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

Wednesday 3rd December  
- Laptop Payments Due (Year 6 Final Payment)

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 24th November 2014

Enrolments
As I have mentioned before, we are still taking enrolments and would welcome new families to visit our fantastic school and see what we have to offer, therefore please spread the word.

Class structure for 2015
Next year our school is growing again and will move from 10 classes to 11 classes. This is an exciting time for our school. Over the next month and during the school holidays we will organise for the portables that will be used next year to be painted and new furniture has also been ordered for these rooms.

Our Class Structure for next year is as follows.
- Foundations (Preps)
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- Year 1
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 2/3
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 4/5
- Year 5/6
- Year 6
Reports
Teachers are currently busy completing testing and writing reports. Your child’s report will be distributed on Wednesday, 17th December.

Lateness
Many students are arriving late to school. If you are late for some unforeseen reason we ask that you walk your child/ren to the office and complete the late arrival book, take the slip of paper and walk your child to their classroom. Unfortunately we have many students that are consistently late. This not only impacts on their learning as they miss the introduction and goal setting for the lesson, it also disrupts the lesson for the entire class which is not fair on them. We would ask that parents / guardians endeavour to get their children to school prior to the commencement of the school day.

Staffing 2015
I take great delight in announcing that we have two new teachers commencing their teaching careers at Clyde PS next year. Mr. Fraser Selby and Mr. Nick Graham will both be joining our school next year. On behalf of our whole school community we welcome them to Clyde. Mrs. Jenny Webb will not be returning next year as she and her family are moving to Queensland. Jenny has been a wonderful asset to our school and I know many parents will be sad to hear that she will not be returning. We wish Jenny and her family all the best for the future.

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.

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.

School Council Meeting Change
School Council is this coming Monday, 1st December, at 6pm in the Staffroom. Please note the change of date.

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)
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. They are learning about what makes a successful social and emotional person and why this is an important part of life.

**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 ’10 research backed tips for raising happy kids’. It is an interesting read and something to keep in mind when dealing with your children.

Hayley Taylor
Welfare Coordinator

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**JUNIOR SCHOOL UPDATE**

**Whole School Excursion**
A special thank you to all of the parents who assisted with our whole school excursion to Carrum Beach. Without parent helpers excursions like these could not go ahead.

**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.

**EYE Testing**
Mrs Barker and Miss Hopkins are conducting EYE Testing for next year’s Preps. Could any parents of future Prep students who have not booked in a time for testing please see Mr Schneider.

**Project**
Junior School projects are due on Monday 8th December. If your child has any difficulties with their project or you have any questions please see the relevant classroom teacher.

**Christmas Donations**
Thank you to parents who have donated perishable items for this year’s Christmas appeal. Please keep the donations coming in to your child’s classroom teacher.

Nick Schneider (Assistant Principal)
SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

Goals
The Year 3-6 students are continuing to work on their individual goals set in each of the key subject areas, it would be beneficial to discuss these goals with them.

Reading Adventure
Reading Adventure is continuing and students have been given a new novel to read over the course of 2 weeks and will then discuss the book with their group and teacher or parent helper. Please remind your child to read daily and to record this in their diary. Students are required to bring their novel back to school each day. If your child is finding their book difficult please help to read the novel with them as it is meant to be challenging.

VCOP and Big Write
The senior school is continuing to complete a Big Write session once a week or fortnight. Students are given the topic along with a letter to be signed the day before each Big Write. We would appreciate if you would discuss the topic with them and help your child come up with ideas and vocabulary words.

Year 5 Cranbourne Secondary College Visit
On Thursday 20th November Cranbourne Secondary College provided our students with a secondary school experience. The students were able to complete a German class, a numeracy class, a PE class and humanities class. The students were provided with a complimentary BBQ lunch. The day provided the year 5’s with great insight to secondary school and I was very proud of their behavior.

Environment Leaders Excursion
On Tuesday our 2015 Environment Leaders went on a cruise boat from Stony Point Jetty to develop a clear understanding of the positive and negative impacts that we can have on marine habitats and how to ensure their future.

Homework
Homework is due on Mondays, students are expected to have completed 5 nights of reading (recorded in their diary), spelling and numeracy. Students who do not hand this in on time will be attending lunchtime homework club.

Please don’t hesitate to speak to any of the senior team if you have any questions. Tegan Sanderson
eSmart and ICT Report

We are eSmart!

We have some really great news to announce in this week’s newsletter. After years of hard work and the implementation of some fantastic programs ideas and initiatives, we have achieved eSmart status. A huge thank you to all members of the eSmart committee.

This is not the end of our eSmart journey, we will keep improving and implementing to ensure our students are safe when using digital technology.

![eSmart Logo]

We encourage everyone in the school community to continue to uphold and promote eSmart behaviours, at school and at home. If you are aware of any incidents of bullying, cyberbullying or risky online behaviour, please contact the Principal or our eSmart coordinator.

Techmo’s Tips

You may remember from my last report that we have a new eSmart mascot. You’ll be seeing more of Techmo around the school and he’s going to put up with some helpful hints from time to time.

Techmo’s tips for being eSmart this week are:

- “Make sure electronic devices, especially ones that can access the internet, are used in communal places in your home. If students use computers in areas around the home that are always in view, they won’t be tempted to ‘test the boundaries’, they can also ask for help and they will be able to share things they are doing with you!”

- “Don’t give out personal information online. Remember not everyone is who they say they are online and once information is out there it’s there for everyone to see.”

- “Lastly, Keep your passwords safe, it’s ok to share them with parents and teachers but nobody else should know them.”

“Stay safe online everyone” - Techmo

Laptop Program

A couple of weeks ago an information session was held for all parents of students who will be in year 5 next year. The night outlined the year 5/6 laptop program. If you couldn’t attend on the night you should have received an information pack. In this pack is a contract to be signed and information about payments, including a deposit. It would be appreciated if deposits for this program could be made as soon as possible so we can ensure we are organised and ready to go at the start of next year.

Please come and speak to me if you have any questions. - Doug Pumpa
I have just returned from a research trip to the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence near New York. The Yale Center is home of the RULER Program, the world’s best emotional intelligence program for children and families. I visited the Center in preparation for the introduction of the RULER Program tools to all ParentingIdeas Club members. We’ll be doing that soon — and I can’t wait!

The thing that I love about the RULER Program is that it’s totally evidence-based. It’s effectiveness is backed by mountains of scientific evidence, so credibility is assured. But that’s all I can tell you about the program now — you’ll just have to wait.

In the meantime, there are plenty of other evidence-based tips for parenting that I can share with you. Here are 10 research-backed tips for raising what most parents want: happy, successful kids.

1. Birth order matters
Birth order is something parents need to work with. If you disregard the birth order of your children you are overlooking a vital piece of your parenting puzzle. For instance, research has shown that eldest children tend to experience greater mental health problems, particularly anxiety, than children in any other birth position. Happiness can be elusive for this group so they require a parenting style that is cognizant of their drivers, and that releases pressure rather than placing extra pressure on them.

2. Positive peers matter
Your child’s friends impact heavily on their wellbeing and frame of mind. When peer relationships are smooth, children seem to be happier, more content and even learn better. Recent research I was involved in demonstrated that the wellbeing of teenage girls is highly influenced by their peer groups. A positive peer group usually equated with high life satisfaction regardless of what other factors were at play.

3. Parenting matter
If you want happy kids then you need to get yourself happy. Parent anxiety and depression is linked to behavioural problems in kids; it also makes our parenting less effective.

4. Sibling relationships matter
Research shows that over the long haul, healthy relationships makes kids happier. But how do you go about teaching kids to get on? Start by encouraging children to build small acts of kindness, which builds empathy. Help them mend relationships that have broken down. Start this with siblings first. With only-children, make sure you build these skills through plenty of interactions with peers.

5. Developmental matching matters
A number of studies have shown that much of what is considered ‘poor parenting’ has more to do with poor developmental matching. Put simply, parents who raise an eleven-year-old like they did their eight-year-old may find that conflict and resistance become their constant companions, and unhappiness accompanies their child.

6. Good parenting matters
Permissive, laissez faire, authoritative or authoritative parenting? These are parenting styles most parents use at some point.
If you want your child to be happy and succeed over the long term, then extensive British research shows the way. The links between authoritative parenting (a mixture of firmness, warmth and family participation) and children's happiness and wellbeing are well drawn.

7 Family dinners matter

Yes, you've got to eat. But you need to eat together. Significant research links family strength and children's wellbeing with regular family mealtimes. Importantly, there is a high correlation between teenagers who eat with their family at least five times a week and good mental health.

8 Fun matters

Many kids get too little unstructured time these days. Play that is not initiated by adults is more than just mucking around. Kids learn and grow through such play. Researchers believe that the dramatic drop in unstructured play time is in part responsible for slowing kids' cognitive and emotional development. Unstructured play helps children learn how to work in groups, to share, negotiate, resolve conflicts, regulate their emotions and behaviour, and look up for themselves.

9 Helping others matters

The Positive Psychology movement know what they are talking about when they put volunteering at the forefront of an individual's wellbeing. Helping others makes you happy over the long term. The same applies with kids. Just don't let their grumpiness put you off when you expect them to help.

10 Emotional intelligence matters

Emotional intelligence is a skill, not an inborn trait. Believing that your kids will just naturally come to understand their emotions (let alone those of others) doesn't set them up for success or happiness. Kids learn best when they have concrete tools to assist their learning, whether learning to read (books come in handy), playing sport (a ball and some goalposts helps) or learning to dance (some suitable music helps). The wonderful tools in the RULER Program toolkit make learning emotional intelligence accessible for kids.
Library Stock Take

‘Library Stock Take’ will commence in December. We currently have **470 book** on loan to students that are overdue. Could you please have a look in your bedroom, under your bed, on your bookshelf and see if you can find any library books. Please do not repair any school books at home. Bring them to the library so they can be repaired with the proper equipment, sticky tape yellows over time and staples are dangerous.

Scholastic Book Club 2015

Scholastic Book Club is issued 8 times a school year. All club benefits will be redirected back to purchasing library books and resources for our school. This year so far ‘School Book Club’ has raised approx. $350, so thank you for your support.

If you wish to receive scholastic book club catalogues in 2015 please return the slip below to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible.

‘Attention Mrs Diveney’

If you have any questions regarding Scholastic Book Club, please see Mrs Diveney – Book Club Coordinator

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Scholastic Book Clubs 2015

Yes, I would like to receive the scholastic book club catalogues.

Students Name: ____________________


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Paula Diveney – Library Technician
BIRTHDAYS!!!

**NOVEMBER**

27th  
Jack O  34A  
28th  
Tahlia H  00B  
30th  
Sienna C  00A  
Cameron M  34A  
Bailey S  34B

**DECEMBER**

2nd  
Levi O  00A  
4th  
Keisha M  00A  
5th  
Lachlan D  12A  
Jacinta H  12C  
Lachlan F  56A  
8th  
Meckenzie F  12A  
9th  
Preethika V  12B

“CRANBOURNE CASH”

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
CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

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
PFA NEWS

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
Name Labels, Clothing, Wall Stickers & School Bags. Keep track of your kid’s belongings with great value Name Labels for school. Shop on line at http://www.FDR1525.brightstarkids.com.au

Canteen Roster – Term 4

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