The Victorian School Sports Awards are the highest sporting accolade in Victoria's government school system.

Sam was presented with this award along with other students in Victoria who had achieved outstanding sporting performances throughout 2012.

In 2012, Sam had an incredibly successful first year of competition in Cross Country. He placed first in three consecutive Cross Country meetings from School to Division level; only narrowly being beaten at the Northern Metropolitan Region championships. Sam's third placing at the State Championships enabled him to compete at National level where he was placed 2nd in his age group with an amazing time of 7.07 minutes. In addition, Sam was also a member of the 9/10-year-old boys Victorian relay team that placed a credible third at the National Championships. Congratulations on this amazing achievement Sam!

YEAR 6 2014 LANGUAGE & CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Next year there will be 3 separate opportunities for students in Year 6 to participate in French or Mandarin language trips overseas. Attached to this newsletter you will find articles providing details of each. Two of these are official school visits being conducted by Clifton Hill Primary School. The third is being privately organised but with our full knowledge and support and is recommended for your consideration. The trips are presented in chronological order.

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Students are welcome to attend more than one of these trips.

Congratulations to Sam Ackland Evans who was awarded a sporting Blue award for Cross Country at the recent Victorian School Sport Victoria Awards held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on April 23rd.
Dear Parents of Mandarin-Class Parents at Clifton Hill Primary School

Are you interested in joining a trip to Taiwan in January 2014 during school holidays? The proposed trip below would include formal language classes at a Taiwan language school for the mornings for the children (and can be arranged for adults) followed by a cultural or other touristy type activity during the afternoon. It would be open to all age groups.

Details are below.

Note that while there is no student trip from the school to China in 2013, there will be a 2 week CHPS Grade 5-6 trip to China in September 2014. Can you please email me if you are interested. Include:
- How many children of what ages might want to come
- Whether one or more parents might come
This does not have to be a firm commitment - it is an expression of interest.

Taiwan Summer Language Trip

- Estimated days - about 18 days (TBC)
- Mon-Fri language classes - 3 hours in the morning and then in the afternoon a cultural or sports activity
- Parents can learn chinese in separate classes at the same time
- The weekends are off to do touristy things
- Costs in AUD for 18 Days:
  - Language program at a school ~$700
  - Airfares (with group discounts) ~$1200 RT to Taipei
  - Home stay for a child (incl 2-3 meals a day) ~ $1045
  - Sub total: $2945 AUD

There will probably be some fees on top of this for other things we have not planned yet, but those are the big ticket items. The alternative to home stay is to get a serviced apartment, but we haven’t looked into those prices yet. Obviously that would be more suitable for a parent-child traveling team (or could be shared between groups of families). Some food, local on the ground transport and some activities are not included. This is just an exploration at this stage to understand how much interest there might be out there.

The purpose of the trip would be to:
- boost language learning
- show the children “why” they are learning the language - expose them to a chinese language and culture (as an example the main museum in Taipei has the best collection of Chinese artifacts in the world)
- see some sights in a relaxed manner over the Australian summer holidays
- engage the children when they might otherwise be sitting at home, bored and playing Angry Birds on the lounge room couch all day :-)

Other children, for example older siblings now in secondary school, would be welcome. This would be organised by parents, probably through a language school or travel agent.

EMAIL if Interested to: CHPSTaiwan@gmail.com
SCHOOL FRENCH TRIP TO NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA - June 2014

Plans are underway with regards to an 8-day French language tour to Noumea, New Caledonia next year (2014). It would be offered to the CURRENT GRADE 5 STUDENTS (Grade 6 2014). New Caledonia is a French-speaking island in the Pacific, only a few hours from Melbourne.

Activities intended for the stay include:
✓ Mont Koghi excursion
✓ Beach activities
✓ French language lessons
✓ Water aerobics at the hotel (in French of course)
✓ Groups dinners at local restaurants
✓ Aquarium visit
✓ Amédée Lighthouse Cruise
✓ Glass-bottom boat tour
✓ Tjibaou Cultural centre

As well as many other language activities run by CHPS teachers.

We intend to travel at the end of Term 2 2014 however the exact dates are yet to be finalised. The study tour will be booked through G.E.T. Educational Tours on their French language programme.

We will be able to take up to 20 students and we will need at least 10 students to make the tour viable.

An information evening will be held in Term 3, 2013.

At this stage, an estimated cost for the trip is $2,300 per child.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed tour, please direct them to either Sophie Gammon or Penny Webb (gammon.sophie.s@edumail.vic.gov.au, webb.penelope.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)


CHINA CULTURAL & LANGUAGE TOUR - September 2014

Clifton Hill Primary school has two sister schools in Huiabei China.
Each year we offer the opportunity for our Year 6 students to participate in a China visit to meet with students in our sister school and participate in classes within the main school.
Students have the opportunity to stay in a home-stay situation for 3 nights with a host family.

The trip, including travel time, extends over 16 days from the weekend prior to the term 3 holidays until the middle week of the school holidays.

We stay in 4-star hotels and visit 3 major cities; Beijing, Shanghai and Xian.

In a very full program we get to see the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Terracotta Warriors, cycle the ancient Xian Wall, visit the Great Wall, giant pandas and much more including an evening Tang Dynasty show and Gymnastics display.

Students participating in this trip are offered a free one-hour Mandarin language program from January 30 - September 15.
The cost includes everything….airfares, bullet train, food, accommodation, transfers, entrance fees. A minimum of ten students is needed for the trip to proceed. Senior staff accompany the students and the ratio is one to four.

We hope you will give every consideration to allowing your son/daughter to attend.

Cost is $3990. A deposit of $500 is due in December. An information evening will be held in October of this year.
Music Notices

Pirate Dance Parent Band – recruits still required!

I am still seeking a couple of parents to join the band for the Prep/One Pirate Dance. So far we have a guitar, flute, bass player and myself. I would dearly love an accordion or fiddle if anyone feels they could join in. We will be playing no more than 5 songs and it will be very informal – one or two rehearsals, chord charts and lots of enthusiasm. I’d happily accept more guitarists or a drummer who could keep a light rhythm behind the other instruments. The dance will be on Thursday the 13th of June from 5.30 – 6.30pm, in the Multi Purpose Room. Please email me if you’d like to join the band – girvan.roslyn.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

String Ensemble

Our violin ensemble has now expanded to include other string instruments. If your child plays cello, viola or violin, and has been learning for about 12 months, they are very welcome to join the String Ensemble. Please email me if you have a student who would like to join.

girvan.roslyn.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Choir

Choir began this week. It is not too late to join. Please ask for a form at the office and bring it back before Friday. Choir is on in the music room on Monday lunch times at 1.15pm.

Grade 3 Excursion to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

Grade 3 will be going on an excursion to hear the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra on Thursday the 30th of May. It is a wonderful excursion and one of my favourite events of the year!

Roz Girvan- Classroom Music Teacher

Victorian Interschools SnowSports

I am a parent of a Grade 2 student, Oliver Gay.

I was wondering if Clifton Hill would be interested to register for the Victorian Interschool Snow Skiing. For primary school children they hold ski races at Mt Buller. It is held just on one day. I think there would be several children at Clifton Hill who would ski. Oliver would enter for the fun of the event. He has 2 older sisters who will probably do the racing for their High School. I would take him with my other daughters so there is no onus on Clifton Hill. However other parents may be interested.

Refer to following web site: http://vic.interschools.org.au/about-victorian-interschools
Melbourne Zoo

Last Wednesday, year 4 went to the Melbourne Zoo by bus. It took us half an hour to get there, but it was worth it because we got to see the amazing animals. Everyone enjoyed their day at the zoo.

Some of our favourite animals that we saw were the sleepy snow leopard and the cheeky pigmy hippopotamus, he was very social. We saw peacocks everywhere we went, we even found one in the toilets. It was fun meeting up with everybody for snack and lunch, because we were able to share what we saw throughout the day.

Overall, we spent a good 5 hours at Melbourne Zoo, even though we were exhausted by the end of the day, we had a wonderful time seeing lots of different animals and learnt about how they live in the zoo.

We would like to send a special thank you to the parent volunteers who came along and spent the day with us.

Mother’s Day Stall

This year we will once again be holding a Mother’s Day Stall Fundraiser. All students will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift for Mum, Step-Mum, Grandma or other special female in their lives. The gifts will be sold for $5 each.

This year we will also be holding a raffle for a few lovely hampers (tickets being sold on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes – leading up to Mother’s Day at the office). This will be drawn on Friday, 10th May.

Raffle tickets will be 50c each or 3 for $1

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held on;
Date: - Friday, 10th May
Time:- All Day
Cost:- $5 per item

We look forward to helping your child choose the perfect gift on the day!
French Corner

Zarafa
A French children's animation will be screening on Sunday 19 May at the ACMI cinema as part of the Human Rights Arts & Film Festival. Inspired by the true story of the first giraffe to arrive in France, Zarafa is a magical 2D animation exploring loyalty, love and freedom.

The film is recommended for children over the age of 8. Please visit the see the website for more information http://hraff.org.au/film/cineseeds-zarafa

New Caledonia Study Trip 2014
Please refer to the notice in this newsletter (on page 3) for more information on the possible trip for Grade 6, 2014 to New Caledonia.

Club Crêpe
The Friday lunchtime Club Crêpe has got off to a great start. For those of you who would like to try some crêpe cooking out at home, this is the recipe we have been using:

Ingredients
1 cup plain flour
2 eggs
½ cup milk
½ cup water
2 tbsp melted butter

Method
Place flour in bowl and form a well
Add eggs and mix, then slowly add the milk and water until all is well-combined with no lumps
Add the melted butter and combine well
The original recipe advises to let the batter stand for at least ½ hour before cooking, but we never do and our crêpes are perfectly delicious!
We use a ladle to pour the mixture onto the pan. Try to spread the mixture out as thin as possible before it starts to cook.
Use a spatula to flip - they shouldn’t take too long to brown in the pan. Our current toppings of choice are lemon & sugar or melted chocolate.

(Miam! Miam!)
Bon appétit tout le monde!
A SLICE OF MANDARIN

The Four Tones of Mandarin

nǐ hāo!
It’s your friendly dragon, xiǎo lóng. 😊 A lot of mandarin beginners raise the question that why a lot of characters have the same sound, but with different meanings. Today we are going to explain its reasons.

Mandarin uses four tones to clarify the meaning of words. Since many characters have the same sound, tones are used to differentiate words from each other. The four tones in Mandarin are:

- high level – first tone
- rising – second tone
- falling rising – third tone
- falling – fourth tone

Pinyin uses tone marks to indicate the tones. Here is the word ‘ma’ with tone marks:

First tone: mā 妈 (mum)
Second tone: má 麻 (numb)
Third tone: mǎ 马 (horse)
Fourth tone: mà 骂 (abuse)

The tones are used to determine the meaning of a Mandarin word. So mǎ 马 (horse) is very different from mā 妈 (mother).

Now we understand that the wrong tones can change the meaning of our mandarin sentences. When we write Chinese pinyin, we should not forget writing down their tone marks. When we learn new vocabulary we should practice both the pronunciation of the word and its tone.

This is today’s “A Slice of Mandarin”, I am looking forward to bring more mandarin knowledge to you next time!
Winter school uniform

Winter is nearly here and we are fully stocked with lots of goodies to keep your kids warm – all at wholesale prices with no mark-up.

This snuggly unisex beanie in purple polar fleece will keep the ears and head warm on Melbourne’s coldest days ($17). A matching polar-fleece fringed scarf with name tag is only $8.

We have warm unisex black track pants with pockets, straight hems for easy altering and double-reinforced knees! (I don’t know about you, but my kids are always putting holes in the knees of their trousers, and where else have you seen reinforced knees??) All for only $21. (The old Dobsons track pants cost $25.)

If your daughter prefers a skirt, we have a black winter skirt made of the same poly-cotton ‘windcheater’ fleece: incredibly good value at only $14. (The old winter pinafore cost $58.) Pair it with a long-sleeved Tee for only $15, or black lycra leggings for $16.

And top it off with the ever popular CHPS hoodie, featuring lined hood & patch pockets for $32. (The old polar fleece from Dobsons: $37.)

Order online and pay on collection by going to:


Or try-and-buy in person at a Term 2 uniform stall to be held in the week beginning 20 May.

Volunteers needed

We are short on volunteers to run the uniform stall this term. We need people who can help run a stall for 45 minutes before and after the bell, either in the morning at drop off or at afternoon pick-up. Accompanying kids/toddlers welcome. We have new stock in and want to hold 2 stalls in the week beginning 20 May. Can you help?

Note: Parents who volunteer for 4 or more uniform stalls per year are exempt from the $80 grounds maintenance levy. To volunteer, please email oliviab@inet.net.au or text 0432 798 102. Thank you!

Ethical school uniforms

We have all been horrified lately to see hundreds of people crushed in a collapsed garment factory in Bangladesh.

Regrettably, ‘Made in Australia’ does not guarantee clothing is ethical. Melbourne has probably the highest concentration of sweatshops and outworkers in the country, which typically exploit migrant women and sometimes children too.

Australian manufacturers which pay their workers award rates, provide accepted entitlements and meet occupational health and safety standards can gain accreditation with Ethical Clothing Australia (ECA). Their logo is a guarantee that clothes you are buy are not made by exploiting or endangering workers. Our school uniform is made in Smith St, Collingwood, by a small ECA-accredited factory called Qualitops.

To defend the rights of garment workers in Bangladesh, please consider signing this online Avaaz petition seeking a commitment by major clothing brands to building standards and fire safety:

https://secure.avaaz.org/en/crushed_to_make_our_clothes_control
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.

Visit our store for great gifts, educational, traditional and wooden toys including ‘Planks’ construction blocks.

For the month of May Childplay is promoting GREEN HAT WORKSHOP Wooden Planks.
These fabulous wooden planks make creative family fun.

WIN A BOX OF GREEN HAT WORKSHOP WOODEN PLANKS– ITS EASY
Visit Childplay and put your name & contact details in the raffle box. Prize will be drawn at the end of the month – good luck!

For more information contact Childplay:
151 Queens Pde, Clifton Hill 3068 - Ph: 9489 7037

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!

Jellis Craig is a proud supporter of Clifton Hill Primary School
Isabel Henderson Kindergarten is turning 100!

We will be celebrating with an event in November 2013.

We are compiling a small book to document the history of the kinder and the role it has played in the lives of children and families in our community through the decades.

We would love to hear from past members of the IHK community - students, families and staff - willing to share their recollections of the kindergarten. If you have anything to share (memories, photographs, facts, documents, children’s drawings), or know something of the history of IHK, we are really keen to hear from you.

Please be in touch by either:

- Filling in the survey at: http://arcadepublications.com/IH_survey/
- Emailing carolineleitch@iprimus.com.au
- Phoning Caroline 0412895589 or Annabel 0404368896