



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

– November –

Tue 8	YELP Forum
Tue 8	Pillowcase project, Year 3-4 Class
Thu 10	Kindy transition – Miss Roach to meet kids at kindy and walk up with them (9-11.30am)
Thu 10	Garden & Chat with Ms Birrell from 2.15pm
Fri 11	Dance lessons
Fri 11	Clarendon Primary School Science Fair @ 1.40pm <i>(see article on back page)</i>
Mon 14	Kindy transition until 11.30am (end of first break) – kids to be dropped at school 9-10.30am Parent info session
Wed 16	Year 1-2 & 3-4 Classes to Morialta
Thu 17	Garden & Chat with Ms Birrell from 2.15pm
Thu 17	Sleepover @ school for the Reception-Year 1 Class
Fri 18	Dance lessons
Mon 21	Kindy transition until 1.40pm
Mon 21	Assembly, presented by the Year 3-4 Class @ 2.40pm
Wed 23	Farewell Assembly for parents and students to wish Mrs Riches a happy retirement @ 2.50pm <NEW TIME>
Thu 24	Garden & Chat with Ms Birrell from 2.15pm
Mon 28	All-day kindy transition & whole school step-up day
Wed 30	Year 5-6 Class to the Central Markets
Wed 30	Dance lessons

– December –

Thu 1	Garden & Chat with Ms Birrell from 2.15pm
Fri 2	Dance lessons
Mon 5	Christian Christmas seminar (optional)
Wed 7	Rehearsal for End of Year Concert @ the venue – kids will travel to and from via bus

Thu 8	End of Year Concert – 6.30pm start @ C3 Church in O'Halloran Hill
Thu 8 OR Fri 9	High School Transition Days (one or the other)
Fri 9	School Closure Day
Tue 13	Oak Tree Ceremony for our Year 6 families
Wed 14	Year 5-6 Class excursion TBA
Thu 15	End of Year Assembly @ 2.40pm
Fri 16	Final Day of School for 2023: early dismissal at 2.20pm

Principal's Message

Some sunshine finally after a week of crazy weather – perfect timing for our Outdoor Learning Day today. Our beautiful environment is such an inspiration for us as staff and for our kids as learners.

As usual, the start to the term has been a busy one: aquatics, basketball competitions, Oliphant Science award winners, dance, BusSafe, First Nations workshops, as well as our general learning. Students have been exposed to a variety of additional learning opportunities which broaden their horizons and keeps them motivated and interested at school. All of the opportunities are organised by teachers and SSOs at the school – what would we do without them? Last week on Friday we celebrated World Teachers' Day. We have such dedicated teachers here at Clarendon Primary School and they have done such a great job in this tricky year. It is hard to believe, given the way the year started, what we have been able to accomplish.

There will be some major teacher changes here at CPS for next year as we farewell some great teachers, but welcome new ones into the fold. Students and parents will have a chance to meet these teachers on Step-up day on Monday of week 7, which will be very exciting. There are some things to finalise, but we will have:

Simon Hunter as the new Year 5-6 teacher
Sarah Francis as the new Year 3-4 teacher, and
Michelle Tromp as our Auslan teacher.

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*We acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional owners of this land.
We acknowledge their living culture and unique role in the life of this region.*

We had some pleasing news yesterday which was that we received some data from the Brightpath Writing team about our school's NAPLAN writing scores. Since beginning implementing Brightpath Writing in 2019, students in years 3 & 5 have seen some profound improvement in their NAPLAN writing scores over the past 4 years, with the biggest changes being in understanding of audience, text structure, ideas, paragraphing, sentence structure and spelling. We still need to do some work in the areas of cohesion, vocabulary and punctuation, which we will plan for next year. It is great to see the hard work of both staff and students paying off and we love to read the work of our improving writers and see how far they have come.

As usual, please let me know if you have any questions; the only silly questions are the ones un-asked.

Regan

Regan Birrell, Principal



Ms Birrell hands over a letter from our Governing Council to Education Minister Blair Boyer regarding our facilities

Happy World Teachers' Day

We celebrated World Teachers' Day last week with a special morning tea provided by the local churches and ended the day with a lucky dip for our teachers and a special "hats off" for all of their fabulous work.

Thank you to all of our teachers for all they do!



Visit from David Booth

David Booth visited our school and conducted three sessions: one for the kindy, one for the two younger classes and another for the two older classes. David adapted his presentation depending on the age of the children and shared how Aboriginal people sourced everything they needed from their environment and always looked after country. He also showed different tools that he brought with him and explained how they were made and what they were used for; he described the differences between a number of boomerangs and how they were used for hunting. David spoke about the ceremonial and cultural significance of music, dance and paint in Aboriginal learning and some students had the opportunity to apply ochre paint that David made during the lesson.

The children were told how local native plants were used by First Nations People. She-oak was used to keep away thirst on a long journey and bottle brush to make a sweet cordial, by soaking it in water and pouring it through she-oak leaves which act like a sieve. Children were excited to find a she-oak tree in the yard following the lesson.



Biodiversity McLaren Vale: Junior John McLaren Award, report by Ethan in Year 5

Since June 2019, our family has been part of Biodiversity McLaren Vale (BMV). BMV is a joint initiative of the local community, industry and the government. In simple terms, the group removes feral vegetation from creek lines within the McLaren Vale region and replaces them with native plant species. These new seedlings are then nurtured and later we monitor them, as the new environment flourishes and essential native fauna returns to the area. Annually, BMV presents an award called the John McLaren Award. This award is presented for “all round excellence of contribution to BMV’s work”. As far as I know, this year, in addition to the main award, a new one was established –the Junior John McLaren Award, which is presented to “the young members of the community”. At our recent field day, me and Immy were presented with this award for our consistent and longest serving volunteering with BMV. We come to these events not because of the prizes, but because we love the community and the stuff that they do.



Science Awards

Near the beginning of the term, Nate, Lincoln, Alijah and Tyler were invited to attend the Oliphant Science Awards Presentations at Brighton Secondary College. Nate, Alijah and Lincoln won 4th place in the R-4 Rowe Scientific prizes for a joint project called The Cyclone, and Tyler won 3rd place in the 5-9 Rowe Scientific prizes for his entry titled Wind Turbine. All four boys represented our school well and won money for their seriously cool entries. Congratulations and good luck for everyone with next year’s entries!



BusSafe Visit



We had a visit from BusSafe last week who presented a session on safety in and around buses. Below left you can see children walking in front of the stationary bus, looking up towards the driver to show how difficult it is to see the driver, and therefore how difficult it is for the driver to see the children. Children were shown the steps on the side of a bus that they could use in the event of having to evacuate through the window.

Paver Fundraiser – forms due on Friday, 11 November

Last week families were sent information regarding a paver fundraiser. Pavers cost \$35 each and entitles you to have your child’s hand drawn or printed image engraved into a paver and permanently installed here at school next year. You may have seen similar pavers at the bottom steps of our kitchen classroom which were installed about 10 years ago if you would like to get an idea of what they will look like.

If you cannot locate your order form, please contact the office and we can send you another.

Anxious Kids?

A fellow high-school PCW told me that Term 4 was always so relaxing. The year 12s are gone, a lot of the other kids are studying at home preparing for exams and things are slowing down. I was shocked. I think we all know that in a primary school Term 4 is when everything ramps up! Something I have observed every year is that a lot of anxiety, friendship issues and other concerns arise at this time of year. Have you noticed anything in your child? Have you stopped to think about how you are feeling? There is a lot of pressure on parents this time of year. If you celebrate Christmas, there is lots of shopping and things for which to prepare. If you work, you often have to try to finalise everything before your office goes on leave. There are more events and family gatherings, too. So, even if you haven't noticed any extra struggles for your child, I encourage you to take time to ground yourself. If you are able to remain centred and manage all the extra things thrown your way, your child is more likely to be centred too. **Insight Timer** is a great free mindfulness app with content for adults and children. Plus, as always, I'm here to help when needed!

My workdays this term are **Thursday & Friday**; I can also be reached via email: annara.oxenham401@schools.sa.edu.au.

Annara Oxenham, Pastoral Care Worker

Plus, Some Exciting News for Annara

We are excited to share Annara's news that she and husband Stas are expecting a baby in May next year. We are yet to hear about the funding for Annara's position next year, but hope that we will still have her here at school to watch her pregnancy progress.

Preparing for a Bushfire

Our school has detailed plans in place to keep your child safe on catastrophic fire days or in the event of a bushfire.

To help us keep your child as safe as possible, parents and caregivers can prepare for the fire danger season by:

- making a bushfire survival plan with your family
- providing us with your up-to-date contact details
- advising the school if your family's personal bushfire survival plan will impact school attendance
- talking to your child about what will happen in a bushfire emergency
- liking the CFS, SES and SAPOL pages on Facebook
- adding the emergency information hotline 1800 000 279 to your contacts

Parents and caregivers should also read and save the new [bushfire and your child's school or preschool](#) brochure. This resource explains what our school will do on a catastrophic fire day or in the event of a fire.

Get the brochure by searching 'bushfire information' on education.sa.gov.au.

Outdoor Learning / Pyjama Day



A different place for a spelling test



Home base for the Year 1-2 Class



Small group work in the sunshine

Clarendon Primary School Science Fair

We will be holding the second annual Clarendon Science Fair on Friday, 11 November (next week!). The Oliphant entries will be on display and we invite students to submit any other science projects they may want to (this includes STEAM projects they may be proud of). Our judge will once again be Peter Turnbull, the co-convenor of the Oliphant Science Awards, and he will walk around and talk to students about their projects. There will also be prizes for students, which will be handed out after the event. The Science Fair will begin at 1.40pm, and we invite parents to come in and see the projects. We will also have open classrooms at the same time, so after you've seen the science projects, come along and check out the learning that's been happening in the classrooms!