

Newsletter Term 1 Week 3 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL TO CLOVERDALE FAMILIES

Welcome back to the school year for 2024. It has been lovely to see all our families back at school and I'd like to warmly welcome all our new families to our school community. At Cloverdale Primary School we have the support of a P&C, and we have an active School Board. I encourage all families new and existing to come along to the P&C AGM next Thursday, 22 February @ 3:00pm in the Staff room. Both the P&C and School Board are seeking new members. There have been very few staff changes this year. New to Cloverdale is Ms Russell in Years 5/6, Ms Hall in Year 6 and Ms Dobson has returned this year teaching in Years 2/3. Ms Burke is currently taking some leave and in her absence, I will be acting as the Principal.

We have been experiencing some extremely hot weather to start the school year and we have enacted extreme weather policy strategies. There have been several days where the students have stayed inside at lunch as the temperature has been over 40 degrees. We will continue this policy as needed. Please ensure that all students come to school with a brim/bucket hat. Caps do not provide enough protection and we ask all students to wear a brim or bucket hat during fitness, PE and while out at recess and lunch. Cloverdale Primary School encourages students to be sun smart and we encourage "Yes Hat, Yes Play." Students may also have water bottles in class. Please ensure the bottles are not metal or glass for safety reasons. Despite the weather, all classes have settled in nicely and are already working hard.

Despite being a short term of 9 weeks, Term One is set to be a busy one. Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit NAPLAN in Week 7. There are also swimming championships, BASSA swimming and BASSA cricket events. Harmony Day is also in Term One.

Cloverdale Primary School has a very visual set of expectations that can be seen around the school. SOAR stands for Safety, Organisation, Achievement, Respect and Responsibility. Students are taught what these expectations are and encouraged to be the best they can be. All students who follow our SOAR expectations are invited to a whole school reward at the end of term.

A reminder to families who enter the school from Hendra Street to please use the pedestrian access gate 6. It is not safe to walk into the school through the carpark gates and we want all our community members to be safe. Please always escort your children through the pedestrian gates and always avoid the car parks. Car parking is not easy and there are limited spaces around the school. A reminder to all parents that the bus bay on Fisher Street is always a No Parking zone. There are buses that drop students in the morning and collect them in the afternoon and that is the only bay available for them to stop in. Please respect the no parking and bus bay signs.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic term.

Deborah McEwan
Acting Principal



Admin Reminders

When is it ok to miss school

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND SCHOOL ALL DAY, EVERY DAY.

WHEN IS IT OK TO NOT GO TO SCHOOL?

An OK reason is one that *prevents* your child from getting to school. This could include:

- when your child is sick or unwell
- attending cultural or religious observances such as sorry time and funerals
- an unavoidable natural event such as flood waters or a cyclone
- an unavoidable medical appointment
- family emergency situations

The principal decides if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

IT IS NOT OK TO MISS SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD:

- is celebrating a birthday
- is going on a family holiday
- is visiting family and friends
- has slept in or had a big weekend
- is looking after other children
- has sport or other recreational activities that have not been approved by the school
- has appointments such as haircuts and minor check ups
- no school uniform available to wear

If possible, routine medical and other health appointments should be made either before or after school, or during the school holidays.

DO YOU NEED TO LET THE SCHOOL KNOW IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL?

Yes, you need to let the teacher, front office, or reply to the SMS Message U system the reason why your child is going to be, or has been, absent from school as soon as possible. Where possible, please discuss any upcoming absences in advance so we can let you know of important learning or activities your child will miss out on.

This requires a responsible person, usually a parent, to provide a reason for the absence within **three school days**.

Having information about why your child is missing school helps us plan for their return to school and work out whether we can provide any further help to you.

WHY IS GOING TO SCHOOL SO IMPORTANT?

- At school, many concepts (such as literacy and numeracy) are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later. This is particularly important in the early years when essential foundation skills are being taught.
- Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of 'showing up' – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.
- Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student's learning. Students, who attend regularly, generally do better at school and in life.
- Attending school everyday helps students to develop important social skills, build positive relationships and learn skills to deal with conflict.



Green Team News

Last Thursday, Green Team volunteers met in the Science Room. We'll have met again by the time you read this; first week volunteer names have been recorded and second week volunteers will have joined them. The team is again being led by Mr Luxton and Ms Speedy. Mr Luxton is Cloverdale's the years 3-6 science teacher ; Ms Speedy is teaching Year 3 Room 6 this year.

Students can only join the Green Team once they reach Year 3, and Ms Speedy's Room 6 has already committed to collect eight fruit tubs twice a week after lunch, leaving them outside the science room. The fruit tubs collect more than just fruit waste; they collect anything organic including half-finished sandwiches, and food waste from the canteen. It all ends up being mixed with newspaper in a compost tumbler for six months, before spending another 6 months being digested by worms. After that it ends up in the garden beds.

Student Councillors in Room 12 have already committed to put out and bring in our big blue paper bins each month.

At the first Green Team Meeting, students ripped out all the dead plants from our garden beds before tilling the soil, while Elijah and Nomsa emptied Room 6's organic waste collection into the compost tumbler. At the second Green Team meeting, students sorted the 10c Container for Change bins into the 1100 litre bin in the Hendra Street carpark.

At the February 9 assembly, Mr Luxton was the puppeteer of the 60L and 1100L yellow-topped Containers for Change bins, drawing attention to the rubbish students were not sorting correctly: organic matter goes into fruit tubs; only 10c containers go in the yellow-topped bins; other hard plastics go back into to your lunch box for recycling at home; and everything else is rubbish. The bins and tubs are within 3 metres of each other at every waste-sorting station – please encourage your children to be responsible in sorting their waste - and to bring home hard plastics!

This is the only presentation Mr Luxton will make this year; student members of the Green Team deliver Green Team news and award the 'Golden Bin Award' at each assembly.

The aim of the Green Team is to encourage in students a 'sustainability' mindset – reuse what one can, refuse packaging if possible, reduce waste going to landfill, and take personal responsibility for recycling everything that can be. This year, the City of Belmont will introduce the FOGO bin system. In early Term 2, all students in Years 1 to 6 will be educated by the Veolia/SUEZ education officer in how to sort their organic waste at home. <https://www.belmont.wa.gov.au/live/at-your-place/bins,-waste-and-recycling/three-bin-system>

Please continue to bring your exhausted batteries, bread bag tags and plastic bottle caps to the library – they can all be recycled into new products!



Dan Luxton, Science Teacher



Child Health Information

Dental health - Keep your child's teeth healthy

Teeth are important possessions. Here are some tips for keeping them healthy.

- Clean teeth, gums and tongue at least twice a day with a soft toothbrush. Parents should supervise tooth brushing until children are 8 or 9 years old as children do not have the dexterity to brush the molars properly until then.
- Adults and children should use a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste. Toothpaste should be spat out after brushing and never eaten or swallowed. Do not rinse your mouth out with water after brushing your teeth.
- Rinse your toothbrush thoroughly after brushing and store it hygienically. Replace your toothbrush regularly.
- Older children and adults should floss their teeth daily.
- Eating and drinking healthily is important for keeping your teeth healthy – try to keep away from too much sugar, especially between meals.

For more dental health information, go to <http://raisingchildren.net.au> or <http://www.dental.wa.gov.au/> . The School Dental Service provides free general dental care to school children throughout Western Australia, from pre-primary through to Year 11 (or age 17). Contact your closest [School Dental Therapy Centre](#) on 9479 7222 for further information.

Undescended testes

Screening for undescended testes is recommended for boys at school entry (~4-5 years of age). Around 2-4% of boys have an undescended testis at birth. But sometimes the testes (also known as testicle) is in the scrotum at birth but is pulled up into the groin or abdomen at around 4-10 years of age. This happens because the cord that attaches the testicle to the abdomen doesn't grow at the same rate as the child.

Undescended testes don't fully sit within the scrotum. The condition isn't painful but can increase the risk of several other health issues such as decreased fertility and testicular cancer. For those boys who develop an undescended testicle later in childhood, the 'ascending' testicle often needs surgery between 5 years and 10 years.

Please read through the information about undescended testicles provided by Raising Children Network <https://raisingchildren.net.au> and encourage your child to check themselves as described there.

If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner or Community Health Nurse, **Kirrilly Owen** on **0456 126 962**.

Colour Blindness

Children who are colour blind can see as clearly as other people but can't tell the difference between some colours or see colours differently from other people. Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours – most often they see red and green as very similar.

It's good to know if a child is colour blind because they may have difficulty at school with activities that use colours, such as drawing and sorting blocks, and with computers. Please read through information on [colour blindness](#) provided by Raising Children Network <https://raisingchildren.net.au> .

If you have any concerns, colour vision testing can be performed by some General Practitioners (GP), eye specialists or optometrist. You can also contact your local Community Health Nurse, **Kirrilly Owen** on **0456 126 962**.

Scoliosis

Scoliosis is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. It can be detected by a simple examination of the back.



The normal spine has three curves – one in the neck, one in the upper back and one in the lower back. These curves can be seen from the side, but when you look from behind the spine should appear straight. If the spine has a sideways curve, this is scoliosis.

Please read through the [scoliosis](https://raisingchildren.net.au) information provided by Raising Children Network <https://raisingchildren.net.au> and check your child for scoliosis as described.

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Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Certificates at the assembly on Friday ----:

PP1		PP2		RM1	Hana B Damien M	RM2	Qinning H Mason T
RM4	Ivy A Theodore D	RM5	Elsie K Kye S	RM6	Sonny K Brayden V	RM7	
RM8	Beau F Safiya J	RM9	Wardah G Nosalihle N	RM11	Abdifitah H Shaemika T	RM12	Jana A
Music				<i>Congratulations everyone</i>			

Audiri and ConnectNow Apps

We highly recommend that parents/carers download and install both apps, as this is how we communicate to the broader school community.

Cloverdale Primary School Facebook Page

Cloverdale Primary School now has an official Facebook page. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/cloverdaleps/>

This social media platform allows our school to celebrate our students' successes; to provide families with current information and updated events, and to support our local community.



School Uniforms

We have partnered with well known uniform supplier Uniform Concepts by Nell Grey to provide a high quality durable, and practicable new uniform range. This partnership enables families to take advantage of online ordering <https://www.nellgray.com.au/Schools>, EFTPOS, home delivery, lay-by facilities, and in store sizing assistance at the Uniform Concepts Super Store.

The store is located at 834 Beaufort Street, Inglewood and is open as follows:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 5pm
- Thursday 9am to 6pm
- Saturday 9am to 1pm

P&C Facebook Page



Want to keep up to date with what the Cloverdale Schools P&C are doing? Follow their Facebook Page. If you are interested to help out with fundraising events, please message the P&C via Facebook or email them on cloverdale.pandc@gmail.com.



Cloverdale Dental Therapy Centre News

For after-hours emergencies, please call your private dentist or contact the emergency service on 1800 098 818

Cloverdale Dental Therapy Centre

Phone 9479 7222

Email CloverdaleDTC@health.wa.gov.au





Community Notices

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president@ndnetball.com.au Louise: 0409 290 556

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	OPENS - A2 Social (Women Only)
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	16 and under
	14 and under
NETSETGO \$215	12 and under
	White-Yr 3-4
	Green-Yr 2-3
	Silver-Yr 2
SKILLS (STBA)*	Kindy & Yr 1

Dates...

Regos Close - 29 Mar
Teams Announced - 1 Apr
First Training - week beg 15 Apr
First Game - Seniors, Juniors & NetSetGo - 4 May
First Session - BNA Skills (kindy/yr1) - 11 May
General BYE WA Day - 1 Jun
General BYE School Hols - 6 & 13 Jul (plus 29 Jun for NetSetGo)
Last Game Seniors, Juniors, NetSetGo - 14 Sep
Windup - TBC - 14 Sep - 2-4pm

Who we are...

Navy Diamonds (formerly Notre Dame) Netball Club is comprised of players from many different primary and secondary schools surrounding Belmont Netball Association. We are based at Wilson Park. Riverside for weekday training & Saturday morning games. Training days will depend on your team Coach. Game times will depend on teams registered with BNA.

Our fees include playing equipment, insurance, umpires, a team photo, team trophies, a season windup extravaganza, plus much more...

We also have adult team options ranging from social to serious - plus walking netball!! Our netball is for all abilities and we have something for EVERYONE!!

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