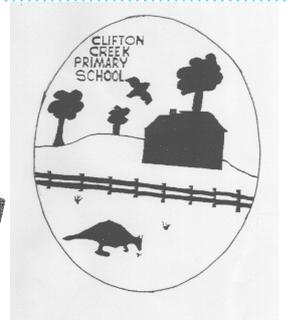


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Calendar– Term 4

Term 4: 6 October to 19 December

NOVEMBER

- Monday 24 AASC - Week 7 FINAL week
- Tuesday 25 Tuckshop
Religious Instruction with Diana
Shire Library Bus at noon
- Wed 26 All orders for Fang to be in
AASC : Hot Shots FINAL session
- Thursday 27 Prep Steps transition FINAL
Gr3-6 excursion to Marlo
NO Kitchen Garden
- Friday 28 Friday Fang

DECEMBER

- Mon 1 ResourceSmart with Hilary
- Wed 3 Finance Mtg 7.45am
School Council Mtg 3.30pm
Cluster Graduation Dinner Gr 6
- Friday 5 Marc Van—FINAL session
- Saturday 6 Bairnsdale Street Parade
- Thursday 18 School Concert

Sunday Market

A massive thankyou to Dave, Jill and Bree for running a stall at the Howitt Park Sunday Market. Final figures raised for the garage sale and market was \$436.80

Thankyou to Jill for all your hard work designing and printing the new cookbook with recipes from the Kitchen Garden. The book looks fantastic and will make a very affordable Christmas present.

There is no doubt that we are leading the way in the implementation of our Kitchen/Garden program. Just this week we have had visitors from St Mary's and Tambo Upper schools to see our fantastic gardens and program in operation. Definitely a testament to our wonderful Kitchen and Garden Specialists (and volunteers).

Friday Fang

Thankyou to Leanne, Chloe, Kasey and Macy for another yummy Friday Fang. Milkshakes are certainly popular in this hot weather. Please remember to get those orders in by WEDNESDAY as no late orders can be taken as it impacts on the fresh produce purchased for the orders. Thanks for your understanding.



**HATS are required
for outdoor play.**

Secondary College Transition

We hope our grade 6 students enjoy their transition morning at the Secondary College today.

Christmas Street Parade

On Thursday afternoon we practised our rhythms for the Christmas Parade on Saturday 6th December.

We will have a trailer and a ute in the parade, so there will be plenty of room for all the children. We assemble at the Bairnsdale Primary school oval —enter from Nicholson St. Children will need to be there **by 10.45am**. They should wear school uniform, a sunsmart hat and have sunscreen applied & a water bottle. The parade will finish and children may be collected from the oval from 12 noon. Hope to see you there!

Scrabble Tournament

Last week the students participated in a scrabble tournament with Lindenow South Primary School. Unfortunately we did not win the shield despite a very close set of scores. We were really pleased with our efforts as the students from Lindenow South had been practising every week all year, yet we only lost by approximately 120 points. Not a bad effort. Well done to the children of CCPS who made our visitors feel welcome by showing them around the school and playing with them at lunchtime. More connections for when you head off to Secondary School!

Practising Preps

This week is the FINAL session of the practising prep transition days. We know that our new enrolments for 2015 have gained a great sense of familiarity with school life at Clifton Creek and will feel happy, secure and confident on 29th January when they start school.

Active After School Communities

This program finishes on Wednesday. Many thanks to Nyrie and Robyn for their organisation this term.

Another note on Fang

To clarify, there will be Friday Fang this week. Wednesday is the last day to put your orders in each week.

Kitchen Garden—

There will be no Kitchen/Garden program this week as the Senior students will be at Marlo, therefore there is no one to cook our lunch! Please remember to bring your lunch on Thursday.

Next week is the final Kitchen Garden class for 2014.

Marlo Excursion

On Thursday students in the Senior room will be spending the day at Marlo Primary School. Our Senior students went to Sovereign Hill with Marlo earlier in the year. The students will have an opportunity to spend the day in another small school and experience some of their programs. Attached is a permission form.

Little Class

Our first full week in the little class this week. Everyone has adjusted really well and is working hard. Our soundwaves focus was 'v' and 've'. We continued with our individual spelling program, began to write a narrative, completed some guided reading tasks, maths testing and began our individual research projects. We look forward to continuing work on our research projects this week. Please remember to sign and return your child's reader every day.

School procedures for the bushfire season



Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DEECD Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message/phone tree. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than

1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that **no** staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

School procedures for the bushfire season

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.

- **Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.**

- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters,
www.cliftoncreekps.vic.edu.au

- Keep in touch with us by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.



COMMUNITY NOTES

Shire Library—all local residents are encouraged to make use of this service each Tuesday fortnight at Clifton Creek school from 12 till 12.30pm

Tennis Club

Join the club and have a hit as many times as you like—only \$60 per family Membership.

Community Recycling—facilities at school are for RECLING ONLY. We cannot take your rubbish. Thanks to Dave for his regular trips to the recycle depot.

Locals Caring for Locals—Donations of non perishable food for hampers organised by *East Gippsland Community Christmas Appeal* can be left here at school.

Landcare Community Evening

Thursday 27th November from 5.30pm onwards at Clifton Creek Hall

invitation

have a wander through the hall reserve, pull out a weed or two ... THEN chat, eat and relax with a pizza/bbq/salad feast ... THEN venture into the wilds for a SPOTLIGHT walk to discover creatures depending on the bush at the hall reserve. **Come for the whole evening or just part of it.**

BBQ FOOD, PIZZAS & SALADS ARE ALL PROVIDED

... you will just need to bring refreshments of your choice.

For catering purposes can you please RSVP by Monday 24th November to Andrea Knight 5157 9112 or email timknight@wideband.net.au

Sampling some Kale chips



November market at Howitt Park

