



# Newsletter

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## Calendar— Term 1

31 January to 31 March

### MARCH

- Wed 15 German LOTE with Hennie  
EG Shire Van  
School Council Mtg
- Thurs 16 Kitchen Garden program  
Littlies learning Playgroup
- Friday 17 St Patrick's Day—GREEN  
Marc Van  
**Swimming Session 7**
- Monday 20 **Swimming Session 8**
- Tues 21 Tuckshop Tuesday  
PLAYGROUP
- Wed 22 German LOTE with Hennie
- Thurs 23 SA Kitchen Garden program
- Friday 24 **Swimming Session 9**
- Mon 27 **Swimming Session 10**
- Wed 29 EG Shire Van  
School Council Mtg
- Friday 31 Last day of Term 1

### APRIL

- Tues 4 First day of Term 2

On Thursday afternoon I attended a FISO (framework of improving student outcomes) meeting. The focus of our group is growth mindsets and how to develop this in children. I am really excited by this work as it provides a framework for developing successful learners. We will look at growth and process rather than 'natural ability'. We will learn how to encourage children discard their fixed mindset ( I can't do this) to a growth mindset ( I can't do this yet).

### 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. Check the Sunsmart App for daily sun protection times.

—this week from  
**10.10am to 4.50 pm.**



## SENIOR CLASS NEWS

This week our *Soundwaves* focus is the graphemes z,zz,s,se,ze,x,ss,s,si and ge.

The concepts we are working on include word building, homographs, combining syllables and using a dictionary. We are continuing to develop our narrative writing skills, working on our reading rubrics and individual spelling tasks.

In numeracy we are working on our tables, skip counting and will be focussing on the concept of time; analogue, digital and 24 hour time.

We will put the finishing touches on our POP art.

## Prep Art in the Mall

Our little school is involved in an exciting new project to bring some colour to the Bairnsdale Mall's little silver bollards. Supported by the East Gippsland Shire, local artist Tracey McKeown has been visiting local schools to work with prep students to draw their own unique characters. Local Koori artist Alan Solomon is working with Annika's drawing and turning it into a work of art to be displayed on the bollards in front on Safeway. Children worked hard on their characters and all enjoyed using their imaginations to come up with their designs. Well done.

As an extension to this, children in the Junior Room are working with Carol to create a narrative based on the art designed by the P-3 children.



*Roy Lichtenstein inspired pop art.*

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

### Garden News

*Today we made omelettes, but not just any omelettes. They were omelettes with onions and bacon and seasoned with the best salt and pepper in the world. MMMM delicious. We also did basket weaving. I was meant to make a basket but I made a bracelet instead.. J J J. P.S. Jill is hardworking. Charlie*

*OMG! This is the best day EVER!!! You know that feeling when you have been waiting for something for 2 YEARS?! That thing came today! That is what I am feeling right now because today we finally do..drum roll please....BASKET MAKING. It was soooo fun! I am sooo HAPPY!! (cries inside full of happiness) I have been waiting for this for 2 years. Thankyou so much Jill. Finally in the garden we did basket weaving,. Kitchen was cool too. I made stuffed zucchini with bacon and tomatoes. It smelt so good!  
Amber*

*Hi. Oh, you want to hear about Kitchen/Garden? Oh, ok. Do you know how to make a basket? I'm learning.  
The squash plant is going great. I did some foraging. Cooking, well... o.k I don't like it that much but I do it.  
Gareth*

## FAB FRIDAY

Our Fab Friday was based around a very strange Word of the Week- syzygy which is also the most challenging word in the vocabulary game -hangman! The Clifton Creek students nailed it before looking at the meaning , origin and the significance of today's date on that word. Syzygy is the alignment of more than two planets or space elements. We watched a couple of space videos and a Word of the Week syzygy video before watching an amazing alignment of a Thai Hip Hop group in a phenomenal dance routine.

We continued our counting on and pattern work in maths, looked at how to collect data using tallying and predicted the outcome of a series of three coin tosses before trialling and explaining.

We continued with our peacock eye feather art, did a great drumming routine and our weekly gritudes before heading to swimming.

***Special Request - Could children please wear/bring green for Friday- St Patrick's Day.***

### Camps, Excursions & Sports Fund

Thankyou to those who promptly returned the application forms—we are still waiting on some returns.

## **JUNIOR CLASS NEWS**

The days in our class are jam-packed! We are learning the sounds of the alphabet through to punctuation, adding *-ed* to words, from counting to 20 to times tables, and everything in between. The children are improving on working independently; which is vital so I can teach individually or in small groups. The nature of our class is that everyone is learning something different at the

same time! It is wonderful then, when we all work together on group games and projects. Our sound focus is “i” as in igloo. This is often confused with “e”. Yesterday we started creating our own stained glass window using paints. We painted black shapes and then connected these with lines. (*see photo*) This afternoon we are adding the “glass” where each child has a colour and chooses different shapes to paint. It’s looking great!



## **Community Events**

Attached—Celebrate Cultural Diversity  
Library Holiday activities