



Colonel Light Gardens Primary School NEWSLETTER

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'How can I make this shelter water proof?'



'What do these seeds need to grow?'



Students sort and classify their findings.



Close observation of insects.

Nature Play promotes an inquiring mind



Working as part of a team to make the shelter.

During Term 2 & 3 the Reception and Year 1 classes do Nature Play in our native garden space in front of the Grange building. This experience provides students opportunities to touch, feel, smell, observe and engage with their natural environment. Nature Play allows students to tap into Maths, Science, Geography and other learning areas.



Using stones as currency for their imaginary play.



Student discovers some eggs.



Observing birds.



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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Wayne Hunt
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Ashley Blight
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Jodie Cunningham

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

DIARY DATES

- 02/06/17 - BREAKFAST BOOK CLUB
7:45am
- 02/06/17 - PRINCIPAL TOUR
9:30am
- 02/06/17 - SAPSASA GIRLS FOOTBALL
KNOCKOUT - MORTLOCK PK
1:00pm
- 05/06/17 - SCIWORLD STARDOME
INCURSION (RMS 17, 18, 19)
9:50am - 12:45pm
- 07-09/06 - YEAR 3/4 CAMP
NARNU FARM
- 09/06/17 - W/S ASSEMBLY
11:15am
- 12/06/17 - QUEENS BIRTHDAY P/H
- 13/06/17 - PUPIL FREE DAY
- 14-16/06 - YEAR 4/5 CAMP
ILLAWONGA
- 15/06/17 - FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING
6:30pm
- 19/06/17 - PRINCIPAL TOUR
9:30am

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Parents, carers, students and community friends,

1 YEAR

Last Monday (the beginning of week 4), I concluded my first year as principal of Colonel Light Gardens Primary School. In some ways I still feel very new to the school, however I also do feel at home in the role. CLG was a great school long before I arrived. My role in coming in was not to change everything, but to add value in any way I can to make the school a better place for our staff, students and families. Just like every teacher, every principal also has their own way of leading and doing things. That doesn't mean one way is right and another wrong, they are just different. I am sure I am very different to Sue Woollard, who was different to Tony Sullivan, who no doubt was different to Rae Taggart. Each of these previous CLG principals did a wonderful job.

Over the last year, I have worked hard, trying my best to get to know staff, students, parents, the great things about CLG and the opportunities for improvement. There have been some subtle and some not so subtle changes made over the last year. (Yes I know I have a fixation with the school uniform). I like to feel that these have indeed added value to our school. There are many additional plans starting to take shape.

Over the last 16 years as a principal, I have learned many times that you can't please all the people all of the time. I believe that my role as principal is not to please all the people, but to lead with vision. Sometimes that may make life a little uncomfortable for staff, students and families, however when we are out of our comfort zone that is usually when we grow. For students we call this intellectual stretch and productive struggle. We want our students to be the best they can be. I love my job. It is not always easy and involves long hours, however I feel really privileged to be the principal of CLG and look forward to the years ahead. Thank you for your support.

COMMUNICATION @ CLG

I heard recently of a parent who mentioned to a class teacher she didn't know anything about a recent school activity. The teacher was disappointed and perhaps a little frustrated as she felt she had used various forms of communication to let her parents know what was happening. This is not a one off experience. Last year we started a review of our different communication platforms at CLG especially to promote greater consistency across the school. Class and specialist teachers use a range of platforms including:

- blogs
- class dojo
- seesaw
- emails
- newsletters
- notes on doors
- notes sent home

The expectation is that all classes and specialists will use a blog (or equivalent) to connect with families and share the wonderful learning that is happening.

At a school level we have our:

- website
- blog
- emails
- newsletters
- newsletters
- facebook page
- front office display board
- PE display board

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS Cont...

When necessary we also send home notices, reminders and permission slips for excursions, camps etc.

Sometimes I wonder if we have too many communication platforms and it is easy to not pay attention because families know that they will get the message a few different ways.

Perhaps we need to be more explicit about how and what we share. At the last Education Committee meeting, I raised this point and mentioned that many schools have purchased an app to channel their communication feeds into one platform. There are a number of school specific apps out there for both apple and android devices including:



[VISIT SKOOLBAG WEBSITE](#)



[VISIT SCHOOLSTREAM WEBSITE](#)



[VISIT SCHOOLZINE WEBSITE](#)

After a year, I am sure you have realised that I like seeking feedback from our school community, so I am keen to know your thoughts. We have another Education Committee meeting on Monday night and I will be sharing (with no names mentioned) any information I receive. Please send me:

- Any feedback about the current communication platforms?
- Would you like us to consider a CLG school app? If so do you have a preference.
- Does our website need an upgrade?

Please email me at rick.bennallack149@schools.sa.edu.au

PROPOSED PERMANENT PARKING RESTRICTIONS

In the last newsletter I sought your feedback regarding the proposed parking restriction to only the eastern side on Winchester Avenue. Thank you to the parents who contacted me. To my surprise all but two parents who replied were in favour of the council's proposal and outlined a number of issues they had experienced. If you have an opinion please let me know. Our Governing Council will review the feedback received.

Kind regards



Rick Bennallack

Principal

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PARENT WORKSHOP REVIEW

NUTRITIONAL & DIETARY INFLUENCES ON LEARNING & BEHAVIOUR

On **Wednesday, May 10th**, UniSA Senior Research Fellow, nutritionist and freelance science writer **Dr Natalie Parletta** visited the school to present a session on the relationship between nutrition, behaviour and learning. The session was arranged by the Education Committee after it recognised school parents' interest in the subject in 2016.

Dr Parletta's presentation combined a thought provoking and informative series of research and case studies that demonstrated how omega 3s, iron, zinc and magnesium deficiencies are related to neurodevelopmental problems including ADHD and autism and low educational outcomes. She followed her explanation of food intolerances with several videos showcasing the effect of addressing them. These videos included the outstanding performance of a T-ball team when following a 'no additive' diet and the cessation of negative behaviours by young offenders when following a 'few foods' diet that comprised mostly whole foods.

Dr Parletta responded to a variety of questions throughout the session and concluded by providing the audience with website links to parenting resources. Her willingness to discuss a range of topics with parents at the end of the evening provided a welcome personal touch.



Stephen & Alison Vink
Student Parent Body

DATA COLLECTION OF SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

We are commencing the annual nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability ('the Collection').

The Collection is aimed at providing all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with a clear picture of the number of students with disability in schools and the adjustments they require to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students.

The data collection will involve the collection of the following information:

- the number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students;
- the level of adjustment provided to students; and
- where known, the student's type of disability.

Under the Collection model the definition of disability is broad and includes learning difficulties, health and mental health conditions.

If your child is identified for inclusion in the Collection, the required information about your child will be included in this year's data collection.

Once the data has been collated, it will be de-identified before providing it to the Australian Government Department of Education. This ensures that no student's identity can be reasonably ascertained.

The data will be used by our school to inform and improve practice for students with disability and by the Department for Education and Child Development to inform state-wide reform initiatives. The Australian Government Department of Education will use the information collected to inform national policy development.

If you have any questions about the data please contact **Wayne Hunt** on **8276 1523**. Further information about the Collection can be found at: <http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

If you do not want your child's data included please indicate this in an email to wayne.hunt94@schools.sa.edu.au.

Wayne Hunt
Deputy Principal

JEANNIE BAKER PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Jeannie Baker is an acclaimed artist and children's author of many classroom favourites such as *Window*, *Where the Forest meets the sea* and *The Hidden Forest*. Jeannie will be speaking at a rare public appearance on **Tuesday 6th June** from 6.30pm at the Edwardstown Baptist Church.

I have managed to secure a small number of seats for our school community, so if you would like to hear Jeannie speak and see some of our Year 1 classes collage books on display, please either pop into the library or email Simone on simone.petherick915@schools.sa.edu.au

Simone Percy
Teacher Librarian



RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

We had a BLAST sharing *The cow tripped over the moon* and had our best turn out ever! Here is some crazy librarian pictured with students from Room 24 who were just one of the 21 classes who attended this book loving event. Thank you to our wonderful teachers for your support.



BOOK FAIR

We all have such a fun time when we transform our library into a book store for a week. All of our classes had a fabulous time looking at the beautiful books in preparation for our Book Fair. Thank you to our wonderful school community for supporting our major library fundraiser this week. Your generous support resulted in a generous commission for our library which will be used to upgrade and replenish our class novel sets.



EXPERT LEARNER MASCOT UPDATE

We are looking forward to having our expert learner mascots professionally stylized and printed to be on permanent display in the hall and around the school. The process is taking longer than anticipated due to the withdrawal of our graphic designer from the project. We are now awaiting Oka Sensei to finish the process which we hope to complete later in the year. While it is taking some time, we are confident the wait will be worth it.

Simone Percy
Teacher Librarian



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE FINISHERS

Congratulations to these fabulous readers on completing the Challenge!

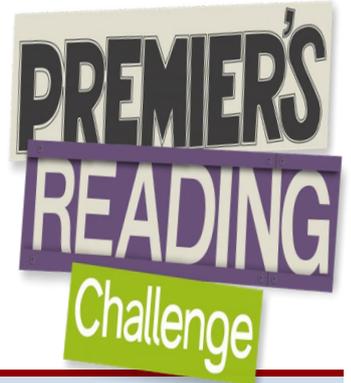
These children have finished the PRC since last newsletter.

Room 1 - 9: Manansh, Harry, Jared, Zia, Stella, Julian

Room 11 - 15: Olivia, Fynn

Room 16 - 21: Deakin, Bree, Calvin, Zack, Tarique, Emma, Fred, Jarred, Mary, Max, Ethan, Izaiah, Harry, Chloe, Layla, Lily, Maxwell

Room 22 - 24: Lauren, Cody



THE ART CORNER

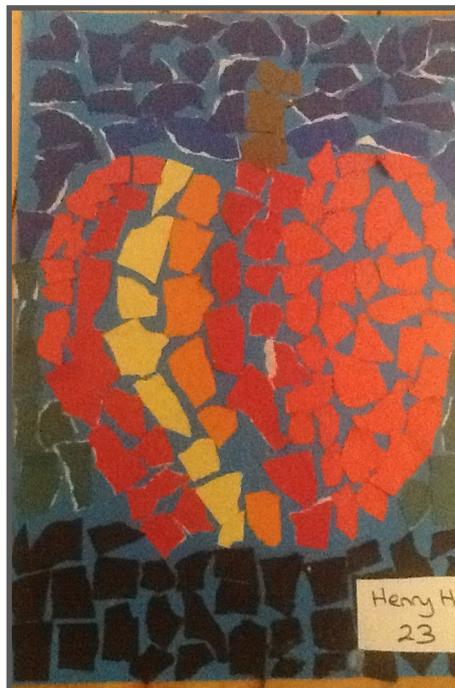
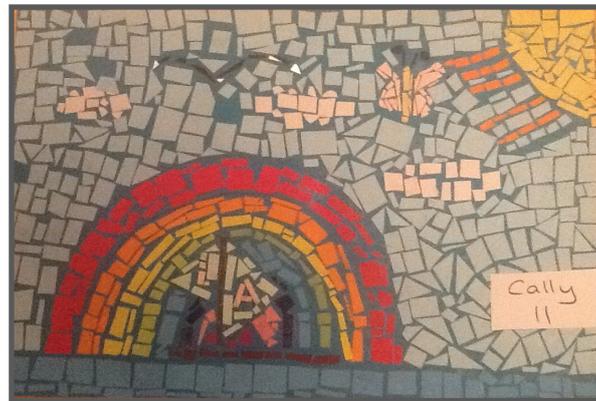
HELLO AGAIN!

Welcome to the Art corner. There has been some amazing work in the last couple of weeks, many of which are near completion - good Art takes time. The Mona Lisa took 6 years to complete!!!

Many year levels have been working on learning techniques with watercolour paints, using watercolour brush pens - which make things so much easier! These are available on eBay for not very much.

The Upper students are getting close to completion with their self-portraits. We are having a little break from them to learn about Indigenous Art, and will be completing a painting about 'our own' story - just as Indigenous people used art to share their dreaming and the things important to their culture and people. Great timing with the Indigenous round in the AFL just completed - we looked at some of the stories behind the guernsey designs. Go Blues!

Shane Pluck
Art Teacher



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROOM 4?



**WORKING
INDIVIDUALLY**

**TEAM WORK
WITH A
PARTNER**



**ROOM 4
A VARIETY OF
LEARNING MODES**



**GROUP
COLLABORATION**

**CROSS AGE
TUTORING**



THE OLIPHANT SCIENCE AWARDS

The annual Oliphant Science Awards is a competition that provides an opportunity for students (Reception – Year 12) to develop their interests in science through a range of categories. Participating students choose a category and develop a project, based on the criteria specified. Last year, 12 students from CLGPS entered the competition with 5 students either winning their category or receiving a 'highly commended' award.

Students work with their parents or families, in their own time, to develop their entry. The school will pay the entry fee and support families in delivering the projects for judging. If you and your child are interested in entering a project into the Oliphant Science Awards, please look at the website below, paying particular attention to the different categories.

www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au

If you decide to enter this competition, choose a category and think of an idea for your project. Then collect a project registration form from the front office. Fill out this form and return it to the **school office**, addressed to Jodie Cunningham by **Friday 16th June 2017** (week 7). Also complete the attached slip with parents' email- Jodie will use this to keep in touch with parents and send out reminders. Whilst registration is due by **June 16th**, the completed projects are due between 28th July and 25th August (term 3) – depending on the category entered. If you have any questions, please email Jodie.cunningham321@schools.sa.edu.au

Jodie Cunningham
Assistant Principal

FINANCE NEWS

MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGE

Thank you to the families that have either paid their school fees, entered a direct debit instalment plan or applied for school card. Unless you have signed a pay-by-instalment plan or are awaiting school card assessment, school fees are overdue. Final notices will be sent to families who have not entered a payment arrangement by 31.05.17.

Governing Council has endorsed the Debt Collection Policy for 2017 and unpaid fees will be sent to debt collection. **Please contact Amanda Jackson to discuss payment options.**

Amanda Jackson
Business Manager

FUNDRAISING NEWS

FUNDRAISING ON FACEBOOK!



www.facebook.com/ColonelLightGardensPrimaryFundraisingPage

To keep up to date with 'What's happening with fundraising events', please follow the link above and like our Facebook page to receive notifications of updates and new events.

2016 / 2017 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS HAVE NOW EXPIRED!

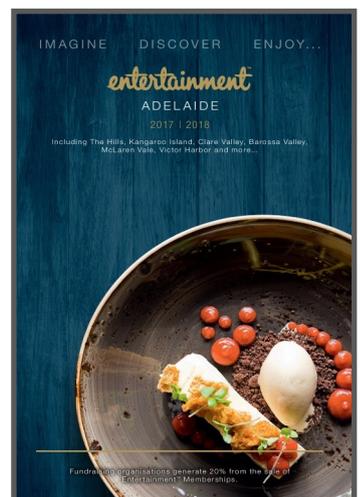
All 2017 / 2018 Entertainment Books that went home through the classrooms are now outstanding and must be purchased / returned through the front office ASAP.

Order your New 2017/18 NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Book or Digital Membership from the school before the 15th June 2017 to go in the draw to win a \$50 Hogs Breath Steak House dining voucher AND 2 Tickets to the Adelaide Zoo!

Please continue to support redevelopment of the "Loovre" into a science room/class kitchen space by buying the NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Membership from us today. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time! **Remember - 20% of every membership sold contributes to our fundraising.**

www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/167k438, share the link with your Friends and Family.

Kelly Gilbert
Fundraising



JAPANESE NEWS

Japan Junction ~ Where you'll find cool facts and info.....

When Japanese people have to describe its people and their country, it would often be described by using symbolic icons. Sakura (Cherry blossom) - the heart and soul of Japanese people and Shinkansen (Bullet Train) - a technological success of modern Japan are some of the common icons but of course they would not forget Mt Fuji which is the spirit and pride of the country.



Fuji san (pronounced Hoo-ji-san) is located on Honshu Island and is about 100 kilometers south-west of Tokyo. The "san" is not the honorific suffix used with people's names, such as Suzuki- san, it simply means mountain. Fuji san is the highest mountain in Japan reaching 3,776.24m at its peak (let's say approximately 5 times higher than Mt Lofty's 727m and a little less than half of the height of Mt Everest). It is an active volcano which last erupted in 1707-08. Fuji san has an exceptionally symmetrical cone, which is snow-capped for several months of the year. This holy mountain is listed in UNESCO's World Heritage List and worshiped by Shinto (a Japanese ethnic religion) as well as being the object of pilgrimage for centuries. Its beauty inspires artists and poets and it is regularly visited by sightseers and hikers who take about 6 hours to climb to the peak.

Finally, you may (or may not) wonder what's on the summit of the mountain apart from a crater and thinner air. Well, you would be surprised to know that the things listed below are actually there.



1. Public toilets
2. Souvenir shops
3. General stores and vending machines
4. Lodges with 350 beds in total
5. Shinto shrines (2)
6. Noodle bars
7. A post office!!

They say you can experience a magnificent sunrise view from the summit and that's when you realize that you are standing on the highest point of The Land Of Rising Sun!

Arigato

DYSLEXIA - PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

This session focusses on the following:

- What is dyslexia?
- How dyslexia affects a student's learning?
- General guidelines for supporting students with dyslexia.



When: **Tuesday 27th June** from 6:30-8:00pm (Week 9)

Where: **Colonel Light Gardens PS - Staffroom**

Who: All CLGPS community members welcome!
(only 45 spots available)

To book your place:

Visit this website: www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter this code: **u278b**

Keep or print your confirmation email as a reminder of your booking.

Please keep in mind the session will be aimed at adults and there will be no crèche facilities provided.

PE, SPORTS & SAPSASA UPDATE

SAPSASA GIRLS KNOCKOUT FOOTBALL

Our SAPSASA Girls football team, **Jessica C, Ebony V, Sophie A, Gracie T, Chantilly J, Ariana T, Ruby Z, Charlotte O, Tyzana B, Sammy B, Paige M, Demi K, Abby K, Eliana F, Evelyn C, Jasmin E, Lily R, Stella M, Georgia L** and **Amelia K** have been practising every Wednesday lunch time to be ready to play their first game in the knockout competition on **Friday 2nd June** on Mortlock Park, game starting at 1.50pm. The results of the game will be in the next newsletter. Good luck team.

SAPSASA BOYS NETBALL

The SAPSASA Boys Netball played against Westbourne Primary on **Wednesday 31st May** at our school. The final score was Westbourne Pk 30 - CLG 2. Congratulations to **Daniel T, Jack B, Mitchell O, Josh B, Nathan H, Charlie F, Billy E, Noah H, Ethan S** and **Oscar C** and a big thank you to **Renae Simmons** who coached the team.

SAPSASA GIRLS NETBALL

On **Friday 26th May** the SAPSASA Girls Netball team played Mercedes College at Colonel Light Gardens. The final scores were 26-18 Colonel Light Gardens Primary School winning. Congratulations to the team, **Abby K, Courtney W, Demi K, Jessica C, Chantilly J, Kiana M, Ruby Z, Jasmin E, Emma S, Sammy B** and **Paige M** who will now be playing Westbourne Park Primary School on or before **June 16th**. A big thank you to **Jessica Roberts** who coaches the team.

SAPSASA FOOTBALL AND NETBALL STATE CARNIVAL TEAM SELECTIONS

Don't forget **Mitchell O** is playing for City South in the SAPSASA Football State Carnival at Barratt Reserve, West Beach from **5th to 9th of June** and **Jessica C, Kiana M, Paige M, Courtney W** and **Ruby Z** are playing for City South in the SAPSASA State Netball Carnival at Priceline Netball Stadium Keswick from **5th to 9th June**. We will share their successes next newsletter.

SAPSASA DISTRICT SOCCER & HOCKEY TRIALS

Boys and girls SAPSASA District Soccer at Ascot Park Primary School and SAPSASA District Hockey at Belair Primary School trials have started. Once the selection process has been finalised I will update you on any students who are successful.

SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY

The SAPSASA Cross Country team of 45 students headed up to Belair National Park on **Friday 19th May** to compete in the Southern Heights/City South combined SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival. All students participated to their best ability. Well done **Evie Z, Amelia H, Maggie H, Lucas E, Ned B, Toby B, Flynn S, Alex G, Leon R, Sam W, Max B, Noah T, Nellie K, Giselle D, Lily S, Chloe V, Syifa P, Samuel A, Matteo H, Isaac B, Max E, Bastien S, Alex S, Angus C, Dylan H, Bailey C, Harry L, Harry C, Marielle B, Abby K, Lily R, Paige M, Amelia K, Jessica Z, Stella M, Darcy G, Oscar C, Jacob T, Jack B, Jessica C, Shae W, Kayla H, Callum S** and **Samuel B**.



Congratulations to **Oscar C, Samuel A, Lucas E, Max B, Ned B, Marielle B, Paige M, Abby K** and **Giselle D** who were successful in being selected to attend Oakbank and run for City South district on **Thursday 1st June**. More updates will be coming.

SAPSASA ORIENTEERING TRIALS

The SAPSASA Orienteering Championships will be on **Friday 11th August** at the Southeast Parklands. Students have been invited to nominate a team of three so that they can participate in this competition. Practise sessions will be held at school Wednesday lunch times. It will be encouraged that students will be training in and out of school to gain confidence in orienteering. Visit the website <http://www.sa.orienteering.asn.au/> for more information of events near to you. A big thank you to Des Norman who works with me to get so many competitive teams ready. More information will be given closer to the date.

Kim Boothey

PE Teacher / SAPSASA Coordinator

CANTEEN NEWS

Last weeks Special Meal was a huge success - thank you for your support! Nearly 34% of students ordered which is massive. Thank you to my helpers, *Megan, Shirley, Eunah, Karni, Sharon, Kim, Ruzelle, Kelly* and *Trudi*. Without these amazing mums who generously donate their time to assist, I would be struggling on my own. I am still awaiting any forms of feedback if you can email or send a message via your children, the office or drop in it would be greatly appreciated.

These food items are on the regular menu but the Fried Rice is a different batch with the "Chicken Fried Rice" being replaced with "Vegetarian Fried Rice" as some students reported that the Chicken Fried Rice wasn't necessarily that tasty.

Another Meal Deal Special Lunch will be running in **Week 9** with the aim of providing a warm healthy lunch. There will be a choice of either an extremely mild sweet Jungle Curry or Macaroni Cheese served with a packet of Fruit Nuggets, all for just \$5.00.

Despite the cold and the rain the new **MANGO SMOOTHIE - \$2.70** has been a popular treat to date and well worth a try.

All day the students are able to purchase a **HOT CHOCOLATE - \$1.20** over the counter and at Recess time the special warm treat available over the counter is a slice of (TORTILLA) PIZZA - 50c or a **HASH BROWN - 50c**.

I have managed to secure another order of only '**Raspberry LOL drinks**' but shortly they will no longer be available leaving **FRUIT JUICE** (apple, blackcurrant or orange) or **FLAVOURED MILK** (vanilla, strawberry or chocolate) or **PURE SPRING WATER - \$1.40**.

Helen Parsons
Canteen Manager

COMMUNITY NEWS

2017 FAMILY FUN DAY AT

JUMPING
CASTLE

PRIZES

CLGFC

GAMES

FACE
PAINTING

SATURDAY JUNE 3RD, 2017

Join us for an afternoon of fun and footy at
Mortlock Park, as CLG take on Edwardstown in
a triple header!

STARTING 12PM



CANTEEN

**ALL CHILDREN IN CLG COLOURS GET A
FREE SAUSAGE AND DRINK**

BBQ