Our Vision
Our school learning community strives to prepare students for their future.

Values
We believe in developing respect, responsibility and resilience through a challenging and diverse learning environment.

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COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday 13th November - Prep Information Night
Monday 24th November - Whole School Water Safety Program
Monday 24th November - School Council – 6.00pm
Thursday 4th December - Parent Helper Morning Tea
Tuesday 9th December - Orientation Morning / Carols Evening
Wednesday 17th December - Year 6 Graduation
Friday 19th December - Last Day of Term 4 – 1.30pm Dismissal

Principal Report 12th November 2014

Parent Helpers Morning Tea
On Thursday, 4th December the staff will be providing morning tea in the staffroom at 11am. This is the staff’s opportunity to say THANK YOU to all the wonderful parents who contribute to making our school a real community. Without the support of parents many excursions, camps and educational programs could not be facilitated. Please mark this date down in your diary.

Mrs Webb’s Year 1 / 2 Class
Last week I had two students in Mrs. Webb’s class come down with a persuasive piece of writing that they had completed as a class. It was all about “No Homework”. They had a variety of arguments of why they should not, and in fact, why all the schools in Australia should not do homework. Their arguments included that they work so hard at school they would probably fall asleep and end up sleeping on the floor. Also they work so hard at school they need to be able to get rid of all their energy by playing outside instead of doing homework. Very convincing argument and well done to all the students.
Other Important Dates
Over the coming weeks there are many activities occurring at our school. I have included them in this week’s Newsletter so you can jot them down in your diary.

Prep for 2015 Transition Morning – Tuesday, 9th December 9.30am to 12.45pm
Year 6 Transition Day – Tuesday 9th December
Prep Information Evening – Thursday, 13th November at 6.30pm
Parent Helpers Morning Tea – 4th December, 11am in the staffroom.
Christmas Carols – 9th December
Meet your Teacher 2015 – Friday, 19th December 11.45 to 12.30pm
Class Parties – Tuesday, 16th December
Year 6 Graduation – Wednesday, 17th December
Reports to Parents – 16th December
Last Day of School for 2014 – Friday, 19th December School finishes at 1.30pm (assembly 9am)

School Council
School Council is this Monday, 24th November, at 6pm in the Staffroom.

Camp
Mr. Schneider is well underway with his planning for the 2015 camp. This will happen early in Term1, 2015. More details are included in this week’s newsletter.

Premiers Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the students who received a Premier’s Reading Challenge Certificate. It is important that we read every night, developing a love and appreciation of reading, Mrs. Diveney deserves a special thank you for coordinating the challenge and arranging a gift for each student who participated.

State Election
On Saturday, 29th November the State Election will be held and once again our school will be a voting venue for the local residence.

Planning for the 2015 School Year
Although it may seem some time before Christmas, we are already very busy planning for next year. Our staffing situation takes a considerable amount of time, as does student class allocations. Parents are requested to write to me if they have an educational request for consideration when placing your child in a class next year. Please have the letter to me by Friday 21st November.

Strategic Plan
We are currently working on our new Strategic Plan that will commence in 2015 until 2018. This plan will be developed through extensive consultation with students, parents and staff. It will draw on the information gathered and the directions identified through the school self-evaluation and whole school data. We have also been gathering input from students, parents and staff about our school’s vision and values. Our new plan will set challenging targets in key learning areas along with strategies and resources required to meet these targets.
**Welfare News**

**Bounce Back:** For the rest of the term the students are focusing on consolidating all the areas they have learnt about in the Bounce Back program this year. These include: our core values, how to bounce back, courage, looking on the bright side, emotions, relationships, humour and bullying. These skills will assist students to develop their social and emotional wellbeing.

**Headlice:** Headlice is a constant issue in all schools. There are a number of professional companies now that you can go to if you want assistance with this problem. If you are looking for professional advice a company that a parent in the school community has used and recommends is 1800Headlice. Their mobile is 0448 184 298 and their website is [www.1800headlice.com](http://www.1800headlice.com).

**Michael Grose Article:** The article this week is called ‘When does fun flip into addiction’. It discusses when video games become an addiction, how to determine whether your children are addicted to a game and ideas on how to limit your child’s gaming to ensure they have a healthy balance between gaming and other activities.

Hayley Taylor
Welfare Coordinator

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**Years 3/4 & 5/6 School Camp 2015**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The students of Clyde Primary School have the terrific opportunity for a Torquay beach/camping experience in 2015 (approximately 2 hours from Clyde)

Due to increasing enrolments our school continues to offer the camp for both 3/4 and 5/6 students next year.

The Year 3/4 students will be staying at the Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park from **Monday 23rd February to Wednesday 25th February.**
The Year 5/6 students will finish the week staying from **Wednesday 25th February to Friday 27th February.**
All travel expenses, camping costs, meals, fish and chip lunch and pizza dinner will be included in the cost.

There will be a combination of bunk cabins and tents for the students and we anticipate the total cost to be **$120** per student.

Permission slips, indemnity forms and other camp information will follow in the first week back at school in 2015.

A **$50 down payment** to ensure your child’s attendance is required by **Friday 11th December** (5 weeks away) so we can start paying deposits for the camp.
This can be paid through the classroom cash book, online through Qkr or at the school office.
Thank you - Nick Schneider
When does fun flip into addiction?

Gaming has come a long way since Space Invaders. Unfortunately with that growth has come an addiction to gaming in some young people. Catherine Gerhardt describes how to spot the signs and what to do about it.

Gaming addiction is a relatively new phenomenon. When I was growing up, video game addiction didn’t really exist. Kids played video games when they went to the arcade, and were limited to their pocket money. Then came the invention of home video game systems, and today millions of homes around the globe are equipped with both game consoles and personal computers. Remember Pac-Man and Tetris? My how gaming has changed.

When does fun flip into addiction?

Gaming gets into our deepest motivational drivers. As human beings we have a great need to be social. Games allow us to connect with others and give us the feeling of control over our own social environment. This can be a key motivator for youth who feel like they have very little control over their daily lives; teachers, parents and others always seem to be controlling them.

We are all driven towards pleasure, and the pleasure component in gaming is about intermittent rewards. The rewards are random, they are not predictable and they keep us waiting and therefore playing. Intermittent rewards are the same foundation that gambling is based on, and researchers are currently looking deeper into a potential correlation between gaming and gambling.

In massive multiplayer games there is often punishment for logging off. Fear and pain are, again, major motivational drivers. Some games, like World of Warcraft, penalise players through loss of progress if they are turned off before a goal or the next level is reached. Now it is the game controlling the player and not the other way around. Once players become involved in a guild then there is the added responsibility to that online community, and when they log off they may be letting other players down.

Signs that your child may be developing a gaming addiction include:

- the inability to control the use of games
- finding it difficult to stop playing even if they want to
- experiencing withdrawal symptoms – physical and mood related changes such as bad temper, poor focus, or feeling empty, frustrated or angry
- exhibiting defensive behaviour when questioned about use
- making social and recreational sacrifices such as cutting off real life friends and only having online friends
- secrecy and solitude – playing alone and even in secret, sneaking it in when they can
- lying about use – they tell you they spent one hour playing when really it was two.

What does this mean for parents?

Have you had yelling matches with your child over the amount of time they spend gaming? Have you threatened to take their access away? If you think there might be a problem, then there probably already is. Many parents feel alone in regards to their child’s problematic internet use, but be assured you are not alone. Parenting experts and parents are beginning to find ways to help with this serious behaviour problem.
**JUNIOR SCHOOL UPDATE**

**Whole School Excursion**
A reminder that this term, Clyde Primary is running a whole school excursion to Carrum Beach. This excursion will focus on water safety and will be conducted on *Monday 24th November*. Please remember to complete permission notices and make payment ASAP.

**McDonald’s Special Lunch Raffle**
Congratulations to the winners of the McDonald’s Special Lunch Raffle. Winners will receive their lunch this Friday. Raffle tickets for the next draw will be distributed shortly. The winners from the Learning Centre were:
Jaida T
Holly M
Darcy R
Riley H
Blake F

**Prep Information Night 2015**
Prep Information Night for 2015 will be conducted this Thursday at 6.30pm in the Learning Centre. All parents of future prep students are encouraged to attend.

**Library Books**
Can parents please remind students to send all overdue library books back to school. The end of year stocktake will be beginning shortly.

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**BIRTHDAYS!!!**

**NOVEMBER**

12th  Angellica R  12C
16th  Grace N  00A
19th  Liden S  34A
20th  Tyler C  00B
SPORT SPOT

T20 Blast Cricket Wednesday October 29th Casey Fields
It is days like these that I return to school with a great sense of achievement for our students.
“We are not winning but we are having a good time.”
“Gee, I did not think I would have as much fun as this.”
Great weather, groomed ovals, some 200 kids playing cricket……..
Our seven teams may not be ready for the Boxing Day Test, but they all seemed to be holding their own at the Cranbourne South District T20 Blast gala Day. Our students displayed some impressive play, good team work and excellent sportsmanship.
Boys A team came third in a competitive draw. The second boy’s side came away with two wins and two losses, while the third team of boys had one win and three losses.
Thanks to Ricky and Cooper H for filling the spaces in the 5/6teams. Thanks to Jaide, for stepping up as our only emergency and playing in the boys 3 team. A mixed team of 3/4 students who played in the Boys 2 competition were very excited to win all of their games. We have some budding cricketers in the middle school.
Our girl’s A team won all their games to be outright winners of the girls competition.
Our second girl’s side only lost one game which happened to be against our own A team. Alison (Maddie’s mum) said, our third side of girls were a great team, they were very encouraging to each other and that they played well, enjoying themselves.
Thank you to all students who participated in this event for their exemplary behaviour. Thanks to the parents who came as team managers, Alison (Maddie’s mum) and Carolyn (Campbell’s mum), photographer Karen (Shea’s mum) and (Daniel’s mum) Kerrie for getting us a coffee. Never to be overlooked are the staff who are with the students the entire time, nor the staff who take on extra responsibilities back at school.

BELEZA SCHOOL UNIFORM

V.I.P 3 DAY SALE
UP TO 20% OFF
MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER – WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2014
9AM – 5PM
Clyde Primary School is pleased to announce that we have joined The Good Guys “Cranbourne Cash” incentive program.

For every $25 spent at The Good Guys Cranbourne, we will be rewarded with $1 in Cranbourne Cash towards our tally. The amount raised will be used for necessary equipment &/or fundraising purposes.

To take advantage of this offer all you need to do the following:
* Advise your salesperson that you want Cranbourne Cash allocated to Clyde Primary School.

For example: If you purchase a washing machine for $500 we will receive $20 in Cranbourne Cash.

For further information regarding this program please contact Damien at The Good Guys Cranbourne on 5991 6000

We still have a number of outstanding payments due for the Cadbury Fundraiser.
If you have not already returned your money, please give this your urgent attention.
Thank you
The Parents and friends Association is always happy to welcome new members and extends this invitation to all but especially to our new families joining the school. The PFA objectives are to promote a spirit of genuine cooperation between parents, staff & students of the school and to provide financial assistance for the development of the school’s facilities and teaching resources.

Special Lunch Day
Please remember to return your Special Lunch Orders to the White PFA box in the office by **9.00 am Friday 5th December**. No late orders can be accepted

Christmas Raffle
We are now collecting items for our School Christmas Raffle. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the office.

Christmas raffle tickets are due back on Monday 8th December and being drawn on Tuesday the 9th December during school Christmas carols.

Thank you.

Bright Star Kids Fundraiser

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Canteen Roster – Term 4

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The canteen now sells yoghurt fruit frogs for 10c each and icy poles for 70c.