



Clifton Springs Primary School

A PLACE TO SHINE

Newsletter No. 5

Tuesday March 3rd 2025



Congratulations to our SRC
Representatives
for 2025!

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

Curriculum Update

3 Way Conferences – Tuesday 11th March 12 noon – 7 pm

The 3 way conferences with your child's classroom teacher will be on Tuesday 11th March (after the long weekend).

This is a **student free day** and you will be able to make a time to see your classroom teacher for a 15 min 3 way conference meeting from 12 noon to 7.00 pm via Compass.

If you would like to schedule an online meeting, families are asked to book the timeslot on Compass and then message their child's teacher via Compass Connect to request the WebEx link.

A questionnaire was sent home with your child last week. The information you provide will help to guide the conversation, however if more time is required to discuss this information, an alternative meeting will be arranged to discuss at a later date.

The focus of these 3 way conferences is to encourage your child to talk about their goals, strategies and any evidence of how they have achieved them. This is a celebration of learning.

Bookings via Compass will close at 11am Tuesday March 11th.

Curriculum Update

At CSPS Prep-Year 6 students are receiving evidence-based literacy instruction daily. In Years 3-6 it involves an approach called Spelling Mastery. This takes place for the first 20-25 minutes each day. Our curriculum leaders – Jess Craghill and Elise Jenkins, are working with teaching staff as instructional coaches to provide professional learning, modelling of best practice, mentoring and coaching.

It is wonderful to see our teachers and students engaging with consistent, best practice with the obvious increase in sophistication, skill acquisition and mastery as the students move through the levels.

Wellbeing Update

House Cross Country Feb 28th

Students in Prep–Year 6 participated in the annual cross country event last Friday 28th March. There was so much kindness from so many students as they encouraged each other, congratulated each other and did extra laps to support other students.

Thanks to Amanda Edwards and Charles Vagg for the successful organisation. Congratulations to all the students who did their absolute personal best. The House Captains did a wonderful job setting up on the day as well as setting down and leading their teams. Great work everyone!

2025 SRC

Congratulations to the following students on being elected as the SRC Representatives for their class. The School Captains also join SRC.

5/6G— Wilson H., Zoe M., and Lucas N.

5/6P—Cooper K. and Ethan B

5/6R— Ella J. and Asher B.

3/4B—Sam S. and Ella B..

3/4D— Elvie R., Sadie B.

3/4R— Amara C. & Bailey K

5/6M— Tate S. and Lily M.

5/6S— Rylan V. and Josie C.

5/6W— Savannah J. and Asher A.

3/4 C—Lachie P. and Maya J.

3/4G—Riley P. & Steve M.

3/4W— Isaac S. and Matilda H.

School Captains

Sienna H.

Campbell B.

Henry B.

Spencer M.

Attendance – Top Attendance Tips for Parents

* Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support

* Remember that every day counts

* There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness

* Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day

* Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea

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* Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term

* Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing.

Management Update

School Council Report

The last meeting was held on Tuesday 18th Feb. Key actions at this meeting:- We reviewed the feedback from the parent survey we conducted from December 2024-Jan 2025

We found only 25% of parents were reading the Learning Tasks reported each term. These tasks require a lot of work from teachers to prepare for parents.

Instead we will do a parent -teacher interview early term 3 and also share student progress throughout the term with parents via Compass Connect.

School Council 2025

Prent Reps:

Courtney Howie, Kirby Spencer, Mel Simpson, Lisa Sandrk, Caroline Brown, Danielle Grundell, Matthew Power

DET Reps

Megan Parker, Alex Werner, Taylah Newell, Jess Delaney

NAPLAN

Over the next two weeks, our Grade 3 and 5 students will be completing their NAPLAN assessments. All students in Grades 3, 5, 7 and 9 across the country sit the NAPLAN tests during this period. NAPLAN assesses our students' competencies on Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. Teachers have a wealth of student data and reflect on this data constantly to support us in teaching our students at their point of need. NAPLAN provides another platform for teachers to do this.

The students have done a tremendous job preparing for their tests and we are very proud of them for doing this. It is important to remind our families, students and staff that NAPLAN is simply a snapshot of where the students sit on that day and not a definition of you. All our students do a fantastic job at becoming the best version of themselves!

Meg Parker
Principal

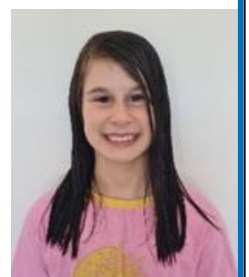


Wacky Hair Day on Friday 21st March
to help our wonderful student Eve Raco who
will be shaving her hair to raise money for
Peace of Mind Foundation Limited supporting
those affected by brain cancer.

**Please bring along a gold coin donation with
all proceeds being donated to this great cause.**

Come in your wackiest hair-do,
hat or wig and help find a cure

*"I would love there to be a cure so no one else has to go through such
tough times" - Eve*



COLOUR FUN RUN

Friday March 28th

\$10 Entry Fee Paid via Compass

(includes an icy pole and contributes towards the cost of running the event)

This year we are starting to fund raise to update and improve our Junior Playground – gaining ideas from the Ninja Playground!

We are aiming for \$10,000

HOW TO RAISE MONEY

MAKING ONLINE DONATIONS

Online donations this year will be made directly to the school bank account via Bpay.

1. You should have received an email with a copy of your school statement.
2. On the bottom of the statement are your BPay details including the **Biller Code** and your unique **Ref. No.** Along with the **school's bank details**.
3. *Please ensure all donations (Not ENTRY FEE) towards the Colour Fun Run are made through Bpay*
4. The Reference Number is specific to your family not individual children, so any deposits made will be evenly divided among your children towards the class totals.
5. *Please forward your BPay details to any family members who would like to donate too!*

COLLECT CASH DONATIONS

Use the sponsorship form that will be sent home with your child, to collect cash donations - please don't walk the streets by yourself, go with an adult.



Welcoming our 2025 Sports Academy Students

Evie G., Henry B., Myah M., Campbell B., Ryder H., Spencer M., Andreas T., Hudson H., Amelyia F., Arya F., Ruby H., Amelia K., Asher A., Gloria D., Layla F., Maple A., Tiana T., Sienna H., Ava S., Kayla D..



The CSPS Sports Academy is an extension program aimed at year 6 students who have a passion and skill in Physical Education.

The program will be delivered by Mr Vagg, and is designed to develop leadership skills through sport.

A major component of this program will involve students planning and delivering the Prep-2 Sport program as well as organising and implementing major school events including the Colour Fun Run and Prep-2 House Athletics carnival.

Alongside this, students will learn the basic principles of improving fitness and designing a training program.

MEET THE SOUND ENGINEERS



Congratulations to
Matilda B., Lewis W.,
Dexter W., Liam C &
Wilson H.

Our sound engineers help
set up assembly and any
other event that requires
sound!

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!



EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

It's that exciting time of the year where we call out for Cadbury Easter egg/ bunny donations to make up as many Easter Raffle prizes as we can.

The students absolutely love this fundraiser, so we appreciate any donations you can make.



All items to be sent to the office (we promise they will make it into the raffle!)

Any other Easter based items are also welcome.

We thank you so much in advance.

SCHOOL CROSSING



Please ensure your children are using our school crossing to cross Jetty Road at any time.

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.

ARRIVING LATE / LEAVING EARLY

Parents please remember you must **sign your child in or out** at the Office if collecting or dropping children to school **between 9.00am-3.30pm.**

We are required by the Department of Education to have this information and appreciate your assistance with this.

Arriving after 9am means your child is late and needs to come to the office to get a Late Pass.

If they go straight to class they may get marked as Not Present and you will receive a text at 10:30am to explain their absence.



SENIOR ASSEMBLY—Friday March 7th from 3pm

Year 3-6 Science & Music Awards to be presented—parents welcome



Congratulations to the following students on receiving the **MUSIC AWARD** for Term 1.

34B—Harper L. 34C— Beattie H-P.
34D—Reeve P. 34G— Amelia P.
34R—Olivia N. 34W—Scarlett C.
56G—Kaleah E. 56M—Tarkyn H.
56P—Tristan M. 56R—Andreas T.
56S—Arya F. 56W—Ari F.



Congratulations to the following students on receiving the **SCIENCE AWARD** for Term 1.

34B—Sam S. 34C—Mahi S.
34D—Sadie B. 34G—Stevie M.
34R—Ivandre S. 34W—Edward C.
56G—Alyssa D. 56M—Sienna H.
56P—Fletcher G. 56R—Mia B.
56S—Rylan V. 56W—Taylor H.



DATES TO REMEMBER– PLEASE CHECK FOR UPDATES

Thursday 6 th March	Summer Lightning Prems	Tuesday 22 nd April	First Day Term 2 School Nurse on site for Preps
Friday 7 th March	International Women's Day Coryule House for some students	Friday 25 th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Monday 10 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday	Friday May 2 nd	Music Incursion for Yr 3-6 \$20
Tuesday 11 th March	3 Way Conferences 12pm – 7pm Students only attend for conference	Wednesday 7 th May	Bunjil X-Country
March 12 th – 24 th	NAPLAN for Year 3 & Year 5 students	Friday 9 th May	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 18 th March	School Council AGM & Meeting for March 6pm	May 12-16	Education Week Running tours for 2026 preps
Friday 21 st March	Crazy Hair Day Gold Coin Donation	May 14 th -16 th	Camp Cooriemungle
Friday 28 th March	Colour Fun Run	Friday 23 rd May	Houses Athletics Yr. 3-6
Tuesday 1 st April	Responsible Pet Incursion -Prep	Friday 6 th June	Curriculum Day
Friday 4 th April	Last Day Term 1 2:30pm dismissal Whole school assembly at 2:00pm	June 23 rd -27 th	Yr 3-6 Swimming & Water Safety \$30
Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday	June 30 th -July 4 th	Prep – Yr. 2 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 2 has been sent home and orders are due THURSDAY March 20th

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

BREAKFAST CLUB

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings from 8:30am at the canteen

The Breakfast Club has had a successful first week, offering a variety of nutritious foods to the students. The students have enjoyed sitting down in the café-style space and trying out the new food options. A big thank you goes out to the parent helpers and the volunteers from Drysdale Uniting Church for their valuable support.

Thank you to Feed me Bellarine for supplying the bread each week and we are also grateful for a generous donation from a kind parent, which will help provide gluten-free options like cereals and toast for our gluten-free students.

Please inform the Breakfast Club helpers if your child follows a gluten-free diet so we can ensure they receive the appropriate options.

Many thanks!

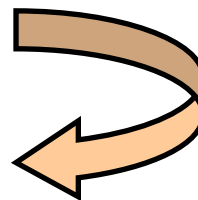
Sam Galle – Wellbeing





CSPS Specialist News

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Click here to see what's happening in Specialist Classes



House Cross Country

On Friday 28th February, CSPS held it's annual Cross Country carnival. With the sun shining and spirits high, the day was filled with excitement, determination and amazing performances.

The carnival featured several races, with Preps running 600m, Grade 1 and 2 students running 1km, 9/10 age group running 2km and 11-13 age groups running 3km.

The Prep - 2 students displayed incredible enthusiasm and resilience as they tackled the 1km course. Congratulations to Adalynn Dimopoulos, who took home 1st place with Tessa Miason 2nd and Elena Sandrk 3rd. For the boys Ollie Scott finished in 1st place, followed by Xavier Gaw-Mckenna in 2nd and Hunter Muller in 3rd.

In the Grade 1 race, Finn Greeny ran an exceptional race, finishing 1st, Charlie Basterfield in 2nd place and Brooklyn Kovacs in 3rd place. For the girls, the 1st went to Piper Marlow, 2nd place was Grace Anusich and 3rd place was Skylar Williamson.



Bayshore Bats winner of the Cheerleading competition



Felicity McArthur winner of the Best Dressed Competition



House Cross Country

The Grade 2 students put on a great display of athleticism with Dash Mooney winning the race, followed by Billy Chalmers in 2nd and Lachie White in 3rd. For the girls race Summah Leech took out first place, with Izzy Kline 2nd and Adaline Ford in 3rd place.

The 9/10, 11 and 12/13 age groups battled it out for a spot in the District team. Congratulations to the following students who will be invited to represent Clifton Springs Primary School at the Bunjil Cross Country Championships held at Eastern Gardens on Wednesday 7th May.

9/10 Girls			9/10 Boys		
1st	Sadie	Bennett	1st	Asher	Greenie
2nd	Charlotte	Ford	2nd	Harry	Scott
3rd	Evie	Dorricott	3rd	Flynn	Pennman
4th	Grace	Dickson	4th	Colby	Richardson
5th	Poppy	Harris	5th	Levi	Hilborn
6th	Millie	Hilderbrand	6th	Chase	McDougal
7th	Matilda	Winchester	7th	Harry	Hodgson
8th	Lily	Majcnovic	8th	Charlie	Forster

11 Girls			11 Boys		
1st	Amelia	Jeffries	1st	Grady	Connor
2nd	Josie	Cook	2nd	Lachlan	Dickson
3rd	Shayla	Trickey	3rd	Storm	Hawken
4th	Caitlin	Forster	4th	Jax	Hawkins
5th	Abbey	Siedle	5th	Will	Barnes
6th	Lulu	Henderson Porter	6th	Nash	Branchflower
7th	Sienna	Harkin	7th	Ryder	Auld
8th	Ella	Jones	8th	Hamish	Scott

12/13 Girls			12/13 Boys		
1st	Xiaowen	Li	1st	Spencer	McDougal
2nd	Myah	McKinnis	2nd	Fletcher	Gebhart
3rd	Sophie	Bisby	3rd	Ryder	Hildebrand
4th	Tiana	Thorson	4th	Malcolm	Powell
5th	Maple	Addison	5th	Kynan	Klimczak
6th	Amari	Young	6th	Hunter	Nutman
7th	Ella	Jackson	7th	Henry	Bennett
8th	Layla	Finnigan	8th	Andreas	Tzerinis



House Cross Country

A very big thank you to Abbey McIntosh, Chanelle Zerafa and Michael Elder for volunteering their time to supervise on a checkpoint. Events like these can not happen without the help of a wider school community, so thank you very much.

Thank you to all the parents/carers, families and friends who came along to support the children. It was great to see so many of you in attendance.







KIDS' PROGRAMS

Boronggook Drysdale Library

Term 1 at Boronggook Drysdale Library

Calling all families in the Northern Bellarine!

Looking for fun, free activities to enjoy with your little one or school-aged child? Explore the exciting range of programs available at Boronggook Drysdale Library in Term 1.



The Junior Mix

Mix it up with after-school activities including art, craft, games, tech activities, LEGO and more. Ages 5+

- Every Tue, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Bookings not required.

Construction Club

Join us once a month for an adventure of engineering and creating as we use a range of recycled materials. What will you make? The opportunities are endless! Ages 5+

- Sat 22 February, 10:30 – 11:30 am
- Sat 22 March, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Bookings Recommended.



STEAM into the Library

Where does the time go? Come along and read, play and create as we explore the flow of time. This is part of the Geelong Regional Libraries STEAM into the Library program. Age: 3-5

- TIME Fri 7 March, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
- BALANCES Fri 14 March, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
- MAPS Fri 21 March, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
- BUILDING Fri 28 March, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Bookings Essential.

Home-school – Black Out Poetry

Anyone can be a poet! Come try blackout poetry, also known as found poetry, a technique that uses existing words to make a new text. Ages 5+

- Thu 20 March, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Bookings Recommended.

Sprout Time

Talk-Sing-Read-Play with your child every day to help grow minds, learn words and bond together. An interactive session for caregivers of children aged 0-3 years including playtime.

- Thu 27 March, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Bookings Recommended.

Teddy Bears Sleepover & Bedtime Tales

Join us for an enchanting evening at the library for our Teddy Bears sleepover, filled with stories and fun. Bring a teddy who will stay the night and don't forget to wear your PJs! Ages: Pre-school

- Thu 17 April, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Bookings Essential.

Children must be supervised by a responsible person (adult or carer) in our libraries and our programs.



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

SPECIAL OFFER

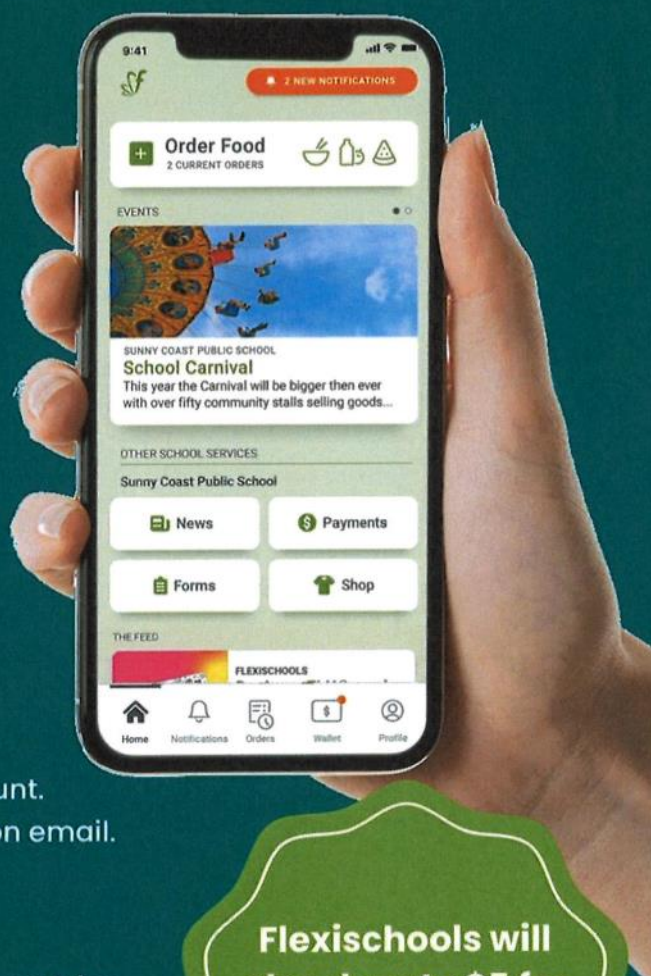
**Register for
Flexischools by Friday
9th February
and get \$5 towards
your first order!**

**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
HIGH SCHOOL



Wednesday 12th March 2025

INFORMATION EVENING

Join us to experience all that **Geelong High School** has to offer our prospective Year 7 students.

Venue: C. A. Love Hall

Session 1 - **4:30pm**

Session 2 - **5:30pm**

Session 3 - **6:30pm**

*Sessions will be followed by
tours of the school.*

2026 ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM

Applications Now Open

Geelong High School's Accelerated Learning Program is a great opportunity for Grade 6 students who are looking for extra challenge in Years 7-9.

How Do I Apply?

In 2025, Grade 6 students looking to be accepted into the GHS Accelerated Learning Program should apply either in the 'Round 1' or 'Round 2' cycle of applications. For further information and details on how to apply, please see our website.

School Tours - March & April

School tours will run in addition to our information evening throughout March and April. Available on **Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:30am**. Please contact the school to book.

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DRYSDALE
CLIFTON SPRINGS
PICKLEBALL

INVITES YOU TO ITS JUNIOR COME AND TRY DAYS



When: Sunday 16th March and Sunday 23rd March 2025

Where: Clifton Springs Outdoor Courts, Springs Street, Clifton Springs (next to the Bowling Club)

Time: 9:00AM-10:30AM

For ages 7-17 Years

All equipment for the Come and Try Days will be supplied.

You are welcome to come to 1 or both of the days.

For further information on these days please visit <https://dcspickleball.org>

If you are interested in attending, please let us know at
juniors@dcspickleball.org