



Colonel Light Gardens Primary School NEWSLETTER

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ISSUE: Term 1, Week 9

DIARY DATES

- 06/04/16 - ANZAC FILM LAUNCH
MULTIPLE SCREENINGS
FROM 3.30PM - 7.40PM
- 12/04/16 - NARNIA FARM CAMP
13/04/16 ROOMS 17, 18 & 21
- 14/04/16 - ENTERPRISE DAY
- 15/04/16 - END OF TERM
EARLY DISMISSAL
2.10PM

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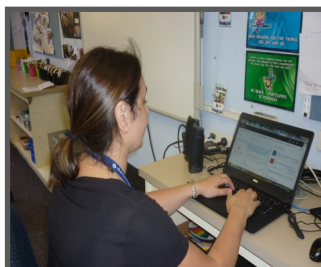
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Dear Parents, carers, students and community friends,

Our teachers work hard to develop effective communications with families. The parent-teacher interviews happening at the moment are just one small part of the communication strategy. Email is used to communicate with individual parents and sometimes, more generally to send out notes and messages to all. Teachers write class blogs to share news about special events and the learning program. Many use apps such as See-saw or class blogs to share student work, as well as the more traditional written reports twice each year. They utilise Acquaintance Night and parent-teacher interviews as well as less formal and more frequent face-to-face meetings as needed.

A recent analysis of teacher workload at our school shows staff spending an increasing number of hours each week responding to parent emails. Parents might be surprised at the time it takes to respond to a single query. In one example this week a parent wrote saying that her child frequently came home complaining about a child in another class. She said that this had been going on for some time. Could the teacher please follow up and advise what was going on? To investigate the situation the teacher needed to speak to the child, the child in the other class, some other children who could provide further information and the school leadership team to find out if it had been an ongoing issue. The boys were brought together for restorative counselling. Then the teacher emailed the parent to report on the outcome. One small query can take several hours to follow up.



This doesn't mean that parents should stop emailing the teacher! Not at all! But it does mean that teachers may need some time to respond because the follow up can only take place outside of instruction time. While our school policy requires teachers to acknowledge emails within two working days it can sometimes take longer to fully respond.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development
CRICOS Provider Number 0018A

PRINCIPAL: Sue Woollard
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Wayne Hunt
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Louisa Guest

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS CONTINUED...

ENTERPRISE DAY

We are beginning to get excited! Students are organising their stalls, figuring out costs, pricing and profit margins, designing advertising campaigns and making items for sale. Watch out for the brochure coming home by the end of next week outlining the range of stalls, prices and locations.

Please pass this brochure on to grandparents and family friends who will be attending and also warn them about parking restrictions in the area.

EXTERNAL REVIEW

On May 4th and 5th our school will be reviewed by a review officer from DECD and a trained review principal. This forms part of our continuous improvement agenda and all government schools are reviewed every four years. The purpose of the review is to support schools to raise achievement, sustain high performance and have effective self-review practices.

The panel looks at our school data as well as interviewing staff, parents and students. They also observe in classrooms. The panel is looking at the following questions:

- How well are students achieving over time?
- How effectively are teachers supporting students in their learning?
- How effectively does the school leadership foster a culture of learning?
- How well does the school develop partnerships with students, parents and the wider community to improve student learning?
- How effective are the schools self-review processes in informing and shaping improvement?

Following the two days of the review a report will be provided identifying directions for further improvement over the next few years.

The review panel will hold meetings with our senior students who are on the Student Representative Council but will be out and about around the school and in classrooms talking to students about their learning. If you do not want your child to be involved in external review discussions please send a signed note to Sue Woollard by the end of term.

Sue, Wayne, & Louisa.

HARMONY DAY



Our Reception classes celebrated Harmony Day last week by sharing a range of activities across the four classes.

They made a wiltja, a traditional Aboriginal home with Karen, looked at flags and designed their own flags with Ms. Pudney, did some Indian henna hand designs with Ms. Grant and made pizzas with Ms Scicchitano.

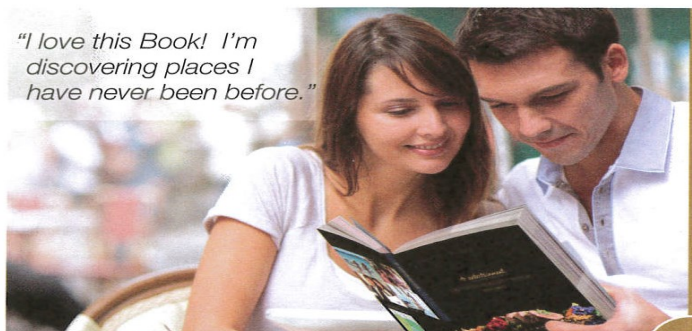
Leslie from Room 03 was well-organised and dressed in the Harmony Day colour.



FUNDRAISING NEWS

We're fundraising with Entertainment™

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Order your NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Books and Entertainment™ Digital Memberships from us today, and 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our School! Order before 16th April and you will receive over \$170 worth of additional offers that you can use right away! www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/167k438

We are looking at getting as many orders as we can before the Launch Date which is the 6th April. Be quick, don't miss out! *Order forms are available from the School's Front Office.*

BOGAN BINGO

Keep Saturday 28th May Free - Details to come. We are looking for donations for prizes... are you able to help?

LADIES NIGHT

We are forming a sub-committee for ladies night. Like to join us? Please email me kellygilbert01@gmail.com

Kelly Gilbert
Fundraising Committee

UNIFORM SHOP

NEW OPEN HOURS

As of Term 4 2015 the uniform shop will open on **Monday Mornings ONLY** from **8:30am-10:00am**

If this time is not convenient, you will still be able to make your orders either online, over the phone or at the school's front office. N.B. Rachel will reply to all emails during school hours.

Rachel Benton
rachel.benton546@schools.sa.edu.au
Uniform Shop

CANTEEN NEWS

We have a new blackboard for Canteen Notices. It is located on the Canteen Wall next to the "workers entrance". Please keep your eyes alert to any new news posted there. Thanks to Kate who created the splendid artwork on it for Easter.

Again please note that coinage from other countries is not accepted by banks as legal tender and therefore cannot be used to purchase items from the canteen. Please keep this at home for children's play and education.

With the end of term fast approaching there are many outstanding "Elephant Notes" of money owing. Please check your children's bags for notes for prompt repayment.

Helen Parsons
Canteen Manager



COLONEL'S KITCHEN

New on-line Canteen Ordering System is nearly here!

It commences at the beginning of Term 2.

Colonel Light Gardens Primary is constantly on the lookout for new ways to make your interactions with school more convenient. That's why we've engaged with Flexischools, Australia's leading school payment system, to provide a new cashless way for you to order and pay for school canteen lunches.

Order and pay online with Flexischools online ordering...

Flexischools is the fast, convenient and secure way to order and pay for Canteen lunches including Special orders from home or on your mobile. Flexischools makes our school service available to you 24/7.

- Parents set up a Flexischools account online and pre-load the account with funds.
- Parent can use the funds in their account to order and pay for lunch orders.
- Parents can view their orders online and can set a daily spending limit.

Get Started with Flexischools... Set up an account for online ordering...

You can set up an account online – it only takes a minute.

Register for Flexischools by visiting www.flexischools.com.au. Add your student, their school and class (Room number) to get started.

1. Top up your account via Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.
2. Make an order by selecting from the menu made available by your school and proceed to make payment for the order listed in your order pad.
3. Review Orders by logging back in to your Flexischools account. You can set recurring orders, view transaction history or cancel orders via your Flexischools login.

Here's a link to a step by step how to guide for creating an account and making an order:

[How to place an order through Flexischools](#)

What does it cost? - Online ordering fee is \$0.25 per order

Account Top-Up Fees - Direct Deposit is \$0.00
- Credit card (Visa / Mastercard) is \$0.29
- PayPal is \$0.35

Credit card details are processed securely by Westpac. Flexischools does not record or store any credit card details.

We hope parents will get behind this initiative to make ordering easier and more streamlined. This initiative is in response to parent suggestions and supported by the positive feedback for its introduction in our canteen survey last year.

SAPSASA & PE UPDATE

SAPSASA DISTRICT SOFTBALL SELECTION

Congratulations to Ella C and Nicole R who have been selected to represent City South in the SAPSASA State Softball Carnival at West Beach from April 4th-8th. Well done girls

SAPSASA KNOCKOUT CRICKET

Congratulations to our SAPSASA cricket team. They are now through to the next round against Mitcham Primary School. This game will be played on Thursday 7th April at Mitcham Primary School.

SAPSASA TRIALS FOR TERM 2 EVENTS

During weeks 8 and 9 there will be an opportunity for students to put their names down as an expression of interest to trial for the following events coming up next term.

Knockout Boys and Girls Netball - Girls Netball Trial – Thursday 31st March 1.10pm on the netball courts, Boys Netball Trial – Friday 1st April 1.10pm on the netball courts.

Knockout Boys AFL (This will go ahead only if we have a competitive year 6/7 team and coach, expression of interest only)

Knockout Boys Soccer – Trial TBA – still determining coach

Knockout Girls Soccer – (This will go ahead only if we have a competitive year 5/6/7 team)

Cross Country – Students born 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002 – Trials will be held Tuesday 5th April from 1.10pm-1.50pm on Mortlock oval.

Orienteering – individual and teams – visit the website below for more information about Orienteering

<http://sa.orienteering.asn.au/juniorsandschools/SchoolsOrienteering/>

SAPSASA UNDER 12 (BORN 2004) STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The coach of the current SAPSASA U12 State footy team is starting to consider players for the team to travel to Queensland in July. **They are looking for students born in 2004 who are talented footballers.** If you know of a player **who stand out as talented** then I would ask that you direct them to the SAPSASA website and nominate via the online form. The trials will run initially from April 17th to 19th at a venue to be confirmed.

<http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport/pages/sport/interstatesapsasa/>

BASKETBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

These holidays a brand new GIRLS ONLY Holiday Basketball Camp is available. It will be held a brand new location at INGLE FARM! Click on the link that takes you to the Basketball SA website with more information is below:

[http://www.basketballsa.com.au/index.php?id=62&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=1162&tx_ttnews\[backPid\]=1&cHash=18faa8909c](http://www.basketballsa.com.au/index.php?id=62&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=1162&tx_ttnews[backPid]=1&cHash=18faa8909c)

Kim Boothey
PE Teacher

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

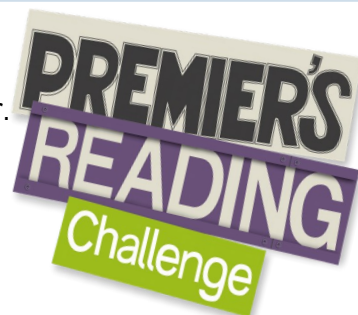
PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

CONGRATULATIONS to these students for finishing the challenge since our last newsletter.

Room 1 – 9: Josiah, Trinity, Samuel, Harry, Charlie, Abby, Cameron, Laura, Ebony

Room 11 – 15: Jeremy, Sage

Room 16 – 21: Chloe, Mabel, Haydee, Mikaela, Paige, James, Emili



ENTERPRISE DAY & POP-UP LIBRARIES

Historically we have sold our deleted books at a stall on enterprise day, however, things are set to change this year. At the end of last year a number of our teaching resources, atlases and dated dictionaries were donated to a charity that supports schools in Vanuatu, particularly those affected by cyclone Pam in 2015 which means that we have fewer deletions for sale. In addition, I am planning to introduce "POP-UP" libraries in our community learning spaces. So, what are pop-up libraries I hear you ask...

Pop-up libraries are informal libraries that rely on an honesty system. I am currently changing the library spinners in the library, and the old spinners will be placed in community learning spaces to house the pop-up libraries. The idea is that no matter WHAT, our kids will have access to books to read, regardless of over-dues, personal organization or any other 'excuse' they can think of! It's easy, kids just take a book and return it to the spinner when they've finished. This is a fantastic way to promote literacy in our school and provide another way to connect our readers to books. Students will be able to bring books in from home to donate to the pop-up libraries or to swap if they would prefer. All deleted books are currently being collected to stock our pop-up libraries which I am hoping to open in Term 2, so there will be no books for sale this year.

However, we will have some items for sale! Due to the changing nature of technology and the affordability of USB's, it was decided to remove these items from our collection, along with headphones. (There is still a small collection available for borrowing for those who need it, however we have found that most students prefer to use their own). As such, we will be selling our old USB's and Headphone sets at a stall. USBs will be \$1.00, Headphones \$2.00, so make sure you drop in and have a look!

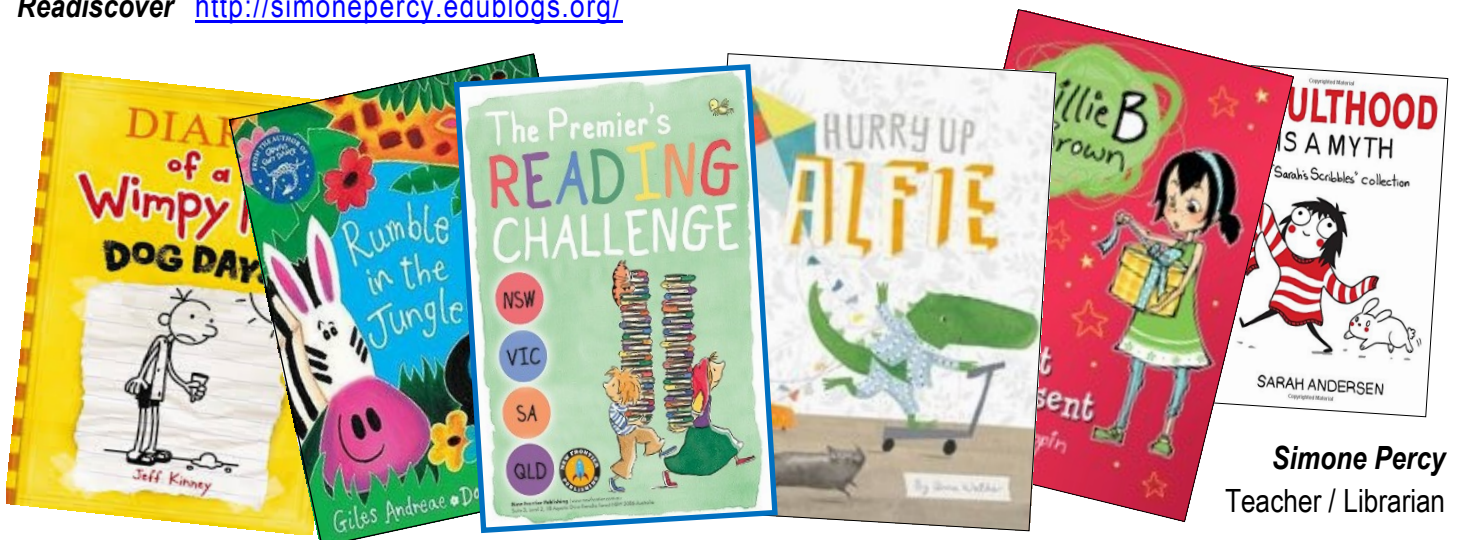
BREAKFAST BOOK CLUB

I am very excited to say that our inaugural Breakfast Book club will meet this **Friday 1st of April**. We have about 17 families involved in this book club and I am looking forward to hearing their thoughts about Roald Dahl's fabulous *BFG* and seeing the dream jars that our enthusiastic readers have created. Running a book club has been on my priority list since starting here last year, and I'm delighted to finally have it up and running. I must make a special mention of **Cormac L**, whose idea it was to have it as a breakfast book club. What a fantastic idea it was, and so much more popular than my idea to have an after hours evening club! While the club is currently full, I am taking names of interested families and if I get enough I am more than happy to run 2 clubs simultaneously.

Please let me know if you are interested in sharing a wonderful reading experience with your child.

Don't forget to check out the library blog to keep up to date with all things books and literacy!

Rediscover <http://simonepercy.edublogs.org/>



Simone Percy
Teacher / Librarian

Building Our Nation Through Public Education

Community Meeting

Monday 11 April 2016

7pm - 8pm

City of West Torrens – Hamra Centre Library

1 Brooker Terrace, Hilton

(Parking available off Brooker Terrace)

- Why is our public education system so important?
- What are the effects of current policy on public schools?
- How can our society support and maintain a vibrant and healthy public education system?

Professor Alan Reid from the University of South Australia
will discuss his recently launched research paper

Building Our Nation Through Public Education

There will be opportunities for questions and audience interaction with
Minister Susan Close, Media Personality (and parent) Amanda Blair
and Professor Alan Reid

Let's collectively put the public back into public education.

RSVP to Bernice Brady bbrady@sappa.com.au by 6 April 2016



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Brighton Secondary School Special Interest Music Information Evening

Parents and students from years 6 and 7 are invited to an information session regarding the entry process into the Special Interest Music Program.

When: 6pm Thursday 14th April

Where: Brighton Secondary School Concert Hall

Please RSVP to Pam Parsons by 11th April by:

Phone: 8375 8215 or Email: pam.parsons@brighton.sa.edu.au

If you have any specific queries that you would like me to answer on the night, please include these with your RSVP. This will be followed by a free concert showcasing our Big Bands and Concert Choir beginning at 7pm for those able to stay.