Co Principal Message - Class Lists for 2015

As previously announced, we currently intend to send class lists home this Friday. As in previous years, should there be a late change to staffing, there may be a delay in forwarding this information. 2015 Prep families, of course, already know their teacher. 2015 Grade One is as follows:

- Peta Hirschfeld’s class will be taken by Lauren Pipicella
- Nerida Mellerick’s class will be taken by Sarah Genereux
- Jenny Hemphill’s class will be taken by Ebony Taylor

2015 Grades Two & Three have been determined by Megan Smith in consultation with teachers
2015 Grades Four, Five & Six have been determined by Geoff Warren in consultation with teachers

As in previous years there has been considerable thought and time devoted to obtaining the right mix of students and where important matching teacher to student; we simply endeavour to place children where they will best learn.

As over each of the past 10 or more years there has been significant parent discussion and sometimes requests around teacher suitability and appropriate friendships. Parents are always listened to and their requests are always considered. However, I want to assure the 80% of parents who do not have a particular issue or concern & trust the school to make a fair and balanced decision, that we NEVER comply with any parent request that would adversely affect any other child.

That is, we make carefully considered placements to ensure every child is placed appropriately. We are fortunate to have a very strong teacher workforce; a great mix of highly experienced teachers, younger less experienced teachers and next year several new teachers with either some years of experience or mature age graduates commencing their careers. All of our graduate teachers commencing next year have trained at Gold St over the course of this year and we have every confidence they will prove to be an asset to our teaching strength from their first day. They have already been into school for several days planning with year-level colleagues for first term of next year.

We understand that parents will have a particular teacher they would like their child to be with. This may be based on previous experience, with that teacher, the school-yard grapevine, child’s wishes, teacher experience etc… Not everyone will receive their preferred teacher. Children will not necessarily have their preferred teacher. All children will however have at least one of their five nominated friends…unless a parent has intervened and asked for a particular teacher that we have agreed was appropriate and this meant being without friends (2 cases). Many children listed 3 male friends and 2 female. A child having been placed with one friend of the opposite sex is not grounds for wanting a class change.

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When lists come home please ensure that you are prepared for your child to be disappointed. Most children will want three or more of their nominated friends; this may not be the case. They all know they are guaranteed one friend from their list. Reassure your child that they will not have lost any friends (recess, lunchtime, before & after school, weekends, holidays) and that they have the opportunity to broaden their friendship base in their new class.

There will be no possibility of making any change to class lists unless we have made an error in regards to providing one of your child’s nominated friends.

Not all parent requests (emails, phone calls, text messages, meetings) have been able to be met.

Geoff Warren & Megan Smith

DI NEVILE FAREWELL PICNIC

A reminder to fill your picnic basket, get out the blanket and to meet everyone in the Darling Gardens to join our school community farewell to Di Nevile. The school will be providing complimentary glasses of red and white wine, bubbles and water and soft drink for the kids.

When? NEXT TUESDAY …from 5pm-7pm Where? DARLING GARDENS (subject to weather)

MERELINA LORENZIN

Merelina Lorenzin commenced her Family Leave this week and we want to take the opportunity to thank and congratulate her for her wonderful contribution to Gold St. She has been an excellent teacher, much-loved by students, parents and colleagues. We look forward to seeing the new babe-in-arms early next year and to Merelina re-joining our school sometime in the future.

PARENT DEBT

Currently parent debt at the school has escalated to in excess of $15,000.

As the end of the school year is fast approaching we ask that parents settle their outstanding accounts as soon as possible.

If you are experiencing difficulty please contact Megan Smith or Geoff Warren to confidentially discuss this.

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FAIR SUCCESS

An understatement….not just a fair success, a resounding success!

Great fun, wonderful, community-building teamwork and a most successful fundraiser. We have raised over $108,000 clear of all expenses. A marvellous result. Thank you!

The money will be spent in three main areas: Additional playground climbing equipment in Page St for Prep-2; landscaping and seating in the Organ Factory grounds for upper school children (after our new classrooms are sited in March-April and cooling of the multi-purpose room).

ORIENTATION DAY

All students moving on to state secondary schooling next year attended their orientation day yesterday and by all accounts were delighted to see and hear what the future holds! We wish them well in their future schooling and more importantly future lives. We hope they will keep in touch with Gold Street and have fond memories of fun, friends and a good grounding in core areas of education.

GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE

The riders have returned! A wonderful, lifelong memory of rigorous training throughout the year and then achieving a unique experience by completing the Great Victorian Bike Ride. Not one rider shirked the long rides, the uphill climbs and all excelled in their camaraderie, teamwork and care for each other. Well done everyone for a magnificent achievement. Our sincere thanks particularly to Sally Meadham, Gareth Buck and Sally Crockett for their dedication to the task…above and beyond the call of duty and so very much appreciated.

Look at those smiling faces!
Cybersmart News

As we are about to enter the holiday season, with lots of free time spent at home (perhaps), it is a good time to think about ensuring that our families are staying smart and safe online.

‘Cybersmart is a national cybersafety education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) as part of the Australian Government’s commitment to cybersafety. The program is specifically designed to meet the needs of children, young people, parents and teachers.’

When considering time spent on devices, the following are the areas of concern that we all need to be aware of:

Cyberbullying - Abusive texts and emails; Posting unkind or threatening messages, videos or images on social media websites; Imitating or excluding others online; Inappropriate image tagging

• Many young people fear that parents might take away their devices and refuse access to the internet and so do not report cyberbullying to their parents.

• What Can I Do?

• Talk to them about cyberbullying before it happens. Work out strategies to address any potential issues and reassure your child that you will be there to support them; Advise your child not to reply to any messages from a bully. Often if bullies don’t receive a response they will give up; Learn how to block a bully so they are no longer able to make contact; Keep a record of harassing messages in case authorities become involved; Talk to your child’s school if cyberbullying involves another student. The school should have a policy in place to help manage the issue.

+ Remember that if your child has been involved in cyberbullying and seems distressed or shows changes in behaviour or mood it may be advisable to seek professional support, including through the Cybersmart Online Helpline at cybersmart.gov.au/report.aspx

Social Networking - social networking describes a variety of services like Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, World of Warcraft, Moshi Monsters, Twitter, Skype, Snapchat, Minecraft

All of these services enable direct interaction between individuals. Users can post information about themselves, display photos, tell people what they’ve been up to, chat and play games. Social networking forms a part of the social identity of many teenagers.

• What Can I Do?

• Stay involved in your child’s use of new technology; Check the age restrictions for the social networking service or game. Most mainstream sites like Facebook, Instagram and others require the user to be 13 or older; Advise children to set their accounts to private; Encourage children to think before they put anything online. Information posted online can be difficult or impossible to remove; Remind children to be careful when making new friends online;
Mobile phone Safety

Mobile phones are a great way for children and teenagers to stay in touch with their parents, family and friends and provide access to fun and functional resources like games, the internet, music, apps and more from anywhere at any time.

Many young people would never be without their mobile phone, and a mobile phone provides you with immediate access to your children. However, the fact that they are 24/7 and you can’t always be there to supervise means there are potential risks. These can include high or unexpected bill costs, cyberbullying, sexting, broadcasting their location to unintended others through ‘checking in’ and access to inappropriate material.

What Can I do?

- If you think your child needs a mobile phone, consider purchasing a phone that is not internet enabled. Smartphones come with features you may not yet want your child to have such as unsupervised internet access, a camera, and a wide variety of online games and apps
- stay involved with your child’s use of their mobile phone. If you don’t have a good understanding of how their phone works and what they use it for, ask them to show you.
- Help your child to understand that they should treat their phone like a wallet, and that every text message, phone call or download costs money.
- Let your child know that it’s ok to tell you if they come across something that worries them, and that their phone won’t be taken off them if they report something to you
- Investigate phone plans and pre-paid contracts. Check automatic download settings and in-app purchase settings on your child’s mobile phone, as these can incur extra costs or use up credit quickly.

How Much is too Much

Your child may be spending too much time online if their online behaviour is having a negative impact on other aspects of their life.

To many parents it can seem as though children and young people are constantly online. Often they are multitasking; for example downloading and listening to music while studying and chatting with friends or sending messages on their mobile phones.

The number of hours children and young people spend online can vary significantly. There is no guideline for the ‘right’ amount of time for children to spend online, however if their online behaviour appears to impact negatively on their behaviour or wellbeing, or that of the family, it may be time to discuss expectations and establish time limits.

- The longer you wait to address the issue, the more difficult it can be to overcome. So if you see an emerging problem arising from excessive use, act on it right away.
- Talk to your child about the concerns you have and monitor what games, apps and devices are bought or used by your child.
Cybersmart News - Continued

+ You may like to install a filter on the laptop or computer your child is using which can be adjusted to limit the amount of time an internet connection will be available on that device.
+ Consider implementing family agreements about the amount of time your children can spend online. You might like to have a rule where the ‘wi-fi password of the day’ is only given once all homework/chores/family time is done. A similar approach can be used to limit access to devices.
+ If your child seems particularly anxious or irritable, or you notice them seeming isolated from friends or other activities, there may be an underlying mental health issue. Consider getting help from school counsellors or your GP who can refer your child to a professional psychologist.

For those times when you are happy for your children to spend some time on devices, perhaps you might like to check out some of these sites recommended by the eSmart Newsletter. The first site includes many ‘educational’ games from different technology – online, playstation, wii etc., covers many of the Curriculum Areas and includes those accessible by junior, middle and upper/teen years.

• Pull out some of these 'online games parents can say yes to' (via Commonsense Media)
• Have a look at 'The best movies, games, books and more of 2014’ (via Commonsense Media)
• Get girls excited by looking at the ‘9 video game heroines to inspire your daughter’ (via Commonsense Media)

Have a look at the ‘12 Best YouTube Channels for Kids and Teens' (via Commonsense Media).

Have Fun and Stay Safe, - Health and Wellbeing Team

Whole School Science Show

Congratulations to the following students who won their sections in the show:

Prep-Grade 2 | Layla and Mason Brewster | Sophie Ballinger
Grade 3-4 | Sasha Panisett | Mila Webb
Grade 5-6 | Caleb Dickson | Zun De Kai Sum

Congratulations to all entrants for producing exciting and interesting entries ensuring the success of our annual show.

Thanks to all members of the Science Team, Joc, Megan, Kate, Ebony, Dylan and Michael for their organisation prior to the show and supervision before and after school.

Di Nevile
Cahiers coming home at end of term

Your child should be bringing home their French books this week to share their work with you.

Some grades have been asked to do an informal presentation to their family. We ask that the Parent Observation sheet be returned no later than Wednesday 17th December either to the French teacher, their class teacher, or their class box in the French Room.

Their puppets and exercise book can remain at home. I hope you enjoyed sharing their work.

Sophie Gammon, Penny Webb and Nancy Gully

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C’est bientôt Noël!

Did you know that the French have a traditional cake they eat at Christmas called la bûche de Noël?

Here’s an easy ‘cooking’ idea for the holidays to get you in a French Christmas mood: La Bûche de Noël

Ingredients

- Swiss roll (you can get this from the bakery section of your local supermarket or if you’re feeling virtuous then you could make it from scratch!)
- Chocolate butter icing (you could buy pre-prepared or make it yourself again)
- Spearmint jelly leaves
- Liquorice bullets/Flake chocolate
- Icing sugar for dusting

Method

1. Place the Swiss roll on a board
2. Use a knife or spatula to cover the Swiss roll with chocolate butter icing
3. Take a fork and run it gently along the icing to create a bark effect
4. Stick a liquorice bullet on the top at one end to form a twig
5. Place a spearmint leaf on either side of the twig
6. Dust la bûche with icing sugar

Bon appétit!

Et finalement...

Don’t let all that hard work throughout 2014 go to waste! Make the most of any opportunity you have to work a little French into your child’s day. This could be as simple as looking for French words/instructions on the back of packaging or choosing to play their favourite DVD in French instead of English when they’re having a bit of quiet time after a long morning on the beach. Or maybe they’d like to act out one of their French plays with a friend for your entertainment! Whatever it might be, it will make the re-entry into French in 2015 that little bit easier.

Bonnes Vacances, Joyeux Noël et Bon Nouvel An à tous!
WORKSHOPS IN FRENCH, GERMAN & SPANISH!!

THIS SUMMER!

COOKING, CRAFT, SPORT AND MORE! (all ages)
EXCURSION TO NGV (8 years +)

When: January 19 to 22
Venues: in Nunawading and Bentleigh
Fees: $30 half day/$60 all day (discounts available for early payment)
Contact: Viqui on info@bilingualstories.com.au
A SLICE OF MANDARIN

WOW, time flies, it’s almost the end of another year!! The CHPS Mandarin team has been enjoying teaching your children and witnessing their amazing progress. Thank you also for your feedback on the parent survey, which will help us better understand and improve the program.

In the last week of the Mandarin program, your children will be bringing home a package containing all the worksheets they have worked on in Terms 3 & 4 this year. Language learning requires constant review and exposure, so please encourage your children to review these worksheets, and hopefully they won’t forget what they have learned by the time they return to school in 2015.

We wish you and your family a safe and relaxing holiday!

圣诞快乐，新年快乐!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Here are some resources for your children to practise during the holiday

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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
Edition 20  10th December 2014

185 Gold St, Clifton Hill, Vic 3068  Main Office 9489 8333  Fax 9481 1910  Kids Club 9486 2675  www.cliftonhills.vic.edu.au  clifton.hill.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Football Federation Australia Visit Clifton Hill Primary

‘Huff and Puff Everyday’- Promoting Active Play for Children

During Week 9 Jason, an Education Officer from Football Federation Australia, presented a workshop to Grades 2 to 6 students. The education session is an initiative created by Football Federation to empower young people to live active, healthy lives. Children participated in group activities and challenges and learnt about the importance of being active for 60 minutes each day. Active activities help individuals to; increase their strength and fitness, improve their brain function, increase their immunity to diseases, promote friendships with others, increase their happiness and improve individual sleep patterns. Students learnt that ‘Huff and Puff’ means activities that increase your heart rate and breathing rate. This could include formal sport/exercise, incidental exercise (e.g. climbing stairs, completing chores), commuting between places (e.g. walking, bike-riding) and playing with friends and siblings. The main group activity involved students creating a team indoor Huff and Puff game that could be played by children. Comparisons to sedentary activities (e.g. computer games, watching T.V.) were also discussed.

For more information on the project please refer to the following website http://www.playproject.com.au/.

Thank-you to Miss Crockett for organising the sessions.

Sally Harrison
ALL lost property will be cleared by Wednesday 17th December.

Clothes including school hoodies:
Jasper Brown
James Y
Charlie Baker
Sophie Braco
Roubos
Hodgers
Yared Wilson
Sophie Bravo
Phoebe
Ben Donellon
Gill
Lewis
Una
Erica Slaney Morsch
Tully
AN
Lewis Martin
Matteo Bombardieri
Garriack
Gandia Han
Tessa Hill
Wolstenholme
Madeleine Hennessy
Zoe Jukes x 2
Lewis Morter
Mathew Hodgers
Katia
Benjamin Marcos
Mei Geltrie

Lunch boxes and bottles:
Baille
James
Nico
Benjamin Marcos
Jayden Tan
Lex
Patrick Crawford
M Gundas
Ackland Evans
Isla Crawford-Brown
Zachary Razmoster
Gautier Labot
Kink
Chris Beeck
Joshua Pannell
Naomi M Annika
Katia Totta

Jam & preserves for next years fair

The Jam and Preserves Stall is already thinking about next year’s Fair! If you have any extra summer fruits, please contact Marie (0401 969 117) or Mel (0413 376 194) during the summer and we will be happy to get them from you to make delicious Jams or Preserves. Many thanks.
Clifton Hill Primary School December 2014

The team at Kids Club have been very productive in the last two weeks. We have been making the most of the amazing weather and spending nearly every day outside playing sports activities and utilizing the fun playgrounds in the school whilst offering engaging art and craft activities inside. Some of the favourite activities include making dream catchers, water colour painting, making ‘heart’ gift cards for orphans in Thailand and playing musical instruments.

As we are now coming to the end of term four please remember to book your children in for holiday club so I have a good idea of numbers. We have lots of fun excursions and incursions planned and I don’t want any of you to miss out! If you have any questions in regards to the summer holiday club please don’t hesitate to ask.

Kids Club will be open from 7.30am – 6.00pm on Friday December the 19th which is the day after school breaks up. It is very important that you book your children in online ASAP so I have an idea of numbers.

We are looking forward to a fun filled time for the last two weeks. 😊

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on 0432 050 758.

Matilda Chambers

(Coordinator)
Stand Tall & Breathe Better in 2015

Join Intensive Iyengar! Five consecutive evenings for students ready to dip their toes into yoga. Susan will accompany you on your journey to better breathing and posture while providing you with the techniques that will benefit your body and mind.

$100 full cost  Book and pay before the end of the year  Special price $90
Places are limited

What is Iyengar Yoga?
Iyengar Yoga, named after and developed by B. K. S. Iyengar, is a form of Hatha Yoga that has an emphasis on detail, precision and alignment in the performance of posture (asana) and breath control (pranayama). The development of strength, mobility and stability is gained through the asanas. B.K.S. Iyengar.

Ivanhoe Yoga
94 Upper Heidelberg Road above the Health Food Store Ivanhoe

January 12-16
6:00–7:30pm

Contact Susan  0418 170 525

Look out for new classes starting at Ivanhoe Yoga in 2015

Kids eat local, organic & free range @ only $8
Hi there, I’m a parent of 3 and a local restaurant owner……

Fact - it’s extremely hard to find a restaurant in Melbourne that:

1. Welcomes children & families
2. Serves great quality, healthy food & craft drinks for kids & parents
3. Creates a great atmosphere that is both interesting for kids but kind of funky for parents

Meatballs & Sons is created for you to continue your love of good food & drinks and enjoy your children at the same time. Our difference is what makes us special.

Looking forward to meeting you all - Carlos
FB, Instagram, Twitter  9416 3006  www.meatballsandsons.com

Kid’s meals are sold when parents eat too!
Kids choose one main, one side & one dessert for only $8.
Anytime of week or weekend, you’re always welcome!

SWING SET FOR SALE
Childrens’ Swing Set. Much loved by two children, but now time for another family to love and enjoy. Easy Santa assembly!

2.5m across, 2.0m depth and 1.8m high.
Has double and single swings, with rings for hanging (& apple turnovers!)
Four very sturdy pegs to secure to ground.

$50 pick up only.

Contact: Bronwyn Cohen 0405 141 147 (Jamieson, 2SD)
Get outdoors with our 3 day soccer intensives these school holidays! Fun soccer skills and matches.

**DECEMBER INTENSIVE**
Drop the kids off and get that last minute shopping in before Christmas

**JANUARY INTENSIVE**
Drop off your kids and have a rest after all the madness - (and get the kids out and about in the fresh air)

**HEALTHY SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED AT EACH SESSION!**

Cost: $75 for 3 days

**WHEN**
Mon 22nd, 23rd, 24th DEC
Mon 5th, 6th, 7th JAN

**TIME**
10 – 11.30am

**WHERE**
Edinburgh Gardens
North Fitzroy – Alfred Crescent side

Places are limited

**BOOKINGS:** email info@kickstarttraining.com.au or phone Sarah on 0430 218 000

Booking is essential for planning purposes

“*My son’s favourite time of the week is attending Shede’s soccer clinic*, Angela
Thank you to CAVALLINI Artisan Bakery, Patisserie and Espresso Bar for sponsoring our school fair for the 8th year in a row. If you ever needed an excuse to call into CAVALLINI, now is the perfect time. The shop is full of delicious treats that are too beautiful to give away. Need a cake or desserts for the festive season? Order now and tick 1 more item off your ‘to do’ list.

CAVALLINI - 354 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill 3068  P:9486 3883  https://www.facebook.com/cavallinibakery

Our Grade 6’s will be celebrating their graduation lunch at Queen Margaret Pizzeria on Queen’s Parade. If you are looking for a place to hold your work function, then give the team at Queen Margaret a call, and let them take the stress out of the silly season. P: 9482 5988

This week’s Pizza special:- Sugo, Fior di latte, smoked salmon, cherry tomato, Zucchini, fennel, Capers, & celery

Professional Tennis Coaching in Clifton Hill.

A complete tennis coaching program is on offer at Mayors Park Tennis Centre, Clifton Hill. (Next to the Collingwood Leisure Centre). Classes are offered Monday to Thursday from 4.00pm and Sundays from 9.00am. The opportunity exists to play Saturday morning junior competition with the Clifton TC.

School Term Coaching Class Structures:

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(* early payment fee including G.S.T)

December & January Holiday Tennis Programs

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Morning tea, drinks and loads of fun are provided. Call to book a place. Numbers will be limited. Priority will be given to students attending all four days.

Term 1 coaching 2015, commences Sunday 1st February at 9.00am.

All enquiries please contact Jeff Baldassarre (Master Club Professional) on 0418 359 791, 9482 5200 or jeffb@mayorsparktennis.net