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

Friday 12th December - Junior School Sports Day
Tuesday 16th December - Class Parties
Wednesday 17th December - Year 6 Graduation
Friday 19th December - Last Day of Term 4 – 1.30pm Dismissal

Principal Report 10th December 2014

Farewell
As you would all be aware this will be my last newsletter for Clyde Primary School. It is a very emotional time for me as I finish my term here. I would like to thank the whole school community for the wonderful experiences I have had. As Principal of Clyde PS I have always been extremely proud of the students and everything they have achieved. The staff and school community have been supportive of all the educational changes we have implemented. I know that Clyde PS will go from strength to strength and I will look forward to catching up with people to hear how everyone is.

Thank you again for your support and I wish everyone the best for the future.

Reports
Teachers are currently busy completing student reports. Your child’s report will be distributed on Wednesday, 17th December.

Dismissal
This is a reminder that our last day is Friday, 19th December and dismissal is at 1.30pm.

Out of Hours School Care (OHSC)
Our OHSC program will run from 1.30pm on the Friday, 19th December to accommodate those parents who are unable to pick their children up at 1.30pm.

Carols Night
What a great night and the weather was very kind to us. Congratulations to all the students who did such a wonderful job on the night. It was great to see Santa arrive on the Fire Engine.
PFA
Once again, the PFA did a great job on the Carols Night, the sausage sizzle was well organised and went off without a hitch.
Our Christmas Raffle continued to grow with an enormous amount of prizes. Congratulations to all the winners.

Good Bye and Good Luck
To our Year Six students heading off to a variety of Secondary Colleges, we wish them the best of luck with their future endeavours.
To the students moving on to new schools we hope that you have a smooth transition and make new friends easily.

Last Assembly
Our last assembly for 2014 is on Friday, 19th December at 9am.

2015 Curriculum Days
Next year School Council approved the following dates for our Curriculum Days. Sometimes these dates may have to be altered if we are unable to book presenters or we are combining with another school on another date.
The dates that are tentatively booked for the 2015 curriculum days are as follows:

Wednesday, 28th January 2015
Tuesday, 10th March 2015
Friday, 5th June 2015
Monday, 2nd November 2015

Holidays
I would like to thank all the students, staff and parents for their hard work and dedication to Clyde Primary School throughout 2014.
I would also like to wish you all the best over the festive season.

Years 1 to 6 commence back at school on Thursday, 29th January at 9am.
Foundation (Preps) commence school on Friday, 30th January at 9am.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!

Welfare News

Welfare News
Bounce Back and Circle Time:
Both these programs were introduced this year and have been successful welfare programs in assisting children to develop their sense of connectedness and skills to deal with social and emotional situations. These programs will both run weekly next year along with Life Education and our Catching on Early program in term 3.
Michael Grose Article:
The article this week is called ‘Making the Most of the Holidays’. It is about giving your children the opportunity for structured and unstructured play and ensuring that you have ‘me’ time as well as family time over the holidays. On behalf of the welfare team we would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and safe New Year. Please remember to talk to your students about their thoughts and feelings over the break, challenge them to new activities and provide them with a safe and supportive environment to help them grow as individuals. We will see you all in 2015.

Hayley Taylor
Welfare Coordinator

JUNIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

School Reports
Reports will be distributed on Wednesday 17th December. Students will also find out their class placement for 2015 on this day.

Junior School Sports Day
This Friday will be the Junior School Sports Day for all of the Preps, Ones and Twos. Students are permitted to dress in their house colours on this day. Please remember to make sure your child is Sunsmart.

Library Books
Can parents please remind students to send all overdue library books back to school ASAP.

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.

Final Update
This is the final Junior School Update for 2014. I would like to personally thank all of the staff in the Learning Centre for all of their hard work this year. I’d also like to acknowledge all of the students who have strived extremely hard to improve their learning and the families of these students for their continued support. I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday and re-energise for 2015.

Nick Schneider (Assistant Principal)
Making the most of these holidays

You don’t need an instruction manual to make the most of the school holidays. After all, holidays are about kicking your feet up, relaxing and getting away from the usual routines. Right?

But the holiday season can be stressful. For many parents the prospect of keeping children occupied for up to six weeks can be daunting. Kids who kept busy with school, after school activities and weekend sport suddenly have time on their hands and look to you to keep them busy.

Christmas can also be a difficult and lonely time for some. Sole parents and step-parents usually experience particular challenges at this time of the year as family catch-ups cause conflict, and disputes can arise over who children spend their time with.

Often family differences are contained during the year but spill over when normal routines cease over the holiday period. High maintenance children who’s behaviour is bearable when they are at school can suddenly seem very challenging indeed when you spend 24/7 time with them.

Here are some ways to help reduce tension over the festive season and make the holidays enjoyable and fruitful for all.

1. Be creative with how festivities are organised
   For instance, two or more Christmas dinners may be needed so everyone is included. If you are flexible with your arrangements as well as your thinking then the potentially tricky times will flow more easily.

2. Mix up the routines
   The best part about holidays is the move away from the routines of school life. Some kids feel comfortable with the routines of school life and can feel a little lost until the new holiday routine kicks in. Be patient with these routine-junkies! Also make sure you begin adjusting the routine as a return to school comes closer so kids are prepared for going to bed and getting up at earlier times.

3. Mix ‘me’ time with ‘them’ time
   Plan a mixture of outdoor activities or trips with quiet at-home activities where you can relax and recharge your own batteries. The holidays are a chance to spend time as a family but you also need to take some time for yourself each day. It helps to let your kids know that you are having some timeout too.

4. Resist being your child’s home entertainment machine
   Give children opportunities to keep themselves occupied or think of inexpensive, fun ways to keep themselves amused. “I’m bored!” is an invitation for kids to keep themselves occupied rather than for you to keep them amused.

5. Team up with other families
   Whether it is sharing celebrations with other families or just holidaying with friends, holidays offer the chance to broaden your child’s social circle. Create opportunities to spend time with other families preferably with children the same age as yours.

Make sure you provide the three types of activities that children want with their parents – i.e. rituals and celebrations, including family meals times; one-on-one activities where you spend some time alone with each child; and unstructured, impromptu activities such as playing simple games, story-telling and walks around the neighbourhood. These are important relationship-building activities that bind families together and enable you to build up emotional collateral with kids as they move into adolescence.

Michael Grose
SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

Well done to all of the teachers, students and parents on a fantastic and productive year!

Thank you to all the Senior School Staff for their dedicated efforts this year.

School Christmas Concert
Our school Christmas Concert was a huge success. Well done to all of the students, we are proud of you. Thank you to all of the parents and teachers who helped to ensure our students has this great opportunity.

Holiday Reading
Students need to read daily over the holidays. Out-of-school reading habits of students has shown that even 15 minutes a day of independent reading can expose students to more than a million words of text in a year.

Year 6 Students
Good luck to all the year 6 students as you leave Clyde and go to secondary school next year. Don’t forget the values you learnt here and we wish you all the best.

Please don’t hesitate to speak to any of the Senior Team if you have any questions.
Have a safe holiday, read daily and maximize learning opportunities.

Tegan Sanderson

1. ICT/eSmart report

Laptop Program 2015
A final reminder for the year to please pay the $100 deposit for the laptop program for students in year 5 next year. Please call or come and speak to me if there are any questions.

ICT Infrastructure
Over the last few weeks there has been significant cabling work done around the school to upgrade our data network. This will be important next year as our school is growing but we are also planning further ahead with cabling upgrades to classrooms being used next year and others that will be used in coming years. New projectors have also been installed in classrooms, ready for the start of next year.
Techmo’s Holiday Tips

“Hi everyone, this is the last time you will hear from me until next year so I have 5 simple tips to help keep you safe and healthy over the summer break”

“1. Remember not to give out personal details online”

“2. Make sure you show an adult if you see something that makes you feel uncomfortable or you’re just not sure about. We do this well at school so we should be able to do it well at home too.”

“3. Games, websites and videos have age restrictions and guidelines for a reason. Make sure your parents know what you playing, doing and watching.”

“4. Be nice, treat others with respect online. It might sound simple and that’s because it is. Remember that just because you can’t see them or hear them, it doesn’t make it any less wrong. If we all act like responsible digital citizens then everyone will have a happy holiday.”

“5. Remember to take a break. It’s Summer, get out and enjoy the great weather! Make sure you take a break from ICT regularly. Experts suggest that children should spend no more than 2 hours (in total) in front of a screen each day... Do you spend too much time on your computer, iPad, video games or even phone?”

eSmart

What a great year we’ve had on this front! We are finally an eSmart school after several years of hard work. Lots of work and effort has gone in to getting us here over the years and lots of different people have helped out but I would like to thank the eSmart committee for all their hard work. Thanks Miss Sanderson, Miss Hopkins and Miss Blake. A big thank you to Tammie Jarvis who is our parent member on the committee (still heaps of room for more). Lastly, a big thank you to this year’s ICT Leader’s; Cooper, Jaxon and Zoe. They have done a great job on the eSmart committee this year as well as with other ICT projects and responsibilities.

Have a great break, Stay safe and enjoy yourselves. I’ll see most of you in 2015 ready for another fantastic year.
Doug Pumpa

SPORT SPOT

I cannot express enough gratitude for the help and support I have had this year in PE and Sport. It has been a bumper year for sporting events and school activities and this would not have happened without the help of parents, teachers and students. Some grandparents have chipped in on occasions which has also been a great help and most certainly exciting for the children. We have had further success in the sporting field this year reaching the Southern Metropolitan Regional Finals on four occasions both in individual and team events.
I truly hope that the students have enjoyed their participation in PE and Sport this year, savouring the wins and losses as one of the great experiences of primary school.

A heartfelt thank you from Ms Wendyanne Moon
(PE and Sport Teacher)
Library Stock Take

‘Library Stock Take’ has commenced. We currently have **380 books** 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

Paula Diveney – Library Technician
### BIRTHDAYS!!!

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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.

Many thanks to all the parents who donated prizes for our Christmas raffle. The school made a profit of over $1,100. What a fantastic effort!!!

Also a very big thank you to all the families who have given their support and time to assist with the many fundraising events we have had throughout the year.
Wishing you all a very happy and safe holiday!

The PFA

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**“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