

WEEK 7, Term 3 NEWSLETTER

Thursday 31 August 2023



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Term 3 is proving to be every bit as busy as I thought it would be. We are nearly at the end of Week 7 and we still have the Jumps and Throws Carnival, the CPS & CESC Faction Carnival and 2 weeks of Swimming! Money and forms MUST be back at school by the end of tomorrow to make sure that we can provide the In-Term Swimming teachers with our numbers so that they can create the correct number of classes for our students.

Our Book Week Parade was a wonderful way to end Book Week. There were some amazing and very clever costumes from staff and students of both the Primary School and the Education Support Centre. Mrs Knuiman did an outstanding job, running our Book Fair and keeping everyone informed and excited about the world of books! And I got to be a pinata! Photos of the event can be found on our Facebook page.

Tomorrow we will be halfway through the Noongar Season of Djilba1. Djilba is represented by the colour pink as it symbolises the growth of wildflowers and

plants. This is the start of the massive flowering explosion that happens in the South West. Beginning with the yellow flowering plants such as the acacias.

Djilba is a transitional time of the year, with some very cold and clear days combined with warmer, rainy and windy days mixing with the occasional sunny day or two. Traditionally, the main food sources included many of the land-based grazing animals including the yongar (kangaroo), the waitj (emu) and the koomal (possum).

As the days start to warm up, we start to see and hear the first of the newborns with their proud parents out and about providing them with food, guiding them through foraging tasks and protecting their family units from much bigger animals, including people! The woodland birds are still nest-bound, hence the swooping protective behaviour of the koolbardi (magpie), djidi djidi (willy wagtails) and chuck-a-luck (wattle birds).

As the season progresses and the temperatures continue to rise, the flower stalks of the Balgas (Grass Trees) emerge in preparation for the coming Kambarang season.

Administration Matters

Thank you to those who have paid for the In-Term Swimming, for those that haven't this is a reminder that time is running out. No late payments will be accepted.

In-Term Swimming commences Monday 11 September 2023 - Friday 22 September 2023, this means students will attend swimming lessons every day for two weeks.

Pedestrian Crossing - Wright Street

I received a message from the Children's Crossings Unit regarding a number of incidents at the crossing on Wright Street, near Fisher Street. Unfortunately, due to the behaviour of some students who use that crossing, the Traffic Warden who should be working there has been moved. It has been reported to me that some girls in Year 6 and Year 7 have been

bullying the Warden, leaving her feeling very unsafe and anxious. I referred the police officer to speak to Belmont City College as the Year 7 students would not be from our school. The Year 6 students are easier to identify as most are wearing their Leaver's shirts. The girls also refused to follow her directions when crossing the road, putting them, other children and the Traffic Warden at risk. Please speak to your children about crossing the road safely and being polite to people whose job it is to help them.

Books for Babies

Reading is a beautiful way to introduce children to the world of the imagination. Children need to be provided with many opportunities to explore books, either by themselves or through being read to. I have started giving books to children at our school who have welcomed a new brother or sister, new cousins or new nieces and nephews into their family. So that I can make sure I have enough books to give away, I need to know a few details. If you have welcomed a new family member recently and would like to be included, please send the details to me and I will arrange for a book to be presented at the next available assembly.

Front Gate and Carpark

As some of you may already know, the main pedestrian gate (Gate 2) at the front of the school has been converted into an electronic gate. The gate is unlocked from 7.30 am until 9.15 am and from 2.15 pm until 4.00 pm. The Car Park gate is also being locked between 2.30 pm and 3.15 pm to reduce the risks to children and families who cut across the front lawn.



Enrolments and School Tours

As part of the preparation for 2024, I need to plan potential classes. Class sizes are based on a specific formula for each class type. Part of my job is to look at the numbers and create a class structure to fit everybody. The more information I have, the greater the chance that I can avoid having to restructure. It would be a great help if you could advise the school if your

child/children will NOT be returning to Cloverdale Primary School. This does not apply to students in Year 6.

We are continuing to take enrolments for 2024. Students starting Kindy, Pre-Primary, and High School and changing schools for 2024 will need to complete enrolments as soon as possible. We will continue to take enrolments at any time but I need to get an idea of the numbers as soon as possible as there are a lot of things that need to happen as we get closer to the end of the year and into 2024.

I am conducting School Tours for families new to the area and who are considering enrolling their children at this school from 2024. If you know of any families who are considering enrolling at Cloverdale Primary School and would like a tour, please get them to call the school on 9438 7800 to arrange a suitable time.

Sickness and Ill Health

If your child is sick, do not send them to school. Any child that is sent to the Office because they are unwell will be sent home. We must have correct contact details for parents and at least two emergency contacts so that the child can be collected. If your details have changed, please let the Front Office know immediately.



Cloverdale Primary School Board

Being involved with the School Board or P&C are ways that you can contribute to your child's education, as well as sending the message that you are interested in what happens at school.

Our next school board meeting is on **Monday 4 September, at 5.00 pm** in the Staffroom. Our next P&C Meeting is on **Tuesday 5 September at 5.30 pm** in the

Staffroom.

Last week, the Cloverdale School Board, along with Principals, Boards and P&Cs from the City of Belmont were invited as guests of Cassie Rowe, (MLA) to join the Minister for Education, Hon. Dr Tony Buti in a morning tea at Parliament House.

It was an opportunity to meet other school staff from our local area and enjoy some delicious food.

The School Board wishes all the families acknowledging Father's Day this weekend a warm celebration, and we look forward to seeing all the school parents again soon.

The Cloverdale Primary School Board can be contacted via their email address

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Heather Dillon

Chair, Cloverdale Primary School Board Chair



Book Week

THANK YOU to everyone for a great celebration of books and reading.

Many classes attended Ruth Faulkner Library for 'Meet the Author/Illustrator' sessions which was enjoyed by all and very inspiring.

Classes also read and did activities with the books nominated by the Children's Book Council of Australia for awards in 2023.

Book Fair was held in the Library giving families the opportunity to purchase a book and encourage a love of reading. A percentage of sales will assist in providing more resources for our students. Thank you to everyone that supported the Fair and helped in any way.

On Friday both schools took part in the Book character
dress up parade, which was a very entertaining event.

Ms Knuiman

Library Officer

COMMUNITY NOTICES



PERTH GOJU KARATE

Beginners programs starting now.

Four weeks free!

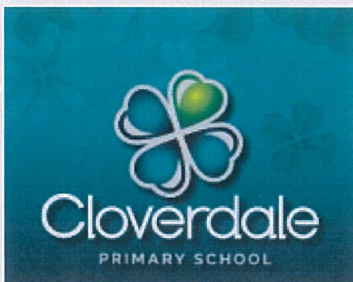
**New beginners classes near you.
For children and adults.**

All classes run after school.
Classes are grouped according to age and experience.

Sensei Johnny Moran has a wealth of knowledge and experience teaching karate to children and adults.

Perth Goju Karate classes build self-confidence, karate skill, respect and self-defense with an emphasis on fun and friendship.

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