IMPORTANT NOTICE

NO STUDENT IS PERMITTED TO ENTER THE ORGAN FACTORY YARD BEFORE 8.45 am.

THIS INCLUDES NO ADMISSION TO THE BUILDINGS

THIS AREA IS UTILISED SOLELY BY CAMP AUSTRALIA FOR OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE.

Parents are reminded that students should not be dropped off into the playground before 8.45 am. We understand that on occasions this may be necessary due to work commitments but should never be before 8.30 am. Students who arrive at school prior to 8.45 am need to wait in the grounds of the main school building.

The yard is not supervised before 8.45 am.

Students who arrive prior to 8.45 and need to access the bike shed can only do so if they are supervised by a parent.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

I am pleased to welcome three new parent Members to School Council.

Margaret NIXON
David GARNER
Melanie WHITE

Congratulations are extended to the 3 new School Council members and a sincere thank you to the candidates who were prepared to serve on Council.

We look forward to a productive and positive year.
Yesterday's Sunday Age published an article “Research proves benefits of reading to children” http://www.theage.com.au/national/proof-of-benefits-of-reading-to-children-20130302-2fd7s.html The researchers have found that children who are read to six to seven days a week are almost a year ahead of those who are not being read to.

And to support you and your children here are just a few of the new books in our Library:

**PICTURE BOOKS**

Tall Tilly by Jillian Powell is a lovely picture book about difference and using special talents.

Superworm by the wonderful Julia Donaldson, best known for The Gruffalo is bound to be popular.

A new picture book from the ever-popular Graeme Base is Little Elephants.

Granny Grommet and Me will delight those of a certain age with its portrayal of a very funky grandmother.

The delightful Spinifex Mouse by Norma MacDonald shows Cheeky showing off in front of a hungry snake – with a happy ending!

A new book from the talents of Margaret Wild and Freya Blackwood is The Treasure Box, a haunting tale about the power of words and stories.

**NON-FICTION**

It must be that time of year again – a new book on Australian Rules football. But to be fair, there's one on Soccer as well.

We can't keep up with the passion for Star Wars. We have two new titles: Star Wars Visual Dictionary and Star Wars Character Encyclopedia.

And two new non-fiction series are The World's Fastest (jets, trains, motorbikes and so on) and The Unexplained (UFOs, ghosts, the Loch Ness monster and others).

**FICTION**

Two classics from one of the best authors writing in the 21st century (and not just children's books): Coraline, which was made into a very spooky movie, and The Graveyard Book, by Neil Gaiman.

A new title from Rick Riordan is The Mark of Athena.

And a hilarious new author is Nathan Luff with Bad Grammar, not the sort of school you would want your child to attend.

And to wrap up, two new books in the Our Australian Girl series – Meet Lina and Meet Ruby.

Also in yesterday's Sunday Age was the list of books for this year's Premier's Reading Challenge.

More information from Dana on the Challenge soon! - Sian and Dana

**Premier's Reading Challenge - here we go again!**

Consent forms for this year's Premier's Reading Challenge will be going home this week.
A SLICE OF MANDARIN

NI HAO!!

It’s your friendly dragon, Xiao Long 😊 Most of mandarin children started learning how to write Chinese characters this year, let us look at the following pictures, what can you see in them? There are Chinese characters which are evolved from pictographs.

Based on pictographs, Chinese characters combine shapes with sounds and connotations to form unique, block-shaped characters that carry meaning. Archaeological researchers discovered many such signs carved on earthenware excavated from Banpo Village in Xi’an City and Jiangzhai Village in Lintong. The etchings were carved during the Yangshao Culture Period some 6,000 years ago. More than 4,000 years ago, people living in Tai’an area of Shangdong Province also carved signs on earthenware. For example, The Chinese pictogram for “rain” (雨) depicted a raining scene. The horizontal strike above represents the sky, the square below represents the cloud and the dots in between represent raindrops.
French Corner

French Film Festival – Melbourne

On y va au cinéma!
The French Film Festival, organised by the Alliance Française, has just started. There are three films in this year's program that are appropriate for children – Ernest et Célestine, an animation based on the books by Gabrielle Vincent; Asterix et Obélix au service de sa majesté; and La clé des champs, brought to us by the directors of Microcosmos.

All three films are being screened across several dates at several cinemas, including Kino, Palace Balwyn and Palace Westgarth.

Madame Webb is planning to attend the 3.15 screening of La clé des champs on Saturday 9th March at Palace Westgarth. Any interested Clifton Hill Primary School families are welcome to join her!

For more information on these films as well as others for adults, or if you wish to purchase tickets, go to http://www.affrenchfilmfestival.org/films.aspx

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En français, bien sûr !

New Caledonia Trip

At present the New Caledonia trip will not be running.

If by Friday 8 March we have adequate numbers we will go ahead.

If we don't have adequate numbers by this date, however, the deposits will be refunded.

Le mois de mars

What's happening in France in the first weeks of March?

Le 4 mars, c'est la Fête des grands-mères. Grandmothers get a small gift or a big kiss to let them know that we love them!

Le 8 mars, c'est la Journée de la femme. On this day, it is women that are honoured. The date marks the day in 1910 when women in Copenhagen demonstrated for the right to vote.
The canteen is offering a Special Easter Lunch on Tuesday 26th March. Select from the lunch options below by ticking the box next to the option you prefer.

Please attach this order form to a paper bag with a payment of $7. Orders need to be returned to the canteen via classroom lunch baskets by Tuesday 19th March.

No orders will be accepted after this date. There will be no other lunch orders available on Tuesday 26th March.

Lee Lee will require assistance on this day from a number of parents from 9am-2pm. Please indicate on the form if you are able to help (four assistance days in the canteen exempts you from paying the buildings and grounds maintenance levy).

Buns and Burgers: Special Easter Lunch

Tuesday 26th March

I am available to assist Lee Lee in the canteen for this Special Lunch Day.

Name: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Student Name ________________________________

Class ________________________________

Easter Bun (served at recess)

☐ Traditional currant bun

☐ Choc-chip bun

and

Your choice of burger served in round hamburger bun

(sauce provided to each grade)

☐ Beef burger

☐ Beef burger with cheese

☐ Vegie burger

☐ Vegie burger with cheese

and

Sparkling natural fruit drink

☐ Lemon & Lime

☐ Raspberry

☐ $7 enclosed
The Silent Auction of 2012 was a great success, generating 15% of the total CHPS fair profit. The school is extremely grateful to all the businesses and individuals who contributed donations and their time to this terrific fundraiser.

We are already seeking for 2013:

• Baskets or substantial ‘new’ gift packaging (incl Xmas ribbons & Raffia)
• Desirable but unwanted Xmas gifts
• Quality Donations from individuals at anytime (we have the space to store it)
• Business donations or leads
• Hearing from anyone interested in assisting the Silent Auction team
• Please keep us top of mind throughout the year as you work, shop and talk to businesses in your local and extended community. You may know or meet someone who has something to give to the Silent Auction who we will be happy to contact

Please call Rosalind Rowlands (1AS) on 0423055100 or email rosrowlands@gmail.com or speak to Nia at the office.
Clifton Hill Primary  
– term I –  
school uniform stall  

The uniform is made under decent labour conditions (garments accredited by Ethical Clothing Australia) and is sold to you at factory prices without any mark-up (beyond rounding to the nearest dollar)  

Uniform Stall on Thursday morning  
7th March 8:45am - 9.15am  
Outside the Multi Purpose Room  

Purchases may be made by cash or card.  

If you can’t come on the day, there’s always the website:  
www.cliftonhillps.vic.edu.au/main/uniform

T-shirt…………………$15  
long-sleeve T-shirt…$15  
shorts…………………$14  
dress…………………$22  
skirt…………………$14  
leggings……………..$16  
track pants…………..$21  
hoodie……………….$32  
scarf………………..$8  
beanie……………….$17  
sports top…………….$15  
sneakers…………….$40  
socks……………….$7

OUT OF STOCK:  
→ T-shirts size 6  
→ sports top sizes 6, 8 & 10  
→ 57cm broad hats  
→ school bags  

We apologise.  

To order online:  
www.cliftonhillps.vic.edu.au/main/uniform  

* extra uniform items still available from the office

LOST PROPERTY  

Hello Everyone, just a reminder that there are lots of items in lost property already even though we are just at the beginning of the school year. If you’ve lost something or just think that you have please come and have a look. Lost Property is under the stairs in the corridor where the office is. The items currently in lost property will be kept till the end of term and if not claimed given to the Salvation Army.  

Thanks - The Lost Property Team Theresa, Mel and Linda
Sally Draper Architects

POSITION VACANT

Local Architect Sally Draper requires an Office All-Rounder for approximately 1 day per week - flexible hours.

You must have excellent organisational skills, be well presented and proficient in Microsoft Office and have a ‘can do’ attitude for this varied role. Experience in InDesign and Photoshop would be an advantage.

If you are interested please drop your resume in to the office at 1/45 Watkins Street, North Fitzroy.

FREE Preloved school desks, chairs, shelving etc will be left beside the bike shed until Thursday 14th March 2013. Take what you want. First in best dressed!

Linda and Maureen

Invitation for Preps to Under 12s to play soccer

Alphington Football Club is inviting prep to Under 11 girls and boys to join the Development Squad or a Small Sided Team in 2013. U12 girls and boys are invited to play in a team for 2013.

$120 (12 weeks for the Development Squad)
$250 for the Small Sided Teams (16 weeks – full soccer season)
$300 per season for U12s

The season will commence after Easter.
The Development squad have one session a week with the aim to teach children basic soccer skills and enjoy a small sided game. This will be held after school on Wednesdays.

Games for Small Sided Teams and U12s will be played on a Sunday morning. Training for the Small Sided Teams will be held on Wednesdays. Full details will be emailed to all registered players once the teams have been confirmed.

If you have any questions please contact:
Stephanie Burrows – 0423 280 781
Lisa Jacob – 0403 676 595 or
Nigel Odell – 0418 354 639

Jellis Craig is a proud supporter of Clifton Hill Primary School

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