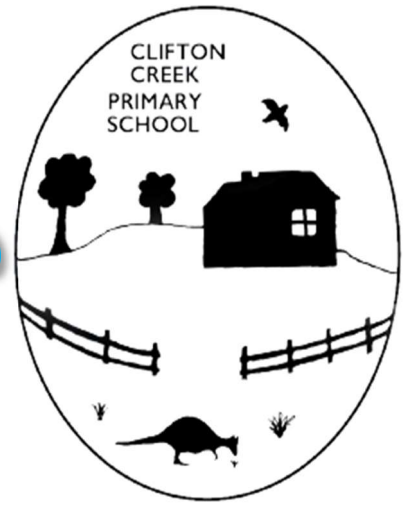


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Friday the 17th of October

Calendar

October

Friday 17th	Swimming Lessons
Friday 24th	Swimming Lessons
Friday 31st	Swimming Lessons

November

Monday 3rd	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 4th	Melbourne Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY (no school)
Friday 7th	Swimming Lessons
Friday 14th	Swimming Lessons
Friday 21st	Swimming Lessons
Friday 28th	SURVIVAL Swimming Lessons



Zoe

Jane's Message

As the weather starts to warm up and the sun comes out, please remind students to bring a drink bottle to school to stay hydrated throughout the day. To ensure sun safety, the school has purchased new school hats for all students, which will be handed out in the coming days. They look fantastic!

Please ensure that students are wearing the correct school uniform, which includes the school t-shirt and jumper paired with black shorts, pants, or a skort, or alternatively, the school dress.

Kids and Blokes Night was a great success! The students had a fantastic time. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the staff who volunteered to help make the night so enjoyable.

This week, I attended a Day on Country at Knob Reserve in Stratford. Schools from across the area gathered and discussed the importance of having culturally safe schools while maintaining high academic standards for Indigenous students. It was a wonderful day of reflection and planning for future actions.

Finally, I would like to introduce Zoe Brick. Zoe is an Outreach Inclusion Coach with the Department of Education; she is working with the school to enhance student engagement. Zoe works with staff every Monday and we are already seeing some great shifts in student outcomes.

Junior Room

Welcome back to Term 4! It has been so wonderful to see all the students' smiling faces again. I've loved hearing about their holiday adventures, and it's amazing to see how much they've retained over the break. Everyone has settled straight back into our routines and is eager to continue learning.

In Literacy, we have begun a unit on persuasive writing, inspired by the beautiful picture book *Where the Forest Meets the Sea* by Jeannie Baker—an award-winning story about a boy exploring the Daintree Rainforest. Through this text, we are learning how authors use language to express opinions, share messages, and persuade their readers.

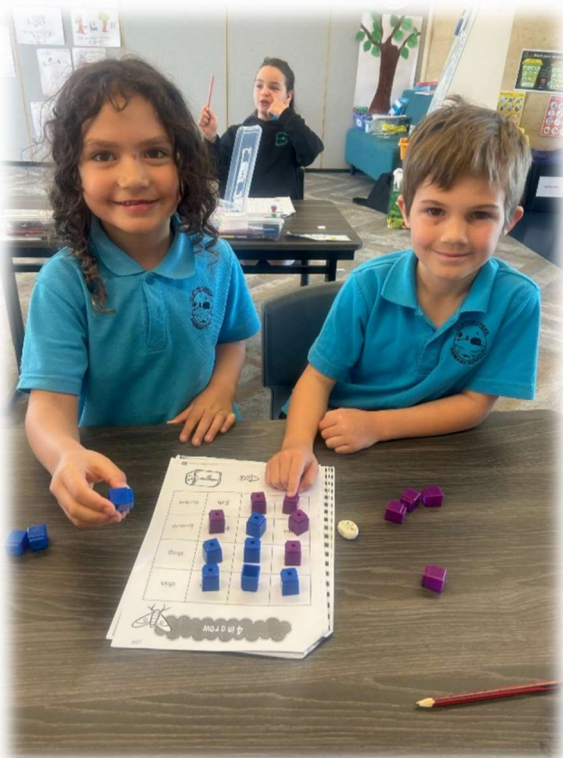
In Maths, we are focusing on measurement, using different units and hands-on materials to measure length. Next, we'll move on to exploring capacity. It was wonderful to see the results from our recent Maths test - students showed fantastic progress, and it's exciting to see how much quicker they are becoming with their maths fluency practice each session.

In SOSE, we are continuing our work with maps, this time focusing on Australia-its states, territories, landmarks, and special places. The students have been very engaged and curious as we work on this topic.

The children are also very excited to be starting swimming lessons this term, and it's been great to see their confidence and enthusiasm towards these lessons!

We have also chosen our concert act and will be practising weekly to put on our best performance for the upcoming school concert. The excitement is already building!

It's shaping up to be another busy and exciting term in the Junior Room. I'm so proud of how far the students have come and can't wait to see all that we achieve together this term.



Middle Room

Term 4 has started with a bang!

The students have completed their country projects, and over the next few weeks, they will be delivering verbal presentations to the class. We're excited to see them share what they've learned!

In Maths, we are focusing on 2D and 3D shapes. In Science, we've started investigating the Solar System - and the students are incredibly curious and eager to learn more.

In Literacy, our focus is on understanding the structure of explanatory texts and learning how to write them effectively.

This term, students are also participating in Kitchen Garden. They've gotten off to a great start by making pizza dough - don't be surprised if they ask to make homemade pizzas at home!

The Garden, under the guidance of Drew, is looking fantastic. This week, Drew dropped off some worm fertilizer that the students collected, bottled, and labelled. It's now being sold at Goodman's — what a great achievement!

Swimming started last week, and while the students came back to school exhausted, we surprised them with a special treat -banana splits! It was a huge hit.

Looking forward to another fun and productive term!

Pauline and Sarah



Senior Room

Welcome back to Term 4!

The Senior Class has had a busy start back, starting a new novel – *Black Cockatoo* by Carl Merrison and Hakea in our literacy lessons and focusing on Fractions during our Maths sessions.

We have begun the 'FRIENDS for life' program which will continue for most of Term 4 and is run by our friends Michael and Kerry from Mission Australia. The students are enjoying these sessions on a Wednesday morning.

We are also very excited to welcome Sandy Ross into our classroom, teaching on a Monday and Tuesday. Sandy has brought a lot of fun and experience into the Senior space which is going to make for a great end to our year.



To Cia who
turns 11 on
the 25th of
October

To Kyah who
turned 7 on
the 12th of
October

To Elena
who turned
9 on the 10th
of October

To Kade who
turned 11 on
the 10th of
October

Kids and Blokes Night

What a fantastic night this was!

John & Drew spent lots of time with the children during the day in Kitchen Garden making the pizza bases and preparing produce. Later in the day, John came in and put the pizzas together - they were delicious! A big thank you to John, Drew and the students.

After we all had pizza, we moved into the middle room for some fun and laughter. First, we played a game where we had to walk around with a cup on our heads. The aim was to knock the cup off everyone else's head without our own cup falling or being knocked off.

Next, the kids and blokes were put into six groups and given newspaper, scissors, and masking tape. They were challenged to build the highest tower they could using only those three tools. They had 15 minutes to complete this - and let me just say, there were some *very* competitive adults in the room!

After that, we played the balloon game, where each team had to place a balloon between each player and walk to the staffroom without dropping it. If the balloon dropped, they had to go back and start again.

Lastly, we ended the night with the students telling the person they invited to the evening something they are grateful for. There were some very touching and interesting responses.

Thank you to everyone that came and made this night so successful. See you next year!





Lunchtime Clubs – Term 4

We've had an exciting start to Term 4 with our new lunchtime clubs! Each day, one of our amazing support staff runs a fun activity – and the students are loving it!

- **Monday** – *Lego Club* with **Sarah**
- **Tuesday** – *Craft Club* with **Emily**
- **Wednesday** – *Movement Club* with **Ellyn**
- **Thursday** – *Games Club* (Occupational Therapist)
- **Friday** – *we are not doing clubs on Friday due to swimming*

The students have responded so well and are enthusiastically joining in all the fun!



Sandpit Fun

The sandpit has always been a favourite spot, but with the addition of some exciting new toys, it's now the buzzing hub of playtime! The new Tonka trucks are a huge hit - they're digging their way to China with unstoppable energy! Owen, in particular, is captivated by one toy he fondly calls the "koala claw".

The sandpit encourages sharing, language development, and social skills such as turn-taking, so not only is it a fun place to be, but the students are also learning important life skills."



THANK YOU!

A BIG thankyou to Kanan & his mum Emma for creating this gorgeous flower arrangement to display on our staffroom table this week. All of these flowers came from their prosperous garden. The staff have really enjoyed the burst of colour!



NEW - School Hats





GET
ACTIVE
KIDS
VOUCHERS



The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is open! Get in quick as applications for a voucher will close on 13 November or earlier if the budget allocation is fully exhausted.

Victorian families with a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can apply for up to \$200 to support their child's sport and active recreation activities. Apply now at www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers



Get \$200 to help your
child play sport!



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MENTORS NEEDED

Help Learner Drivers Get Behind the Wheel

- We are looking for Volunteers with driving experience to help young Learner Driver's gain on the road experience through our TAC L2P program.
- All it takes is one hour a week!
- L2P is a program which provides access to Mentor drivers for young Learner Drivers who are facing significant barriers to gaining on road experience.
- Such barriers might include no access to a vehicle or a supervising driver.
- Insured vehicles are provided by the program as well supervisor driver training.

Our next TAC L2P Volunteer Mentor Training will be held on
Friday 7th November 2025
9.30am – 4.30pm (Lunch provided)
at

APM Building – 68A Macleod Street Bairnsdale

For more information or to register your interest for this role

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