



# Clarkson Primary School

An Independent Public School

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## Dates to Remember

17<sup>th</sup> March

World's Greatest Shave  
Support Eden

1.30pm - Undercover Area

24<sup>th</sup> March

Assembly - Harmony Day  
1.45pm Undercover Area

7<sup>th</sup> April

Last Day of Term 1

Students return Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

## School Hours

Start: 8:45am

Recess: 10:45am – 10.55am (Eating)  
10.55am – 11.15am (Games/Movement)

Lunch: 1:15pm – 1.25pm (Eating)  
1.25pm – 1.45pm (Recreation)

Finish: 2:45pm

## The Principal's Pen.



### ATTENDANCE

We want to make sure all children receive the best education possible which is why attending school everyday is so important. Western Australian law stipulates that all school-aged children must go to and attend school every day. Each school is required to keep accurate attendance records for all its students. This includes taking attendance:

- in the morning and afternoon for students in Kindergarten to Year 6

When a student's attendance falls below 90%, the school principal is required to investigate the matter and develop a plan (in consultation with the family) to address and restore regular attendance. Developing the habit of going to school everyday is vital so children do not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning.

Did you know?

- missing half a day of school each week equates to one month of missed learning each year
- the attendance habits set by children when they first start school continue throughout their school life
- if children miss half a day of school each week between Pre-primary and Year 10, they would miss almost one full year of learning
- Learning is cumulative – if children miss a day, it is harder for them to catch up.

You can help by arriving and collecting your children on time; making sure they get nutritious meals and enough sleep; and making appointments with doctors, dentists and specialists, and making holiday plans during school holidays and not during the school term. If one of your children is unwell and unable to go to school, let the school know straight away by telephone, SMS or via the school app. If they miss a day it is important you talk with their teacher to find out how you can help them catch up. If your child cannot attend school because of their mental or physical health contact your school to see what options are available for your child. There are many situations where students cannot attend and we are aware that this is unavoidable and, in many cases, necessary when students are sick etc. At CPS we have access to School Psychologists, Chaplain's, Aboriginal Indigenous Education Officers and an entire staff who are committed to ensure that all students are treated with the highest possible care. If you are having difficulties getting your child to school please let your class teacher or the office know and we will do whatever we can to assist.

*Tony Shields - Principal*

## The Associate Principals Corner.

### On- entry Assessment Program

At this time every year all Western Australian schools go through the process of the On-entry assessment. Our Pre-Primary students are assessed by their teachers to identify their ability to read booklets, to write a story, and to answer mathematical questions. Our Year 1 students are also included with this testing process so that we have the opportunity to monitor their progress.

Once your child's teacher assesses what your child knows in each of these areas, they will focus on how to enable each individual to focus on specific learning aspects so that they will have all opportunities to continue to progress with their learning.

You will be provided with a form to identify what your child knows and there will also be some suggestions provided to encourage you to child's learning at home. These forms will be sent to you within the next few weeks. Please feel free to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how they are learning and if there is something you would like some assistance with to help your child at home, too.

*Some ways to support your child's learning at home... Your child is unique, and will continue to develop as an individual, at an individual rate. Every child is able to learn, and will learn best when they feel supported, encouraged, and have an adult who spends time talking, listening, playing, and reading with them.*

*Here are some fun, everyday activities that you can do with your child to help them develop essential early literacy skills:*

- \* Play **word games** when you are out together – games such as "I spy".
- \* Have a special daily time at the dinner table where each person **takes turns** to share the best part of their day, while everyone else **listens**. Sometimes include time for everyone to take turns to **ask one question**.
- \* Set up a place for your child to **paint and draw** – sometimes do it with them. Encourage them sometimes to write about their creation....but wait till the paint is dry!
- \* Read to them. **Share** a special story at bedtime; make it a relaxing time that you both look forward to at the end of the day!
- \* Encourage them to **retell** you an event or a story – "What happened first/at the beginning?" "What happened next?"
- \* Sometimes, talk about the stories that you **read together**. Ask questions that require more than just a yes or no answer. "What was that your favourite part?" "Why was that your favourite part?" ... These are called **open-ended questions**.
- \* Have some dress-up clothes available for your child to use – 'make believe' gives your child an opportunity to practice their language and communication skills.
- \* Show that **writing serves a purpose** - make a shopping list together (your child could draw a picture of some items next to the words); let them do a simple drawing or card, and mail it!
- \* **Think out loud** – it is a great way to 'model' to your child how you solve problems.

To access a range of fun and educational websites for your child, go to the 'For Parents' section at :<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/onentry/parents/>



Linda Boyd - Associate Principal

## The Chaplain's Chat

Hi Everyone! I have two very exciting things to let you know about:

### **FIFO Family Support Network, Clarkson**

Are you a FIFO family who could use some extra support? Well, I've got great news for you. There are FREE monthly workshops held by the not-for-profit organisations FIFO Families and i60 Community Services. These workshops cater for people in FIFO households seeking advice as the mining industry moves through some changes. They also cover topics such as helping children adapt, managing anxiety, relationship and family advice and financial changes. All workshops run from 10-11am out of Ocean Keys Shopping Centre. To register, call 9407 2411, visit the info desk at Ocean Keys, or visit [oceankeys.net.au](http://oceankeys.net.au)

### **Anti-Bullying Day and Harmony Week – Week 8**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March our wonderful P&C are running our Anti-Bullying and Harmony Day at Clarkson Primary. This will be a free dress day where students can dress in orange or a traditional outfit, for a gold coin donation. Delicious treats will also be on sale by P&C during lunch time. Teachers will be doing lessons and activities, talking about 'Bullying, No Way!' and Harmony.

In addition to this, the Life Education Van will be here to visit throughout the week! It's going to be fun-filled and busy Week 8 at Clarkson. Let's get behind the P&C and show our support, and let's make Clarkson an even more friendly and welcoming place to be!

*Laura Butshüre - School Chaplain*

## School Notice Board

### **SCHOOL REWARD – OCEAN KEYS SHOPPING CENTRE**

A huge shout out to each every one of our school community members, their family and friends who assisted with our efforts in this year's School rewards program run by the Ocean Keys Shopping Centre. We placed TOP of the leaderboard with a cash reward of \$3,000 to benefit the students and school.

### **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Just a reminder that this year's Voluntary Contributions are set at \$30 this equates to less than 15c per day. Please support the payment of these contributions to ensure we remain one of the lowest voluntary fees in the area. All funds are utilised for the benefit of all students.

### **ITEMS WANTED**

-The following items (and/or any other acceptable recycling items) are kindly requested. If you can assist please drop these off to Jody McKeown in the Science room in the specialist block or via the front office:

Cardboard tubes, rolls, sheets, cylinders and boxes, plastic bottles, containers, lids, tubing. Art supplies-lace, fabric buttons, ribbons, corkboard. Stryrofoam, nails, screws, washers, dowel, paperclips, bottle tops, string, wool, cotton and large packing boxes – these are urgently required to store these items at school

- Ms Haigh in Room 5 is also seeking some soft furnishing items for her classroom in the form of cushions and beanbags. If you can assist please forward your items to Room 5.

### **ASTHMA**

For those students who suffer from asthma please ensure that you have and carry your OWN ventolin/asmol inhaler at all time whether it be left in your bag or given to the classroom teacher. The office has an asthma kit for excursions and in the event of emergencies only.

### **INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY – HEADPHONES & SCRAPBOOKS**

Does your child/children have a set of headphones and a 64 page Scrapbook ready for ICT - Information Communication Technology. As per the personal requirements list ALL students from Yr 1-6 require a set of headphones for use with all computers and ipads and a 64 page scrapbook to place their work in.

Headphones DO NOT have to be expensive a set from the discount stores such as the REJECT or RED DOT stores is sufficient. It is however kindly requested that headphones that cover the ears are purchased as opposed to the earbud style due to occupational health and safety concerns.

### CLASSROOM CASH

Please support our registration in this year's Classroom Cash competition, for our chance to win a share in \$20,000. The competition run by the West Australian, Channel 7 and Caltex is over a three week period and we ask that you collect the coupons from the Weekend Papers on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of March and the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. Coupons can be forwarded via the front office.

### LIFE EDUCATION VAN

LIFE EDUCATION VISIT - In week 8 students will receive a visit from the life education van. Life Education empower our children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education.

They will focus on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cybersafety, safety with medicine and legal drugs; tobacco, alcohol and caffeine.

Parents are also invited to come along on Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> and visit the Van located in the staff carpark prior to and after the scheduled school assembly.

### WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Support our Student Eden Rm 7 – Year 2 as he has signed up to be brave and partake in this year's World's Greatest Shave. Eden will take to the stage on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. To help Eden reach his fundraising goal a jar is available in the office or you can donate via the fundraising link –

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?eventId=13823&registrationId=661075>

### DANCE DRILL PROGRAM

For those students who are interested in participating in the Dance Drill Program run by Mrs Burtenshaw please meet in the undercover area on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm. For any further queries please see Mrs Burtenshaw in ECE 1 or contact the office on 9305 1800. Thank you

# Term Planner

Week/ Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>7</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> Mar Breakfast Club 8-8.30am Community Room	14 <sup>th</sup> Mar Crown Rehearsals 8am Coding Club 3pm	15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	16 <sup>th</sup> Mar Crown Rehearsals 8am Choir 3pm	17 <sup>th</sup> Mar WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE – Support EDEN 1.30pm –Undercover Area
<b>8</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> Mar Breakfast Club 8-8.30am Community Room Life Education Week	21 <sup>st</sup> Mar Crown Rehearsals 8am Coding Club 3pm	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar Crown Rehearsals 8am Choir 3pm	24 <sup>th</sup> Mar Harmony Day Assembly 1.45pm Undercover area LIFE EDUCATION VAN VISIT for PARENTS
<b>9</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar Breakfast Club 8-8.30am Community Room SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 3pm	28 <sup>th</sup> Mar Crown Rehearsals 8am Coding Club 3pm	29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	30 <sup>th</sup> Mar Crown Rehearsals 8am Choir 3pm	31 <sup>st</sup> Mar NEWSLETTER
<b>10</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr Breakfast Club 8-8.30am Community Room	4 <sup>th</sup> Apr Crown Rehearsals 8am Coding Club 3pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6 <sup>th</sup> Apr Crown Rehearsals 8am Choir 3pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Apr Assembly 1.45pm Undercover area