



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

- July -

Mon 3	NAIDOC Week begins
Fri 7	Belair National Park whole school excursion; 2.20pm dismissal @ school
Sat 8 to Sun 23	School holidays
Mon 24	Student-Free Day (OSHC is available at Aberfoyle Park Campus Schools – oshc@adam.com.au with “Clarendon Primary” as the subject)
Tue 25	First day of Term 3

- August -

Mon 7	2.40pm Assembly
Tue 8	Governing Council Meeting
Mon 14 to Wed 16	Year 3-4 Mylor Camp
Thu 24	Elders’ Day & Book Week Parade ☀️ ask elders to save the date ☀️
Tue 29	RAA Street Smart Program
Tue 29	2.40pm Assembly
Thu 31	SAPSASA Athletics Day

- September -

Fri 8	Premier’s Reading Challenge ends
Fri 8	1.40-2.40pm Reception to Year 2 Disco 2.40-4.10pm Year 3-6 Disco

Sun Hats – taking orders now

From Term 3, sun hats will be **compulsory** during outside play and lesson times. If a child does not have their hat during play breaks they will need to remain in areas with solid shade as designated by teachers. If you would like to place a hat order, please come in, call us or send us a message via Seesaw to the CPS Admin.

Reports

End of Semester Reports will be sent home with your oldest child on the final day of Term 2. For those who have two separate households; if your child is not going home with you on the final day of term, we will send the report to your postal address.

Principal’s Message

Goodness me, a chilly old week at CPS. We love seeing our students come to school with smiles on their faces, all rugged up for the day ahead! Remember we have CPS beanies at school, or kids can wear a plain navy or light blue beanie rather than the multitude of other colours we have been seeing lately. It was also great to see lots of cosy PJs and oodies today for Pyjama Day (some photos are attached to the Seesaw message).

Wednesday’s assembly was a proud school moment as a principal. 2 minutes before the assembly started, students were gathered in the library, whispering quietly and ready to go. This exceptional behaviour continued throughout the entire assembly. The 3-4 Class were truly fantastic hosts and all of the adults gathered in the room were wowed by the attentive behaviour of our students. What respectful students we have here at CPS!

Last week the Year 5-6 kids were excited to visit with the kindy for their Pyjama Day; our oldest school kids shared with them their favourite books from when they were little, had some pumpkin soup and played together. It was incredible to see how many good role models we have here at this school and I am sure that transition for the kindy kids will be made much smoother now that they know some of the bigger kids here.

School reports will be heading home at the end of next week. At assembly yesterday I shared with the group that I love reading through these and finding out how much our kids have grown. The kids’ reflections are really interesting to read and we can see how far our learners have come and the positivity with which almost all of them approach their learning. Growth mindset continues to be a big focus for our school, showing kids that with hard work and effort, you can learn anything! The work teachers have been putting in to share feedback with students and parents means that you should all be aware of how your kids are going, so there shouldn’t be any shocks in these reports. Please do feel free to contact teachers early in Term 3 if you have any questions about what you read.

Kind regards

Regan

Regan Birrell, Principal

*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.*



New Flagpole

We are pleased to have a flagpole installed for the Torres Strait Islander flag, which you may have noticed flying for the last month. We had a small ceremony with all classes at the first raising of the flag, and one of our school leader Hannah said a few words. It is the ongoing responsibility of our Year 1-2 Class to raise and lower our three flags each day; a job they take very seriously.



Echidna Bread in the Kitchen

In honour of our resident echidna under the kitchen classroom, we used our imaginations to make echidna bread with the Reception Class this week...pretty cute, right?!



Pastoral Care Worker, Hannah Lamb



If you haven't heard the news, Annara had her baby at the end of April...a healthy baby girl named Elaina.

While Annara is away I will be filling in until the end of the year. I will do a lot of the same things as Annara to support Clarendon Primary School students, families, and community. If I haven't had a chance to meet you and you wish to contact me, I am at school Tuesdays and Fridays and you can email me at hannah.lamb94@schools.sa.edu.au. I have a background in social work and have worked in schools both as a PCW and in mental health promotion. I am a mum of a toddler who seems to have endless energy and I have been studying creative writing with the hope to publish a children's book series.

It has been wonderful to be welcomed into the school community so warmly and I look forward to the next few terms here.



Clarendon Community Op Shop

Can you believe the total revenue since the Clarendon Op Shop began 20 months ago is \$94,503. Very little is taken out of this amount for expenses, which means the shop is looking to give **each** of the 13 Clarendon groups **\$1,000 per quarter, meaning 4,000 each year!** If you would like to volunteer at the op shop, please get in touch at opshop@clarendon.org.au.

The Great Clarendon Bake Off – Week 3 Next Term!

Hannah in the Year 5-6 Class will be organising a Great Bake Off. The entry fee is \$5 and you can bake something to bring along to the assembly in week 3 on Monday, 7 August.

Entry will be in class groups, and there may be categories within these class groups (sweet/savoury), but this is yet to be decided. There will also be an adult category. More info will come in week 1, Term 3, including an entry form, so stay tuned.



Featuring the Year 3-4 Class

It has been a very busy and exciting term in the Year 3-4 classroom. In English we have been reading and writing narratives and poems, and have created dioramas of our favourite scenes; this has been so much fun! We have collected twigs, sand, leaves and much more to make our dioramas look realistic. Roald Dahl books were a big focus and as a class we read *The Enormous Crocodile* and *The BFG*.

In maths we have been focusing on fractions which has been challenging but also fun as there is lots of hands-on learning. One of our favourite activities was measuring objects in the classroom using fractions and creating fractions from our name – you will be able to see these in the office.

One of the biggest events of our term was our excursion to the Maritime Museum. We have been looking at Early World Explorers and The First Fleet, and the European impact on Australia. The best part was playing on a replica of a tall ship and exploring below deck, in bunkers, and steering with the giant wheel. We are currently doing a research project on James Cook and Matthew Flinders.



We set a goal at the start of the term to 'Run to Uluru', which has seen us doing many, many laps around the oval as we collectively run metres then kilometres to reach a distance of 1,625km which is the equivalent of Clarendon to Uluru! With wet weather and sore legs, we have not quite reached it and will continue to run well into Term 3. This is all part of our health learning as we practice moderate and rigorous exercise.

Zosia's Fijian Holiday

Zosia and her family have been enjoying a holiday in Fiji; Zosia was lucky enough to attend a private school for some of the time they were away and made some new friends: Jasmin, Rajita and Mira-Kumar. The school day is structured similarly to ours with literacy in the morning and maths in the afternoon, and Zosia was also able to attend OSHC where they did some dancing. Zosia found it funny that the bottom half of the school uniform is exactly like here at Clarendon: navy blue skort, but the shirt is very colourful and cheerful. They have a pool at school but because it's currently winter (ie **only** 26°C!) they don't use it. The class has only 8 students and the school goes from R-3. In public schools classes are massive, and the girls and boys wear the same uniform of a white shirt, a traditional skirt (even for boys as it is better for humid tropics heat) and black sandals.





\$1000 Landcare Grant for Habitat Boxes

Tiffany and Ryan from Woolworths, Aberfoyle Park came to school this week to present us with a \$1,000 Landcare Grant and also delivered an unexpected surprise of a box of bananas and a crate of apples for our Kitchen Garden program. We plan to use the grant for habitat boxes so the Young Environmental Leaders (YEL) enjoyed showing them around the school to point out the areas we will revegetate and where we will install the bird boxes. Tiffany and Ryan said they would like to return to our school when it is complete to see the final result.

School Library – What’s On?

We have had a lot happening in our library this term. Firstly, I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Julia Johnson for volunteering her time and helping to keep the books organised and tidy, also for her wonderful display for International Asteroid Day. It has been great to work with her and share ideas about all things books!

We have opened up your library during break times for various activities including yoga, board games and reading time.

Remember we have a roster each week where the space is available for use by members of these classes during **second break**:

Wednesday: 3-4 Class

Thursday: 5-6 Class

Friday: Reception & Year 1-2 Classes for storytelling

We are also open on **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.30 to 9am** for browsing, borrowing and general enquiries. Parents may also like to check out the parent/carer bookshelf in the front office as some new titles have arrived (see the parent review of *Stolen Focus*, below).

Next Term we will be inviting our kindy students to have their own borrowing cards so they can use the library too.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is well underway; this year students are completing their forms at school during their library time, however, students are welcome to add to their list any books they read at home.

Sally Osmond

Book Review – *Stolen Focus* by Johann Hari

When I was given this book to read, I was a little dubious that I would be able to get through it...ironic considering the title. I thought it would be very dry but I was pleasantly surprised. The style of writing is so engaging that I actually couldn’t put it down!

It’s an insightful look into why, as a society, we are struggling to keep our focus. Johann gives us opposing points of view backed by research while covering a variety of angles. Technology, and how we are manipulated by it, is a big part (the depth of this manipulation shocked me), however, there is so much more.

While often these kinds of books can leave you feeling overwhelmed by the enormity of change required, I was pleased to be given some practical tools to put in place to help regain focus. I was also, once again, reminded how grateful I am to live in a community that places great value on the things that help us battle this issue like connection to nature and community.

Louise, Clarendon Primary parent

Stolen Focus is available in the office for families to borrow, along with many other books you may find useful or interesting. Come in and take a look before or after school any day.



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