



Clifton Springs Primary School

A PLACE TO SHINE

Newsletter No. 13

Wednesday May 14th 2025



Wonderful Women's Day Raffle— Tickets at office.

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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Wellbeing Update

Anzac Day

A special thanks for our School Captains who were asked to present the poem 'Poppies' by an Australian Veteran as well as the wreath on behalf of Clifton Springs PS. They all did the school proud and read the poem very reverently and were thanked by many ex-service people.



Red wrapped natives, the CSPS wreath prepared by Millie using natives from school garden. Thanks Millie!



The school captains looking relaxed and relieved following the Anzac ceremony.



CSPS carrying the CSPS sign accompanied by the school captains and other CSPS students in the parade.



School captains doing one last rehearsal on the day.

Thankyou also to the CSPS students and families who attended the special Anzac ceremony in Drysdale.

Wonderful Women's Day

We refer to Mother's Day as Wonderful Women's Day as many of our students don't currently have their mothers in their lives but have other significant women such as grandmother, aunt, family friend, stepmother, foster carer. To be inclusive we celebrate all wonderful women in our lives on Mother's Day.

Thanks to our PFA who have organised the stall and all the volunteers who help manage the successful stall on Thursday 9th May.

Preps will have their traditional Wonderful Women's Day celebratory afternoon in their classrooms this coming Friday afternoon.

BBQ Election Day 3rd May

Thankyou to all those that contributed to the Election Day sausage sizzle and cake stall. We had 40 families contribute plates of goodies for the cake staff and 12 volunteers on the stalls that ran from 8.00 am to 5.00pm. We really appreciate you giving up your time and contributing to the fundraiser. The profit we made on the day was \$2650.



Curriculum Update

Education Week

This year Education Week is in week 4 on May 12-16th.

Monday 13th May – **Open Day** Families were welcome to come in and observe their child's class between 2.30 -3.30 pm.

2025 Prep tours

Tuesday 13th May 2.30 – 3.30 pm

Wednesday 14th May 9.30-10.30 am and 6.30 – 7.30 pm

Curriculum Day – June 9th

Friday June 7th will be a student free day as staff will be writing reports which is a requirement under the enterprise bargaining agreement.

As mentioned earlier this year in place of Live reporting and sharing of learning tasks there will be a parent teacher interview early next term, so parents have an opportunity to raise questions with the parents. This change was because of the survey we sent out to parents at the end of last year.

School Captain training

All our school captains attended a training for student leaders at Geelong West Town Hall along with other student leaders from Geelong. This was run by the GRIP leadership team. <https://www.gripleadership.com.au/content/our-organisation/gjfpvg>



Some of the topics they covered were: -

- Everyone has different ideas and thoughts and all are valid
- The responsibilities of student leaders
- Leadership through friendship
- They brainstormed new ideas to help people
- How they could achieve their idea by the end of the year

Once again, our school captains represented the school wonderfully and took away a lot from the day including new friends from other schools as well as strengthening their own team.

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SENIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday Feb 15th May from 3:00pm

Year 3-6 Class Awards to be presented—parents welcome

Congratulations to the following students on receiving the class award for this week

34B—Zahra H, Fletcher R.

34C—Jagger H, Ayla B, Mahi S.

34D—Lexie M, Flynn M.

34G—Thewis P, Stevie B.

34R—Phoenix P, Amara C.

34W— Somer M, Scarlett C.

56G— Avonlea P, Rafferty J, Riley D.

56M— Lulu HP, Dexter W.

56P— Shaylah T, Cooper K.

56R— Taylor T.

56S— Savannah W, Rylan V, Lilly J.

56W— Asher A, Savannah J.

DATES TO REMEMBER– PLEASE CHECK FOR UPDATES

May 12 th -16 th	Education Week	Friday 23 rd May	Houses Athletics Yr. 3-6 Landy Field
Wednesday 14 th May	Tour for 2026 prep families at 9:30am & 6:30pm Please RSVP	Thursday 29 th May	Winter Lightning Prems -Yr 5/6
May 14 th -16 th	Yr 5 - Camp Cooriemungle	Friday 30 th May	Grade 1 Werribee Zoo Excursion \$49
Tuesday 20 th May	Division Cross Country	Friday 6 th June	Curriculum Day
May 19 th – 23 rd	Book Fair all week in the Library	Tuesday 17 th June	School Council Meeting for June 6pm
Tuesday 20 th May	School Council Meeting for May 6pm (No meeting for April)	June 23 rd - 27 th	Prep – Yr 2 Swimming & Water Safety \$30
Monday 21 st May	National Simultaneous Book Read 'The Truck Cat'	June 30 th – July 4 th	Yr. 3-6 Swimming & Water Safety \$30



21st May



28th May



4th June





District Cross Country



On Wednesday, 7th May, 46 of our dedicated students took on the challenging course at Eastern Gardens for the District Cross Country Championships. Competing under very trying conditions, each student displayed outstanding endurance, perseverance and school spirit throughout the event.

We are incredibly proud to announce that seven of our runners finished in the top eight of their respective age groups. These exceptional athletes have earned the opportunity to represent our school at the up coming Division Championships on Tuesday 20th May.

A big thank you to Ms Forster, Mr Randall and Ms Palmer who supported and accompanied the students on the day. Your time and encouragement are greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all competitors for their efforts and resilience. We wish our representatives the best of luck.

Bellarine Division Team

Congratulations to:

Spencer M - 3rd place

Xiaowen L - 6th place

Grady C - 5th place

Josie C - 4th place

Amelia J - 7th place

Asher G - 7th place

Charlotte F - 7th place



HEART AND SOLE:

A WONDERFUL MOTHER'S DAY GUMBOOT TOSS

It was a heart-warming display of community spirit at this year's Mother's Day Gumboot Toss Competition, where Mums from across all year levels stepped up, boot in hand, to show their kids - and the whole crowd - that women can do anything, including throwing a gumboot! The annual event drew a crowd of enthusiastic spectators and a fierce field of 56 wonderful women all vying for the gumboot crown. The atmosphere buzzed with laughter, encouragement, and a healthy dose of competitive energy. From the windmill fling to the surprisingly effective backwards overhead launch, creativity and grit were on full display. The lead changed hands multiple times throughout the event, keeping the crowd on the edge of their seats. In the end, it was Katie Chalmers who claimed the title with a powerful throw that wowed the crowd.

Beyond the competition, the real win was the uplifting sense of togetherness, laughter and the joy of watching Mums lead by example - brave, fun-loving and up for a laugh.

A huge thank you to all the participants, families and students who made the day so special. We can't wait to see you all again next year - boots ready!



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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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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.



www.soel.org.au

Southern Ocean Environmental Link



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

SPECIAL OFFER

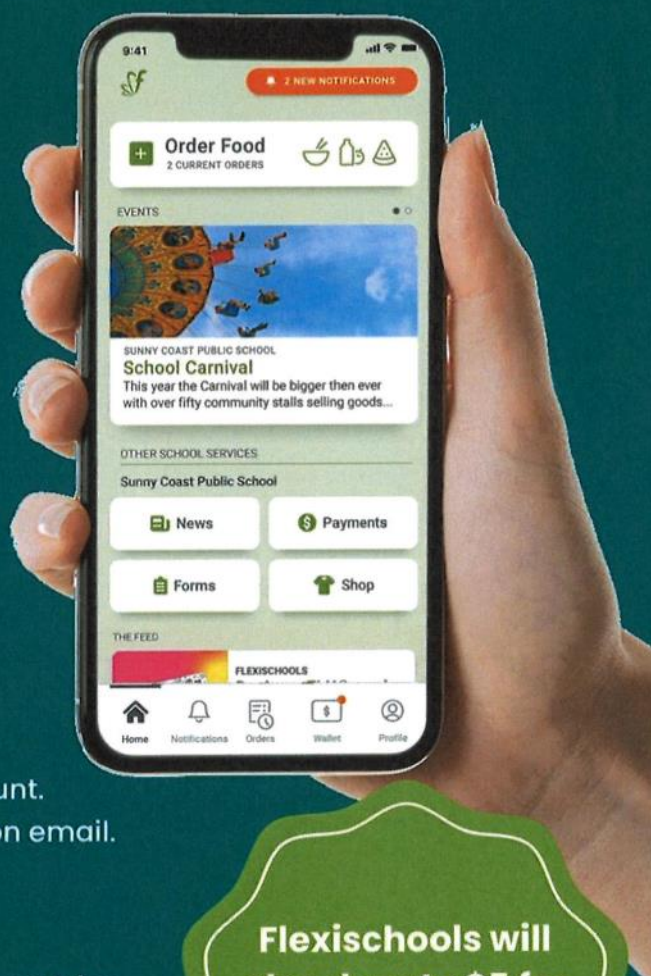
**Register for
Flexischools by Friday
9th February
and get \$5 towards
your first order!**

**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



BELLARINE BEARS BASEBALL CLUB

Proudly putting the all in baseball

All Abilities **SKILLS PROGRAM**



WHAT: A **FUN, INCLUSIVE AND ADAPTIVE** SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WITH **DISABILITIES**

WHEN: SUNDAY 4TH MAY TO SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 11AM-12PM

WHERE: WALLINGTON RESERVE, WALLINGTON

READY? SIMPLY TURN UP!

WEAR: COMFORTABLE LEISURE WEAR & RUNNERS

BRING: A HAT AND A WATERBOTTLE



CONTACT: INFO@BELLARINEBEARS.ORG.AU

 **SPORT
4ALL**

Boronggook Drysdale Library **Career Advice Service**

Book a FREE appointment or walk-in and meet with a qualified Career Advisor from The Gordon Skills and Job Centre.

Available every Tuesday 1pm - 5pm

Get help with:

- Career planning
- Resumes and cover letters
- Job search strategies
- Interview help
- And much more!

All appointments and walk-ins are private and confidential.

Find us at Boronggook Drysdale Library
2-8 Wyndham Street, Drysdale



For more information and registration:

P: 03 5225 0700

E: skillscentre@gordontafe.edu.au

W: thegordon.edu.au/sjc



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