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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29th April, 2015

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR
Tuesday May 12th – Thursday May 14th
- NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
Thursday May 21st
- ICT / eSmart Info Evening 4.00 – 6.00pm
Wednesday June 3rd
- Laptop Payments Due
Friday June 4th
- Years 2 & 3 Coal Creek Excursion
Friday June 5th
- Curriculum Day – Student Free Day
Monday June 8th
- Queens Birthday - Public Holiday
Thursday June 11th
- Years 4, 5 & 6 Melbourne Excursion

Principal’s Report

Curriculum
On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week, the Year 3 & 5 students completed their NAPLAN testing. I would like to congratulate all of the students and teachers for their hard work and dedication during this time.

2016 Prep Transition
Could all current families who intend on enrolling their child in Prep in 2016 please collect an enrolment form from the office. Could these forms please completed ASAP as we are trying to plan our Prep Transition Program.

These are the corrected transition dates for our 2016 preps.
Monday 10th August – 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Wednesday 26th August – 11.30am – 1.00pm
Wednesday 9th September – 9.30am – 11.00am
Tuesday 27th October – 11.30am – 1.00pm
Meet the Principal Morning Tea, Tuesday 27th October 11.45am – 12.30pm
Prep Orientation Morning, Tuesday 8th December 9.30am – 1.00pm

Professional Development
The staff have recently completed a professional development session on VCOP and Big Write. This involved student work samples being moderated to ensure consistency between all teacher judgements.
Parents and Friends Association
A big thank you to our school PFA for their commitment towards our Mother’s Day stall. Without these dedicated parents, events like these simply could not happen.

Lunchtime Activities
As an extra-curricular activity, staff are now running lunchtime programs for students on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. These activities involve ICT, chess and the use of the library. I would like to thank the staff for giving up their time to make this program happen.

PFA
The Clyde Primary School Parents and Friends Association is looking for new members. The PFA meets once a month on a Monday afternoon and organises fundraisers for our school. Special lunch days, Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, the Bunnings BBQ and chocolate drives are examples of the fundraising activities conducted. Any assistance that can be offered would be greatly appreciated.

Laptop payments
Can parents/guardians with students in the laptop program please ensure that all laptop payments are up to date. Thank you.

Nick Schneider (Acting Principal)

WELFARE NEWS

Lunch Time Groups
Last week lunch time groups began at Clyde PS. These groups are being held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the second half of lunch time. On Monday the library will be open for students who wish to do some reading. On Wednesday the computers are available to use in the LC and on Friday we are setting up the chess boards in the Library. Any student is welcome to participate in lunch time groups and it is a great place to meet new students or learn from others.

Wellbeing Officer at Clyde PS
Our Wellbeing officer has begun at Clyde. Her name is Brenda and she is already seeing students and groups and has set programs for them. She will be at our school on Thursdays. It is great to have someone working at our school to help boost our student’s social and emotional needs. Please see your child’s teacher if you have a concern about your child and believe they would benefit from seeing Brenda.

Michael Grose Article-It’s not OK to be away
Last week Nick Schneider began advertising the ‘It’s not OK to be away’ initiative set out by the government to inform and remind parents to make sure their children are at school as often as possible. This article is a great reminder to parents of the benefits of ensuring their children attend school regularly and the problems that can occur if students do not attend school.

Hayley Taylor
Welfare Coordinator
It’s not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it's true. The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me it's often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively. Yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It's hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year's lost schooling over the school-life of a child. In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That's not a reason to be away!
It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling's birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either
Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

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It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself, I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as “It’s not fair that I have to go to school today because Aunty is coming to visit!” Nice try. But the answer should be “No!”

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It’s reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

AS A PARENT:

- Commit to sending kids to school every day.
- Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time.
- Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence.
- Consider catching-up on missed work.
- Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom – that is where ill kids should be.

Thursday May 7 was a great day for the children in our area. They participated in the Kingdom of Clyde Day in a very regal way. There were lots of princesses with glittering tiaras, kings, knights and other royal characters. A big thanks goes to the parents for helping their children with their costumes. The book fair was well attended and another big thank you to Mrs. Diveney and her small band of helpers for running the fair again this year.

Also on Thursday was the Mother’s Day stall, run so well by the wonderful volunteers we have here at Clyde Primary School. It was wonderful to see the children carefully select their gifts for their mums. We hope all the mums had a wonderful Mother’s Day and enjoyed opening their gifts.

Our planned excursion to Coal Creek details went online this week. Please return the money and permission form by May 29th. We would love to have parents attend this excursion but there are a limited number of seats available on the bus.

Lunchtime activity groups have started, with the Library opening on Monday for quiet reading time, the computer lab on Wednesday and on Friday games of chess are happening in the Library. Children are able to participate in these supervised activities in the second part of lunchtime on those days.

On Thursday, May 21st there will be an ICT and Cyber Safety night for students and parents.
Senior School Excursion- The Shrine of Remembrance and Old Melbourne Gaol

The excursion offers students the opportunity to explore the history of the Old Melbourne Gaol including: crime punishment, The Ned Kelly story and the living conditions in Gaol. The Shrine of Remembrance allows students to commemorate the First World War, focusing on the legend of ANZAC, the values it embodies and its contemporary relevance to ideas of national identity. Students explore the daily life of an Australian soldier and nurse in the First World War including a tour, a service of commemoration and a visit to the Gallipoli Landing Boat in the Galleries of Remembrance. The excursion is on Thursday, 11th June at a cost of $25 (due by Monday 1st, June 2014).

Reading Adventure

We have changed the Reading Adventure groups to make them smaller. Not all students are completing their books each fortnight, it is extremely important that all students finish their texts so that they can contribute to discussions productively. We still require parent helpers, please speak to any senior school staff member if you are free to help out. Due to rearranging of groups the students were given their books on the Wednesday not the Monday this week, students are required to have this book finished by Monday 11th May. 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.

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 completed NAPLAN this week. All students put in a great effort and we are extremely proud of them.

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.

Tegan Sanderson

ICT/eSmart Report

Just a reminder that we are having an ICT / eSmart information evening for students and parents on Thursday 21st May from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. Please return expressions of interest by Thursday 14th May.
Library News

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone for making the book fair a great success. The school library received $931.00 worth of books.

Thank you to Kerri Lightowler, Nay Batty, Donna Smith, Helen Sucher for helping with the selling of book all week.

Special thanks to the Lawrence, Carpenter, Schembri, Potter, Stergeon and Ledbury families for their donation of books to our school library.

‘The Kingdom of Clyde Day’ raised $146.00 Royal Dollars, which will purchase books in our ‘Buy One Get One Free’, book fair in later in the year.

Mrs Diveney – Book Fair Co-ordinator

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

Are you able to help in our school library? We are seeking volunteers to re-shelf books, do displays and help with the general up keep 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
BIRTHDAYS!!!

MAY

16th  Patrick W  01A
17th  Mitchell C  04A
18th  Liam W  04A
19th  Amy N  06A
20th  Michael K  43A
22nd  Emily T  02A
23rd  Katie D  06A

DO YOU HAVE THE TIQBIZ APP?

Download now so you don’t miss out on any school notifications!

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
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.

Cookie Dough

DUE BACK THIS FRIDAY!!!
Please remember the orders for our fundraiser with Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie and Biscuit Dough are due back to school by Friday 15th May.

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.

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.

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