



# Clarkson Primary School

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School Year Commences

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Thurs/Fri Kindy (Yellow Group)

THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Jan

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jan

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Jan - CLOSED

(Australia Day Public Holiday)

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - open from 11am

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - open from 11am

2018

Professional Development Days

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Monday – 28<sup>th</sup> May

Monday – 16<sup>th</sup> July

Monday – 8<sup>th</sup> October

## The Principal's Pen.



We have reached the end of another year and as this will be our final newsletter for 2017 it is timely to thank each and every one of you for your support throughout the year. At times each and every year we wonder whether we will make it to the end as various challenges arise but it is at this time when we can reflect and realise that they are only minor issues and just a part of raising children.

For many in the community this time of year can be very stressful and you are fortunate that most of your children enjoy being at CPS and the time away from school increases their thirst for learning that they look forward to the New Year with excitement and anticipation. As parents and caregivers the two biggest gifts you can give your child/children at this time of year are **time** and **yourself**. This time is for family so please spend every possible moment you can with those most important to you because they will be grown up before you know it.

To all our families leaving us in 2017 – all the best for the future and thank you for being a part of this great school community.

### Retirements

The following staff has or will retire in 2017 after many years of outstanding service in education and in particular Clarkson PS.

1. Mrs Sue Gregory
2. Mrs Jackie Schmidt
3. Mrs Jenny Douglas
4. Mrs Anita Cherrington
5. Mrs Izzy Slann
6. Mrs Grace Lucas

On behalf of the entire school community I congratulate them on their outstanding contribution to the growth and development of so many students and wish them all the best for the future.

### Staff Leaving

The following staff will be finishing up at the end of the year. **Ms Maria Thomson, Ms Sharon Haigh, Mrs Judy Aitken, Mrs Terri Murphy, Mr Don Sanders and Mrs Amy Jones.** We wish them all the best for the future.

## The Principal's Pen continued.....

### 2018 Class Structures

At CPS we have an annual transiency rate of 23.1%. This means that in any given year almost a quarter of our student population moves out of the school and onto another. Some students leave and then return. This is higher than in most schools and as society is more diverse moving around much more than it ever did in the past which then becomes a fact of life and is something that we deal with as best we can. This does make it very difficult when organising classes for coming years. Student numbers go up and down over the holidays and things can change very quickly as such I will not be able to announce class lists as yet but can confirm our teaching staff structure for 2018.

### Class Teachers 2018

**Cherie Pearse** - Kindy ECE 5 (Leah Brennan Wednesdays)

**Joyce Nevill** - Kindy ECE 4

**Paula Elieff** - PP ECE 2 (Jacquie Nims Thursdays)

**Jo Rigby** - PP ECE 1 (Jacquie Nims Wednesdays)

**Karen Boyer** - Room 1 & 2 - IT

**Chris Barry & Courtney Little** - Room 3 - Year 1

**Sophie Maguire** - Room 4 - Year 1

**Laura Cooke** - Room 5 - Year 4/5

**Melissa Kanzaki** - Room 6 - Year 4/5

**Grace Salleo** - Room 7 - Year 2

**Denyse Pettit & Jacquie Nims** - Room 8 - Year 2

**Linda Grey** - Room 10 - Year 2

**Rayna St James & Andrew Shepherd** - Room 11 - Year 4/5

**Margot Mayes** - Room 12 - Year 4/5

**Gemma Kennedy** - Room 13 - Year 6

**Karen Penrose** - Room 14 - Year 6

**Jenny Mitchell** - Room 15 - Year 3

**Cara Bracknell** - Room 16 - Year 3

**Con Mitskas** - Music

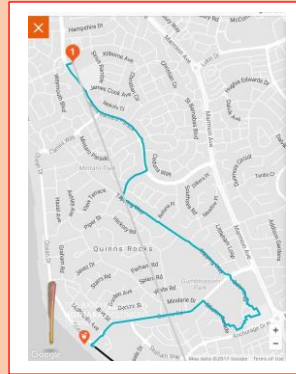
**Andrew Shepherd** - Physical Education

On behalf of the staff at Clarkson Primary school we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the holiday break and we will see everyone refreshed and ready for the 2018 school year on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> January.



*Tony Shields - Principal*

# Congratulations



## Mr Shields to “run” Quinns baton leg!

Congratulations to our Principal Mr Anthony Shields who has been selected as a Baton Bearer in the 2018 Gold Coast Queen's Baton Relay. Nominated by Mrs Denise Shackleton, Mr Shields is one of 3800 Australians (300 in Western Australia) who has been selected to become a part of Commonwealth Games history as he carries the baton through the streets of Quinns Rock on it's journey to the Gold Coast for the XXI Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2018.

Mr Shields will run the Quinns baton leg on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February further details regarding times and exact location will follow so that we, as a community, can cheer him on and congratulate him on this fantastic achievement.

### Chaplain's Chat

Hi wonderful families of Clarkson Primary:

It's been another fun, full and fantastic year at Clarkson Primary School. As your school chaplain, I've been able to offer support to many students, parents and staff throughout the year through a variety of ways: as well as individual support, we've had a great year of Sporting Schools lessons after school, free bread for families, breakfast club, Mental Health Week, transitions to high school, small group programs and a range of other events and activities. Thank you once again for your continued welcome of me in your school community – it really is an honour to be here and I look forward to what 2018 will bring.

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated items in our Christmas Hamper appeal! You've gone above and beyond with your thoughtfulness in contributing a little something to families in need this Christmas; thank you!!

Here at Clarkson Primary School, we want the absolute best for your children, and our staff do a fabulous job. Please don't hesitate to contact me for additional support if it's needed - I'd love to meet you!

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and a joyous summer break with your family. See you again in 2018!

*Laura Butshire - Chaplain*

## School Notice Board

### VISITORS AT SCHOOL

Just a reminder in order to provide adequately for the safety and security of all students, staff and property at the school, all visitors including parents/carers to the school are required to sign in at the front office at which time a "Visitors" badge will be given for the duration of the stay. Visitors are also required to sign out before departing the school.

### CHRISTMAS CAN COLLECTION

True North Community Care are again seeking the communities support to create Christmas Hampers for families in the community. Donations of non-perishable items such as long life milk, cans of food, biscuits, pasta rice, tea coffee and milo are kindly requested. Items can be dropped off in the box located in the front office.

### 2018 LEAVERS SHIRTS

Year 6 students for 2018 have the option of purchasing "Leavers Shirts" (Navy/White shirts with Leavers down the side panels) from the uniform shop at a cost of \$30 each. Alternatively the Clarkson Primary Navy/Lemon shirt can also be worn. Details regarding 2018 printed leavers shirts will be advised in the New Year via the year 6 classroom teachers.

### STEM – SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH

Parents can help support their child/ren learning and development at home by visiting the department's website and downloading the STEM activities booklet. Visit - <https://www.education.wa.edu.au>

### SCIENCE LABORATORY

Exciting news for the Clarkson School Community having been advised that we were successful in our application for a "Specialist Science Laboratory". Work on converting an existing room will occur during 2018 or 2019. Depending on construction schedules. We will also receive \$25,000 to purchase science resources to equip the laboratory. Funding will be allocated to our school on completion of the refurbishment. These new facilities and resources will allow us to grow our science program and motivate and engage our students to excel from Kindergarten right through to Year 6 and beyond.

### UNIFORM SHOP – LAST DAY FOR PURCHASING 2017

Please be advised that the last day for purchasing uniforms this year will be Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December. The office will re-open in the new year (Please refer to the term planner dates and times) for uniform purchases and queries prior to the commencement of the 2018 school year.

### CHOOK SITTERS NEEDED

Would you like some chicken at Christmas?? Not roasted!! But in your backyard! We are on the hunt for a Chook sitter over the holidays. The three CPS chickens are looking for somewhere to be stay and be looked after over the summer school holidays. Food will be provided and you can even take their house if you have a trailer or ute! If you are able to assist please contact the office on 9305 1800 and ask to speak to Farmer Morris (aka Associate Principal – Lloyd Morris)

### RM 10's WILDLIFE BIRD VISIT

Recently, Room 10 was lucky enough to have a visit by Matthew's mum, Monette, and her birds. Students were able to hold a bird and learned much about the species of birds and facts about them. The Hewett family rescue birds from all over the state and rely on donations to help with the running costs. If you would like to donate, please follow the link below. As you can see from the photos, students were very excited, especially when they saw the macaw. <http://www.malubillaiwildlife.com.au>



### REPORTS

Just a reminder that reports will be emailed home next week. Kindy students will receive their reports via their classroom teacher. Please remember that the link to your child's report will only last 30 days therefore we recommend that you either print off a copy to store in a safe place or save the to a file.

## TERM PLANNER 2017/2018

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1</b> Term 1 2018	29 January 2018 Professional Development Day Students do not attend  Office will be open for Uniform sales/enquires at 11am	30 January Professional Development Day Students do not attend  Office will be open for Uniform sales/enquiries at 11am	31 <sup>st</sup> January SCHOOL TERM COMMENCES FOR 2018  Thurs/Fri Kindy (YellowGroup) Students commence	1st February	2 <sup>nd</sup> February

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>2</b> Term 1 2018	5 <sup>th</sup> February Mon/Tues Kindy (Blue/Green Groups) Students commence	6 <sup>th</sup> February	7 <sup>th</sup> February	8 <sup>th</sup> February	9 <sup>th</sup> February

## P&C News

2017 is almost over and it has been a great year for the P&C. Term 4 saw the first Colour Fun Run and the End of Year Disco. The first Colour Fun Run was a huge success. The fundraising done by the students and parents was amazing. We thank you all. After an uncertain start the kids had a great time and went home very colourful. Planning is under way for 2018 and ways that we can improve the day even more.

The End of Year Disco was on Friday 1st December and it was a wonderful event. Both the juniors and seniors were so well behaved while having a great time. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped out on the night. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the P&C and we can't thank you enough.

As well as our bigger events, the P&C has also been running Coffee Club, Icy Poles and Sippah Straws. All popular activities that will be back in 2018.

Planning is under way for 2018 and the P&C are looking at many things for the students to participate in and enjoy as well as opportunities for the school to benefit. Some of the things the P&C are looking into include activities to complement events like Book Week, Colour Fun Run, End of Year Disco, Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Incursions plus much more.

The first meeting of 2018 will be Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6pm in the Staff Room. The P&C would love to see you there. If you aren't sure if joining the P&C is right for you, please, come for a look and listen. You might be surprised. Remember - Life is short. Do stuff that matters. Our Kids matter!!!

## Student Achievements

The school community extends its sincere congratulations to these newly elected school leaders for 2018.

### 2018 Student Councillors

**Head Boy** Remy Mohasi  
**Head Girl** Hannah Ballios

**Councillors** Taya-Lee Kelly  
Thomas Shore  
Jake Crowe  
Erryn Mayo-Hopkins

