

Clifton Creek Primary School

newsletter



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Calendar– Term 3 13th July to 18h Sep

JULY

- Tues 21 Tuckshop Tuesday
Special Religious Instruction
EG Shire Library
Sporting Schools—
Gymnasium @ Broadlands
- Wed 22 **Rubbish free lunch challenge**
- Thurs 23 Kitchen Garden
Laura from ABC Radio visits.
- Friday 24 MarcVan
Friday Fang
Parent Opinion Surveys due
- Wed 29 Cluster Athletics Sports

Other dates this term

- Thursday 6th August- Come & Play Day
Wed 19th Aug—EGSN Student Award Night
Tuesday 25th August—4pm Drumming Performance at Lakes Entrance
Friday 31st July—Friday Wish—Wheels
Thursday 27th Aug—Friday Wish—Sleepover (to be confirmed)
Thursday 3 Sept— Kids & Blokes Evening
Thursday 10th Sep- Come & Play Day
Sat 17th September– Mini Fete (TBC)

Principal Forum

On Friday I attended the Principal forum in Metung. Topics for discussion included a regional presentation by Kevin Mealing. Kevin discussed the school funding review with a focus on transparency and equity. A new student wellbeing handbook was distributed to all schools. The network promotions committee finalised details for the East Gippsland Schools' Network Awards night that will be held on August 19th. The middle session concluded with discussions and reflections around the recent IBAC inquiry. After lunch schools met in their 'teamlet groups'. Each group is working on an area of focus. The group I am with is focussing on the concept of 'What does better look like?' Principals are working with their staff to identify areas of development to ensure they are effectively catering for all students in their schools.

Kitchen/Garden

Despite the nasty wet weather on Thursday, the kitchen/garden teams were in full force. We warmed our bellies with beautiful homemade turnip soup, fresh herb bread, stir fry greens, garden salad, cauliflower bake and a scrumptious lemon delicious pudding.

This Thursday we welcome Laura Poole an ABC radio rural reporter. Laura is coming out to speak to us about our kitchen/garden program. She will be taking some photos and would like to talk to some of the children. If you do not wish to have any photos taken or for Laura to record your child, please let me know and I will ensure no photos or recordings occur.

LIBRARY WEEK

Both Jo and Mrs Severs visit this week. On Tuesday Jo brings out the EG Shire Library van—all are welcome to use the service. Mrs Severs will be here on Friday with the Marc Van. Please return all books and be prepared with a protective bag for the safe transport of books.

SPORTING SCHOOLS

Our **Sporting schools program** begins this week with our first session of gymnastics to be held on Tuesday afternoon. Please remember to return your permission form. The bus will leave school at 1.45 ready for a 2.15 start at the Bairnsdale Gymnastics club. Our normal bus run will operate at the end of the day. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing for our sessions.

Junior Class

Last week in the Junior room our focus on the letter U was well-timed as the word umbrella was used a lot over the week. The children thoroughly enjoyed running around trying to catch the hail on Thursday morning! Hopefully I didn't send any home with a cold! We certainly had fun though! This week our letter sound focus is the letter Oo. The older children began their stories for the Library competition. We have some wonderful ideas developing. We will continue to work on these stories again this week. The older students also began research projects on an area of interest. One student certainly had many challenges finding accurate information about Aliens!

Senior Class

Well it was an effortless transition back into the classroom last week. We continued our regular spelling and soundwaves programs, while introducing procedural writing and also having a shared narrative session with the Junior Class in our Literacy block. Numeracy saw our regular quick math focus with the introduction of the multiplication wipeout wall. My explicit teaching focus introduced decimals. We started a couple of projects last week; a super quiz in our ICT session and an around the world project for SOSE.
Dave

GARDEN CLASS

We had a cold start to the term with a morning of dancing and harvesting in a hail storm; with good raincoats on the experience was a very enjoyable one! We were a bit sad to discover that the bowerbirds have finally found our veggie patch, many of our plants were looking quite bare. Because of this we all decided that it would be a good idea to build some scarecrows to guard our patch over the next few weeks. If you have any old clothes, pillowcases or other good scarecrow items to spare we would love to put them to good use! The cooked lunch was delicious and consisted of a few new veggies tried for the first time, such as the Kohlrabi, which is a bulbous brassica stem, similar in taste to broccoli stems. We enjoyed our kohlrabi in a gratin along with a lovely looking cauliflower that had ripened over the holidays. The other new veggie we loved was the yackon, which is a sweet tuber. This was stir-fried with other garden veggies and lent an appealing sweet crunch to the dish. The other veggie of note was Gareth's HUGE turnip - we were all very impressed! Big thanks to April and Rachel for spending the morning in the kitchen and garden - your help is much appreciated!



Athletics

Our cluster athletics carnival is to be held at the Bairnsdale Secondary College. It will be held on Wednesday the 29th of JULY. If inclement weather stops this from taking place, a back-up date of Wednesday the 5th of August is scheduled. Students will need to be at the Bairnsdale Secondary oval on Victoria St at 9.15 am. The athletics will conclude at around 2.15-2.30pm, students will need to be picked up from that time.

Earn and Learn is back!

If you happen to shop at Safeway or know of people who do, encourage them to collect the stickers and send them along to school. Thankyou to April for organising a box that will be in Safeway for any donations of stickers. At the end of the program we are able to tally the stickers and trade them in for classroom resources.

There will also be a box here at school for any finished sheets.



Happy Birthday
*To Rhys who turns 9
tomorrow 21st July*

Mathletics Achievement

Congratulations to Amity, Mitchell and Gareth who received certificates today for mastering more than 81.94% of activities attempted over the past six months. Mitchell also received a special Silver Award for his efforts.



TUCK SHOP & FRIDAY FANG

Tuckshop and Fang will continue this week ... please ensure Fang orders are in by Wednesday morning. These programs are both fantastic real life maths activities for the students—thank you for supporting them.

WANTED:

Recycle your plastic 2 litre milk containers— we are collecting these for an igloo/ greenhouse construction project. Please ensure they are CLEAN and send them along to school.

PARENT OPINION SURVEYS

Each year all Victorian Government schools send out Parent Opinion Surveys which aim to collect data to drive further improvements at each school. While we have many opportunities for verbal communication on a daily basis in schools, this is another avenue for you to express your views about CCPS.

To ensure that the data obtained from the survey provides an accurate picture of parent perceptions in Clifton Creek school, it is **essential we get as many completed questionnaires as possible.**

Please take time this week to spend 15 minutes going through the questions, and **RETURN THE SURVEY TO SCHOOL BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.** Responses are sent back for collating in Melbourne and need to be forwarded promptly.

This survey is important to the school community— we are hoping to have a 100% response rate this year. You may be assured that all opinions are confidential and that positive actions can arise only if we are aware of your views.