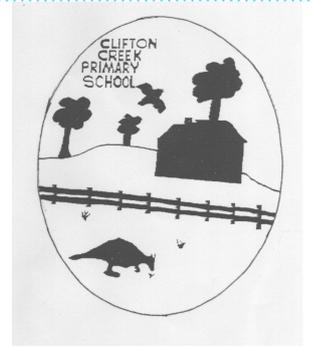


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Calendar– Term 4 Oct 7--Dec 20

NOVEMBER

Monday 25 Playgroup
Music & Science with Hilary
Active After School Week 7

Tuesday 26 Bendy Ed
Tuckshop
Shire Library Van
RE with Diana & Matt- final

Wed 27 Transition Session 8—final
Marc Van
AASC FINAL SESSION 2013

Thursday 28 Kitchen Garden

Friday 29 Pet Day
Friday Fang

DECEMBER

Tuesday 3 Sink or Swim Meet a Lifeguard
Final School Council Meeting

Friday 6 Pupil free day Report writing

Tuesday 10 Whole School Sleepover

Thursday 19 Concert

SUNSMART: A reminder that we are a sunsmart school ... TERM 4—Shady hats are required for all outdoor activities.

Our final visit to Nicholson P.S was last Friday. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have strengthened their friendships with Nicholson PS students. Once again I would like to acknowledge the support of Uniting Care. The use of their bus provided us with the opportunity to network with another school more closely. We are looking forward to working together again next year. Staff and students from Nicholson are hoping to spend the day at Clifton Creek before the end of this year.

NETWORK MATHS

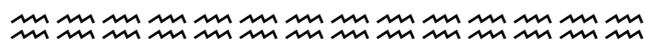
On Tuesday morning I will be attending a presentation by Mike Askew titled “Mathematical Thinking as a focus of our teaching.” Topics include addressing questions such as What do good teachers need to do/know to be effective? How can we be sure we are covering all the content? What do students need to have in their ‘Toolbox’? I will then be sharing this information with staff at our staff meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

Pet Day-

This Friday 29th November is PET DAY here at school. Children can bring along their pets for the morning (or all day if your pet will cope). We will parade our pets at the beginning of the day so if any families need to take pets home, they do not have too long to wait. Please ensure your pets are caged, harnessed safely, are child friendly and have plenty to eat/drink (if they are staying all day).

Whole school sleepover

This year our whole school sleepover will be held on Tuesday 10th December here at school. Children will stay at school on Tuesday afternoon. They will set up their bed after school. We will spend the evening playing some outdoor games and finish the night with some quiet indoor activities. Dinner on Tuesday evening will be provided as will breakfast, snacks and lunch on Wednesday. A detailed itinerary will be sent home later in the week. This is part of our Friday Wish program. A reminder to all that a way to support our wishes is to adopt our value of One in All In. We would love to see everyone here. Please don't hesitate to give us a yell if you have any queries.



TRANSITION

A reminder to all families that this Wednesday is our last transition day for 2013. Last week in the senior room our focus was 'Art'. The children looked at the different aspects of art-shape, lines etc. They made their own colour wheels, designed tessellations and participated in some drumming activities. This week our theme will be Christmas.

Drumbeat

Last Monday and Tuesday I was in Melbourne completing the Drumbeat course. The Drumbeat program was developed to combine the benefits of group drumming processes with cognitive behavioural therapy so that young people can transfer lessons from the drum circle into their everyday lives. The program uses core rhythms, discussion and storytelling, games, improvisation and performance. I look forward to running the Drumbeat program in the near future.



On Tuesday afternoon next week we look forward to a visit from Life Saving Victoria. The session aims to reinforce key water safety messages and to assist children in making safe aquatic related decisions while enjoying inland, pool and coastal environments.

THANK YOU

Thankyou to Nyrie and the grade 6s who put in a splendid effort on Friday to deliver more than about 20 delicious lunches! Thanks to Leanne for all her hard work in our gardens!

Religious Education

This Tuesday afternoon will be our last Last R.E for 2013. We would like to say farewell to Matt who is moving to a different parish. Thanks Matt, we will miss hearing you play the guitar and running around outside with the children. Thanks to Diana and Matt for all their hard work over the year. I know you put a lot of time into your sessions. Thankyou for your commitment and enthusiasm.

EX Grades 5 & 6 CCPS

STUDENTS 2007 Please spread the word that the structure housing "BUSHFIRE" artworks displayed in Bruthen Main St gardens has been dismantled. Paintings can be collected from Bruthen Community Health Centre anytime before 24th December.

Educational Team Focus

At our staff meeting this Tuesday we will be sharing the information arising from tomorrow's Network Maths presentation by Mike Askew.

RESOURCESMART

Frogs, recycling and wildlife corridors are the topics for workshops the Gr 4-6 will be

presenting at a Kids Teaching Kids Day early next year. (Friday, Feb 14th). They will be developing their presentations over the next month.

Students have recently collected and pressed weed samples from around the school grounds, and will be making information signage about each one. Prep – Gr3 have drawn the recently planted trees and these will be made into informative signage for the school grounds as well.

We have found Patterson's Curse on the oval! This is declared as a 'regionally controlled weed' in East Gippsland, which means 'land owners have the responsibility to take all reasonable steps to prevent the growth and spread of it on their land'. These activities follow on from our Biodiversity audit.

We have been counting the number of pieces of packaging that become rubbish or that can be re-used or recycled, in our lunches. Both classes have had almost as much rubbish as recyclables. Both classes are keen to see if we can create less rubbish from their lunches and snacks, and aim for "maybe 1 piece of rubbish and all the rest recyclable containers".



Hilary

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next school council meeting has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 3rd December 5.30pm at NRM Ethos. An agenda will be emailed out to councillors. Please let us know if you cannot attend.

Term 4 AASC

Mondays & Wednesdays—this is the final week of AASC this year. Carol & Robyn conclude the Hot Shots activities at the CC Tennis courts today—and on Wednesday Nyrie finishes general skills development and fun activities. Thank you to all families for supporting this program, to the Australian Sports Commission for funding and to the staff who facilitate and deliver this free program.

Healthy snacks and encouraging participation in outdoor physical activity on a regular basis promotes a great message, and sets up valuable habits early in life.

BEVERAGE CONTAINER

RECYCLING TRAILER

Thanks to all community members who are making use of our new facility and preventing drink containers ending up as landfill.

DID YOU KNOW?

50 BILLION water bottles are bought each year. 80 % of those end up in the rubbish tips and they can take up to 1000 years to break down.



On *Clean Up Australia Day* in 2012, drink containers made up 28% of the whole rubbish count.

Solution – buy a re-usable drink bottle and refill it yourself.



Little Class

Last week on Transition Day, we read "The Purrfect Pet" and the children's response to the writing was to draw a picture of their own idea of the perfect pet and write three reasons. It was really interesting! Mitchell's perfect pet is an axolotl, or Mexican Walking Fish! We learnt about persuasive writing, where you write to persuade someone to agree with your point of view. One question was "Should you wear a helmet when you ride a scooter?" All the children wrote yes. There were some great reasons including your head might get chopped in half if you don't wear a helmet! We did fractions work in Maths too! Halves and quarters. Our grade 2/3s taught the rest of the class to play Corner Tiggy.

Thanks, Kat

Senior Class

Hi, during the week in the senior class we have been doing lots of testing for maths and reading. We continued looking at multiplication and the 7 times tables. On transition day our theme was art. We looked at the elements of art, tessellations and the properties of colour.

Have a great week!

Jen

Family Law

A free family law app is available where you can submit your family law query to a real family lawyer in Victoria. Have a look—there is a lot of information myfamilylaw.net.au

Paper Recycling

This THURSDAY morning we have our monthly paper recycle pick up by Cleanaway. Well done to all students and adults at Clifton Creek Primary School who are setting a great example in their practices of REDUCE RE-

USE AND RECYCLE.

Please ensure all paper bins are at the gate for easy pick up.



LIBRARY WEEK

This week is Library week. Jo comes on Tuesday around noon with the Shire Library van and on Wednesday Ninky spends the morning at CCPS with the Marcvan. A protective bag for transporting these books is appreciated.

Would all children please have a good look at home for any BOOKS that might belong here at school or in the Marcvan or Shire Library. Return them to school this week.



KITCHEN GARDEN

This week is the last cooking session for garden produce to be used in our kitchen. There are still lots of veggies to be harvested, so let us know if you would like the occasional vegy box sent home.

Last week a menu entirely from garden harvest enabled children to sample a roast potato salad, stir fry and broad beans.

Mystique, Sommer Stephanie Ebony and Will set up the tables for lunch—complete with table cloths and flowers.

LOCAL HONEY FOR SALE

Thanks to Liane & Mick for dropping off some tubs of delicious local red box honey for the children to sell as a fundraising project.

1kg for \$11

or

450g for \$7.

CHILD SAFETY

Child injury 'is not about the grazes'; it's about the serious injuries that can change lives in just a split second. For information on child safety, visit the Kidsafe website on www.kidsafevic.com.au