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COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22nd May 2015



DIARY DATES

MAY

Friday 22nd Assemblies (Rec – Year 2: 11:20am-12:00pm; Year 3-7: 12:10pm – 12:50pm)

Tuesday 26th 'Bully is Back' performances 9am, 11:20am and 2pm

Sunday 31st Working Bee

JUNE

Friday 5th Whole School Assembly: 11:20am – 12:10pm

Monday 8th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th Pupil Free Day

Monday 15th Governing Council Meeting

Friday 19th Assemblies (Rec – Year 2: 11:20am-12:00pm; Year 3-7: 12:10pm – 12:50pm)

Wednesday 24th Parent Workshop – with Mark Le Messurier

Dear parents, carers, students and community friends,

Beyond NAPLAN

Last week 237 students in our school spent between four and five hours over three days sitting tests in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). It is interesting that the debate about NAPLAN continues to wage, despite formalised literacy and numeracy testing having been in place in this state for nearly 20 years. In an article in The Advertiser on May 11th Professor Alan Reid, Professor of Education at the University of South Australia, discussed the dilemmas of the NAPLAN testing and particularly focussed on the fact that the tests have 'aged' and may no longer be relevant to today's curriculum and students.

Professor Reid challenged some assumptions in the NAPLAN debate:

The most obvious (assumption) is the repetitive refrain that we need to focus on the "basics" – meaning traditional versions of literacy and numeracy taught through traditional means, including drilling and skilling and rote learning. This assumption is usually accompanied by the claim that those who reject it are either opposed to accountability or don't want literacy and numeracy standards to rise.

Both of these assertions are incorrect. It may be important to focus on the basics, but why restrict the "basics" to just two areas? Surely in today's world there are a number of other basics – let's call them the 'new fundamentals' – which offer young people an armoury of skills and understandings to assist them as they negotiate the complexities of life in the 21st century.

Certainly literacy and numeracy are two of these. But they also include such capacities as critical and creative thinking, digital literacy, and intercultural understanding.

Shining the spotlight on a number of "new fundamentals" would arrest the current tendency to narrow the curriculum. They can be taught through all subject areas or, where appropriate, developed separately. Far from downgrading the significance of literacy and numeracy, such an approach would strengthen their importance by deepening the understanding of what it means to be literate and numerate in today's world.

Alan Reid

The Advertiser, May 11 2015

Our school has aimed to develop these 'new fundamentals' through a focus on the Expert Learner Qualities and the use of digital literacy and inquiry – among a range of other strategies. When we report to parents through conversations, blogs and student reports we aim to comment on student progress in the 'new fundamentals' as well as in literacy and numeracy.



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This call to remember the breadth of learning skills and attributes (including literacy and numeracy skills) is something we must remember throughout the year and particularly when the NAPLAN results come out. In the meantime, we can put away the pen and paper test and get back to using oral presentations marked by parents and peers; the use of apps such as 'Explain Everything' or 'Bookcreator' where students directly demonstrate learning; and even the dioramas and poetry of our ANZAC studies.

It makes you think about assessment in the modern age, doesn't it?

A BIG 'THANK YOU'

Our school benefits enormously from the work of the many volunteers who offer us their help. Our volunteers include parents, grandparents, retired community members and mentors. They assist with making decisions through our committees and with enriching students' learning experiences both in and out of school hours. Some volunteers work on a weekly basis while others help out on occasion. All your work is valued by both staff and students and we'd like to say a big THANK YOU!

We'd also like to acknowledge the importance our volunteers place on child protection and thank you for your willingness to seek screenings and attend training in responding to abuse and neglect. We have over 300 volunteers who have current checks and who are helping in our school in some way. We appreciate every one of you!

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUSAN CLOSE



As we celebrate National Volunteer Week, I take this opportunity to recognise and thank all of you who donate your time and energy to volunteering.

We are fortunate to have around 25,000 South Australians – parents, carers, grandparents and other community members - who put their hand up to help out in our preschools, children's centres, schools and child protection settings.

When I visit schools and sites, I often see or hear about volunteers' contributions. You take on many different roles – from helping in classrooms, coaching afternoon or weekend sports, staffing canteens, organising events, accompanying students on excursions, serving on committees or governing councils, to transporting children in care so they can maintain contact with relatives, or teaching languages in our ethnic schools so children can know their heritage.

Each role provides incredibly valuable support to children and their communities.

Not only do you help schools and sites to run more smoothly, you also help children and young people to develop skills, confidence and self-esteem. By donating your time and effort, you convey the message to children that they – and their education - are important.

Those of you who volunteer at your child's preschool, children's centre or school are also helping to set them up for success in their studies. Research tells us that children whose parents are involved in their education are more likely to stay in school longer and do better. And, as many of you have discovered, helping out in the classroom is a great way to find out what your children are learning and to get to know their teachers better.

This week, I join with your schools and sites in saying "thank you" to all our volunteers. Thank you for giving generously to your community and for being mentors and role models in children's lives. I wish you all a wonderful week celebrating your efforts.

The Hon Susan Close

Minister for Education and Child Development

PUPIL FREE DAY: TUESDAY JUNE 9th

Teachers are excited about the learning opportunity they will be offered on the next staff training Pupil Free Day. We are focussing on the Digital Technology section of the Australian Curriculum which has only been recently released. This is a follow-up to our day in March and will allow teachers the chance to revisit the curriculum and plan in year level teams for its implementation in classrooms.

Some of the exciting (and challenging) learning outlined in the Digital Technology curriculum includes programming and robotics, as well as a focus on using the technology to solve problems.

Thank you to parents for supporting staff learning. Did you know?

- Monday after school teachers meet in year level teams to plan class programs and discuss/moderate assessments.
- Tuesday after school is dedicated to whole school staff meetings focussed on our strategic directions, such as the implementation of the Australian Curriculum.
- Wednesday after school is specific training night, where teachers practise new ICT programs or share particular programs they are using in other curriculum areas. This is always led by our own teachers, practising their skills of collegiate leadership.

Once these 3:45 to 5:00 meetings are finished, teachers are free to return to their own classrooms and prepare for the next day! Now you know why we LOVE to have a whole day to focus on improving our teaching. We get excited by how much can be achieved to improve the learning of your children.

Sue, Wayne, Louisa and Sharyn

EDUCATION BLOG

Trying to find an article you read in a previous newsletter?

The Education Committee has initiated a blog that can be found at <https://clgpseducation.edublogs.org/> or found through the sidebar of the regular newsletter blog page.

Its purpose is to be a resource for parents and the wider school community to easily find information about various curriculum and student development programs that have been previously published in the newsletter. There are articles from the last two years and will be updated as more information is published. The blog can be easily searched and recent tags include resilience, app reviews, active thinkers, social learning, parenting styles and assessment. We hope that it is useful for the school community.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost-property cupboards (next to the Japanese Room) are overflowing! If your child is missing any items such as drink bottles, a lunchbox or school uniform/clothing, please check as soon as possible. Any items left in the cupboards at the end of Term 2 will be washed and either used by the front office, sent to charity or put in the bin.

Thank you.

WORKING BEE



Come and join the Working Bee Sunday, May 31st from 9:30 until 11:30am and help us maintain our grounds. There's lots of weeding, trimming and tidying as well as jobs to prepare for winter. There's something for everyone!

Children are welcome and we'll have a shared morning tea to break up the tasks.

MATERIALS & SERVICES FEES

Thank you to all families that have either paid their school fees, applied for school card, signed a pay-by-instalment plan or entered into a direct debit arrangement to extend the due by date to 3rd July 2015.

In line with Administrative Instructions and Guidelines, final statements for Materials & Services Charges will be sent out 1st June 2015 for those families not on signed payment plans. If you have unpaid School Fees please contact Amanda Jackson to discuss payment options.

If payment or arrangements to pay are not made by 1st June 2015 the Governing Council intends to commence further debt recovery action. All debt recovery action will be in accordance with Section 106A of the Education Act which allows Governing Councils to legally recover outstanding Materials and Services Charges.

OSHC PUPIL FREE DAY: TUESDAY JUNE 9th

OSHC is visiting the Mitcham Cinemas to see either the movie "Home" or "Shaun the Sheep". Children must be at OSHC by 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 (ie 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 \$55 (normal CCB applies) and our 48 hour cancellation policy is applicable on the day.

Staff must be given any medication (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 Tuesday 2nd June. NO BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE. Queries – please phone Inta on 8276 9065

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received an Assembly award during the Week 2 Assembly for showing the important Expert Learner Quality of being **Independent**:

Jakeb, Gracie, Mia, Lloyd, Alana O, Flynn S, Ruby T, Ethan F, Lincoln C, Ben V, Imogen K, Hugh H, Grace, Cody, Daisy H, Mitchell W, Luke K, Jeetika P, Milly T, Jake S, Emily H, Mitchell S, Kyan E, Vasily A, Sally K, Brodie H, Amelia R, Kern M, Annabelle M, Kye O, Spencer M, Olivia E, Alexander S, Chloe M, Toby M, Ocea L, Lian M, Jasper L, Jeanine D, Connor T, Charlie M, Grace H, Mikaela B, Cormac M, Jessica C, Trinity V, Ethan K, Kiana M.

SRC EVENTS 2015

This year the SRC will be organizing two discos with a difference to previous years. We have been discussing in our meetings the importance of role modelling healthy eating at school and that food like chips and drinks, which are *sometimes* food should be eaten in moderation. This led to a big discussion about what we should be serving at the disco.

After exploring ideas in class meetings and SRC meeting we decided that it wasn't about saying no to *sometimes* foods but rather reducing how much we eat.

As a result it has been decided that instead of selling unlimited chips and drinks at the disco students will be required to pre purchase a disco token. This token will provide students with entry to the disco as well as one packet of chips, one can of lemonade and 2 glow sticks. Students can use the token at any time during the disco however they will not be able to purchase any more packets of chips or cans of lemonade. Glow sticks will be on sale at the disco though so if students would like to have more than 2 glow sticks they will be able to buy more.

The disco dates and times are as follows:

Thursday 11th of June, Term 2, Week 7 and
Thursday 17th of September, Term 3, week 9

Yrs 2-5: 5pm to 6:15pm

Yrs 6/7: 6:30pm to 8pm



Tickets will be on sale at lunchtime Monday to Friday of week 6. Tickets will not be available at the disco they **must be pre purchased**. Tickets will be \$8 and include chips, drink and 2 glow sticks.

The R/1 discos will remain the same with students bringing money on the day. The R/1 disco dates are the same as the dates above but will be held at lunchtime.

The R/1 disco will cost \$3 which includes a small packet of chips and a small drink. R/1 students will need to bring their \$3 on the day of the disco and give it to their teacher.

Money raised from the discos will go towards purchasing new bins and seats for the school grounds.

SRC will also be organising two casual days to raise money for two charities of our choice. The dates of these casual days, the theme and the charities we will be raising money for are:

- Friday the 14th of August, Term 3, week 4 – footy colours day, raising money for people with cancer
- Friday the 13th of November, Term 4, week 5 – wear spots day, raising money to save the quoll.

We look forward to all students at CLG participating in these events.

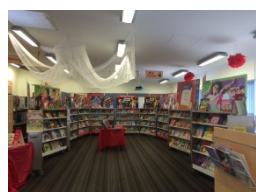
Resource Centre News -Pay It Forward

It's easy at times to forget how lucky and privileged we are to have access to such a rich learning environment and an abundance of resources to help our children thrive. Each year, we "weed" our library collection to remove outdated, damaged and unused items from our shelves. These books that we were unable to sell at enterprise day have been donated to local man Steve Brimson who sends shipping containers of books and school supplies to remote and underprivileged schools in Vanuatu. Steve collected a large package of books from our library this week - it's fantastic to know that our unused books will be helping less advantaged children to learn and read.



BOOK FAIR

Your child should have come home with a Wish List of books they would like you to consider purchasing for our Book Fair this week. The Book Fair started Wednesday, and up until this Friday each class will visit the library for window shopping/browsing sessions and to have a sneak peak of items available for purchase. The Book Fair will open for sales from



MONDAY 25TH MAY 8.00AM – 6.00PM

TUESDAY 26TH MAY 8.00AM – 6.00PM

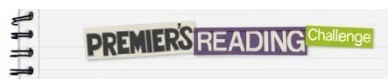


We will be accepting cash, eftpos and credit card payments to suit all families and budgets. This is another way your generosity is 'paid forward' as each sale earns commission for our library, which historically has equated to literally hundreds of new books for our collection. If an item is sold out, you are able to place an order and still receive the Book Fair discount prices (you must pre-pay for your order on the day). Your support and patronage of this event is gratefully appreciated, so thank you in advance.

Library VIP Morning Tea



Each term in the library we run a contest to see which class best follows the "Golden Rules" (Care, respect, positive attitudes and appropriate behaviours) when they visit the library. **Ms. Schiccitano's** Year 1 class set a stellar standard in term one and were rewarded with a Mad Hatter's VIP Morning Tea last Friday. We enjoyed a delicious morning tea and the children enjoyed watching Disney's original *Alice in Wonderland* movie in the library. Competition is already stiff this term – we wonder who will be our VIP's for Term 2's celebrations.



I am so proud of the students in our school for persisting to successfully complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. We are about half way through the challenge with 230 students finished, so we are well on our way to achieving our target of 100% completion. Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge in the past weeks.

The following students have finished the Challenge since last newsletter:

Room 1 - 9: Jake, Philippa, Ishnoor, Jack, Alexandre, Ava M, Joshua, Charlie, Ava T, Kayla, Cade, Brody, Georgia, Christopher, Charli, Annabelle, Kye, Kieran

Room 11 - 14: Ethan, Bastien

Room 16 - 21: Trent, James, Isaac, Aleksander, Lucas, Ariana, Lilly, Charlie, Kaitlin, Izaiah, Lily, Jacob, Ebony, Trinity, Marielle, Gracie, Heather, Ian

Room 22-24: Maya

Simone Percy, Teacher Librarian

Girls Netball

The girls netball team played their first knockout at Concordia on 7th May. Well played by Sophie Y, Teagan R, Annie D, Sarah R, Kahlia G, Sophie V, Eloise S, Georgia R, Sarah (unfortunately Amy M had to pull out due to injury). Unfortunately the team was not successful to the next round.

Cross Country

On Friday 8th May, 40 students participated in the Cross Country at Belair National Park. An amazing day attended well by parents. 11 students have been invited to attend District day on Thursday 4th June - a terrific effort!

Girls 2005: Mariele B 2nd, Abby K 5th
 Boys 2005: Oscar C 1st, Mitchell O 4th
 Boys 2004: Tom L 1st, Finn W 4th, Kyan E 5th
 Girls 2003: Teagan R 6th
 Boys 2003: Jed O 3rd, Curtis S 6th
 Girls 2002/1: Charlie K 2nd

Table Tennis

Three teams competed in the table tennis championships on Friday 15th May.

Team A: Jack F, Oliver D, Cooper H and Jed O
 Team B: Benjamin B, Jackson A, Curtis S, Dylan H
 Team C: Jasper C, Peter P, Thomas L, Mitchell S

Team A are going through to the next round.



Girls Netball

Soccer



Our soccer team played their first knockout match against Belair Primary on 18th May, winning by 3 goals. Final score 4 – 1. Congratulations to Riley R, Oliver D, Angus C, Will P, Cade H, Tyson W, Thomas M, Dylan C, Kern M, Henry R, Diraja R, Achilleas M, Benjamin B and Tyrone S. They will be playing another knockout match (date to be advised).

Football

Our SAPSASA football team (Brodie H, Brody F, Jasper C, Patrick D, Damon W, James Z, Tom L, Cade K, Cooper H, David W, Jackson A, Peter P, Jack F, Curtis S, Dylan, Jacob, Jake, Jed O, Mitchell and Liam) played in a knockout game on Tuesday on Mortlock Park. We defeated Westbourne Park 16 goals 13 points (109) to 3 goals 3 points (21). What a great result!

Boys Netball

On Wednesday, we fielded a boys netball team for the first time. The team (Ben B, Jake M, Cade K, Jackson A, Jed O, Tyrone S, Jack F, Jasper C) defeated Westbourne Park 27 goals to 3 goals. Well done boys!



Football



Table Tennis



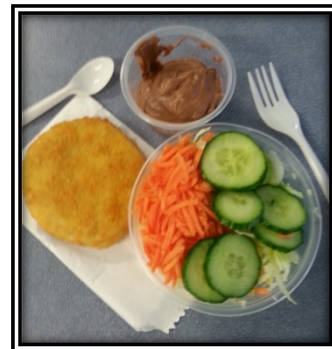
Boys Netball

CANTEEN

Thank you for the support for the Special Meal Deal. This was a very labour intensive special aimed at providing the children with a "greener" (healthier) diet. Feedback from your child/ren would be very valuable . . if you can just spare a moment to let us know their thoughts please.

Without Nina's "wonder-machine" we would've been in trouble for time with the salads. Also, had Ruzelle not stayed late on Monday to help make the mousse, it would still be a powder!

So many thanks to all the helpers: Nina, Magali, Libby, Ruzelle, Kelly G, Kelly B, Kimberley, Madeline and Suzanne. – you are what makes special meals so special!



Helen Parsons, Canteen Manager

AFTER HOURS SPORT

Enterprise Day BBQ

Thanks to everyone who supported the A/H Sports BBQ on Enterprise Day last term. We raised over \$300 for new uniforms for our A/H sports teams. Thanks to Teresa Rosenzweig, Kendall Zimmermann and Sharon Harvey, the Sports Committee members who organised the BBQ. Many thanks also to our parent helpers, Norm Rosenzweig, Belinda Matajevic and Mandy Rebbeck, and to Clare, Aneesa and Jaydon from Rooms 2 and 3. We couldn't have done it without you. The BBQ will be back again next year, bigger and better!

The netball dresses have arrived, so look out for those, and singlets for all our basketballers have been ordered. Exciting!

Sharon Harvey (Softball Co-ordinator)

Coaching Clinic for School Netball Coaches



Glorious sunshine greeted us Sunday morning for the first of our two training clinics for the coaches of our school netball teams. A big thank you to the fantastic Lee Thomas and his helpers Kirsty and Maddie, Stephanie Noon and Sarah Kennedy from the Wildcats netball club for organising and running these clinics for our coaches. We all learned so much!

Netball Results Saturday 9 May 2015

A2 (Kelly) : Eden Hills 23 d CLG 2
B1 (Belinda) : Highgate 20 d CLG 9
C1 (Kate/Broni) : Immanuel 29 d CLG 23
C1 (Susan/Desi) : v Immanuel
D1 (Paula/Tara) : Immanuel 12 d CLG 8
D1 (Karen/Mandy) : Highgate 32 d CLG 8
D1 (Kellie/Jo) : CLG 10 d Hawthorndene 6
E (Elke/Jayne) : v Highgate
E (Megan/Helen) : Scored 2 goals against Immanuel
E (Jan) : Scored 3 goals against Glen Osmond

Netball Results Saturday 16 May 2015

A2 (Kelly) : Edwardstown 22 d CLG 3
B1 (Belinda) : CLG 32 d Blackwood 6
C1 (Kate/Broni) : Reynella East 16 d CLG 13
C1 (Susan/Desi) : v Highgate
D1 (Paula/Tara) : Aberfoyle Campus 11 d CLG 6
D1 (Paula/Tara) : v Aberfoyle Campus
D1 (Karen/Mandy) : Immanuel 8 d CLG 0
D1 (Kellie/Jo) : CLG 21 d Blackwood 0
E (Elke/Jayne) : v Coromandel
E (Megan/Helen) : Scored 3 goals against Highgate
E (Jan) : v Mitcham

SPECIAL PERSONS DAY

The Reception to Year 2 students are holding a Special Persons' Day on Thursday 25th June, week 9. Special Person's Day is specifically for 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 'EVERYBODY HAS MUSIC INSIDE'. As this is a popular event we need to limit the number of invited guests to a maximum of 2 per student. Please discuss with your child who they would like to invite so they can personalize their invitations.

This event is always very special for students and their special people and we are usually inundated with visitors. For this reason parents are invited to join us for the dress rehearsal on Wednesday 24th June.

A note with further details and invitations for your child's 'Special People' will be sent out soon.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Mother's Day was a huge success! Thank you to those who supported it and we hope you liked your special gift. This term we will have:

- Lap-a-thon on 26th June – See how many laps your child can do. Sponsor per lap or make a donation.
- Design- a brick – You will be offered the opportunity to buy a brick custom designed with your child's name that will be added to a permanent path near the Grange Building. Approximate cost \$25

We are now preparing for our Quiz Night (being held in August). If anyone is interested in joining the team to help make this a successful night, please contact Kelly Gilbert kellygilbert@gmail.com. Thank you to those already offering prizes – we will be in touch soon.

PASTORAL CARE CORNER

Parent Library – WEEK 5

This is a select collection of books covering general parent and specific issues such as autism, bullying and grief.

Books will be available to borrow from our table set up outside Reade Building from 2.45 – 3.15pm on Wednesday, 27th May.

The Parent Library is now online! Can't make it to school on a Wednesday? Not a problem, as the parent library is now online! Please browse the titles along with their extracts and online reviews on the Pastoral Care Worker page on the school's website <http://colgrdnsps.sa.edu.au/CLGPS/PCW.html> .

If you would like to borrow a book, click on the '**Click Here to Borrow a Book**' link which will bring up an email. In this email, please include the title of the book you would like to borrow and your child's name and room number. Please allow a week for this to be processed. Your book will come home through your child's class.

You may also request to borrow in person in the library through Simone, our Librarian.

Georgina Jama, Pastoral Care Worker

COMMUNITY NEWS

Blended Families – Survive & Succeed

Wednesday 27 May and 3 June 7.30pm - Presenter Vina Hotich

Combining families has lots of potential for both good and challenging times. Over 2 sessions, Vina offers strategies to keep focused on what is working, and to identify where new tactics could help. The second session will focus on common issues identified by the group at the first session. The following one should also be very popular – and may well sell out, so could be good to get in early!

Help Kids Navigate Sibling & Peer Rivalry

Wednesday 10 June 7.30pm and presented by Bill Hansberry (co-author of Raising Beautiful Kids: Recipes for parents on when to say 'yes' and how to say 'no').

What fuels rivalries, and how do adults unwittingly compound the issues? Bill has some practical strategies and ideas to help you identify when to step in, or when to step back and just observe your kid's conflicts. Learn some tips on how to help them take ownership of solving their own problems.

Bookings online at www.effectiveliving.org/positive-parenting

Sturt Blue Light RollerDisco

Cosgrove Hall – York Avenue, Clovelly Park (old Marion High school) on Friday June 12th – 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Cost - \$10.00 per skater. 8 – 13 years

Come and learn how to skate with skate instructors to help you get started. Skates and safety gear supplied.

Music – Disco – Games – Prizes!!!!

Strictly 50 tickets only. Tickets on sale at the door from 6pm.

This event is a lock-in – no pass outs and is fully supervised by Police and Blue Light Volunteers. Enquires – 8207 4820

"Is my child gifted?" Attend a parent workshop to find out . . .

- Does my child need an IQ assessment?
- What is IQ testing?
- How do I prepare my child?

Headstart is running a series of parent workshops hosted by child psychologist, Yong-Hwee Nah. For more information, contact them on 8373 4531.