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.

**COMING EVENTS CALENDAR**

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**Principal’s Report**

*Bunnings*
A very special thank you to Bunnings Warehouse for all of the time, effort and financial assistance they have contributed to our new sensory room (The ROSE) This culminated in a BBQ last Friday for our school leaders as well as a gift donated to every student in the school.

*Easter Raffle*
Our Easter Raffle will be held at our final school assembly for this term on Friday 27th March at 9.00am. Unfortunately we have not received many prizes so we are requesting that donations please be sent to the office so the raffle can go ahead. Raffle tickets will sent out to families shortly.

*Bunnings BBQ*
On Saturday 28th March is our annual Bunnings BBQ at Cranbourne. We desperately require support for this event and ask for volunteers to help. Could any parents or guardians who are prepared to give up their time please put their name, number and availability on a piece of paper and place it in the white PFA box in the office.

*Professional Development*
Congratulations to Rachael Schembri, Beth Blake and Emma Scott for being accepted into the Casey Aspirant Leaders Program. Tegan Sanderson is the Casey South Representative helping to lead this initiative.

*Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews*
A reminder that next Tuesday 24th March is our Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews. Please refer to your Tiqbiz message for details on how to make an online booking with your child’s teacher.

*Last day of term*
Friday 27th March is our final day of term, school will be finishing at 2.30pm. I hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Nick Schneider (Acting Principal)
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

On behalf of our school community we would like to wish Miss Sanderson all the best for her upcoming wedding!

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WELFARE NEWS

Purple Day-Epilepsy
On Thursday 26th March Clyde Primary School is participating in purple day for epilepsy. We encourage students to come in free dress wearing purple clothing and accessorising in purple. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation and this will go towards providing education and support services across Australia to people living with epilepsy, their families and community and professional groups.

Some facts about Epilepsy
- Epilepsy is a seizure disorder. It can affect anyone at any time, regardless of age, gender, level of intelligence, culture or background.
- All seizures are caused by a disruption to the normal electrochemical activity of the brain and can last from a few seconds to many minutes or longer.
- It is commonly thought that epilepsy always involves convulsions. However there are many different types of seizures which present in many different ways.
- According to the World Health Organisation’, epilepsy is the world’s most common serious brain disorder with 100 million developing the condition during their life.

Medical and emergency contacts
Please make sure all your child’s medical conditions and emergency contacts are up to date with the office. This assists us to ensure your child’s needs and welfare is met and if your child becomes ill or there is a problem at school.

Psychologist at Clyde PS
Clyde PS has been fortunate to receive funding for a psychologist under the National Schools Chaplain Program. She will work one day a week, focusing on assisting students both in groups and on an individual basis. If you would like more information regarding this service please speak to your class teacher as they will relay the information onto myself during our school welfare meetings.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
This Friday 20th March our students are participating in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Students will move around to different teachers and participate in a number of activities relating to bullying. Make sure you ask your students about their experiences from the day.

Michael Grose Article
This week I thought I would put in an article about what bullying is and what to look for if you believe your child is being bullied. Students will be learning about this topic on Friday as it is National Day of Bullying. It would be great to have a read of the article and discuss this with your children.

Hayley Taylor
Welfare Coordinator
Bully-proofing KIDS

Bullying is an issue to be discussed around the meal table, in the context of keeping kids safe. Talk to kids about their right to feel safe; how to recognise if they feel unsafe and what to do if they experience or witness bullying.

Despite the fact schools are very proactive when it comes to making them safe places for kids, bullying unfortunately, is something that’s still with us. According to the 2009 Australian Covert Bullying Prevalence Study one in four kids from Years 4 to 9 experiences some type of bullying at school.

Frequent bullying is highest in Year 5 (32 per cent experiencing some bullying) and Year 8 (29 per cent) so it is something that parents and teachers need to understand. Bullying is an insidious behaviour that transgresses a child’s right to feel safe and secure. It can adversely affect children’s learning, further peer relations and their emotional well-being.

Often children will tease, argue and sometimes fight, which shouldn’t be confused with bullying. Bullying is selective and intentional. It’s also repetitious rather than a one-off or occasional event. It can be physical, verbal or social exclusion. It also now happens online, which means some kids no longer feel safe at home. Kids generally feel powerless when they experience bullying.

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Knowing when kids are being bullied?
Some research suggests that around 20 per cent of bullying goes unreported so it can be difficult spotting children who experience bullying. However, kids will usually show signs in three ways:

1. **Acting out:** outward signs such as displays of unusual aggression at home, talking about hating school and getting into trouble more often.
2. **Acting in:** subtle behaviour changes such as sullenness, withdrawing from usual activities, being uncommunicative, feigned illness, bed-wetting and altered sleep patterns.
3. **Telltale signs:** more obvious physical signs such as torn clothes, items missing, altered school routes and physical injuries.

Children who are bullied usually display a combination of signs. Children often find it hard to communicate that they are being bullied. Some don’t have the language required. Many kids feel ashamed, or even believe what bullies tell them. Sometimes kids are also reluctant to tell adults about bullying, as they fear that they will take the matter out of their hands, so your approach needs to be gentle and non-judgmental.

Here are six things to do if you suspect your child is being bullied:

1. **Listen to their story:** It really is important to stay calm and get the real story. Kids need to be believed when they are bullied, so make sure they get the chance to talk.

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... Bully-proofing kids ...

1. Get the facts
Bullying behaviour usually follows patterns. An accurate picture will help you determine your next course of action, for example, whether you need to give your child some avoidance or coping strategies, or gain assistance from your child’s school.

2. Recognise & validate their feelings
Anger, fear & sadness are common.
Bullying always elicits strong feelings so make sure your child can share their thoughts and feelings with you.

3. Give them some common
coping skills & defense mechanisms
Look for some simple ways to help them handle the bullying, such as making sure they take plenty of practice and talking about how they feel.

4. Get them involved
If your child continues to struggle with bullying, contact your child's school. Report the temptation to run from suspected bullies, or their families. Teachers generally have no problem addressing and dealing with bullying.

5. Help build your child’s support
networks & their self-confidence
Focusing on groups is a great protective factor for kids when they are bullied. Do all you can to encourage and build their friendship groups inside and outside school.

Michael Grose
Junior School Update

Wow, this will be the last newsletter for Term One. Where has the time gone? Congratulations everyone for a great term’s work. The Family Tree Projects look terrific and we hope to start displaying them in the LC over the next week so don’t forget to come into the building before or after school next week to see everyone’s work.

Please do not forget to help your child read each night and go over their reading or spelling words daily. To help children comprehend what they are reading, discuss the book together – What happened? Who was in the story? What might happen next and what they liked/didn’t like about the story? Math Share tasks are due next week.

Children are reminded to bring their blue reading bag, containing their diaries and home learning books, in each day. Sapphire and Turquoise class groups are to bring their sentence books to school each day as well.

The last week of term is going to be busy. Please get your Subway orders in on the last Monday of term. On Tuesday we have our student, parent and teacher conferences where children are encouraged to discuss their progress. If you have not already made an on-line appointment please do so on Tiqbiz as soon as possible. If you are having problems with this process, Rob is available Monday mornings before school and from 3:00 Fridays to help you set up your account or fix any issues. Don’t forget there is a computer set up in the school for your use if your phone is incompatible with this App and there is now an ipad for use in the office area to assist you.

On Thursday, 26th March we are having a Purple Day within the school to raise funds for Epilepsy Awareness. Children will hear more about this closer to the day and will be encouraged to wear purple and each family is asked to bring a gold coin donation. This is also the special Subway lunch day. We will be celebrating No Bullying Day on this day as well.

A range of activities based on getting along and helping each other, will be organised within the various teams throughout the school. Lastly we have the last day Friday. Assembly will be at 9:05 and children will be dismissed at 2:30pm.

If you have any old toys that your children no longer play with and you are looking for a home for, we are in the process of collecting safe toys for children to play with outside at playtime. These will help children who find it difficult at playtimes when their friends are away. If you have some good quality toys that you no longer have room for please bring them to the LC where we will have a collection box to place them in. Thanking you for your help with this matter.

Enjoy your holidays together. Have fun, keep safe but don’t forget to keep on reading and writing over the break.

LC Team.

Middle School Update

On Wednesday March 11 the students participated in a sports day. The Year 3 students were involved in the House Athletics with the Year 4, 5 & 6. They earned house points by competing in events throughout the day. The Year 2 students participated in relay races and tabloid sports activities. All students enjoyed the day and showed good sportsmanship. It was also great to see the number of parents who came to support their children on the day.

Friday March 20th is the National Day against Bullying and Violence. Children will be involved in a range of activities to boost their resilience.

Our team is looking forward to our Parent, Teacher and Student conferences, which will be held next Tuesday March 24th from 3:30pm to 7:30pm for 2/3A and 3A. Miss Blake will schedule her meetings for early next term, as she will be on personal leave. Please check your conference time online.

With the term holidays fast approaching please ensure that children continue to read and record this information in their diaries.

Have a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to a busy and productive term 2.
Bunnings Celebration
To celebrate all of the hard work that Bunnings put into The R.O.S.E sensory room, 11 Bunnings employees came out to Clyde. They held a sausage sizzle and games session for our year 6 leaders and SRC reps.

Reading Adventure
Reading Adventure will continue next term. Students have not been given a book to read over the next week and holidays so that they can select one of their preference. It is extremely important that students are finishing and returning their Reading Adventure novels. If your child has not returned a book, can you please ensure it is bought back to school ASAP.

VCOP and Big Write
The senior school is continuing to complete a Big Write session once a 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.

Casey Student Leaders Reception
The 4 school captains went to the Casey Student Leaders Reception where they listened to inspirational leadership speeches and were given leadership badges for the City of Casey. Thank you to Mr Pumpa and Mr Graham for accompanying them.

Homework
Homework is due on Tuesday, 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.

Athletics Day
Well done to all of the students that participated in our House Athletics Day last week. I am extremely proud of our students’ behaviour and effort on the day. Congratulations to Ballarto as they were the winning house for this event. A big thank you to Mr Pumpa for his hard work in organising this event.

Environment Excursion
Mrs Campbell and the environment committee attended a training session from The Dolphin Research Institute as part of the “i sea, i care program.” They were trained to present a set of activities to our junior students.

Please don’t hesitate to speak to myself or any of the senior team if you have any questions.
Tegan Sanderson

LAPTOP PAYMENTS

Please remember student laptop payments must be kept up to date to ensure that your child can take his/her laptop home.
Due dates for 2015 payments are:
February 4th
March 4th
April 1st
May 6th
June 3rd
July 15th
August 12th
September 9th
November 4th
December 2nd
Premier Reading Challenge 2015

Once again congratulations to those students that completed the challenge in 2014.

Clyde PS will be participating again this year and it would be great to have all our students successfully complete the challenge.

The challenge commences in February and closes on 31st of August 2015.

Prep to Year 2- are required to read or share reading with mum or dad a total of 30 books at their level.

Year 3 to 6– are required to read or share reading with mum or dad 15 books at their level.

You can check out the website for more information http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

A challenge book lists is available on the website and can be saved to your computer for future reference.

Parent consent forms will go home this week. Once they are returned students will be issued a record sheet, user name and password which will enable them to access the website.

Please fill out one form per student and return to your classroom teacher AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Please start keeping a list of all the Challenge Books you read so that they can be added to your list.

If you have any queries, please see Mrs Paula Diveney (PRC Coordinator).

CAN YOU HELP?

Are you able to help in our school library? We are seeking volunteers to reshelving books, do displays and help with general upkeep of our school library. If you are able to lend a hand, please drop in on Thursday mornings. All help is greatly appreciated. Library helpers need to hold a current ‘Working with Children Check’.

Mrs Diveney – Library Technician
The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development wishes to collect from schools the names and schools of students participating in the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015. This information is required for the purpose of conducting the Challenge and printing certificates of achievement for students who meet the Challenge. The information is to be provided to the Department via a secure website, and it will be kept confidential in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2000.

Consent is sought from students and parents for the provision and collection of this information by schools and the Department respectively.

Consent is also sought for the publishing of successful students’ names in the Premier’s Reading Challenge Achievers Honour Roll in The Age in October or November 2015.

If you have any concerns about providing the information requested please email readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au. All queries will remain confidential.

Details of the Challenge are available at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc.

PLEASE NOTE:

SECTION 1 of the consent form below must be signed for a student to participate in the Challenge and receive a Certificate of Achievement.

SECTION 2 of the consent form below is optional. This section should be signed to give permission for a student’s name to be published in the Premier’s Reading Challenge Achievers Honour Roll in The Age in October or November 2015.

Mrs Paula Diveney – PRC Coordinator Clyde Primary School (Cut here)

STUDENT’S NAME: __________________________________________________________(Insert full name)

SCHOOL: Clyde Primary School    CLASS TEACHER: ___________________ YEAR LEVEL:___________

SECTION 1: Consent to enter the Challenge and print certificate

I have read the statement above and give permission for my child’s name to be entered in the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2015 and printed on a certificate.

Signed: ___________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)    Date: / /2015

Print Name: ___________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)

SECTION 2: Consent to publish name in ‘THE AGE’

I have read the statement above and consent to publication of my/my child’s name in the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge Achievers Honour Roll.

I understand that if I wish to withdraw this authorisation prior to publication it will be my responsibility to inform the Reading Challenge Coordinator at my child’s school on or before 1st August 2015 in writing.

Signed: ___________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)    Date: / /2015

Print Name: ___________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)
CAMP AUSTRALIA

You can register if or when you find yourself in a position where your need to drop your child/ren off early or pick them up late. Don’t forget you can join on a casual basis for those unavoidable emergencies.

Ph: 1300 105 343
Email: OSHC@campaustralia.com.au
Website: www.campaustralia.com.au

BIRTHDAYS!!!

MARCH

19th
Grace P
56A

20th
Chelsea H 02A
Shanagh H 56A

21st
Cody W 03A

24th
Demon C 23A

25th
Egor O 00A
Paige K 00A
Taylah M 56A

26th
Bradley M 02A

28th
Ahna G 01B
Mitch B 02A
Chelsea G 56A

APRIL

2nd
Alex G 23A
Brody C 06A

4th
Kayla H 23A
Eden S 45A

7th
Brodie M 04A
Owen C 04A

10th
Jimmy N 23A

11th
Oliver A 56A

13th
Corey C 06A

14th
Gemma S 00B
Robbie C 06A
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. This is a great way to meet other parents and make some great friendships while fundraising to for resources for our school.

Easter Raffle
Raffle tickets have now been sent home and the money and tickets are due back to the white PFA box in the office by 9am Thursday, 26th March. The raffle will be drawn at the assembly on Friday the 27th March at 9am.

The PFA would like to ask families to donate something for our upcoming Easter Raffle such as an egg/s, stuffed rabbit, basket or cello wrap etc. All donations can be given to the front Office and are greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the families who have already made a donation.

Cranbourne Cash
Cranbourne Good Guys kindly donates “Cranbourne Cash” for each purchase made. If you purchase an item there please ask for “Cranbourne Cash” for Clyde Primary School no matter how small or large your purchase is. All you need to do is bring it into the front office once you have been given the voucher. These vouchers are used to purchase raffle items and help replace electrical items within the school when they stop working.

Bunnings Fundraising BBQ
On Saturday 28th March 2014 our school will be holding its annual Bunnings Fundraising BBQ at the Cranbourne Store. Helpers are required throughout the day between 8am-6pm. If you are a parent/guardian/grandparent/family friend and are able to give some time (even as little as an hour) to assist, could you please fill in the form below and return to the white PFA box in the front office ASAP. You are sure to have an enjoyable shift while helping to raise much needed funds for our school. A roster will be sent home shortly.

Please note You will need an apron, closed toed shoes and no singlets.

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I am able to help at the Bunnings Fundraising BBQ on Saturday March 28th.

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SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

We are having our special Subway lunch on Thursday 26th March. Please make sure all orders are placed in the white PFA box in the office by 9am Monday 23rd March as no late orders can be accepted.
Canteen

Our school canteen is open every Friday. We are always looking for helpers so if you are able to assist in the canteen could you please complete the form below and return it to the white PFA box in the front office. A current Working with Children check is required.

I am able to help in the Canteen:
(Please Circle)
Once per Term
More than once per Term - Please Specify ...........................................
Your Name ........................................................................................................
Your Phone Number ...........................................................................................

*A roster will be sent home with your child. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN ON FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 2

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

23rd MARCH, 2015

The Annual General Meeting of the Clyde PFA will be held on Monday, 23rd March beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the PFA room.

All committee positions will become vacant and we will be appointing new office bearers for 2015.

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to get to know other parents within our school and become involved with various fundraising events or with our school canteen.

Come along and join our committee or just join as a general member ($1.00 membership fee for the year).