student. Registration forms can be downloaded from the newsletter website or are available from the Front Office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Year 7 students are invited to attend **Unley High School's "Come 'n' Try" sessions** for their **2016 Special Entry Rowing Program**. Dates are as follows:

Sunday 10th May: 11am – 1pm

Sunday 24th May: 2pm – 4pm

Sunday 31st May: 11am – 1pm

Register your interest at: rowing@uhs.sa.edu.au

Blackwood Fitness Swim School April Holiday Program is now open for bookings! Weekly sessions are still available.

Book online : www.blackwoodfitness.com.au/swim-school; or contact: 210 Main Road, Blackwood Ph 82785388

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