

Clifton Creek Primary School

newsletter



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Calendar– Term 4 5th October to 18th Dec

NOVEMBER

Tues 24	PLAYGROUP Tuckshop Tuesday Final Religious Instruction
Wed 25	Transition Day School Council Mtg
Thurs 26	Gr 6 Transition Kitchen Garden– final garden session, but Kitchen still operating ResourceSmart– final session
Friday 27	Final Marc Van Friday Fang

DECEMBER

Wed 2	Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
Friday 4	Pupil Free Day Report Writing
Saturday 5	Bairnsdale Parade
Thursday 17	Concert
Friday 18	Final Day Early Finish 2.15pm

On Thursday I attended an AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) workshop with other principals in the area. The day provided us with an opportunity to discuss the new template and how to align this plan with our Strategic Plan. Each year schools assess their performance against their current school Strategic Plan and evaluate existing strategies. From this, schools then prioritise and confirm areas for improvement and the strategic work needed for the following year. The improvement strategies fall under a broad heading of Improving Student Outcomes which includes: Achievement, Engagement, Wellbeing and Productivity. Over the coming weeks I will be developing and planning the school improvement strategies for 2016 which will be implemented through our Annual Implementation Plan.

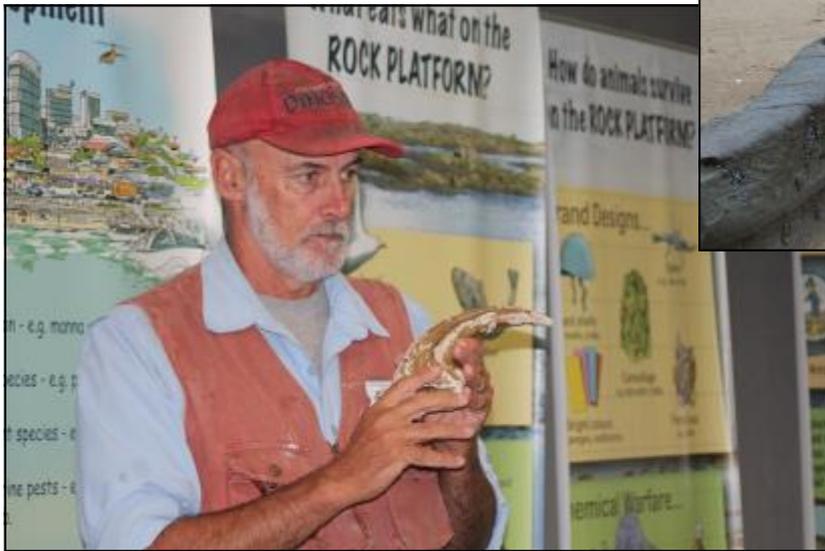
SUNSMART

A reminder that the CCPS Sunsmart policy requires all of our school community to have sun protection from **September to April**—hats are essential!

Sunscreen is in classrooms for student use and PROTECTIVE clothing is required. Download and check the Sunsmart App for daily sun protection times—this week from **9.10am to 4.50 pm.**



Mystery Tour Dino Dig: Even though the weather wasn't kind to us on Friday all the students' enthusiasm was still at 100% !! Resident palaeontologist Mike Cleeland was able to educate the students on the many kinds of fossils that can be found around the Gippsland area. Mike found the lower jaw bones of a southern dinosaur *Koolasuchas Cleelandi*— a discovery named after Mike. The students then ventured to the beach to explore a couple of caves and find their own rocks to break up and find their very own fossils. A few students were able to find some coal, which would have been food for the dinosaurs back when they roamed the Earth. The children enjoyed breaking the rocks to find fossils!! Thanks to Jo, April, Craig & Danielle for accompanying us. Dave



Kitchen Garden

Seasonal vegetables, silverbeet and rhubarb were the stars last week in an Indian feast of pakhoras, dhal, chapattis, samosas, silverbeet and potato curry and Indian green salad. Chocolate rhubarb muffins completed the most delicious meal.

As last week was our second last class and this week our last, we are currently thinking about what we need to do to get our garden ready for the holidays. We have been mulching our fruit trees to keep the moisture in and weeding our garden beds. Naomi and Amber plaited up the amazing garlic crop, and we worked on our last edition of *The Dirt* for the year.

Attached to today's news is a request for Holiday Garden help. Thanks everyone.
Jill



Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser:

Despite the windy weather on Saturday our dedicated team of chefs cooked up a sausage extravaganza to raise funds for educational resources for the school.

A massive thankyou to Faith for her organisation and a huge thankyou to the many helpers who assisted throughout the day. Faith was especially delighted with the students and older siblings who arrived to lend a hand and stayed on for a large part of the day. Thank you also to those unable to attend but sent along cash donations to the school. (\$591 was raised for the school after expenses; a great effort!)

Thankyou to Amity, Sommer, Meg, Damo, Jayden, Naomi and Macy who were able to drum for us on Saturday morning. They were once again a credit to the school. Some very positive comments on their performance were received.
Dave

Much appreciated...

A big thankyou to John K and Brad who spent the day here on Friday working on our school grounds. They look amazing. Thankyou!

Thank you to Dave for installing internal locks within our school buildings and for his assistance in transporting our recycling into town.

ResourceSmart

Following on from our 'Do More With LESS' conference - in the last month of term the Planet Protectors have decided to put one of our ideas into action to reduce waste in the garden. Please find attached an order form for herbs and veggies available for sale. The Planet Protectors will do their harvest on a Thursday and send veggies home on the bus on a Thursday afternoon. Gold coin donations for produce welcome but not necessary.

Congratulations

Well done to John K on passing your Light Rigid Driver's Licence on Saturday morning. We now have another qualified person to share the bus run.

Graduation Dinner Grade 6 students have their Cluster Graduation Dinner on 2nd December at the Convention Centre, 6pm. More details next week.

Mother Xmas Appeal

Donations to this annual local appeal can be left here at school.

See the school website for many more photos from our Dino Dig Mystery Tour – Thanks to April for providing the photographs.

Grade 6 Transition

On Thursday morning our Grade 6 students will spend another hour at the Secondary College as part of our transition program. The children will spend a class with an English teacher; potentially their teacher for next year. They certainly will be comfortable with the secondary college when they get there!

School Council Meeting

School Council meets this Wednesday afternoon—4.30 for Finance and 5pm for meeting. Agendas will be emailed today. Please let us know if you are not able to attend.

