Term Dates 2013

Term 3: 15 July to 20 September - Early finish 2.30pm
Term 4: 7 October to 19 December

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JSC Meetings

Thursday 5th & 19th September

School fair Saturday 23rd November 10am-4pm

Stallholder meeting 5th September - 6pm - Room 5KK, you will have to come through kids club room

Fair Committee meeting Tuesday 17th September

UNSAFE!

This morning between 20+ students were playing basketball and other games in the Gold St yard. Some were there at 8.10 and by 8.30 more than 20. This may seem a great idea on a beautiful morning however there are inherent dangers in this. The yard is not supervised at this time. If a student is injured or has a severe asthma attack there is no-one immediately at hand to manage the situation. Protection from inappropriate stranger behaviour is also a real concern. That nothing in this regard has ever happened here does not mean it can’t or won’t!

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN IN POTENTIALLY UNSAFE SITUATIONS. KIDS CLUB IS AVAILABLE FROM 7.30am.
Clifton Hill Primary School Playground Rules 2013

The following rules have been agreed upon by students and staff at Clifton Hill Primary School. They are aimed at keeping all children safe while facilitating active games outside to the best of our ability.

Page Street Playground
- Play equipment only for use by students in Prep-Two
- No ball games at any times with the exception of down ball against the far wall adjoining Gold Street and in the cul-de-sac area near Page St
- Students are not permitted in garden beds
- No chasing games are permitted on the play equipment

Organ Factory Yard
- For use by students in years 2-6
- Students must remain in front of the main building and totems
- No ball games
- Students must use the toilets in the main school
- Students travel between the Organ Factory and Page Street yards using the designated path
- The seats, path and garden beds between the two yards are not to be used as a play area

Gold Street Playground
- No kicking games (eg soccer, cricket or football) in any areas
- Students can play freely between the bridge and the Gold Street fence
- Rocks in the new garden are to stay in the creek beds
- Students are to stay off the plants

Wellington Street Playground
- Play equipment for students in grades 3-6 only
- All students may access the grassed area for non-ball games during recess
- Prep and one students may use the grassed area at lunch time for small ball games
- No chasing games are permitted on the play equipment
- Garden beds behind the multipurpose room are out of bounds
- The fire escape stairs at the back of the multipurpose room are out of bounds

Park
- All students from grades 2-6 may attend the park each lunch time
- Students in grade 1 may attend from term 2

Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with Disability

Our school has been selected to participate in the 2013 Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This national Data Collection is taking place in schools across Australia and will provide information about the number of students with disability in schools, where they are located and the adjustments they receive.

The information provided by this new data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources. This will assist students with disability in government and non-government schools across Australia to complete school and go on to further education or find employment.

If your child is eligible to be included in the Data Collection, you will be sent a Privacy Information and Consent Form in the next few weeks. Inclusion in the Data Collection is voluntary. If you wish your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can complete the Privacy Information and Consent Form and return to the school.

If you do not receive a Privacy Information and Consent Form and believe your child has a disability and should be considered for inclusion in the Data Collection, please contact the Principal.

For further information about the Data Collection, please contact the Principal or visit Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website


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THRASS PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

On Wednesday 11th September we are offering parents the opportunity to attend an information evening about THRASS. THRASS (Teaching Handwriting Reading and Spelling Skills) is a phonics teaching tool that has a phonographic and multi-sensory approach. THRASS is one of the spelling tools used at Clifton Hill Primary School.

Denyse Ritchie, the co-founder of THRASS, will be the presenter.  |  Date: Wednesday 11th September  |  Time: 6.30 – 8.00  |  Place: School Library

If you would like to attend please fill out the form below and return to your classroom teacher by Thursday 5th September.

I would like to attend the THRASS information evening.

Parent name:__________________________________________    Child’s name:________________________________________________  Grade level:____________________________

Clifton Hill P.S. Science Show 2013.

When: Monday October 21st- Friday October 25th.
Where: Multipurpose Room.
Entries welcome from Prep- Grade 6.
No entry form required- just bring your entry to the MPR on Monday October 21st and have a teacher write down your name and grade on the list.
Models | Inventions | Posters | Experiments | Research
You can enter by yourself or with a partner.
Prize for each entrant!
Parents and friends can view the Show before and after school until 4.00pm.
Classes will view the Show during school hours.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is about to close for 2013. Please ensure that you have updated your details and logged all of your books by Friday September 6 as library staff are then required to verify all of the books.

Congratulations to the students who have managed to complete this year’s challenge and to their parents for helping them to log their reading electronically. We expect to have approximately 150 students meeting the challenge this year.

Certificates will be awarded to these students in November and for parents who have authorised it, their names will be published in The Age newspaper.

Father Day Stall - Thank-you

The Fathers Day Stall was once again a huge success. A BIG thank you for all your help goes out to Sarah Mulroy, Kate Lovett, Jodie Wood, Rachel Brown, Mel Grant & Jayde Kincaid.
French Corner

Avez-vous les boules pour jouer à la pétanque?

Spring has sprung! Let’s get outside and play one of France’s most famous sports.

Pétanque is a form of boules where the goal is to throw hollow metal balls as close as possible to a small wooden ball called a cochonnet (literally "piglet") or jack. It is also sometimes called a bouchon (literally "little bowl", from the occitan bochon) or le petit ("the small one"). The game is normally played on hard dirt or gravel, but can also be played on grass, sand or other surfaces.

Pétanque is played by two, four or six people in two teams, or players can compete as individuals in casual play.

A coin is tossed to decide which side goes first. The starting team then draws a circle on the ground which is 35-50 centimetres in diameter. All players must throw their boules from within this circle, with both feet remaining on the ground. The first player then throws the jack 6–10 metres away and after this play commences with each player taking their turn. The usual technique for throwing the boule is underarm with your palm facing down, however, you can roll the boule if you wish.

There are several pétanque clubs in Melbourne. One of the more local ones is Camberwell Pétanque Club (www.onpisteup.com).

If formal play is not your scene, why not purchase your own set? Most big sports shops stock pétanque sets which will only set you back about $30. As the weather starts to warm up, what a wonderful way to engage in some French culture with the whole family!

Les mots qui riment

How many words in French can you find that rhyme with the following?

chaud | belle | garçon
chanter | beaucoup

Give a list to your French teacher and next newsletter we’ll publish all the results.

Grades 3, 4 and 5 Art and Music Show

Date
On Wednesday September the 18th, the grade 3, 4 and 5 students will have their art work exhibited in the Multi Purpose Room for our Art and Music Show.

Students in the extra-curricula music groups will be performing from 6.30 - 7.30pm. This includes:
- String Ensemble
- African Drumming Ensemble
- Choir
- Grade 6 girls singing group
- Grade 4 bands

Time
Starting time: 6.00pm | Finishing Time: 8.00pm

Finger food and beverages will be available.

Hope to see you there.

Kind Regards Rosy Green & Roz Girvan
A SLICE OF MANDARIN

Chinese idiom story

nǐ hāo!

It’s your friendly dragon, xiǎo lóng. 😊 Today we are going to introduce Chinese idioms (chéng yǔ), they are short sayings usually consisting of four characters. Unless you know the story and its common usage, a chéng yǔ will sound like random nonsense.

For example, one of the most popular ones is - 走 (ride) 马 (horse) 看 (look) 花 (flower) – 走马看花. This idiom means “to do something very superficially, without paying attention to its deeper meaning”. This chéng yǔ is originated from the following story.

The famous Chinese poet Ming Jiao lived in the mid-Tang Dynasty. However, the beginning of his career was all but smooth. He came from a poor family and was very talented and studious, yet somehow managed to keep failing the Imperial Examination several times.

Luckily he didn’t give up and in 797 AD eventually passed the exam in Chang’an (today’s Xi’an). Feeling extremely delighted, he jumped his horse and wrote a poem:

xī rì wò chuò bù zú kuā,
昔日龌龊不足夸, (Yesterday’s unpleasantness is nothing to boast of,)

jīn zhāo fàng dàng sī wú yá:
今朝放荡思无涯; (Now I feel alleviated and my thoughts are borderless;)

chūn fēng dé yì mǎ tí jí,
春风得意马蹄疾, (The spring breeze makes me feel content, the horse hoofs are fast,)

yī rì kàn jìn cháng ān huā.
一日看尽长安花. (In one day I will see all of Chang’an’s flowers.)
3 Months until the Fair!

It's time to start organising the Fair stalls and looking out for roster requests from your children's classes. A reminder that the Stall holder Co ordinator meeting is on this Thursday 5th September at 6pm in room 5KK -- enter via Kids Club. It's great to see that we are filling in some critical Stallholder positions. Cora Evans, one of our school's Grade 2 teachers, has kindly volunteered to take the reins for the ever-popular Jaffa Smasha and Caroline Gillies has been brave enough to take on the responsibility for Tikes on Trikes.

The warmer weather has arrived, so if you are planning to do some spring cleaning over the school holidays hang on to clothes, books, toys, musical instruments/music and previously loved household treasures as collections will begin in Term 4. Just a reminder that collection boxes for books, craft and music are already available at the base of the stairs near Lost Property.

Billboards advertising our Fair will be up next term. School parent Emma Stewart from Geronimo Creative Services -- www.geronimocs.com.au, has designed the fantastic artwork once again. This is her 6th and final year of volunteering her designs and time for the school fair, and we are extremely grateful. The clear yet striking designs of the billboards are vital for getting visitors to the Fair. If you are a Graphic designer and are interested in taking over from Emma in 2014, then please contact me.

There are a few more weeks left to donate your wine at the school office. The craft stall is still calling out for donations and as many helpers as possible to make some of the beautiful items they are renown for, either during the workshop or even at home!

To make storage and carting items round easier, we need as many boxes as possible so don’t throw these out, give me a call and I will gladly take these off your hands.

Melinda Wilson Fair Coordinator  e| wilsontwo@optusnet.com.au  m| 0414 278 479
Chardy or Shiraz – Giant Wine Raffle is Back!

The very successful “Giant Wine Raffle” is back. We are calling on all families in our school community to donate 1 bottle of wine towards this raffle.
Drop off donations at the school office by the end of Term 3.

Crafty Contributions Callout

One of our most popular stalls is the Craft stall with most items usually bought to give away as gifts to family and friends – such is the high standard!! Once again, we are calling out to the creatives in our school community to assist in making items. If you or your children/child are interested in contributing, Louisa will be running an after school workshop one Friday in mid-October (date tbc). Places are limited so be quick! Contact Louisa at e| louisafscott@hotmail.com or on m| 0412 977 768.

Louisa is also looking for helpers to make items from home. Items such as soft toys, key rings or even bracelets or headbands that can be sold to children for under $5 are always popular.

Crafty Donations Callout

If you have any craft material, drop this off in the labeled box at the base of the stairs, near Lost Property.

Organisers are looking for:
- fabric
- paper and images for badge making
- beads and thread
- bracelet / jewelry making material
- Little Golden Books

Want to do your bit for the Fair?

If you are interested in being involved in the school fair and would like to lend a hand, please feel free to come along to the next Fair Meeting scheduled for 17th September 2013 at 7.30pm.
Venue details will be announced in the next Fair Newsletter.

Painting Faces

It’s been the rise and rise of Dawn Anderson, a CHPS institution when it comes to the Fair. Since 2008 when Dawn first volunteered for the face painting stall, her work has been featured in various publications around the world.
The greatest challenge for Dawn however, is to please all young people who line up for her incredible transformations at our Fair. Check out her work at http://www.elfineyes.com.au/face_painter/elfin_eyes_face_painting.html.

Stall Holders Unite

The Stall Holder Meeting will be held on September 5th at 6pm in Room 5KK.
Access to room 5KK is through the Kid’s Club Room.

Boxed in and Out

Moved house? Sorted out your beautiful possessions but have ended up with piles of boxes? Contact Melinda Wilson at e| wilsontwo@optusnet.com.au or on m| 0414 278 479 and she will be happy to take these off your hands.
CAMP AUSTRALIA

Clifton Hill Holiday Club
185 Gold Street Clifton Hill VIC 3068
0432 050 758 (07:30-18:00)

HOLIDAY CLUBS SPRING 2013

Monday 30 September 2013
Oriental Express - Orienteering
Navigate your way around your program for the day through Orienteering! Be guided by the stars and have fun doing some arts and crafts!

Monday 23 September 2013
Prehistoric Fun
Make an ancient discovery in a land well before our time. Get your hands dirty and create your own artefacts. It's all about the prehistoric today.

Tuesday 1 October 2013
Spring into Fitness
Run, jump and hop your way into some fantastic activities at your program today! Our specialist coaches will guide you through some fun filled activities!

Tuesday 26 September 2013
Medieval Time Travel - Vic
Today we visit Kyn Kyn Castle to experience what kids were like during the medieval ages. Become a junior knight in training!

Tuesday 2 October 2013
Urban Trail - Collingwood
Come and join in the fun at Collingwood Farm today! Animals, tractor rides and nature walks! Bring your lunch and play some games with your friends!

Wednesday 2 October 2013
Believe it or not Science Spectacular - Vic 1
Can you believe it is Science Week? Have some fun today with our specialised science providers who will show you a blast of a time.

Wednesday 25 September 2013
Step it Up - Super
Dance your way through the day as our specialist instructors teach you some new moves to the latest tunes.

Wednesday 4 October 2013
Spring Time - Soap
Spring is here! Make your own soap with your name in it to take home! Fun games and activities will keep you entertained all day!

Thursday 3 October 2013
Start your Engines
Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Hear the engines roar as you learn about different types of planes at the RAAF Museum.

Thursday 26 September 2013
Step it Up - Super
Dance your way through the day as our specialist instructors teach you some new moves to the latest tunes.

Friday 4 October 2013
Milky Way
From our galaxy to the next - go to the next galaxy, look back and see the Milky Way. Your day will be out of this world!

Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please) wet weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing are advised - an afternoon snack will be provided.

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Kids Meals

Every Monday Night
1/2 price meals for kids
Up to 12yrs
They get a choice of a main from the kids menu as well as a drink and ice-cream

Choice of meals include
- Parma & Chips
- Schnitzel & Chips
- Fish & Chips
- Napoli Pasta

Price: $7.00

Starts at 5pm...
Lexie & Harriet Dennis are organising this fundraiser to help find a cure for brain cancer to help their dad.

Turbo Charge
A Cure for Brain Cancer

Please come to a special screening of Turbo in the school holidays and raise funds for brain cancer research.

Date: 23 September 2013
Time: 2pm
Place: Westgarth Cinema, High St, Northcote
Tickets: $20 (includes free choc top for kids)
RSVP: 19 September to Laura Jennings laura.jennings@bigpond.com

For more information about the event, please contact Lexie Dennis 5SM
Email: laura.jennings@bigpond.com

Kids’ Holiday Drawing Workshops
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd October 2013
- 10.30am - 2.00pm
- $150/$60 per day, materials provided
- traditional skills and techniques
- at Jika Jika Community Centre, Westgarth

For further information call 0403 848 843 or visit fromlinetocolour.com
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS

Sept. 23 - 26 Mon - Thurs (1st week of school holidays)
Sept. 30 - Oct 3 Mon - Thurs (2nd week of school holidays)

Dear Parents, the third school term finishes Friday Sept. 20. There are two clinics available for these holidays. Book early to reserve your child’s place. Please note, no fees are payable until the first Monday of each clinic.

These tennis clinics are designed to be a fun, physical holiday activity, and are suitable for all ages and playing standards.

Two formats are available:
Format 1  9am - 12.30pm (Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs)  $180
Format 2  9am - 3pm (Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs)  $260
8.30 am drop-off available.  All enquiries call 9347 3604.

Pee Wee Tennis Free Trial Lesson  (5 - 7 year olds)
Saturday October 12 at 9.30am , Monday October 14 at 4.30pm

Free Trial Lesson, 8 - 12 year olds
Tuesday October 15 at 4.30pm, Wed. October 16 at 4.30pm & 5.00pm
Racquets supplied

All enquiries/bookings call 9347 3604.

Regards
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