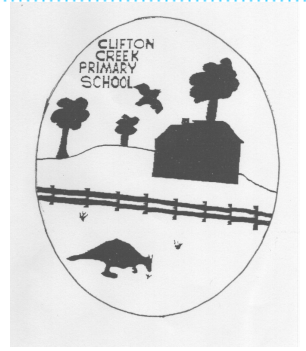


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Calendar

NOVEMBER

Monday 28 ~ ResourceSmart with Hilary
~ Active After Schools

Tuesday 29 ~ EG Shire Library
~ Headlice Tuesday Check
~ Final Tuck Shop Tuesday
~ Handmade books 6.30pm

Wednesday 30 ~ Marc Van
~ Transition: Final session

DECEMBER

Thursday 1 ~ Pizza Oven Building
5-6.30 pm

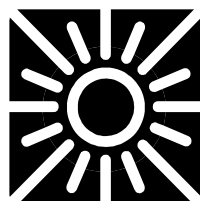
Friday 2 ~ Last Fang for the year

Monday 5 ~ Final AASC for the year

Thursday 15 ~ Volunteers Morning Tea

CHOOK EGGS FOR SALE

\$3 a dozen for free range eggs from our happy CCPS hens.



SUNSMART:

A reminder that we are a sunsmart school and that all children need to wear shady broad rimmed hats in Terms 1 & 4.

Whole School Sleepover

It was wonderful to see the excitement on the faces of all our students as they geared up for our whole school sleepover on Wednesday evening. As usual I am not so good at predicting the weather and thought it was going to rain so pulled the pin on the tents Well of course the weather was beautiful! This did not stop us from “getting into” the camping spirit as we cooked damper, went for a bush walk, made brilliant newspaper clothing and played modified games of Instinct for Survival. A huge thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly to ensure our students had an enjoyable, restful 24 hours.

Friday’s Professional Development

On Friday the staff participated in a professional development day run by Angie McKail. The focus of the day was the implementation of effective maths strategies when introducing new maths concepts. These strategies will be used in conjunction with our core knowledge document on which we continue to work.

Morning Tea

On Thursday 15th December there will be a special morning tea – please join us as we say “Thank you” to our friends who have volunteered their time to support education at Clifton Creek. We would love to see you here for this special morning tea held at 10.30am in the Kitchen/Lab.

Pizza Oven

Our team of dads led by Michael have made great progress in the outdoor oven construction, with just a few sessions left for the year. It looks as if the oven will not be ready for our December 10 lunch launch, so we will reschedule it to coincide with our Welcome early in the new school year.

LOST BOOK

One Woolly Wombat by Kerry Argent, a picture book on loan from the EG Shire Library Bus has been misplaced here at school. Please check at home to see if it might be there. Thank you.

CAR PARKING

Each morning and afternoon is a busy time as students are delivered and collected from school. We would like to remind those parking at school to be aware of the Bus parking signs which allow the larger secondary bus and the Shire Library van to turn, park and go about their business safely.

Book Making

On Tuesday evening we will hold our last bookmaking session with Dagmara. We look forward to collating our books. Families will then take home a keepsake to treasure. The night will run from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Nibblies will be provided.

LIBRARY WEEK

As it is the week that both the EG Library and Marc Van visit, please have an extra look around for any books that need to be returned to these libraries.

COUNCIL BOOK PRESENTATION

Each year school council at CCPS presents a gift of a book to each child, reflecting our value of the love of reading. We require parents to select a **book** to the value of \$9 for their child from Collins Bookstore. School Council is paying \$8 towards each book, Collins is generously contributing \$1 towards each book.

If you are unable to select a book to this value, please see me. Books will be kept at the bookstore until all selections are made.

Please make a selection from Collins Books BEFORE 12th December. Chat with one of the teachers if you are uncertain about this arrangement.

Concert Time

Next week our school swings into the much-anticipated Concert mode, a time when our students have an opportunity to let their creative/artistic talents show. All students participate in our end of year concert; working collaboratively on songs, dances, skits and of course our famous Rockstars! Next week each child will need to bring a box for their costumes clearly labelled; a costume list will be sent home in the near future.

Our school concert will be held here at CCPS on Monday 19th December. All students are to be at school by 6.30pm for a 7pm sharp start.

Transition

This is our final formal transition session for the year, our 2012 preps have had a taste of school life and are keen for the next step in their education. We hope to see the Practising preps back for concert night. Transition for the year six students continues with their orientation days at secondary level and the final Cluster Graduation evening and school tradition of special activity.

Odd Jobs

Your assistance in helping with some odd jobs is appreciated—there is a list in the office if you have a few spare minutes to help out. Thanks.

Tuckshop & Fang

This week we will run the final Tuckshop & Fang sessions for the year. Thank you to Jenny, Hollie & Mell who have supported these real life maths programs in the Senior class in 2011.

School Council

Minutes from last week's meeting will be available in the near future. Let Robyn know if you would like a copy. Next meeting 6th December.

Casual Bus Users

A reminder to all parents that Casual Bus travellers pay a fee of \$3.50 per trip. Please ensure money is sent to school covering your child's use of the bus.

Thank you

To our AASC person Chris for helping us out with the full recycle bins—your trip to the Tambo Recycle depot was very much appreciated.

To Jake's mum Tammy for providing the treats for camp.

ResourceSmart

Thank you to all those at home who have supported our efforts over the year by providing healthy delicious lunches that have minimal packaging. Children are learning that we can all make a difference, no matter how small, to the rubbish ending up in landfill.



ResourceSmart– FROG BOG

How exciting!! Last week, we started to dig the hole for the frog bog. Hilary and Carol decided on the area near the oval, as it is a bit shady and a bit sunny, the slope is not too steep and it is close by, but not right near the classrooms.

We have some fencing we can use. There is 2×3 metre lengths, 2×2 metre lengths and 1×1 metre gate. So what is the maximum perimeter that our fence can be?

We measured the tug-of-war rope. It is 12 metres long which was longer than all our pieces of fence. We put it on the ground to show where the fencing could go and how big the area would be. Then we used 3 skipping ropes (end-to-end) to show the size and shape of the frog bog inside this area.

Then we dug off all the grass. And it is the beginning of the frog bog!
(Answer: perimeter can be a maximum of 11m)

Hilary, Corey, Pete, Angelina, Poppy and Emily W



Little Class

Hi again everyone,

It's really hard to believe there's only 4 weeks left to the whole school year!

At the moment the Little Class is busy finishing all of their testing and assessment work. During the weekend, I was looking through work from earlier in the year and found one of their first pieces of writing. It was amazing to see just how much progress all the children have made. Sometimes we forget how much they learn in a year.

Also, well done to Little Class on just how fantastic they were during the school camp. Carol and I possibly had the easiest night any teacher could wish for on a sleepover, with only one child needing to get up for the toilet during the night. What a miracle! Bad luck to Jayden though, who had to go home in the morning after being ill when he woke up. All in all, I was reminded what a fantastic bunch of kids I have in my class. What a lucky teacher!

Cheers, Miss Eds

Middle Class

Retesting reading comprehension, spelling, maths, grammar and punctuation skills will be a focus this week, in preparation for our end of year reports. Then we will be completing projects, our Sea, Surf and Sand booklets and our stories, so that we can launch into our next major project; creating our end of year magazine.

Have a great week,
Jenny



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2012 Term Dates for Victorian Government Schools

Term One	1 February (teachers start) - 30 March	8 weeks
Term Two	16 April - 29 June	11 weeks
Term Three	16 July - 21 September	10 weeks
Term Four	8 October - 21 December	11 weeks