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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15th April, 2015

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR
Monday April 27th - School Council Meeting – 6.00pm
Tuesday April 28th - School Photo Day
Wednesday May 6th - Laptop Payments Due
Tuesday May 12th – Thursday May 14th - NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
Friday June 5th - Curriculum Day – Student Free Day
Monday June 8th - Queens Birthday - Public Holiday

Principal’s Report
Welcome back
I would like to officially welcome back all members of our school community for Term 2. This will be an extremely busy term with NAPLAN Testing for Years 3 & 5 being conducted as well as class reports for all grades.

Hours of Operation
Can parents please refrain from dropping off their children any earlier than 8.40am and picking them up no later than 3.45pm. Camp Australia runs a Before and After School Program to assist families outside of these hours.

Leave
Lynda Sinnema will be taking long service leave for the whole of Term 2. Hayley Taylor will be taking up an extra day and Nikki Elston covering the other 2 days of her leave. Unfortunately Wendyanne Moon will be taking personal leave for another term, she will be replaced in P.E by Mr Scott Holmes whilst she is away.

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Tuesday 28th April, please ensure that students are in full school uniform on this day.

Professional Development
A major focus for the school has been to develop a Professional Learning Communities approach to Numeracy throughout the curriculum. Our initial focus will be on ‘Number’ with the staff developing non-negotiable learning outcomes that the students must achieve at the end of each year level. These outcomes will be known as Clyde’s Essential Skills. More information on these skills will be distributed throughout the school shortly.
Curriculum
The staff are currently looking at a new benchmarking program to help assess reading throughout the school. The new program will ensure continuity when assessing reading outcomes across all year levels.

Bunnings BBQ
A very special thank you to the PFA and all of the volunteers that helped with the Bunnings BBQ over the school holidays. This once again proved to be a significant fundraiser for the school and is greatly appreciated.

Nick Schneider (Acting Principal)

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day tokens/badges will be sold at school for 50c each or by donation as of tomorrow. We will be holding an ANZAC Day Service at our afternoon assembly on Friday 24th April. Further details to come.

WELFARE NEWS

Purple Day-Epilepsy
Thank you to everyone who participated in purple day last term. It was great to be able to assist organisations like the Epilepsy Foundation and raise awareness about epilepsy.

Psychologist at Clyde PS
Due to unforeseen circumstances the psychologist that was contracted to our school is unable to fulfil her role. Therefore we are in the process of hiring someone else for the position. We will keep you informed when another person replaces her. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Michael Grose Article
This week’s article focuses on giving your children more responsibility at home and slowly increasing their responsibility as they get older until they become an independent person.

Hayley Taylor
Welfare Coordinator
Do less, not more, for your kids

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them.

The basic task of parenting, whether you have a two year old or a twenty-two year old, is to work yourself out of a job at the first possible chance.

REDUNDANCY should be the aim of the game! We never become redundant in a relationship sense – the emotional connection between our children and us is never severed.

In a practical, physical way we need to make children less, rather than more, reliant on us.

Developing independence is really about stepping back to allow children in. Doing less rather than more!

We develop greater independence in our kids one job at a time. Recently I gave my 22 year old son a job that I had been doing for a while. He lives in North America and I had taken on the job of being the connector between him and one of his sisters, who lives in the UK. It had been my job to pass messages on between the two via telephone and emails. I would update each of them about how the other sibling was going.

Frustrated being the go-between I made sure he had contact details and let him know that it was his job, not my job, to connect with his sister.

WE EASILY TAKE ON CHILDREN’S RESPONSIBILITIES

It is easy as parents to take on the jobs and responsibilities that really should belong to our children. With toddlers it is so easy to dress, feed and clean up after them rather than give these jobs over to them.

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them. And as I discovered, it is easy to still do the basics of life for adult-aged children.

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for developing independence:

Never be more worried about a child’s job than they are, otherwise it becomes your job, not theirs.

This mum remained very clear that it was her job to wash the clothes but not to place them in the washing basket. She would remind kids about washing night, but never nag them to put clothes in the basket. She knows that as soon as she keeps reminding them, it becomes HER job rather than her children’s job to put the washing in the clothes basket.

The school holidays provides a good opportunity to reflect on the whole notion of job-sharing. It’s also a good time for kids to increase their job load when they are not burdened with schoolwork and extracurricular activities.

Here’s my challenge for you: Think of a job that you regularly do for your child that he or she can do for him or herself. Then step back and enable your child to do that for themselves on a full-time basis. Do less not more for your kids.

If you do that, then you can congratulate yourself as you have moved one step more toward REDUNDANCY.
Junior School Update

Can you believe Term Two is already here? Hoping everyone had a lovely Easter and had the opportunity to have some quality family time together. Please don’t forget to keep reading each day and go over your Magic Words daily too. It is great to see how excited children become when they successfully read a tricky book, remember their words or are able to use their Magic words in writing tasks. All children have had their Reading Eggs and Mathletics passwords contacted onto their diaries, so it is important children bring these to school each day.

We are having our termly Planning Morning on Wednesday. Children will have most of their specialist subjects during this time. The timetable will go back to normal next week.

Middle School Update

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and are refreshed ready for another busy term.

This term we welcome back to our school and to our team, Mrs Nikki Elston who will be teaching 2/3 A with Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. Sinnema is on leave for all of the term. Parent, Teacher and Student conferences will be scheduled for Miss Blake’s class in the first few weeks of this term.

The year 3 children are preparing for the NAPLAN numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions tests which will be take place on May 12, 13 and 14.

Homework will continue to be given out on Mondays and should be returned on the following Monday along with reading diaries.

Just a reminder to regularly check your child’s hair for head lice as it is an ongoing problem in schools and child care centres.

Senior School Update

Welcome back to term 2, we look forward to a busy and productive term.

Inquiry Unit
This term the senior school is learning about Australian history. In conjunction with the centenary of the Gallipoli landing, we will be learning about the ANZACs alongside with other historical events.

Reading Adventure
Reading Adventure is continuing this term. Students have already been given a book to read over the next 2 weeks. Students are required to have this book finished by Monday 27th April. These books are designed to be challenging if your child requires assistance please feel free to read the text with them. It is extremely important that students are finishing and returning their Reading Adventure books. 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.

NAPLAN
The year 3 and 5 students will be completing NAPLAN in week 5 of this term.

Homework
Homework is due on Tuesdays, 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 myself or any of the senior team if you have any questions.

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:

April 1st
May 6th
June 3rd
July 15th
August 12th
September 9th
October 7th
November 4th
December 2nd

DO YOU HAVE THE TIQBIZ APP?

Download now so you don’t miss out on any school notifications!
Dear Parents and Families:

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: encouraging kids to open a world of possible.

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – Kings, Queens and Castles: Enter the Kingdom of Books! – surrounds students in the celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for them to discover. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more, and like most acquired skills, the more children practice reading, the better they’ll achieve.

Reading is vital to every child’s success, and raising children as readers means getting involved while they’re young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent’s direct involvement in his/her child’s education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Hope to see you there!

Book Fair Dates: 4th of May to 7th of May, 2015.
Opening Hours: Before and After School (more details to follow)
Special Events: Crazy Hat Day – Thursday 7th of May (more details to follow)

Sincerely,

Mrs Diveney
Library Technician
**Library News**

**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*

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**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

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**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. This is a great way to meet other parents and make some great friendships while fundraising to for resources for our school.

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 7th May.
Children will be able to purchase gifts ranging in price from 50c to $5.
If you are able to help on the day could you please leave your details at the office.

Cookie Dough
Our next fundraiser is with Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie and Biscuit Dough.
Order forms will be sent home this week and will be due back to school by Friday 15th May.

Easter Raffle
Thank you to all the families who donated Easter gifts and purchased tickets for the raffle. We raised over $700 for our school!

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
Thank you to all the families who helped and supported our Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 28th March. The day was a great success!
We raised over $1,400 for our school!

A very big thank you to the following people for helping out on the day!

Naomi Batty  Lincoln Coffee
Katrina Clayton  Elena Cumming
Melissa Hewitson  Tammie Jarvis
Sonya Leerentveld  Robyn Rawlings
Sonya Robinson  Helen Sucher
Leanne Waters

School canteen will be open this Friday 17th April
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.

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 2

17th April  Naomi Batty  Tracey Martin  Sonya Robinson
24th April  Naomi Batty  Tracey Martin  Sonya Robinson  Belinda Walker
1st May     Naomi Batty  Tracey Martin  Sonya Robinson
8th May     Naomi Batty  Tracey Martin  Sonya Robinson
15th May    Naomi Batty  Tracey Martin  Sonya Robinson  Belinda Walker
22nd May    Naomi Batty  Tracey Martin  Sonya Robinson
29th May    Naomi Batty  Tracey Martin  Sonya Robinson  Belinda Walker
5th June    Naomi Batty  Tracey Martin  Sonya Robinson
12th June   Naomi Batty  Tracey Martin  Sonya Robinson
19th June   Naomi Batty  Tracey Martin  Sonya Robinson