

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL TO CLOVERDALE FAMILIES



As this is my first opportunity in 2021 to welcome you all back, may I just say “Welcome back!” I hope that you had a great holiday with your children and that you managed to cope with the extremely hot weather.

Term 1 got off to a bumpy start with managing COVID and the start of a new school year. We have had to cancel many of the events that occur in Term 1 following directions from the Department of Education. Some of these will be bumped to later in the year, some may not. I will let you know as much as I can as the situation develops. Please make sure that you have Skoolbag installed on your smartphone so that we can get information to you as soon as possible.

It is also important to make sure that the school has the most accurate contact details for you so that if we need to contact you to collect your child if they are unwell, they can be picked up as soon as possible. This is especially the case where you may not be able to get to the school for one reason or another; in this case please make sure that we have accurate details for your emergency contact who will be able to collect your child. Can we also have your email details if they have changed.

Thank you to parents of students in Year 3 to Year 6 for sending your children to school wearing masks. I appreciate your support of the school in this area.



In the coming weeks, I will be seeking input from staff and the community to change the end time on Wednesday to 3:00pm, so that it is in line with the other days. This proposed change will go to the School Board to be discussed and decided on. If this change is approved, it will go into effect from the start of Term 2.



Another change that will be happening is moving assemblies from Wednesday afternoon to first thing in the morning on a Thursday or Friday. Having the assembly in the morning is a better option for those community members who have work, as it is often easier to go in late rather than leave early. Hopefully, we will be able to start assemblies again in Term 2.

On a personal note, I would like to sincerely thank my staff and students for their support of me earlier this term when I had a personal issue to deal with. It is comforting to know that as a community we can provide care and compassion to each other in times of need. In particular, I would like to thank Mrs McEwan, Mrs Newland, Mrs Preston and Mrs Van Der Wel for all their work at a very busy time of year. Mere words cannot truly convey my thanks for all their efforts.

*Louise*

Louise Burke  
Principal



## Physical Education News

Well it certainly has been a busy, AND HOT, start to the year for sport at Cloverdale Primary.

The year has begun with a focus on developing the students cricketing skills with a strong focus on the skills of catching, throwing and building team skills. It has been very pleasing to see the effort being applied by all the students and we have seen some great improvement even at this early stage of the year.

Swimming is also beginning to gain momentum and the swim squad has already been hard at work training at 7:30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is a fantastic reflection on the commitment of the students and their families that they have taken this challenge on. With the school swimming carnival coming up on Thursday in week 6.

With Summer still very much with us I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that sun protection should still be very much at the front of our minds. Wide Brimmed hats are a requirement for all students at Cloverdale Primary when they are out doors at school during sport and break times. YES HAT.....YES PLAY!!!!!!

Mr Lance Wood, Physical Education Teacher

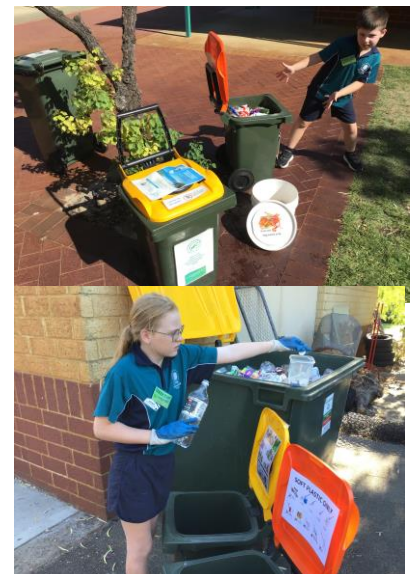


## Green Team News

We're only in Week 5 and already the Green Team has achieved so much! On the very first day of the year, students were introduced to the now orange-topped 60 Litre *Redcycle* soft-plastic bins, clearly distinguishing them from the yellow-topped *Containers for Change* bins. Older students have been asked to help the Year Ones sort their waste into the correct bins.

In Weeks 2 and 4, the Green Team met to transfer 10c containers collected in the 60 Litre bins into the 1100 Litre bin – it is almost full. Parents are welcome to donate their 10c containers to the Cloverdale P&C by dropping them into the 60 Litre bins located at either end of the grassed area between the administration block and the staff room.

In Week 4, Mr Luxton audited the *Redcycle* soft-plastic bins and found that with a few exceptions, students are sorting their waste responsibly. Students are encouraged to put hard plastics (e.g Le Snack, jelly cups, yoghurt containers) back into their lunch box so they can be washed at home and recycled through your domestic recycling bin.



It has been very pleasing to see more students using 'bento' style lunch boxes which require no additional packaging. As a community, we must make choices to avoid using plastic unnecessarily -plastic is made from oil and oil is running out (just look at the price of petrol!), plus energy is required to manufacture and transport plastics with the majority of energy production contributing to global warming and extreme weather events such as baking hot summers, more intense bushfires, and more flooding events.

The attached photo shows how many clip-lock bags were removed from the soft-plastic *Redcycle* bins after just 18 days of collection. At this rate, half the undercover area will be covered by the end of the year! And only three of them had holes in them – 70 bags could have been taken home, washed and reused, thus saving money and energy! It took Mr Luxton an hour to wash all 73 bags in a bucket of detergent and then rinse them through two more buckets – that's 50 seconds per bag – surely every family can save energy, money and the environment by spending a few seconds washing, rinsing, drying and reusing these clip-lock bags. Surely. Or even better AVOIDING their use altogether by investing in a bento-style lunch box!



We are pleased to continue to collect batteries, bread-bag tags and plastic lids in the library. Please don't remove ring pulls from your 10c *Container for Change* cans.

Until next fortnight,

Mr Dan Luxton, on behalf of the Green Team.

### Breakfast Club and P&C Canteen

The Breakfast Club and P&C School Canteen are not open in Term 1. We will advise as soon as they reopen.



### School Uniforms

We have partnered with well known uniform supplier Uniform Concepts by Nell Gray 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

### Cloverdale School Dental Service

From 5pm Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 we move to Red Covid 19 Alert.

All routine dental care will be cancelled from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Only urgent treatment will be seen.

We will be cancelling patients by phone, putting them back onto our waitlist. They will be reappointed once we move back to Amber Alert.

Please contact us if you have any queries or your child has toothache. Loose teeth will not be considered urgent.

Phone 9479 7222

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this virus

Keep safe

Best wishes

Staff at Cloverdale DTC

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