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Dear Parents/Caregivers

6th February 2019

Thank you for making the first couple of days such a fantastic success. It has been wonderful to see all students back excited and enthusiastic about the year ahead.

On Wednesday 20th February from 3.30pm to 5.00pm we will be holding our School Open Night.

The times are as follows:

- **Kindergarten & Pre-primary (ECE1, ECE2, ECE4 & ECE5) - 3.30pm to 4.00pm**
- **Rooms 3, 4, 7, 8 & 9 - 4.00pm to 4.30pm**
- **Rooms 5, 6, 12 & 13 - 4.30pm to 5.00pm**

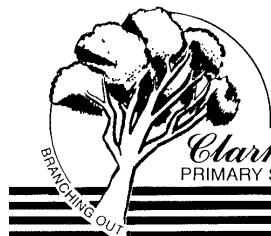
The Science, Music and Information Communication and Technology Rooms will be open from 3.00pm to 5.00pm for you to meet Mr Shepherd, Mr Mitskas & Mrs Boyer in each of their rooms.

This will not be the time to have a lengthy conversation regarding your child's progress, but rather just an opportunity to meet the teacher and hear a brief rundown on plans for the upcoming term and year.

Further information regarding our Open Night will be issued in week 2 via your classroom teacher.

Many of you will have noticed some changes in the way our classrooms have been set up. All staff took part in some creative learning space sessions. These were designed to help us create more space in rooms which will have a positive impact on how engaged your child will be with their learning. Other changes that are occurring around our school include:

1. **Timetable Changes (see attached).** These changes allow for instructional play sessions each day. Class teachers will be taking all students into the playground to participate in instructional play. These sessions are coordinated and run by class teachers with a focus on our learning dispositions and playground rules. With play based education and learning being a departmental focus this provides a perfect opportunity for the school to engage your children in positive play.
2. **Eating Times.** Year 1 to 6 students meet in the undercover area at 10.40am – 11.00am for recess and 12.40pm – 12.50pm for lunch each day and are supervised during eating time by staff. Students will be collected from the Undercover area at the end of recess by teachers and return to class at 11.00am. At lunch students can remain in the undercover area until they have finished their lunch or they can go out to play in their designated play area from 12.50pm until the siren goes at 1.05pm when classes commence. These times provide a perfect opportunity for the school to ensure that your children are eating the excellent recess and lunch provided by you whilst having them all in the one place. Classroom teachers may feel that their class needs extra time at play. That is a class decision that the teacher will make, based on their classes needs.
3. **New Sports Shed (located near the bottom courts).** This shed makes for a more central space and easier access to equipment at play times for your child/children. Over the first two weeks sports equipment will be placed in the shed and be available for your children to use from Week 3 onwards.
4. **New Science Room.** As a result of funding allocated to Clarkson last year we have been able to purchase new furniture and equipment for our science room. Mr Shepherd (Years 2 to 6, Monday & Tuesday) and Mrs Nims (Year 1, Friday) will be teaching Science. Please ask your children about the new furniture in this room. Our new 3D Printers will also be arriving on Wednesday 6th February.



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5. **Undercover Area.** The ceiling in the undercover area has been fixed and all the unsightly holes and torn material are now gone. The area is much brighter and has a more pleasant feel. We have purchased a new stage and will be having drop down microphones placed above the stage which should make hearing assembly items from outside the undercover area much easier.
6. **Assemblies.** These will take place between 9.00am and 9.45 on a Monday morning (Except Public Holidays) and will be shared by two classes each time. The first of these will be on Tuesday 5th March (4th March is a Public Holiday) and Rooms 5 & 13 will be hosting this assembly. Your class teacher will be able to confirm when your child's assembly is to be held at the Open Night.
7. **P&C.** Our outstanding P&C have funded another mural that can be seen on the kindergarten wall at the entrance near the junior carpark. It looks fantastic and the smiling faces from students on Monday was great to see.
8. **Fridge Magnets.** The P&C have put together a fridge magnet that has all the important term dates and student free dates on them. They are a good size and can be placed on your fridge so you can remember these dates. Each family will be given one at the Open Night.

These are just some of the changes in 2019 that are designed to allow for the best educational experience we can provide your child/children. A safe, happy and respectful learning environment is our number one priority and cannot be achieved without your support. Please remember that all staff do not have duty of care of your children until 8.45am each day. The Administration team provide supervision from 8.00am outside the front office and in the undercover area whilst teachers open classrooms at 8.30am as an act of goodwill so that you as parents are able to go about your daily business. In order to provide this service myself, Mr Morris & Mrs McKeown will be unavailable to meet with parents before 9am each day. Appointments can be made by contacting the office via email Clarkson.ps@education.wa.edu.au or calling 9305 1800 and providing details so that one of us can get back to you as soon as possible.

From the start of Week 2 (11th February) I ask that all parents, unless volunteering in school based programs, leave classrooms by 8.45am once the siren sounds so that classes can commence immediately. If you need to speak to your child's teacher they will happily make an appointment to meet with you at a time suitable to you both.

All staff at CPS are committed to doing their very best for your child/children and each of them regularly go above and beyond what is expected. They deserve the right to do their job with respect and without demanding or aggressive behaviour from any member of the school community. I am thankful that at CPS this does not occur very often but I will ask that you treat the staff as you would like to be treated yourself.

Our office ladies, Mrs Shackleton, Mrs Smith, Mrs Kidd and Ms James do an amazing job and always put your children first. Any community member who treats them in an aggressive, demanding or disrespectful manner may be asked to leave the school grounds.

Thank you for your continued support and on behalf of all the staff at CPS I look forward to a successful, happy and productive 2019 with your children.

Kind regards

Anthony Shields

Mr Tony Shields
Principal
Clarkson Primary School