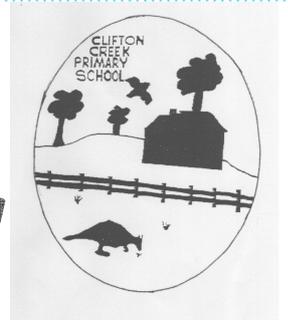


# Clifton Creek Primary School



# newsletter

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## Calendar– Term 1

### MARCH

- Mon 17 Science with Hilary  
AASC – 5
- Tues 18 Tuckshop Tuesday  
Religious Ed with Diana  
Shire Library Van  
Swimming—sixth session
- Wed 19 MarcVan  
Prep Day Off
- Thurs 20 Kitchen Garden program
- Friday 21 Harmony Day  
Swimming—seventh session
- Tues 25 Indigenous Performance
- Wed 26 Finance SubCommittee
- ### APRIL
- Tues 1 Regional Rehearsal JTC
- Wed 2 School Photos  
School Council meeting
- Friday 4 Last day term 1

### Professional Learning Teams

Staff met last week and identified further areas of focus and development. In Numeracy we are working as a team identifying factors which ensure that a maths lesson is of highest quality. A focus on an explicit approach to the teaching of literacy using The High Reliability Literacy Strategies has been advocated by John Munro over the past years in our region. The CCPS team will participate in professional development here at school.

### Joining the Chorus

If you haven't returned your permission form for the regional rehearsal for joining the chorus could you please do so as soon as possible. Please remember to send along \$2 to assist with the cost of hiring the bus.

**ACTIVE AFTER**  
**SCHOOL—**  
**TERM ONE 2014**  
**Mondays**

Week 9	Week 10
24 March	31st March



## **Responsible Pet Ownership**

Lorna and Sweep from the Responsible Pet Ownership program visited last week to teach us safe interaction with dogs.

I learnt what to do if there was an angry dog. I learnt not to stare at a dog. Lorna told us what to do if you wanted to pat a stranger's dog. Mitchell

I learnt that when you want to pat a stranger's dog you have to make a fist with your hand and tuck your thumb under then let the dog smell you. I got to pat Sweep (Lorna's dog) He felt soft and fluffy. When Lorna wanted him to lie down, she lifted her hand up and down and he laid down. Zoe

## **KOORIE CULTURE**

A cluster of schools including Clifton Creek, Meerlieu, Eagle Point and Nicholson received Aboriginal Children and Families Activities funding through the Communities for Children program. This funding will be used to implement a project that is set to build understanding and knowledge of our local Koorie culture by our school communities. A local indigenous artist will be employed to work with our children to complete some indigenous artwork that will proudly be on display at our school. Adam Cooper has accepted our invitation to be our local artist. The project will begin with all staff and school council presidents from each school coming together on Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> to listen to local indigenous presenters 'Tell it as it is'.

# Little Class Senior Class

The term is flying by, so with three weeks to go it is pleasing to see the children settled into good work habits. This week we created a song about the months of the year. Singing helps to learn those months in order! We continued with place value, and addition and subtraction in maths. Our spelling sound was "er" which is a tricky one as there are many letter combinations that make this sound, eg. fern, bird, turn or work! Reading is progressing with all children moving to new levels. On Thursday Lorna and her dog Sweep visited us to talk about looking after dogs and how to be safe around them. It was a great "hands on" visit.

Kat

## **LIBRARY WEEK**

This is the week that Jo brings the EG Shire library van out to Clifton Creek on Tuesday and Mrs Severs comes out on Wednesday morning with MarcVan. Protective plastic bags are required for carrying these library books—please bring a bag from home.

Well it was a short week with the Labour Day public holiday last Monday and I think most students gained benefit from an extra days rest!! All students looked refreshed and ready to learn on Tuesday morning. Literacy this week saw us focus on imagery and descriptive writing to help us create tension and detail in our stories.

Maths was a consolidating week practising our skills of subtraction and place value. We also continued our session on problem solving which includes lateral/ logical thinking activities.

It was great to see the support at Netball on Thursday. I think we aren't far away from troubling the scorers again.

We look forward to another productive week.

David.

## **Swimming**

We have our sixth and seventh sessions in the water this week. Please remember to send along a plastic bag for wet items.

## **HARMONY DAY—Friday 21st March**

Children are asked to wear orange on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March to acknowledge and support Harmony Day. The message of Harmony Day this year is that Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate our cultural diversity. It acknowledges our traditional owners of the land as well as all individuals who call this wonderful country home.

## Kitchen/Garden

The tasks in the garden are always numerous and as usual last week there was more than enough to keep us all engaged in activity. We harvested tomatoes, zucchinis and potatoes. We prepared healthy soil and planted the new garlic bed, spreading some of Andrew's goat mulch and the compost made here at school. We protected our final crop of tomatoes from nibbling creatures, cared for the chooks and worms, removed the netting from our fruit trees, planted broadbeans, sowed seeds into trays....what a busy time in the garden! As usual a delightful array of healthy dishes was prepared from the harvest. Ask the children what they tasted and where the ingredients came from!



### Think Tank

We had our first whole school Think Tank session last Wednesday which included a lateral thinking challenge, addition ten pin

bowling, a matchstick challenge and 3D puzzles. This optional lunchtime session is about having fun, using your brain in different ways, and building resilience to keep trying when the answer is not easy and obvious!

## **... OLD MOBILE PHONES**

Thank you for the great response so far to our call for unwanted phones. Our school will receive \$3 for each phone received working, or not working. Please send any old mobile phones lying around the house to school with your child.



### SUNSMART

A reminder that all children in Terms 1 and 4 need a broad rimmed hat for outdoor play.

Wearing cool, loose fitting clothing that covers as much skin as possible is the best protection.

