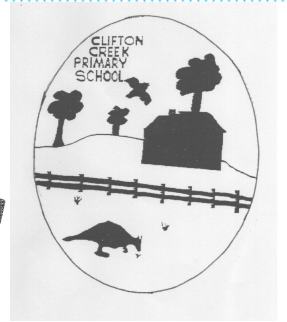


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Calendar– Term 1

FEBRUARY

Mon 3	Science with Hilary
Tues 4	Shire Library noon
Wed 5	Finance Sub Committee Marc Van Prep Day Off
Thurs 6	Kitchen Garden program
Friday 7	Welcome BBQ 5pm
Tues 8	Tuckshop Tuesday Finance Sub Committee Mtg
Mon 10	AASC – 1
Wed 12	Prep Day Off School Council Mtg
Friday 28	Swimming Program starts

MARCH

Mon 10th	Labour Day Public Holiday
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Happy New Year everyone!!
Welcome to 2014!

We were all really excited to see all the children on Wednesday. Blake (our new prep) settled in well and was priceless having his prep photo taken for the paper. When the photographer asked Blake to smile, he proudly said “Clifton Creek!” Look out for his photo in the paper this week.

Dave also settled in easily, establishing some fantastic new routines for the senior students.

I am really looking forward to working with Dave in the Senior class this year. I will be teaching with Dave on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Not a bad ratio of 1:7 students!

Last week we also welcomed Gareth who is in grade 1 and Ashley who is in grade 4. Enjoy being part of the CCPS Family!

Welcome BBQ

This Friday evening we would love to see all families at our welcome BBQ. (All food is provided, BYO drinks) The BBQ will begin at 5.00pm. We are happy to keep any students after school on Friday to save them travelling back into town after school. For catering purposes, please fill and return attached form by Thursday.

Active After School Communities Program

Nyrie will continue the fun, non-competitive activities and healthy snacks after school at CCPS. Due to our swimming program in Term One, there will be only ONE AASC session per week this term. AASC begins next week, on MONDAY, from 3.30pm. It will run for seven weeks—see dates below. The school bus will run 3/4 an hour later each Monday afternoon. Please fill out the Consent form for your child's participation.

Science

This week we welcome back Hilary who will be teaching Science across the school.

Kitchen Garden

We also welcome John and Jill who will be running our Kitchen/ Garden program on Thursdays. We are always looking for Kitchen or Garden volunteers, so if you have a spare few hours on a Thursday morning, we would love to see you.

Thank you to those involved in the roster to look after our gardens and animals over the holidays—great job! A special to Jill for co-ordinating the roster.

Religious Education

Religious Education will start next week with Diana Auld. Please remember For those children “opting in” it is expected participation is for the **entire** year to avoid disruptions to the class. A note is required if you wish to amend your child's participation.

Friday Fang

Unfortunately there will be no Friday Fang this term as our swimming lessons fall on a Friday. We hope to have a couple of sausage sizzles on an alternate day to compensate for this.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL— TERM ONE 2014 Mondays

Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
10 Feb	17 Feb	24 Feb	3 March	NO AASC	17 March	24 March	31st March

Tuckshop Tuesday

is the over-the-counter sales service operated by Year 5 children at play-time periodically during school term. We encourage children to bring a small amount of money to support Tuck Shop rather than including shop treats from home on these days. We will begin Tuckshop next Tuesday.

Mates

The children were excited to receive their new mates for 2014. The big mates will begin planning for their little mate in the coming weeks.

End of year calendars

We still have some brilliant personalised Clifton Creek calendars for sale. (\$10) If you would like to buy a calendar please see Robyn. We noticed, after distribution, that there was a printing error in the calendar. Two of the months have the same picture—we apologise for this misprint. We will provide feedback to the printers to scrutinise the calendar more carefully this year.

Prep Day Off

At Clifton Creek our preps have their Wednesdays at home during Term One for a rest day as part of their transition to school.

Little Class

What a great start the children had last week. We have quickly settled into routines and I have been assessing the children's maths and reading. We have talked about our roles in the classroom (your job, my job) and how we want our room to feel. We enjoyed some singing, dancing and games too. It was great to see all the children with their hats, pencil cases and water bottles. Well done parents and thankyou. Hope to see you at the BBQ this Friday!

Thanks,
Kat

EMA

Please return your 2014 EMA form to the office as soon as possible, if you have not yet filled one in. Educational Maintenance Allowance is provided to assist eligible families with costs associated in educating their children. If you have a Health Care Card you may be eligible—please ask at the office.

Happy Birthdays

To Amber, Ivan and Jayden who celebrated their birthdays in January

AND

to Naomi who turns 10 tomorrow 4th February

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Clifton Creek School Council is a group of parents, teachers and other interested people who oversee and set direction for our school. Elections are held each year as half of the councillors' terms expire annually. The resignation of Anthony Fischer and of leaving parents Melissa Holloway and Tania Ray create vacancies for three parents (not employed by DEECD). Still with one year left to serve on council is Anthony Cooper and Dianne Phillips.

Any parent who is interested in being part of our school council should seek out a nomination form from the office NOW. Please consider very carefully whether you are able to commit to attending the required 2 meetings per term (generally Council meets at 5.30pm on a Wednesday.)

Parent non-members of council are ALWAYS most welcome to attend and participate in meetings (but without voting rights). We encourage anyone who wishes to be an active member of council as well as all those who wish to come along to meetings.

Non attendance of councillors for three consecutive meetings will necessitate that position being declared vacant.

We will call for the annual nomination of new councillors from 4pm on 10th February and schedule our first meeting for 2013 on Wednesday 12th February.

Our Annual Reporting Meeting and induction of new councillors will be on the following meeting planned for March 26.

Please ask at the office for council member nomination forms.

Nominations will close at 4pm Monday 3th March.

The minutes from the last meeting are now available and will be emailed to councillors. If you would like a copy please ask Robyn.

HEAT

Like all other schools across Victoria we are experiencing high temperatures. Children at Clifton Creek have access to cool air-conditioned classrooms and are encouraged to regularly drink water and remain indoors. There is NO departmental policy to close schools on days of extreme weather conditions.

The following reminders have been given regarding "Cars and young children in the summer months"

Parents and/or guardians are reminded that on hot days it is important never to leave children alone in a car.

Temperatures inside a parked car during summer can be around 20 to 30 degrees hotter than the outside temperature.

Leaving children in hot cars, even for a moment, can result in serious injury or death.

Young children's smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

If a parent or guardian is travelling with a child, never leave them alone in a parked car, not even for one moment.

Education Fees

If you have not already arranged payment of fees please do so before the end of February. Please speak with Robyn if you need details of arranging to pay by instalment.

Bus Travel for 2014

Thank you to all parents who have filled in the bus paperwork which includes the preferred method for paying fees and commitment to pay. If you have not already returned this form PLEASE do so as soon as possible.

HEAT UPS

Our children have the privilege of a special 'heat-up' day each Monday where we are happy to assist the empty pantry by allowing the children to microwave **simple left-overs** from home. In the interests of good nutrition and staff time we discourage any microwaving which involves the actual **cooking** of convenience foods. Please ensure food to be heated up is in a re-usable container clearly LABELLED with your child's name and that any cutlery and condiments that your child may need to use are included.

Lost property-

Please ensure all belongings and items of clothing are clearly labelled—it makes it easier to ensure belongings are returned.

RESOURCESMART SCHOOL

OUR RECYCLE TRAILER IS WORKING BRILLIANTLY—THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE MAKING AN EFFORT TO RECYCLE. HERE AT SCHOOL WE CONTINUE IN OUR EFFORTS TO SORT OUR WASTE INTO THAT WHICH CAN BE RECYCLED AND SAVED FROM ADDING TO LANDFILL.

Newsletters

Newsletters are sent home each Monday afternoon. If you would prefer an emailed version in PDF format, please let us know— email Robyn



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Communication

I would like let all families know that my door is always open and that communication is a vital part of our school. Please do not hesitate to give me a call any time of the night or day to discuss any issues. If I am unable to address the issue at the time, I guarantee it will be followed up as soon as possible. My personal mobile is 0412 567 092.

LIBRARY WEEK

Mrs Severs begins Marc Van this Wednesday. Please ensure your child has returned all overdue books. Children will need a library bag to be able to borrow (a plastic bag will suffice).

EG Shire Library Bus visits on Tuesday morning. Children have a chance to use this service during their morning play break. A current Library card is needed to borrow books. Application forms available from town library or from the Library bus.

Bairnsdale Netball Association

Netball Team Registrations: Season 1 2014 - we are now accepting Team Registrations for our first season. Registrations are due on or before Thursday 13th February 2014. On Thursday 13th February we will be at the WORLD Building in Wallace St Bairnsdale between 4.00pm and 6.00pm accepting registrations or alternatively by email prior to this date.

Grades: 11 Years & Under, 13 Years & Under, 15 Years & Under and Senior Sections.

Registration Forms are available by emailing Jodie at bdale.n.a@hotmail.com or alternatively picking one up at Inland Surf (Karls) or Sportsco Bairnsdale.

SHOPPER REWARDS

Families are helping support our school in many ways, including collecting stickers, docketts and reward points from local supermarkets and stores.

If you or your family shop at David Luckes Fresh Foods OR at Ritchies IGA (anywhere in Australia) we have reward tags that will ensure that your weekly grocery shopping can support our programs at school ALL YEAR AROUND. Please let us know if you require more tags.

Thank you!

SUNSMART: A reminder that we are a sunsmart school and that all children need to wear shady broad rimmed hats in Terms 1 & 4. Clothing to cover shoulders for suitable sun protection is recommended.



STUDENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is a printout of the details for your family that we have on file. Please read through and alter in RED BIRO any parts which have errors or are no longer accurate. Please return to school so that our records can be updated.
Thank you.

Welcome Back BBQ

Yes, my family will be attending this school function on Friday 7 Feb – there will be of us here.

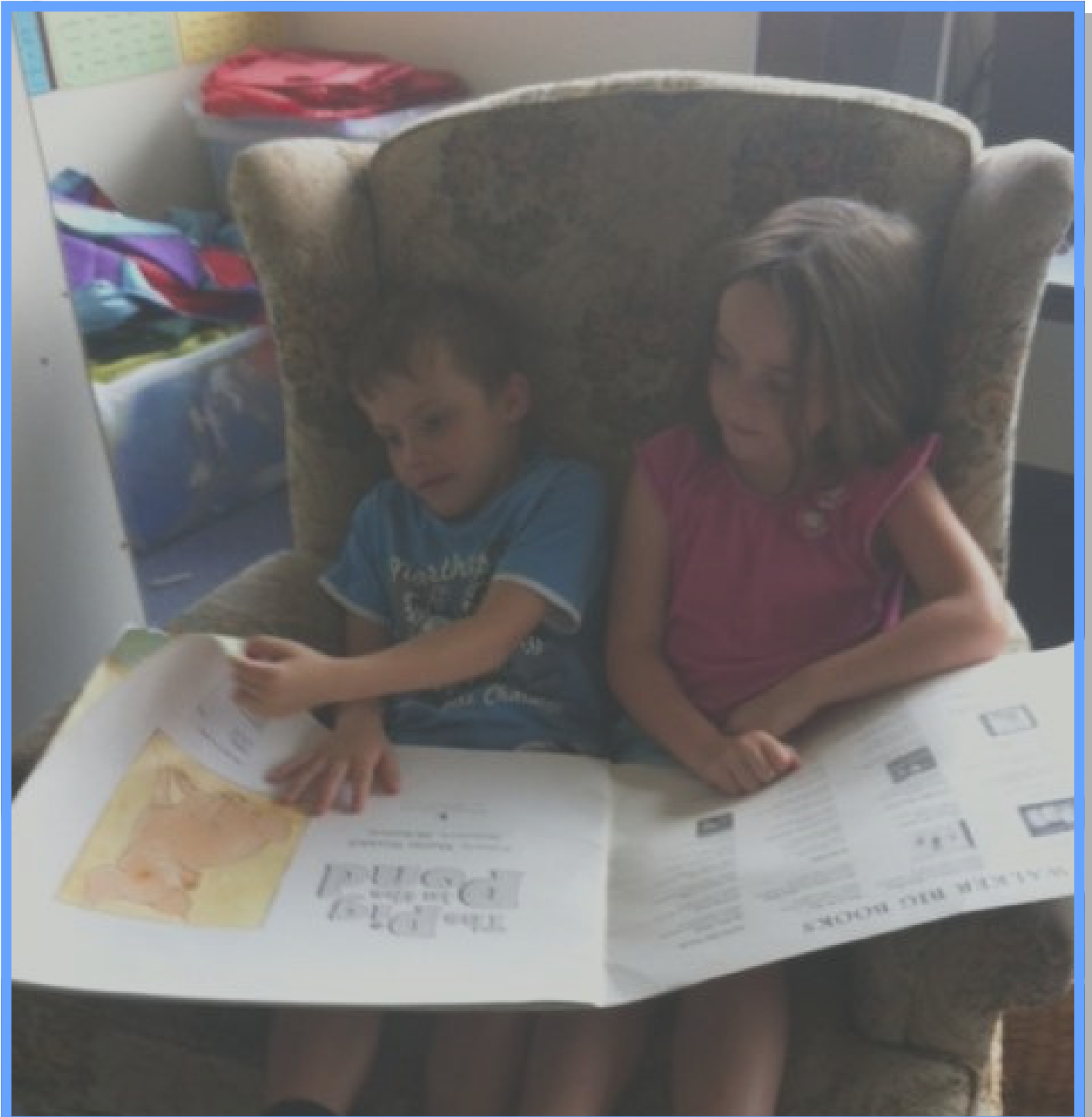
My children—will be staying on after school rather than travelling home on the bus.

We have the following dietary restrictions.

Name:~

Phone:~

No, my family is unable to attend this time.



Blake and Amber settle for some quiet reading this afternoon.