



Clifton Springs Primary School

A PLACE TO SHINE

Newsletter No. 11

Tuesday April 29th 2025



LEST WE FORGET

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

KINDNESS

Our School Vision

To develop outstanding citizens and life long learners who believe that effort and persistence leads to success. Through our core values of Respect, Responsibility, Empathy, Innovation and Excellence we strive to make a difference in our community and environment.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~ April 29th 2025

Wellbeing Update

Attitude to School Survey (AtoSS) 2025

About the survey

We value student voice as means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction, and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of your school.

The survey is offered annually by the Department of Education and Training to assist your child's school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer and family relationships, resilience, bullying, mental health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year, the survey will be conducted at your school over the period 19th May to 30th May 2025.

What are the benefits?

In our experience, young people enjoy having their say. DET has been running this survey for nearly 20 years and it has been invaluable in helping schools understand student views. We will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

I will send a letter out shortly for parents of children in Years 4-6. Parents can choose to opt out their child from doing the survey should they wish. Please email the school on Clifton.springs.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Anzac Day Ceremony Drysdale

The school captains did a wonderful job as did other students from Clifton Springs PS. The School Captains read a poem called 'The Inquisitive Mind of a Child', and also laid a wreath on behalf of the school.



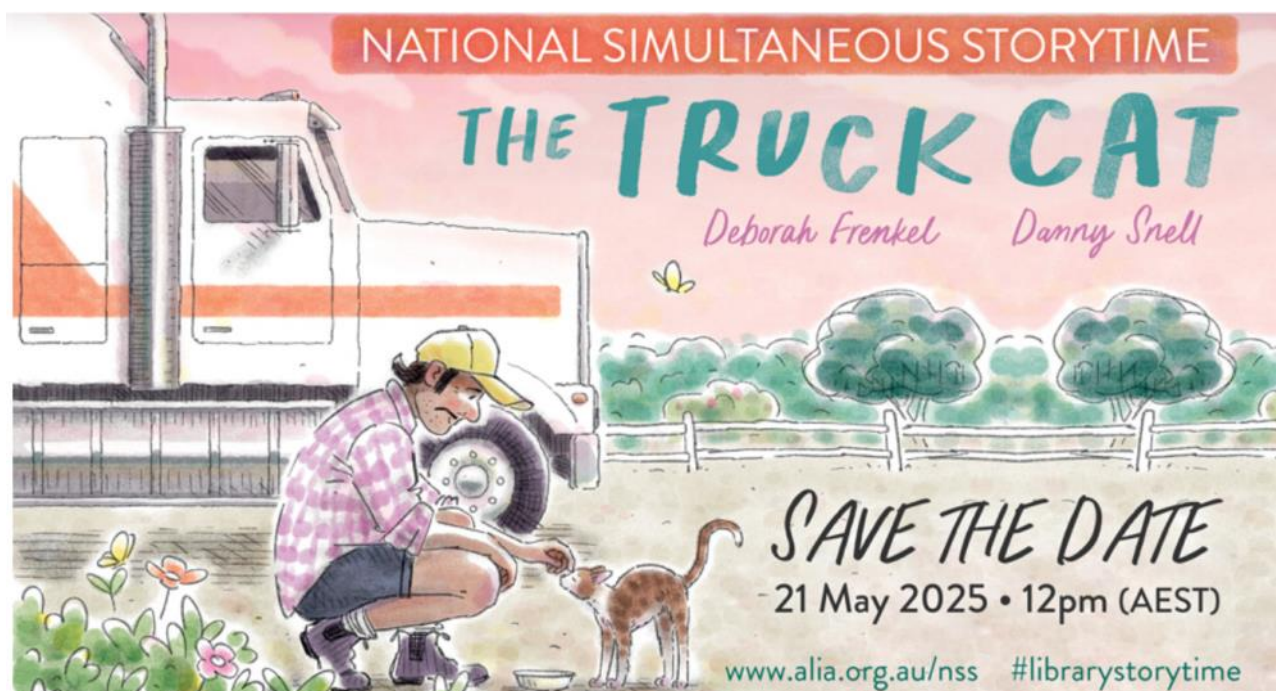
Curriculum Update

Education Week

This year Education Week is May 12th – 16th.

Monday 12 May – **Open Day** At this stage parents are welcome to come in and visit their child's class between 2.30 – 3.30 pm.

Wednesday 21st May – **National Simultaneous Book Reading.**



Fundraising

We will have a special Mother's Day (Wonderful Woman's Day) Stall. This does not make a profit covering the cost of the items only. We are providing this as a service for children and their families. If you are interested in volunteering let the front office know.

Events like the Colour Fun Run and raffles are fundraisers. The students wanted to update the Junior playground. So far we have raised:-

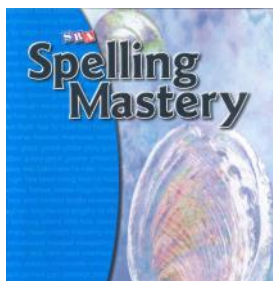
\$5649.74 from the Colour Fun Run.

\$5072.29 from the Easter Raffle.

Total was **\$10722.03** in term 1.

This Saturday there will be a cake stall and a BBQ at the election day 3rd May as Clifton Springs PS is a Polling Place. If you can assist with either making goods for the cake stall or assisting with the sausage sizzle please let the front office know.

By channeling all the fundraising to a single item we have got to our target faster. In the past we have fundraised for the new basketball court rings, the interim library, the resurfacing of the basketball court and the new senior ninja playground which are loved and well used by the students and broader community.



Literacy Update

Spelling Mastery

Starting this term, students in Years 3-6 will also be commencing Spelling Mastery during our Structured Literacy lessons Monday-Wednesday. Spelling Mastery is an evidence-based program that helps students learn spelling in a clear, step-by-step way. It teaches them the rules behind spelling, common patterns in words, and strategies to remember tricky words. Lessons are from 9-9:30, Monday-Wednesday, and students are placed in ability groups. These lessons are short, focused, and designed to build confidence and ac-

Novel Studies

Starting this term, students in Years 3-6 will be commencing novel studies during our Structured Literacy lessons each day. This will allow students to delve deeply in to quality children's literature and explore the unique themes that exist in these texts. Lessons will include chapter summaries, discussion questions, vocabulary activities, and tasks to build reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. Classroom teachers will use these studies to support students in developing a stronger understanding of the story, characters, and themes, while also practicing important literacy skills. Novel studies are a fun and structured way for students to engage with books and build confidence as readers and writers. Students will have access to digital copies of these texts on Google Classroom.

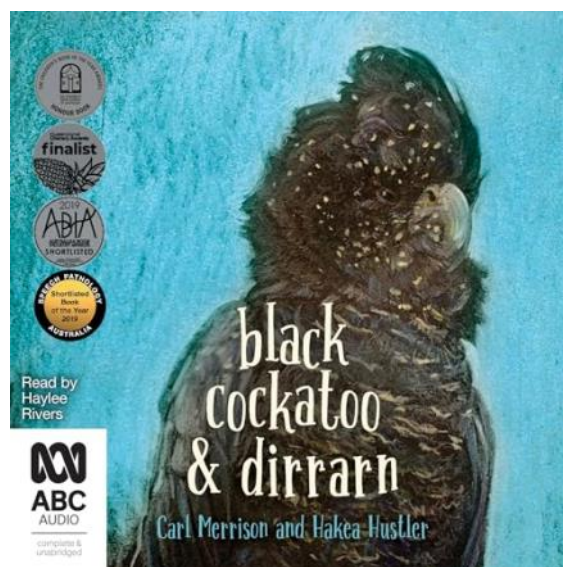
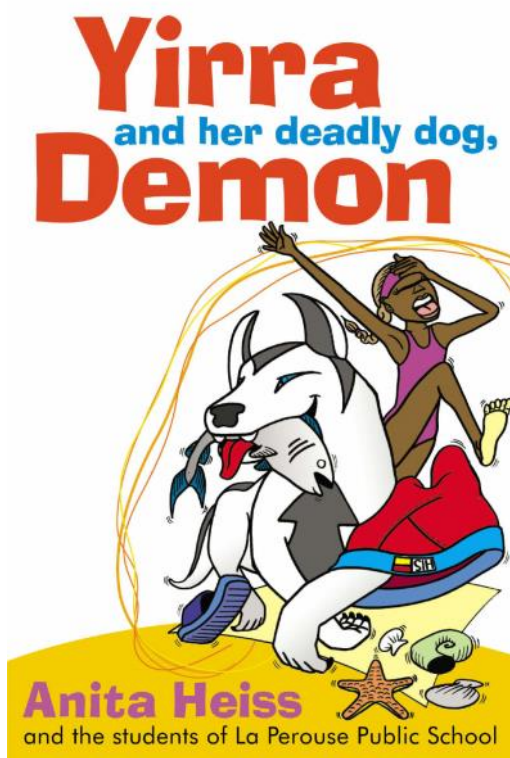
Please find the novel for each cohort below:

Year

3/4 – Yirra and her deadly dog, Demon by Anita Heiss

Year

5/6 – Black Cockatoo by Carl Merrison and Hakea Hustler





Seen: *The Film*

Clifton Springs, VIC film Screening



📅 **Tues, 29th April 2025** ⌚ **6:30PM**

📍 **Clifton Springs Primary School.**
80/118 Jetty Rd, Clifton Springs
VIC 3222

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/seen-the-film-sponsored-by->

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RESERVE A TICKET
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JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 2nd May from 3:00pm

Congratulations to the following students on receiving the **Class Award** for their class this week. Certificates will be presented this Friday at assembly.

Prep M— Alex C, Amelia M. Prep P— Paisley H, Isaiah L. Prep T— Violet S, Marley B.
 1A— Eddie D, Finn G, Bronn P. 1F— Maisie S, Tate A. 1K— Hudson V.
 2H— Billy C. 2K— Toren B, Evie C. 2M—Theia W. 2N—Benji B, Taz F.

DATES TO REMEMBER– PLEASE CHECK FOR UPDATES

Tuesday 29 th May	SEEN The Film 6:30 pm	May 14 th -16 th	Yr 5 - Camp Cooriemungle
Friday 2 nd May	Music Incursion for Yr 3-6 \$20	May 19 th – 23 rd	Book Fair all week in the Library
Tuesday 6 th May	Wonderful Women's Stall \$10 limit	Tuesday 20 th May	School Council Meeting for May 6pm (No meeting for April)
Wednesday 7 th May	Bunjil X-Country \$7.50	Friday 23 rd May	Houses Athletics Yr. 3-6 Landy Field
Thursday 8 th May	Prep Wonderful Women's Afternoon Gumboot Toss	Thursday 29 th May	Winter Lightning Prems -Yr 5/6
Friday 9 th May	Curriculum Day	Friday 6 th June	Curriculum Day
Monday 12 th May	National Simultaneous Book Read 'The Truck Cat'	Tuesday 17 th June	School Council Meeting for June 6pm
Tuesday 13 th May	Tour for 2026 prep families 2:30pm Please RSVP	June 23 rd - 27 th	Prep – Yr 2 Swimming & Water Safety \$30
Wednesday 14 th May	Tour for 2026 prep families at 9:30am & 6:30pm Please RSVP	June 30 th – July 4 th	Yr. 3-6 Swimming & Water Safety \$30

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Each month your child has the opportunity to bring home the Scholastic Book Club magazine to order books from.

Issue 3 has been sent home and orders are due **MONDAY May 12th**

Please send your order with correct payment, or order ONLINE with credit card via
www.scholastic.com.au



CLIFTON SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

We invite 2026 PREP families to come & tour our wonderful school and see the learning in action.

Education Week Tours

- Tuesday 13th May 2:30 - 3:20pm
- Wednesday 14th May 9:30 -10:20am
- Evening Tour Weds 14th May 6:30pm

RSVP required by Friday May 9th for the evening tour please

Please meet at the front office 5 mins prior to the tour commencing. Pre-school children welcome.

RSVP TODAY



5251 3581



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MARVELLOUS WOMEN'S DAY STALL 7TH MAY



Maximum \$10 limit purchase per student -
If any items are left over they can be purchased from the
office



Small Umbrella
\$6.00



Trinket Box
\$5.00



Thermal Travel Mug
\$6.00



Sweet Sticky Notepad
\$1.00



Queenie Pen
\$3.00



Mum Moments Pen
\$2.00



Nail File
\$1.00



Mum & Me Bracelet Pair
\$5.00



Manicure Set
\$4.00

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**Various magnet Frames
\$2.00**



**Leather Tassel Key Ring
\$3.00**



**Travel Jewellery Box
\$6.00**



**Hand and Nail Gift Set
\$4.00**



**Loving You Candle
\$4.00**



**Bamboo Chopping Board
\$6.00**



**Cupcake Bath Fissers
\$3.00**



**Panda & Puppy Paw Socks
\$4.00**



**Fresh Potted Colour
\$5.00**

Mother's Day Gumboot Toss



Clifton Springs Primary School would like to invite all our Mums / Grandmothers / Aunties or Special persons to join us for our annual Mother's Day Gumboot Toss Competition.

When: Thursday 8th May @ 3pm

Where: Clifton Springs P.S Oval

A prize will be awarded to the winner. Gumboot is provided.



ELECTION DAY
SAUSAGE SIZZLE & CAKE STALL
SATURDAY MAY 3rd
8am—4pm

We need your help!
Cooking, serving or selling!

Please contact the school office if
you can help for an hour or more.

5251 3581 or email
clifton.springs.ps@education.vic.gov.au

**All funds raised will go towards
improving the Junior Playground.**

Thank you in anticipation!



Join the circular economy!

Welcome to Your Community Collection Point!

This is one of 20 new Community Collection Points across Greater Geelong! Here, you can drop off your used plastic lids and be part of an exciting recycling project!

Why Are We Doing This?

Did you know, anything in your recycling bin smaller than a credit card can't be recycled currently? SOEL and the City of Greater Geelong are working together to reduce plastic waste and keep lids out of landfills. Our goal is to recycle them into useful materials for local businesses and schools while helping our environment.

How It Works:

1. Drop off your used plastic lids right here!
2. SOEL will collect, sort, and clean them.
3. The lids will be recycled into new products to support local businesses and education.
4. You'll receive a free plastic recycling workshop.
5. The school that collects the most lids will win a Bench made of 20,000 lids!

Why It Matters:

By recycling your lids, you're helping to reduce waste, support sustainability, and make Greater Geelong a greener place!

Collection:

SOEL will drop by once a month to collect your lids and put them to good use.

Join the Movement!



School Lids Collection for a Sustainable Future



How to collect

- **Collect** your plastic milk lids (look for Type 2 or 4 plastics).
- **Wash** the lids thoroughly and let them dry.
- **Bring** the clean, dry lids to school and drop them in the collection bag.

Every lid you collect will be repurposed into something new, contributing to a more sustainable world.



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Southern Ocean Environmental Link



**In 2024 the Fresh Lunch Fairy
will be using Flexischools for online
lunch orders at your school.**

SPECIAL OFFER

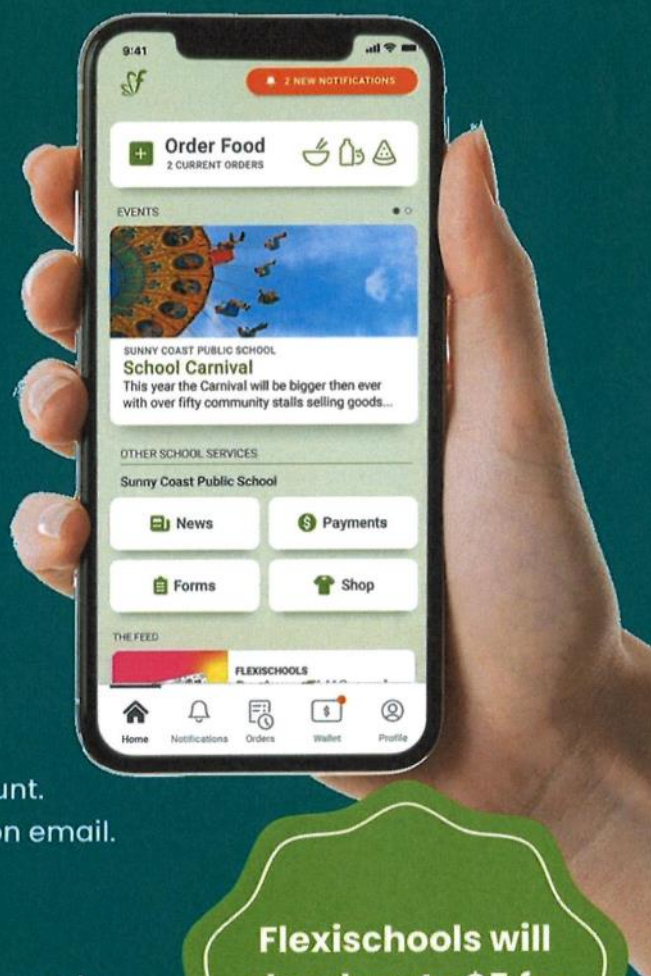
**Register for
Flexischools by Friday
9th February
and get \$5 towards
your first order!**

**Quickly place lunch orders
online with Flexischools!**

- Download the Flexischools App
- Submit your email address to create an account.
- Confirm your email address via the registration email.
- Follow the registration process
- Add your students to your account.

Every family that registers a new account by
9th February will receive \$5 from Flexischools.

This will be deposited into your Flexischools
account the following week.



**Flexischools will
also donate \$5 for
every registration
directly to your
school!**



**Scan to download the app
& register for Flexischools
or visit flexischools.com.au**



GEELONG LITTLE ATHLETICS CROSS COUNTRY

COMMENCES 10TH MAY
RUNS THROUGH TO MID AUGUST

FIRST RUN IS @ EASTERN PARK
WITH RUNS OVER THE WINTER
SEASON TO BE HELD AT VARIOUS
LOCATIONS IN GEELONG AND
THE PENINSULA

DISTANCES RUN

500m - U6s only
1.0 km - U7s & U8s
1.5 km - U9s & U10s
2.0 km - U11s & U12s
3.0 km - U13s to U17s

**COST: \$40 IF CURRENT LAVIC
MEMBER (ADD \$55 LAVIC FEE IF
JOINING NOW)**

REGISTER NOW



geelongregistrar@lavic.com.au



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

If you hold a **Health Care Card, Pension Card or are a Foster Parent**, you may be eligible for the CSEF.

You can receive \$154 per child which can go towards the cost of your child participating in any sports, camps or excursions.

Any unspent money will be carried over to the following year.

If you were successful in receiving CSEF at CSPS in 2024, you DO NOT have to re-apply in 2025.

If you have

- recently qualified for a Health Care Card,
- are a new Foster parent or
- didn't apply last year at CSPS, please contact the office for an application form.

If you're unsure contact the Office 5251 3581
Applications are due by the end of Term 1.

BELL TIMES FOR 2025

8:50am(music) Come inside-unpack bag

9:00am -11:00am Morning session

11:00am - 11:20am **Play time**

11:20am—11:30am **Eating time**

11:30am—1:30pm Middle session

1:30pm—1:40pm **Lunch Eating time**
(lunch orders delivered now)

1:40pm—2:20pm **Lunch play**

2:20pm—2:30pm **Lunch Eating time**

2:30pm—3:30pm Afternoon session

STAFF CAR PARK

A reminder to parents that the **staff car park is not to be used, to park or drive through, to drop off or collect children from school UNLESS you are collecting them from sick bay or accessing the disabled car park**

We appreciate your co-operation with this!



COMPASS EVENTS & FORMS

Please set up alerts on your Compass App so you don't miss anything important..

We are asking parents to give permission via Compass for,

- Students to have photos taken for the newsletter, local fliers etc
- Local Excursion permission

UPDATING OF ENROLMENT DETAILS

We have emailed out what we have on record as your enrolment details.

Please check all details carefully, especially student medical conditions, contact details, any restrictions and Emergency contacts.

If any details are incorrect, please return the paperwork with changes made, to the office.

If your details are correct we would appreciate an email to confirm this being sent to;

BRINGING THINGS INTO SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD

If you need to bring lunch or a forgotten item to school for your child, please enter through the front door near Admin and drop it off at the Office.

We will happily deliver it to your child with the least disruption to their learning time.

UNIFORM REMINDERS!

- Leggings and tights can be navy blue (Not black or white or any other colour) and worn under shorts, skort or skirt.
- Shorts, Skorts, Tracksuit Pants are all required to be **ROYAL BLUE** not black or navy.
- Any hair longer than collar length (boys and girls) needs to be completely tied up.
- Make- up is not to be worn.

We are proud of our uniform and would like everyone to be in correct school uniform!

Thank you for your assistance with this