

Newsletter No. 9

Tuesday April 1st 2025



Harlynn Reading with Abbey the Story Dog!







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

Management Update

End of term 1 –2:30pm this Friday

Just a reminder term 1 ends this Friday 4th April at 2.30 pm. A P-6 assembly will be held at 1.45 pm where Values Awards will be given out, Easter raffle drawn and we will announce winners of the Easter Bonnet and colouring competition. Thanks for all your support over term 1. Have a safe and happy holiday.



Term 2 recommencement

Students will return on Tuesday 22nd April. Monday 21st April (Easter Monday) and Friday 25th April (Anzac Day) are Public Holidays.

School Captains and I will be in Drysdale on Friday 25th April at the Drysdale Anzac Day parade and ceremony. Other children from the school are welcome to join us. The Anzac Day activities will begin with the Veterans' March starting around 10:30am from the corner of Eversley and Princess Streets, and proceed along Princess St past the cenotaph and disperse at the CFA station. Following the march will be a commemoration service with wreath laying at the Cenotaph in High Street (adjacent to the CFA Station), commencing at about 11am. Our school captains will do a reading and also lay the wreath on behalf of the school.

Dogs Onsite

We ask that dogs are on a leash and prefer they are not onsite especially when the children come out of class or go in to class. We do have some children who have a fear of dogs. We also suggest that parents with dogs stand back from the crowds of people coming out of the gates so that your dog doesn't get a fright.

Canteen

Last year the SRC requested more lunch order days. As of last Wednesday, we now have lunch orders available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

School Council 2025

The 2025 School Council has had their first meeting which ran beautifully. I am pleased to announce the following office bearers:-

School Council President – Courtney Howie

Deputy School Council President - Caroline Brown

Treasurer – Mel Simpson

Secretary – Michelle Thomas

Executive Officer – Meg Parker

A big thankyou to Ash Gebhardt who was the School Council President for the previous year. Thankyou to Steve Jackson who has also served on school council for a number of years. Welcome to Matthew Power. Welcome back to Courtney Howie, Kirby Spencer and Caroline Brown who were successfully renominated.

Wellbeing Update

Colour Fun Run

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the 2025 Colour Fun Run. It was another great day with lots of fun to be had, smiles to be seen and laughter to be heard. Great effort. Thankyou to Amanda Edwards and Charlie Vagg who did a fabulous job organising the event and all the parent volunteers who gave up their time to be there and join in the fun. Great day!

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Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has now expanded to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before school. This has been a big hit with great attendance. A big thankyou to Sam, the chaplains Donna and Baillie, the House Captains and School Captains, the volunteers from our parent population as well as the Drysdale Uniting Church. Thanks to Foodbank and the Drysdale Uniting Church for funding the Breakfast Program.

Curriculum Update

Every term the classes study a unit of Inquiry which can cover a range of subject areas which includes economics, history, geography, sustainability, and science. This term Year 5/6 did a unit called BIZARRE BAZAAR! Year 5/6 **imagined, invented and promoted their very own products** as part of their unit of work on business and economics. It culminated in a Market Day or Bazaar last Thursday which was a huge success. Congratulations Year 5/6.



Meg Parker Principal

INTRODUCING THE SHINE CAPTAINS



Spencer M., Campbell B., Henry B., Hamish S., Matilda B., Arya F., Alyssa D., Avonlea P., Lulu H-P., Maple A., Tiana T., Ruby H. and Sienna H. Abs: Addison S., Tarkyn H. and Amelyia F. CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)-Applications Close July 4th

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

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

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

Successful applicants at CSPS in 2024, DO NOT have to re-apply in 2025.

If you have

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

If you're unsure contact the Office 5251 3581

TISSUES FOR CLASSROOMS

We are asking for donations of boxes of tissues for our classrooms please.



Any donations gratefully accepted and can be delivered to your child's classroom or the office.

Thank you in anticipation!

LUNCH ORDERS

If your child doesn't receive any or all of their lunch order, PLEASE ask them to go back to the canteen to see the canteen person.

She will replace items or check to see if an order has actually been placed, and can communicate any error and let us know so we can ensure your child does not go hungry.

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Badges \$2 & \$5
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Boronggook Drysdale Library has your kids covered these April School Holidays!

Check out the exciting range of their 'Together' themed sessions to keep children of all ages en-

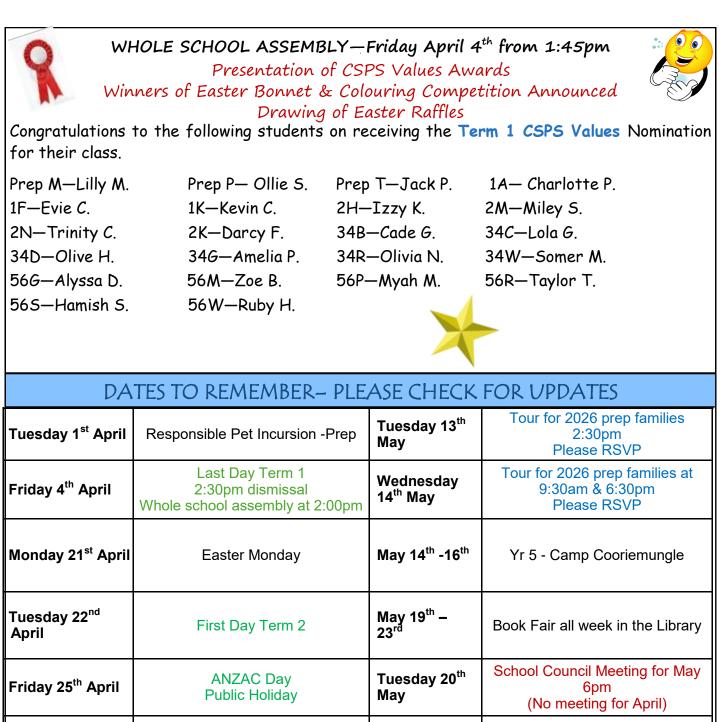
tertained.

Sessions can be booked two weeks before the start of the holidays.



ANAPHYLAXIS AND ALLERGIES

We have a number of students with severe and life threatening allergies <u>to peanuts</u>, <u>tree nuts</u>, <u>eggs and seafood</u>. We strongly request that students don't bring food to school that contains these foods.



	T ublic Fioliday	way	(No meeting for April)
Friday May 2 nd	Music Incursion for Yr 3-6 \$20	Friday 23 rd May	Houses Athletics Yr. 3-6 Landy Field
Tuesday 6 th May	Wonderful Women's Stall \$10 limit	Thursday 29 th May	Winter Lightning Prems -Yr 5/6
Wednesday 7 th May	Bunjil X-Country \$7.50	Friday 6 th June	Curriculum Day
Thursday 8 th May	Prep Wonderful Women's afternoon	Tuesday 17 th June	School Council Meeting for June 6pm
Friday 9 th May	Curriculum Day	June 23 rd - 27 th	Prep – Yr 2 Swimming & Water Safety \$30
Monday 12 th May	National Simultaneous Book Read 'The Truck Cat'	June 30 th – July 4 th	Yr. 3-6 Swimming & Water Safety \$30





SPORTS Academy

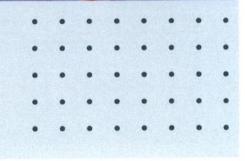
Every Wednesday afternoon, our Year 1 and 2 students enjoy a lively sports program, thanks to the dedicated Year 6 students from the CSPS Sports Academy! Under Mr. Vagg's guidance, our sports academy students are developing their leadership skills by planning and running engaging sessions. They focus on teaching fundamental motor skills, fostering teamwork, and encouraging a love for sport. Next term will include our Prep students into the sporting program. Keep up the great work Sports Academy students.

COLOUR FUN RUN

The recent Colour Fun Run was a vibrant and exciting event, nlled with laughter, energy and plenty of colour! Students eagerly tackled each obstacle, thrilled at the chance to be splashed with bursts of bright colour along the way. Their enthusiasm was contagious, making it a joy to watch. It was wonderful to see to so many families come along to support and join in the fun. The sunshine added to the fantastic atmosphere, making it a perfect day for everyone involved. A huge thank you to the parent volunteers, House captains and Sports academy students who helped splash some colour at each station and make this event such a huge success. We can't wait to do it all again next year!











So Inquiry Market Day

A huge thank you to all the classes who came along to support our Year 5/6 Market Day!

This term, our Year 5/6 students have been hard at work on their Inquiry Unit, The Bizarre Bazaar. The unit challenged students to tap into their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit as they designed, created, and marketed their very own handmade products.

From brainstorming ideas and developing business plans, to crafting unique items and designing eye-catching advertisements, the students collaborated in teams and demonstrated outstanding commitment every step of the way.

The Bizarre Bazaar was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, innovation, and hands-on learning. Well done to all our Year 5/6 students on a truly successful project!



The BIG Write

Early in Term 2, all children will participate in *The Big Write,* where they will write about being **STUCK!** Over the holidays have a conversation with your child about what they might write about and make a plan using one, some or all of the pictures.



STUCK!



Today you are writing about being stuck. You can use one, some or all of the pictures.

What can you see in the pictures?

Who can you see in the pictures?

What might they be doing?

Where might they be?

What might happen?



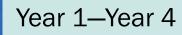
Today you are writing about being stuck. You can use one, some or all of the pictures.

You could write about a time you have been stuck. Think about how it felt and describe it.

You could write an information text about how to get out of a situation when you are stuck.

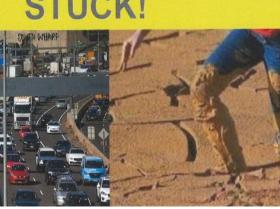
You could write a narrative or story about being stuck using one of the pictures to help you.

You could write to persuade someone about not becoming stuck in a certain situation. How could you convince the reader?











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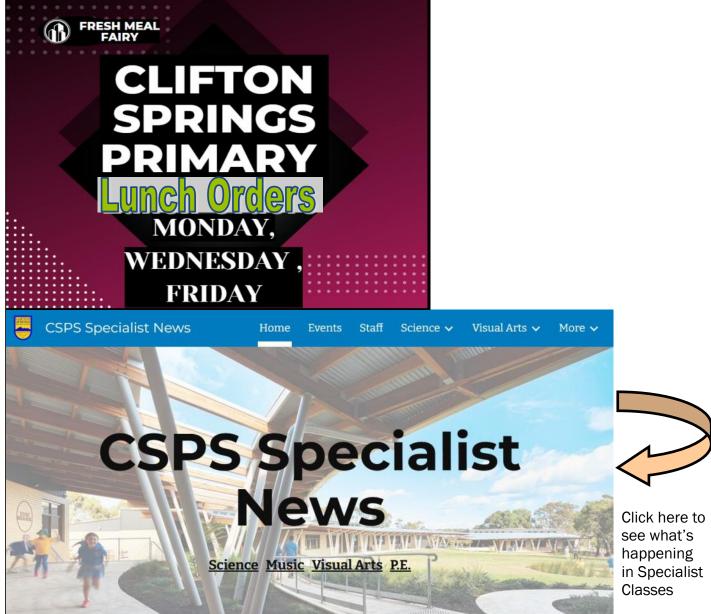
You could write about a time you have been stuck. Think about how it felt and describe it.

You could write an information text about what equipment a reader may need to not get stuck.

You could write a narrative or story about being stuck using one of the pictures to help you.

You could write to persuade the audience to avoid sticky situations. How, what and why should they do that?

Year 5 & Year 6







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!

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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.

Collection Bag will be hanging outside the staffroom.

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

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FUN AWAITS! YOUR AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Clifton Springs Primary School

Address: 118 Jetty Rd CLIFTON SPRINGS VIC 3222

Phone: 0432 636 625 Program Times: 07:00 am - 06:00 pm

Mon **Special Event: LEGO®** 07 Apr **Masters Training Day**

This is it - your ticket to LEGO masterdom starts here! With special video guidance from Brickman, sharpen your building skills and tackle an epic build challenge.

Full Fee \$95.08 | After Max. CCS* \$9.51



Tue **Operation: Hop, Skip,** 08 Apr Play!

Get ready to jump into a day of fun and games! From bouncing challenges to creative activities, it's all about movement, laughter, and creativityno bunny business, just pure fun!

Full Fee \$73.08 | After Max. CCS* \$7.31

Adventure: Ocean

Dive into the marine and freshwater world! At the

Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre, you'll

explore aquatic environments, interact with live

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Swing into action! Build your own Bolt Blaster,

Hero treasure hunt to help the masked heroes

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craft Spider-Man masks, and join an epic Super

Project: Super Hero

animals, and enjoy hands-on experiences

through exciting field trips and technology.

Academy

save the world from a powerful villain!

Discoveries at Marine DC

Thu

Mon

14 Apr

10 Apr



Base Camp Day

Wed **Experience Takeover:** Move & Groove Challenge 09 Apr

Get ready to dance, dress up, and take on the ultimate challenge! Learn your favourite dance moves, recreate viral trends, and bring the fun to life with exciting dress-up challenges. Strike a pose and own the stage!

Full Fee \$101.46 | After Max. CCS* \$10.15

Fri **Project: Day Dreamers** 11 Apr

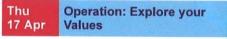
Grab your PJs and join us for the ultimate feelgood day! Build a teddy with a recorded message, make yummy banana sushi and take part in wellness activities. It's a cosy, happy adventure to remember!

Full Fee \$95.08 | After Max. CCS* \$9.51

Tue **Big Art Day: Eco** 15 Apr Masterpieces

Everyone's favourite day is back - and it's time to think BIG! Transform recycled materials into spectacular sculptures. Robots, animals, or wild inventions-the only limit is your imagination.

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Today, we'll be exploring the values that connect us. Your Base Camp will have meaningful and creative activities that will help us discover how our values help shape our understanding of history, community, and the world around us.

Full Fee \$73.08 | After Max. CCS* \$7.31



Experience



Base Camp Day

Wed **Adventure: Aussie Rules** 16 Apr Road to Glory with No **Limit Sports**

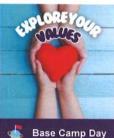
Get ready for non-stop footy fun! This actionpacked program with No Limit Sports will have you kicking, handballing, and sprinting through exciting drills, skill challenges, and mini games with expert coaches. Bring your A-game and get ready!

Full Fee \$123.58 | After Max. CCS* \$12.36









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SPORT UPDATE

BELLARINE DIVISION SWIMMING

The Bellarine Division Swimming Championships were held at Kardinia Pool on March 11th, bringing together talented swimmers who had met the qualifying times set by School Sport Victoria.

One of our standout competitors was Makayla Dimopoulos, who showed incredible determination in the lead-up to the event. Over five weeks of dedicated training, she impressively shaved 11 seconds off her personal best to secure her place in the competition.



Competing in her first major swimming event, Makayla delivered an outstanding performance in the 50m backstroke, finishing 4th in her heat with a time of 56.41 seconds.

We are incredibly proud of Makayla's hard work, dedication and achievement. Well done, Makayla!





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After School HRS Term 2 Tennis Hot Shots Cardio Tennis (Adults) Clifton Springs Tennis Club Jetty Rd. Contact: Mark 0416 288 956



Join Gateways Support Services for a fun filled day the whole family will love at the Gateways Easter Family Fun Festival!

Details

Date: Sunday 6th April 2025 Time: 10am – 3pm (quiet hour 10am – 11am) Location: Gateways Support Services, 12-14 Thompson Road, North Geelong, Victoria

Get your FREE tickets here!

The day offers many FREE activities for everyone to enjoy!

Live music & performances

Sit back, relax, and enjoy music and performances on our community stage.

Plenty of hands-on fun

Get crafty, meet the animals in the petting zoo, try the rock-climbing wall, or have a go at mini golf.

All the family favourites

Face painting, balloon animals, and you can even get a fun cartoon sketch of yourself!

A quiet hour from 10am - 11am

A chance to enjoy the festival in a low-sensory environment.

A FREE ice cream and coffee for all attendees!

We are thrilled to once again host this inclusive and accessible event for everyone to enjoy. Bring along your family and friends and enjoy a fun-filled day you won't want to miss! Jericho

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- ~ Introduction to CASES21, Finance & Student Insight
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ELIGIBILITY

- 2 Individuals interested in working Education Support staff in administration and finance
- 9 Have not previously worked in a school office
- Are not currently employed by a school 9
- Are not seeking permanent work. This program is specifically for individuals interested in \$ working in casual relief roles within a school office
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