PRINCIPAL ON DECK

Geoff was to have undergone a full hip replacement last Monday (April 15) and would have been absent for up to 4 weeks. The surgery had to be postponed when he became ill last week. He therefore will be at work throughout term 2 as he will not now undergo surgery in the foreseeable future. Should any parent wish to meet with Geoff on any matter he is available during the following hours:

Monday 11 - 6.30
Tuesday 8 - 6.30
Wednesday 8 - 6.30
Thursday 8 - 6.30
Friday 8 - 3.30

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL

Megan Lane, grade 4 teacher, has accepted a teaching position at the International School of Beijing in China. The position commences in July, however Megan will take the opportunity to travel beforehand. She will be leaving CHPS at the end of week 3. We wish Megan all the best in her new position and thank her for the time and effort she has put into teaching students at CHPS over the last 2 and a half years.

WELCOME TO KATE WALDER

Welcome to Kate Walder who is replacing Megan Lane for the remainder of this year. Kate is a new staff member who has taught in a Victorian high school and in primary schools in London. Kate spent some time at CHPS last term familiarising herself with the school and her new class.

NEIGHBOUR PLEA

Several neighbours have approached the school recently, including this week, about the increasing tendency to park over their driveways blocking access to their properties and off-street parking on their property. This is occurring along Gold St and also South Terrace…not just Page St. The residents are reluctant to involve parking inspectors and thus incur fines for our school community but are asking that we please avoid parking over their driveways.

1st WORKING BEE FOR 2013

Clifton Hill Primary School families, Sunday April 28th from 9.30am until 12.00pm. Please come along and lend a hand. It’s a good way to socialise, get some fresh air and exercise and make a positive contribution to the upkeep of our wonderful school. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Working Bee sub-committee
Call for parent musicians for Pirate Band

There will be a Prep/One Pirate Dance on Thursday the 13th of June, and I thought that it would be great if we had a parent band for the occasion. If you are available from 5 - 7 on that date (the dance goes from 5.30pm - 6.30pm), can read a chord chart and are happy to look a little ‘pirate-ish’ (a hat will do!) then I’d love to hear from you. One or two rehearsals should be enough.

I’m looking for fiddlers, accordion players, rhythm guitarists, double bass/ electric bass, flute/tin whistle/recorder, banjo and a percussionist or drummer (although snare and high hat would probably be enough for the circumstances.) If you play another instrument that you think would fit, please feel free to contact me (e.g. if we don’t get a bass player, a cellist would be handy). You do not have to have a child in Prep/One to be in the band...all are welcome!

If you’re interested or just want to make inquiries, please email me on girvan.roslyn.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Cheers, Roz (Classroom Music Teacher)
NI HAO and welcome back to school!!

It’s your friendly dragon, Xiao Long ☻ Did you have a good school holiday? I spent a lot of time with my family watching the clouds go by and doing the family stuff.

One of the things we did as a family was visit our ancestor’s graves!! Do you know that in Chinese culture, we actually have a holiday to visit the graves?! The holiday is called Qing Ming Festival; Qing means ‘pure or clean’ and Ming means ‘brightness’. Most people call this holiday Grave-Sweeping Day because people head to the cemetery to clean graves. This Chinese holiday is celebrated on April 5th each year.

There are many Qing Ming rituals which include pulling out weeds around the headstone and cleaning the stone and replacing dead flowers with fresh ones. People also burn incense and paper money. The paper money is for the deceased to use in the afterlife.

You’ll even see food arranged on headstones but it’s not a picnic. The food is an offering to the spirits with three sets of chopsticks and three cups of wine placed on the headstone of an ancestor on Qing Ming Festival.

Can you think of any holidays in Australia when you go and play in a grave yard?

French Corner

Il commence à faire froid. Brrrrrrrrrrrrrr.
Qu’est-ce qu’on porte quand il fait froid?
Write the number of the picture that matches the sentence on the line

On porte une écharpe.

On porte un pullover.

On porte un pantalon.

On porte des chaussettes et des chaussures. Pas de sandales!

On porte un manteau aussi quand il fait très, très froid.

Club Crêpe

In Term 2, Grade 6 students are invited to join Club Crêpe. Every Friday, from 1 - 2pm, a maximum of 8 students will be able to join Madame Webb in the Organ Factory kitchen to prepare, cook and eat crêpes.

The first Club Crêpe meeting will take place on Friday 26 April. Miam!
SNACKS
Available every day at recess from the canteen window

- V Popcorn – 20g (Green) $1
- Butter
- Cheese
- Salt and Vinegar

Jumpies (Amber) $0.90
- Salt and Vinegar
- Chicken
- BBQ Supreme $0.90

Cheese sticks (Green) $0.70
- 70c

Fruit cups (Green) $1.50
- 250ml Orange, Apple or Apple & Blackcurrant (Amber)

Breakfast bars (Amber) $1.10
- 60c

Sultana boxes (Green) $0.80
- 50c

Vegie chips (Amber) $1.10
- Corn thins/ Flavoured rice thins (Green) 30c

Cheese and biscuits (Green) $1.10

V Denotes vegetarian option

DRINKS
Available every day

- Nippy’s Milks - Chocolate, Strawberry, Honeycomb (Green) $1.30
- So-Good Soy drink – Chocolate & Strawberry $1.50
- 100% fruit juices 250ml Orange, Apple or Apple & Blackcurrant (Amber) $1.30
- Water - plain & Flavoured (Amber) $1.30
- 500 ml Flavoured Water (Amber) $2

Flavours include:
- Raspberry & Lemon

WINTER WARMERS
Available every day at recess from the canteen window

- “HOT” Milo milk drink (Amber) $1.20
- “HOT” corn cobs (Green) $1.20
- Raisin toast with polyunsaturated margarine (Green) 70c

ORDERING:
- Please clearly write the child’s full name, grade and order on the bag.
- We promote rubbish reduction, therefore where possible, we encourage students to provide their own plastic box for their lunch and stick the above information to the lid with sticky tape.
- Correct money should be provided when ordering.
- Students not providing their own plastic box or bag will need to include 20c for a bag, where this does not occur ordered items may need to be substituted.
We are looking to develop a website for the school fair.

This would allow Silent Auction donations to be visible throughout the year, and give greater exposure to our sponsors.

If there are any Web Designers in the school community, who are willing to volunteer their services to design and construct the website, then please contact

Melinda Wilson
- Fair Coordinator
wilsontwo@optusnet.com.au
or 0414 278 479

Thanks

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Our school is blessed with a parent body that is talented and highly skilled across a diverse range of occupations and interests. Unfortunately, we have not always been good at ‘tapping in’ to this great resource and the benefits that flow to the school community.

No, we are not looking for free professional services... we pay for our own painters, carpet layers, plumbers and other tradespeople!

Sure, we all pay our school fees; for most a very small impost compared to kindergarten and future secondary schooling costs. This assists in providing a greater range and quality of materials and equipment... computers, inter-active whiteboards, library and home-reading books.

So what is this about?

There are two rewarding areas of school community life, that too many leave to too few… missing out on the sense of community for themselves and their kids!

SCHOOL FAIR & WORKING BEES!

We ask every family to attend ONE WORKING BEE for 3-4 hours and to be actively involved in the SCHOOL FAIR in November.

You can buy your way out of the working bee and we pay a gardener/handyman to make up the shortfall.

THE FAIR IS ANOTHER MATTER!

Last year the Fair raised over $82,000 for our school- all due to the dedication and effort of the school community.

So - are you an Event Manger? Electrician? Baker? Love to make jam, bake cakes, sew, design artwork, cook stir fry?

None of these? … are you happy to run a stall, assist on a stall, commit to the Sunday post-fair tidy up? Canvas goods for our silent auction?

Like to be on the fair committee?

We need you...

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED PRO FORMA ON PAGE 6 & COMMIT TO SOME FORM OF SUPPORT FOR OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL FAIR.
FAIR COMMITMENT Please circle or tick below.

I would like to be a member of the FAIR COMMITTEE.

Positions Vacant
- Logistics Coordinator
- Fair Coordinator Apprentice (to run in 2014)

I would like to be a member of a team that supports

- Logistics
- Silent Auction
- Food

I would be prepared to run a stall (see below) at the fair (with assistance)

- Toys
- Craft
- Plants
- Tikes on Trikes
- Sno Cones

I have a business that would be able to support the fair.

I would be prepared to assist set up/pack up for a few hours

- the fair set up (Friday 22/11/13) after 2pm
- set up stalls (Saturday Fair Day 23/11/13) from 7am–11am,
- post fair clean up (Saturday Fair Day 23/11/13) –4pm–6pm
- post fair clean up (Sunday following 24/11/13) –9:00am – 1:00pm.

Name:– Telephone:

Email:

Child(ren)s names (s) + Grades:–

Please return this completed form to the office. Thank you.
BIRCH LIVING has supported the CHPS since their inception in 2008. It is great to see them branching out into a new venture with their store in Ascot Vale.

You will be lucky enough to bid on a wonderful piece of furniture that Birch Living will be donating later this year. Can’t wait that long? Go to either store for a wonderful array of furniture, homewares, gifts, jewellery and accessories to suit every budget. Mother’s Day is coming; go show your children what you’d like now before you end up with that toaster instead!

Now there are two wonderful locations for homewares, furniture, gifts, jewellery & accessories. Pop in to either store & let them know you are from CHPS.

Birch Living, a supporter of CHPS since their inception, has branched out to a new exciting store in Ascot Vale.

It gives us great pleasure to announce that A Clockwork Café is becoming a major catering supporter of our fair in 2013, providing a roast pig on a spit for all to enjoy.

Want a preview of how marvellous the food will be? Drop in on their new Greek tapas nights on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday evening for a completely unique dining experience. They’ve just started this month and with virtually no advertising are becoming a huge success. Let them know you are from CHPS, so they know we appreciate their support in kind.
Clifton Hill Presbyterian Kindergarten

is turning 70!

You are invited to celebrate the milestone of this community kinder by joining us for a picnic in the park

When: Sunday 28th April 2013 from 12.00-3.00pm. Cake cutting at 2.00pm

Where: The Rotunda at Darling Gardens – Melways Ref: 2C H3

What to bring: Picnic rug, food and drink, and whatever else is needed to keep the kids entertained! Any old photos from your time at kinder would be great too!

RSVP: No need, just tell your friends, support this fantastic community kinder in the area which has welcomed children from North Fitzroy, Clifton Hill and surrounding areas and turn up.

Any questions: See Sue or Penny at the kinder (corner McKean and Michael Streets, Fitzroy North) – 9481 5557

We would love to see as many past and present children and their families as possible

Yarra Jets Soccer Club are fielding an additional under 9 girls team for the 2013 season. The philosophy of the Yarra Jets soccer club is about participation and fun. If your daughter is interested please contact Gary Martin at u9-u12girls@yarrajetsfc.org.au

The Yarra Jets Soccer Club start their grass roots program this Saturday at Knott’s Reserve Clifton Hill from 12.30-2.00pm The program is open to boys and girls aged from 5-8 years of age. All children are welcome to come down and have a try before joining up. The program is based on participation and enjoyment of the game. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Jim Brandi on u5-u8SSF@yarrajetsfc.org.au.

MISSING CAT!!

Much loved family pet - Boo Radley. Desperate to have him home. Have you seen him?

Missing from the Ivanhoe/Eaglemont area since 10 April. Male, Chocolate Burmese, 3 Years old.

He was wearing an animal print collar and ID tag. He is microchipped.

Please ring with any information: 0417 374 001 or 0408 326 307 Reward offered for safe return