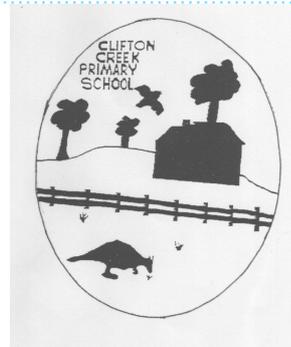


# Clifton Creek Primary School

# newsletter



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## Calendar– Term 4 Oct 7--Dec 20

### DECEMBER

- Monday 9 Science with Hilary
- Tuesday 10 Last session BendyEd  
Shire Library  
Whole School Sleepover
- Wed 11 Ninky collects MarcVan books
- Thursday 12 Mother Christmas Appeal gr 3-6  
Future Search 5.30pm
- Monday 16 School Council Book Presentation
- Wed 18 Christmas Mates
- Thursday 19 Kris Kringle  
Concert  
Reports distributed
- Friday 20 Last Day of School  
Early dismissal 2.30pm

**SUNSMART:** We are a sunsmart school ...in TERM 4 shady hats are required for all outdoor activities. We all can Slap on a hat, slip on clothing, slop on sunscreen, seek shade, slide on the sunglasses for best protection.

## Concert Preparations have begun!!

Last Thursday the children and staff developed the schedule for our concert. As always, the children are very keen and extremely excited. Please remember that I will send notes home as we go along if the children are required to bring anything. Sometimes the children rush home with mixed messages-please be assured I will keep you in the loop via the newsletter or individual notes. We do ask that each child brings along a cardboard box or plastic tub to store all costumes, props etc. A bag will not suffice as it is difficult for the children to easily find costumes. If each child could have a box/tub at school asap, we can begin organising costumes.



### **Kris Kringle**

Each year all staff and students participate in a Kris Kringle. Today every child was given the name of a student/staff member to buy a small gift for (no more than \$5.00)– check the lunchbox. The gift needs to be labelled with the recipient's name. Do not write who the gift is from ..... it is a surprise! Our Kris Kringle gift exchange will take place on Thursday 19th December, so please ensure all KK gifts are here by Monday 16th.



### **BendyEd**

This week will be our last BendyEd for 2013. I know the children have really enjoyed these sessions. A big thankyou to Kirdi for running these sessions. We look forward to working with you again in 2014.

### **Whole School Sleepover**

Only one more sleep until the whole school sleepover! We are all very excited and look forward to an evening of fun, games and laughter. If you have not returned your forms, please do so asap!

### **Mother Christmas Excursion**

A reminder to the senior class to please remember to return your Mother Xmas permission slips. We will be heading into Bairnsdale on after lunch on Thursday to pack the Christmas hampers. Please ensure you are wearing school uniform.

### **Christmas Mates**

Another popular mates session is our annual Christmas mates. I have spoken to the big mates about providing only have a small treat for each little mate to ensure equity across the school. We discussed the real gift of each mates session -the opportunity to spend some special 1-1 time with your mate. Christmas Mates will be on Wednesday 18th.

### **Schools Future Search Meeting with Liz and Dave**

The next phase of our school's future planning meeting will be here at school on Thursday evening at 5.30. Finger food will be provided. All are welcome to attend. At this meeting we will use the data collected to set goals and actions for the future. Hope to see you there!

Thankyou to Leanne for your continued work in the gardens. Everything looks fantastic. Let's hope the wind over the past few days doesn't undo all your hard work. Thanks again.



### **School Council**

School council met for the final time in 2013 last Tuesday evening. Items discussed included Parent Opinion Surveys, School Future Search, Education Fees for 2014, whole school sleepover and end of year

concert tasks. We would like to say a huge thankyou to all councillors with special mention to our two outgoing council members Jenny and Mellissa. We thankyou both for your contributions and support over the years. School Council is a great way for families to be involved in the future direction of our school. In 2014 we will be looking for new members and would invite any/all interested people to contact me. Thank you to Eric Sjerp and staff at Ethos NRM for accommodating our meetings in 2013.

### **EDUCATION FEES 2014**

School Council approved the fee structure for essential education items at last week's meeting. Statements are attached to the newsletter. Fees do not need to be paid until the end of February, however those opting to either pay or arrange Quick Debit deductions before the end of the year will receive a 5% discount on total fees.

You will notice that 2014 is the planned camp year. Credits are applicable from this year's fees for these major expenses.

Please see Robyn (Mondays and Wednesdays) if you wish to pay now or arrange a Quick Debit.

### **School Council Book Presentation**

This year School Council President Tania Ray will present books to students on Monday 16th December, 9am. **Please note that parents are NOT required to select books at Collins Bookstore.**

### **Gr. 6 Cluster Graduation Dinner**

Mystique and Nick enjoyed their graduation dinner (roast and pavlova ) last Thursday at Nicholson PS. It was the final opportunity for our grade 6 students to socialise with students from the Mitchell Cluster— consolidating connections made over the years through Cluster activities.

### **Kitchen Garden Vegetable Harvest**

Jill and the students will continue to harvest vegetables and distribute them to our school families. Keep an eye out for the vegetable deliveries on Thursday afternoon.

ALSO we would love to have a roster of any families who are keen to continue harvesting from our gardens over the holiday break (in exchange for a bit of watering). Let us know if you wish to be included.

### **Supper & Santa traditions**

On concert night, all families provide some supper treats to share; a china plate will be sent home with each family for this purpose next Wednesday afternoon. Santa will be making a special appearance with small gifts for our Clifton Creek students. *Younger siblings of school children and visiting children need to arrange to be included in the Santa sack surprise—contact any of the staff at school for more information.*

**At this busy time of the year please help us in our efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle ... remember we are a ResourceSmart school.**

# Little Class

I was extremely proud of the Little Class last week. It was "testing week" and they all did a brilliant job of showing me how smart they are. We tested sight words, spelling words, narrative writing, handwriting, maths, reading, such a long list! Today was Hilary's last science session with the children, and they gave her Christmas letters describing what they had learnt and thanking her for teaching them this year. They know so much more about frogs than I do! We are starting to plan and practice concert items this week, so a very exciting time. Thanks,  
Kat

## School Reports

Reports are well underway after last Friday's pupil free day. Reports will go home with students at the conclusion of the concert on Thursday evening.

## **FORWARD PLANNING....**

Attached to the newsletter is a draft copy of our school planner with confirmed dates for 2014.

## **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.

## **BOOKS & READERS**

Please return all books to school this week.

Joanne and the Shire Library van will be here tomorrow at noon, whilst Ninky will be here on Wednesday. Have a good look around at home for any books that need returning.



## **LOST PROPERTY**

Take a moment to fossick through the lost property box in the next fortnight – any unlabelled and unclaimed items will be sent off to the opp shop over the holidays.

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