



Our students are confident learners and caring citizens prepared for their futures.

– November –

Thu 4	Outdoor Learning Day
Thu 4	2.45pm Assembly (outdoors), led by the Year 4-7s – all families invited (no RSVP req'd); please socially distance
Fri 5	No lunch orders available today
Mon 8	2022 Reception transition visit from 9am to 11.30am (end of first break)
Thu 11	Remembrance Day
Mon 15	2022 Reception transition visit from 9am to 1.40pm (end of second break)
Fri 19	Student-Free Day
Mon 22	Whole School Step-up Day, including 2022 Reception transition visit for 9am to 3.20pm (whole day)
Thu 25	Christmas presentation (opt-in)
Sat 27	Working Bee @ Clarendon Primary from 2-5pm
Tue 30	7pm Governing Council Meeting @ Royal Oak Hotel for GC members

– December –

Wed 1	Concert practice at church: bus to and from venue
Wed 1	6.30pm End of Year Concert
Thu 2 & Fri 3	Year 6/7 transitions to DfE schools
Tue 7	9.30am Year 6/7 Mt Lofty walk
Tue 7	Oak Tree Ceremony for families of our Year 6/7s, plus Year 6/7 sleepover
Wed 8	Year 6/7 excursion
Thu 9	2.45pm Rose Ceremony to farewell our Year 6/7s
Fri 10	Final Day of Term 4: Casual Day remember early dismissal @ 2.20pm

Dance Lessons Every Friday

Please remember we have dance lessons every Friday in the lead up to our End of Year Concert so please try to arrange appointments or extra-long weekends around this. We have had a lot of illness these past couple of weeks so we understand it isn't always possible to come every Friday.

Welcome to Our Week 3 Newsletter

Well, Term 4 is really flying as it seems to do each year, and we begin to prepare for end of year celebrations and events.

Our students have begun dance lessons with Julie-anne in preparation for the End of Year Concert on Wednesday, 1 December. Please keep this evening free in your calendar as it is our biggest night of the school year!

In the coming weeks, our new Reception students for 2022 will begin transition visits. These sessions will build up from a few hours to a whole school step-up day in Week 7.

Next year our class structures will change slightly, due to the Year 7 to High School change in SA.

Our four classes next year will be R/1, 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6.

Your child/ren will have the step up day to acquaint with their teacher and class in preparation for 2022.

At Governing Council this week I was able to share the very pleasing learning data from our 2021 NAPLAN and PAT standardised testing. Our NAPLAN results showed growth in each area of Reading, Maths and Writing from the 2019 testing, in particular significant progress in our High Band Maths results.

This was a pleasing result given our staff's hard work and learning on the student-centred approach to Maths.

This was supported by the outstanding feedback our teachers received from recent classroom observations from our region's Education Director and Principal Consultant.

Governing Council also discussed the Materials & Services Fees (for which you will receive a letter this week), the positive start to our after school OSHC service, the successful Spring Fair and the works on the basketball court, which have unfortunately been delayed by the wet weather over the recent holidays. Trucks were unable to enter the site due to the wet and boggy grass, so a decision will be made soon as to whether to delay the project work until the upcoming school holidays, in preparation for next year. Whilst this would be disappointing, it is unfortunately out of our hands.

Meanwhile, the process to appoint the new Principal for 2022 onwards has begun, and we will be able to make an announcement in a couple of weeks. From here, we will be able to complete the staffing process and announce all staff for 2022 prior to the end of the school year.

David Hodges **Principal**

World of Maths Incursion

On Monday this week World of Maths brought some activities to school for each of our classes to enjoy. There were a multitude of hands-on activities that children were able to explore, with real-life examples to enable them to apply their problem solving skills. From Reception to Year 7, there was something for everyone.



"The problem solving activities were really fun and we got to explore lots of different parts of maths. I did a hexagon activity where you had to put them in a certain shape and fit them all in. I worked with Beth and we managed to do all three of the tasks." **Audrey, year 6**

"I really liked the monkey one. You had to put the monkey down the screws then it would be like a monkey swinging from branches to branches. The further apart the screws were, the faster they went." **Eadie, year 1**

Spring Fair

Thank you to our super volunteers: Nick, Donna, Kathy, Katie, Stas, Paul & Taya, and many of our staff who also volunteered: David, Sally, Sharelle, Kelly, Danielle, Jackie, Regan & Annara, who all had stints on the Clarendon Primary School **Books, Games & Puzzles** stall. Sally, David & Sharelle did a great job setting up the stall in the morning and parent Brad took some gorgeous photos to document the day for the community. Our stall raised \$268 for Clarendon Kindy.



Clarendon Primary School Science Fair

Thank you to our community for your support yesterday with the Science Fair. It ended up being a lot bigger than expected – we may need to set aside a whole afternoon next time! Peter Turnbull really enjoyed seeing what our students had done and sent Ms Best an email praising their efforts. Our children were really proud to show off their work to him, the other students and to all the visitors.

It was great having parents/carers on the school grounds; the community vibe was really refreshing after all the restrictions. We look forward to seeing more of you. 😊



"I enjoyed showing everyone my crystals and they were really interested in it. The judge said they were really cool and asked how I made them. I said I used a whole packet of medium-sized salt. We dissolved the salt in boiling water and had to wait 30 minutes and then after 30 minutes I put the dye in, then after 3 weeks they started to grow. I liked looking at the echidna that Joey made and the ankylosaurus that Jett made." **Layla, year 2**

"The science experiment I did was cool. Loads of people came for the experiment. People loved it. Even people's buddies came. We had a test at home. We were going to do a different one but we changed our minds and this was a really good one. We carved out the pumpkin so it could puke. It looked creepy. We might do it on Halloween because it sounds cool." **Max M, year 1**



SAPSASA Football

We played footy for Onkaparinga North over 3 days and won 8 out of 9 games. There were 14 girls in total and four of them were people we play with at Reynella Football Club. It was the first girls SAPSASA footy carnival ever so we basically made history. Our parents took turns in taking us to and from West Beach Reserve and watched us play some of our games. We played over three ovals and had a specific tent that was for our team. By the end of the three days it was tiring – the last game of the carnival was the game we lost. We got to meet the Crows Vice Captain and she was the one who handed us our gold medals. **Macy, Bella & Miller**

Update to Parents & Visitors Onsite

All parents and visitors are required to COVID-Safe check in when entering buildings, and practise physical distancing from other adults.

It's recommended that parents and other visiting adults wear masks when entering school or preschool buildings; this includes volunteers. Masks are not required outdoors if adults can physical distance. This is consistent with community mask use requirements.

End of Year Events

Events held within school or preschool grounds can go ahead providing:

- [recommended density and physical distancing requirements](#) are able to be met by all attending adults.
- masks are available and recommended for all adults (who are not staff and not performing) when indoors.
- all attendees must do a COVID-Safe check in.
- appropriate hygiene provisions (eg sanitiser stations) are in place.
- attendees are advised that they must not attend if unwell, even mildly.



The Next Working Bee Here At School

If you are able to help out for our next Working Bee, it will be:

Saturday, 27 November from 2pm to 5pm

Please RSVP to nick.blight@gmail.com. If we get enough numbers, we will put on a sausage sizzle. Kids are welcome to come and play and/or help out too.

World Teachers' Day

We thanked our teachers here at school this week by celebrating World Teachers' Day. Each teacher went home with a personalised gift plus and some delicious goodies from the Kitchen Garden program and calendula salve (lip balm) – thanks to parent Wendy for helping students make that in the kitchen classroom.

Happy World Teachers' Day

to our amazing teachers here at Clarendon!