



Be kind, work hard

– March –

Mon 11	Adelaide Cup holiday
Tue 12	Pupil-Free Day
Wed 13 to Mon 22	NAPLAN period
Thu 14	9am coffee on KG deck for families
Fri 15	Year 3-6 excursion to Migration Museum
Tue 19	Harmony Day & Elders' Day
Tue 19	6pm Governing Council Meeting & AGM (<i>see article inside</i>)
Mon 25	Working Bee from 2pm
Wed 27	2.40pm Assembly
Thu 28	Sports Day MOVED TO TERM 4
Fri 29	Good Friday

– April –

Mon 1	Easter Monday
Tue 2	Pupil-Free Day
Wed 3	World Autism Awareness Day
Mon 8 to Fri 12	Swimming & Water Safety for Reception to Year 5 students
Mon 8	Aquatics for Year 6 students @ Port Noarlunga
Fri 12	Early dismissal at 2.20pm

Congratulations to the following students from years 4 to 6 for their new positions; we are sure you will do great things!

School Captains:

Events and Fundraising: Nyah

Activities Captain: Kayley

Sports Captain: Crosby

YEL Captain: Joey

YEL Vice Captain: Ollie

Sports Day House Captains:

Thorpe: Henry & Ollie, with Vice Captains Emma & Nate

Freeman: Crosby & Darwin, with Vice Captains Devenah & Stella

O'Neill: Oli & Kayley, with Vice Captains Billie & Gracie

Library Monitors: Alyssa & Ruby

NAPLAN starts from Wednesday next week (the day our kids will return from their L-O-N-G weekend). As usual, a reminder from me that it's just another set tests that gives us some information that can help us to help your kids! We recently completed further testing on all students in the school from the suite of DIBELS reading tests. This was performed almost entirely by Danielle Sleep which has been a huge undertaking. The results from these tests have helped us to see which students need additional support and there have been some big changes to our SSO timetables because of it. By propping up those students who need it early on, we will develop their skills and confidence in reading so that it isn't a problem later in their schooling. We can also see which students are flying and give them opportunities for extension. If you'd like to know your child's results in the DIBELS tests, feel free to contact your child's teacher.

If you are interested in becoming a Governing Council member, please come along to our next meeting and AGM on **Tuesday, 19 March**. Even if you're not interested yourself, but would like an opportunity to vote on who is on the council, you can do that.

The Governing Council is a vital role in all schools and without it, the school can't run. *Please see the article inside, which includes further information.*

Regan

Regan Birrell, Principal

Principal's Message

Week 6 already! How does that happen?

Assembly yesterday was such a delight. I was so proud of our kids and staff. The students have learned so much this term already and there were so many confident kids, proudly showing of learning. The year 4-5-6 ukulele club was incredible. I cannot believe how quickly they have grasped the skills, but also how passionate and enthusiastic they are. We have some hints we give students who take a little bit longer to learn...and that is to practice...but also that when they are up there in front of the audience, they have two instruments: their ukulele and their voice. If you are not as confident with one, then utilise the other – and they really took this on with gusto! At assembly I also had the pleasure of presenting awards for our kids who are working hard and being kind, and to our new school leaders.

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

Featuring the Year 3-4 Class

We have been having lots of fun in and outside the classroom, alongside our pre-service teacher Mr Dowling and the Year 4-5-6s. We do PE together each week and recently we all attended the Adelaide Fringe show *Junklandia*. It was performed by two incredibly talented artists who use recycled materials to create music; everything from cloth to saucepans. The best part was playing the drums on buckets – we each were given drumsticks and got to have a go with rhythm and beat. We will soon head to The Maritime Museum with the Year 4-5-6s again which we're really looking forward to.



In HASS we have been looking at community, countries and continents – this will tie nicely with our next excursion. We have been using atlases and identifying parts of a map, as well as locating neighbouring countries to Australia. We created native Australian animal chatterboxes which was so much fun! Come see our wall of chatterboxes in the office.



There is lots of reading taking place, with us beginning Guided Reading and also looking at persuasive arguments. The current big question is: Healthy, Wealthy or Famous? There are many different opinions and reasons in our class about this one, so be sure to ask us.

In maths we have been exploring place value, odd and even numbers, and skip counting. We recently had our whole school Maths Day which included an incursion with World of Maths.



One of our new daily routines reflects gratitude, where we take time to note down three things in our gratitude books that we are grateful for. We keep these to ourselves and sometimes share them with the class if we like. It's a nice reminder to stop and smile.

Governing Council: Tuesday, 19 March @ 6pm – Seeking New Members

On Tuesday of week 8 (19 March) at 6pm we have our Governing Council AGM and meeting. At this meeting we will accept some new members. We currently have the following members and positions:

Chair: Kathy (children in year 4-5-6 class)

Deputy Chair: Bec (children in 1-2 & 4-5-6 classes)

Secretary: Leah (child in 4-5-6 class)

Treasurer: Brendan (children in 3-4 & 4-5-6 classes)

Assistant Treasurer: Alex (child in 1-2 class)

Community Rep: Vanessa (child in 1-2 class)

General Member: James (children in R, 1-2 & 3-4 classes)

General Member: Karina (children in 1-2 class)

General Member: Meg (children in Reception and 3-4 classes)

A role on the GC means that you can be informed on the behind-the-scenes workings of the school and have your say on various school projects and help others to be informed and share their views also. We have two meetings per term that go for around 1 to 1.5 hrs; apart from that, any other commitments are voluntary. We have also moved to having the ability to join the meeting online if you can't make it in person. You will need to complete a 2-hour online training and need to have all of your normal volunteer certificates (which we can help you with). Please talk with Regan or any of the above Governing Council members for more information. We hope to see you Tuesday week 8 for our AGM!

Carpark

As you will be aware, there has been a bit of angst about the state of the carpark. I'd like to thank those people who have brought this to my attention through emails, phone calls and conversations. This is the way we can make changes and I would hope that people feel confident to approach me about such matters. Our Governing Council reps (see GC article) are also great people to talk to about such issues as they are the representatives of our families, so please be sure to utilise them.

Last year this issue was brought to Governing Council who voted not to spend additional money on extending the carpark. GC had a discussion and decided that they would prefer the money to be spent on our kids: their learning and additional support staff. The fact that we have been running with four classes this year and last year when the Department has only funded us for three (due to a decrease in numbers with year 7s leaving and a big year 6 cohort also departing last year) has meant that the budget has been exceptionally tight and this can make things like carparks a low priority.

That being said, we have been trying to make some cheap improvements through our maintenance budget. It has been a work in progress and due to some illness and competing priorities here at school, our groundsman Jeff (who is an absolute superstar) hasn't been able to complete the works as yet.

Yesterday, however, we had a very generous offer from Brendan (Tristan and Damon's Dad) to work with us to improve the carpark. We will look at utilising a small amount of some of the SA Water land next to the carpark for the turning circle. Brendan, Jeff and I will work on this over the coming months and there will be opportunities for community involvement in the way of a working bee or two in order to increase the number of car parks, etc. We will be able to use the Clarendon Op Shop money for this purpose.

I can't thank Brendan enough for his go-getter attitude. When he sees a problem, he comes to talk about it and offer time, physical help and support. I really hope when we have these working bees, we can all band together to make this happen: **many hands make light work**. In the meantime, for those who have trouble with the speed bumps, you really need to go the speed limit of 5km/hr maximum. Jeff will ensure that dips don't form under the humps.

Another option is you can always park in the kindy carpark and get some exercise up by walking up the hill to school. If you park there at the end of the day when you're collecting your child, it's a downhill walk for them to the car instead of uphill to the carpark.





Pastoral Care Worker Changeover

Hello again, Clarendon PS families!

Many of you would have seen the Seesaw update or heard it from your children: Annara has decided to extend her maternity leave to be with her baby. But don't worry – she plans to visit a lot! With that decision, I was asked if I would return, and I have very happily accepted (Clarendon is something special). My days at Clarendon will be Monday and Friday from first break, and Wednesday morning until first break. I look forward to reconnecting with everyone.

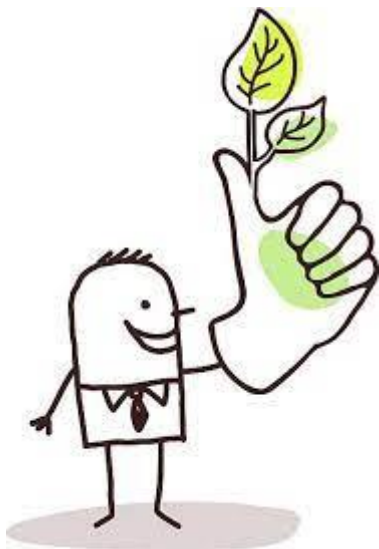
Hannah Lamb

Hannah (left) and Annara (right) both turned up in blue sundresses on handover day 😊

Writers' Week – Meet the Author: Jessica Townsend

"We saw Jessica talk about her new book *Silverborn* and then you could line up for signing. She signed each one of my books. I've never met anyone famous before. She was kind and funny. Her new book is coming out this year and I am *definitely* going to get it. Chloe (my little sister) is going to read them when she's older and I even persuaded mum to read them because they are interesting and also it's like Harry Potter which my mum likes."

Emma, year 4



Seeking Some Green-Thumbed Helpers...

We would love to hear from you if you are able to help with various gardening tasks around the school in or out of school hours. If you're interested, please let Regan know (regan.birrell196@schools.sa.edu.au). If you are helping outside of school hours, there is no need for a police check, but inside school hours we will need to begin this process before you can volunteer. Thank you.

**We hope you enjoy the
E-X-T-R-A L-O-N-G weekend!
See you back at school on Wednesday!**