

Welcome back to all our families and after the most unusual and difficult period I have ever experienced during my time in education I am very pleased to say that the entire Clarkson Primary School Community have been outstanding the entire way through. Your support and cooperation has made this difficult time all the more tolerable and set an excellent example for all your children. The resilience and positive mindset that the children have demonstrated on their return to school has been a joy to observe and the school is really buzzing at present. It is great to see so much positive learning taking place and I thank all the staff at CPS for helping make this happen.

### Special Thanks

Whilst it is well documented that the impact of COVID-19 has had on teachers and Education Assisstants there is another group of staff who often go unnoticed. At CPS we have cleaners, gardeners & office staff who regularly go above and beyond expectations and their role has been pivotal on the school getting through this period succesfully. I would like to make special mention of our MCS Mrs Denise Shackleton who has managed the enormous additional workload of ensuring we have additional cleaners and cleaning products to keep the school clean. Denise never complains and goes about her business is a very professional and dedicated manner and the school is incredibly lucky to have her as part of our team.

### New Playground & Undercover Area

Thanks to Mrs Shackleton's dedication the school now has a new Undercover area attached to the science room which will now be used as an outdoor classroom. We have also received funds of \$30000 for new playground equipment. Mrs Shackleton successfully submitted applications for these and is directly responsible for the school receiving these funds. We will now take our time to look at the best way to use this money by surveying the students first before getting ideas from our staff, School Board and P&C. given that most playgrounds are now out of use due to COVID-19 restrictions this is the perfect time to assess our options.

### Reporting to Parents in Semester 1

With the disruptions to learning this year the WA Education Department has confirmed that reports will look slightly different in Semester 1. There will be no grades given to students but there will be comments written for English and Maths as well as a general comment.

### **Sick Students**

With the onset of the colder months and the continued COVID-19 risk it has never been more important that you do not send your child to school if they are even the slightest bit unwell. All staff across the education system have been told to stay home if they are not well and also been instructed to send any child home who is also unwell. Below is an extract taken directly from the Health Department; If a student or staff member is unwell, they should not attend school or should leave to go home. Staff, children or young people at school experiencing symptoms compatible with COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat) should be isolated in an appropriate space with suitable supervision and collected by a parent/carer as soon as possible. In this situation, where staff, children or a young person are experiencing symptoms compatible with COVID-19, such persons should continue to practise hand hygiene and physical distancing.

I have said all the way through this that at CPS we are going to err on the side of caution for the safety of your children and all the staff. Your cooperation in this area is greatly appreciated and as we still have a long way to go before, we can safely say things are back to normal we will continue to need your support. I understand it is not always easy to drop things and collect your child but I am sure you will understand the need for this to happen.

### **Dress in Rainbow Colours Day**

Today is dress in Rainbow Colours Day for a gold coin donation to support the fundraising efforts of your P&C. This is the first event for some time and also the first one organised by your new P&C President, Nell Cooper, it is sure to brighten the school. Thank you for encouraging your children to get involved.

Thanks again for all your support, stay safe and please look after each other.

### Kind Regards Mr Tony Shields

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

# The CPS Councillors' Excursion to State Parliament House

On Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March Mr. Morris took the CPS School Councillors on an excursion to Parliament House in Perth. We were all very excited about going and our classmates were so jealous!

When we got there we were amazed by the big grand building. As we headed down some stairs, we walked past a group of news people setting up to interview a politician. We went to the front of the building and looked over the bustling freeway to the tall city buildings. It was cool!

When we got inside the building we got some lanyards that had our names on it then we went through the security and looked around at some old pictures as we waited in the lobby for Mr Mark Folkard (MLA) to meet us. When Mr. Folkard arrived he took us up a huge marble staircase and then led us around the building pointing interesting things to us. Then he took us into the house of representatives where they were in session. In the middle there was a funny shaped thing that Mr. Folkard said was a mace and it was very heavy as was made from gold!

Then we went to the dining room and had a delicious lunch. For mains we could choose from chicken fillet, yellow bellied king fish or roasted lamb. For dessert there was roasted pineapple, fruit salad, banana puffs and raspberry tarts. After lunch Mr. Folkard took us up to the Aboriginal Gallery there were so many beautiful paintings! They must have taken a long time to paint. The room was also decorated with glass which was molded into amazing Aboriginal designs.

Then we waved good bye to Mr. Folkard and the magnificent building and headed home. Thank you Mr. Folkard, we will never forget this amazing experience!

Isabelle (Head Girl), Ashleigh (Head Girl), Reece, Joel, Danilo, Chaniekah





# <u>Local Schools Community Fund – Successful Grant Application</u>

The 2019-20 Budget provided \$30.2 million for the Local Schools Community Fund (the Fund) to provide all schools - government, Catholic and independent with funding for small scale projects to meet priorities identified by schools and their communities.

Funding was made available for each Federal electorate, with schools able to apply for funding between \$1,000 and \$20,000 towards a project and its associated costs.

In term 4 last year the school prepared a submission to the Commonwealth Department of Education's Local Schools Community Fund' and subsequently were advised by Christian Porter MP, Federal Minister for Pearce that we were successful with our application and would be funded \$15,000 towards the completion of a new outdoor sheltered classroom area attached to our science room.

The project was designed to benefit the curriculum learning of all students in PP-6 through the ability to expand the delivery of Science and Design and Technologies. As the area also backed onto our school community garden it was the perfect addition to raise seedlings to support the garden area.

The room was completed over the April school holidays just in time for the return of students in term 2.





### **SEMESTER 1 - SCHOOL REPORTS**

The 2020 Semester 1 School Reports will be issued on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of July via email. Please ensure your email address is correct and up-to-date by contacting the school office on 6207 5200.

The link for your child's report will be valid for 4 weeks, therefore, we suggest you save the report to your own personal files for future reference and/or print a copy for your records.

### **SCHOOL PAYMENTS**

Please note until further notice, all uniforms sales/payments will only be accepted via direct deposit or phone/email credit card payments, please contact the office on 6207 5200. Uniform orders will be packed and delivered to the student to take home. The office will NOT be taking/handling any cash. Direct deposit payments can be made via the school account - Clarkson Primary School BSB - 016 338 Account-3409 50934. Please use the student's name as the reference.

### **RAINBOW DAY**

Whilst there may have been some dark clouds, grey skies and patches of rain today that certainly did not stop our school community shining through and brightening the day by dressing in every colour of the rainbow. This along with a sparkling gold coin donation made for a brilliant FUN-raising event organised by your vibrant P&C committee.



# OSHClub News Before School / After School Care Program



Hi Families,

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed your time off as much as possible during these unprecedented times! We have been working very hard to ensure our room is clean and tidy for everyone to have a safe and enjoyable time with us.

As well as focusing on health and hygiene, we have also discussed our next big theme and with Winter fast approaching us, the children have chosen that season for our theme this term and we are looking forward to creating our big Winter display board. We are also in the process of making a very safe 'fireplace' for our quiet book corner. If your child would like to get involved, we do have some casual and permanent bookings available at OSHCLUB. To find out more you can pop in and visit us in our OSHCLUB rooms or collect a pamphlet. You can also call us on the number or check out our website below.

Also, as some of you are aware it was Nyssa's last day not too long ago. She would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for her time here with us and she is going to miss everyone very much.

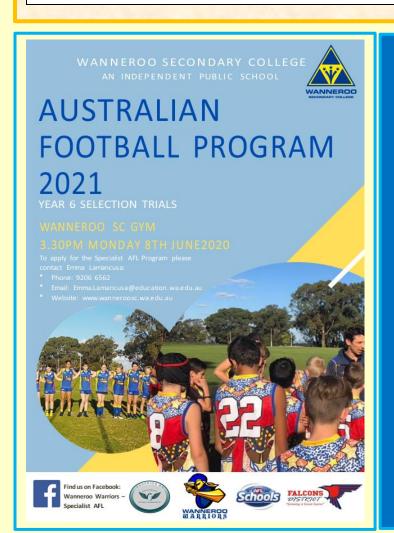
Thank you.

Amy

### Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0478 100 318 OSHClub Head Office: 9261 3200

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at <u>www.oshclub.com.au</u> all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.



#### **Enrol NOW for Kindy 2021.**



If you have a child that was born between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017 please download an application for enrolment from our school website at :

http://clarksonprimaryschool.com.au/files/7415/6859/2682/ Enrolment\_Application\_Part\_A.pdf

Applications must be accompanied by supporting documentation as detailed on the form.

Closing date for the first round of offers is Friday 24th July.

Clarkson Primary School is a local intake school. Applications may still be made after this date and will be considered on a case by case basis.

As Kindy is not compulsory and there are limited places. Please get your forms in as soon as possible if your child is able to attend Kindy in 2021!

Kindergarten children may be enrolled into one school only.

Now Enrolling
Kindergarten 2021