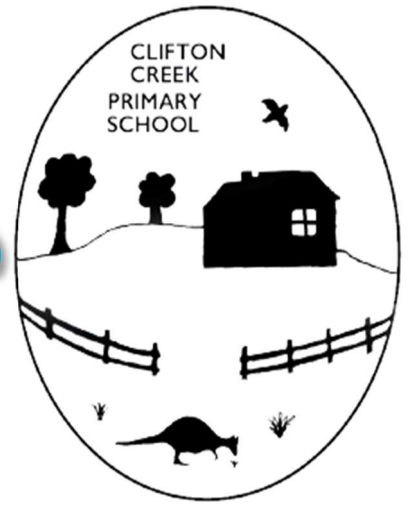


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Newsletter



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Friday the 31st of October

Calendar

November

Monday 3 rd	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 4 th	Melbourne Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY (no school)
Friday 7 th	Swimming Lessons
Wednesday 12 th	School Council Meeting
Friday 14 th	Swimming Lessons
Friday 21 st	Swimming Lessons
Friday 28 th	SURVIVAL Swimming Lessons

December

Tuesday 2 nd	School Council Meeting
Wednesday 3 rd	SCHOOL CONCERT
Friday 5 th	Swimming Lessons

Save the Date – School Concert!

This year's School Concert will be held on Wednesday 3rd December at 6:00pm. More details to come.

Jane's Message

It's been a busy and exciting time at our school as we look ahead to the end of the year and begin planning for the future. Our staff are currently engaged in professional learning around the implementation of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS). This important framework will help us continue to build a positive, inclusive, and consistent approach to supporting student wellbeing and behaviour. We look forward to introducing SWPBS across our school community in 2026.

Planning for 2026 is also well underway, with classes and staffing arrangements being carefully considered. We will communicate these details with families in the coming weeks.

Preparation for our much-loved School Concert is in full swing, and we are thrilled to invite you all to join us on Wednesday 3rd December for what promises to be a fantastic evening of entertainment and celebration. Our swimming lessons are going very well, and we are incredibly proud of the way our students have represented our school while at the pool – showing enthusiasm, persistence, and respect.

Finally, last Friday we held our first Prep Transition session for 2026, and it was a wonderful success. It was heartwarming to see so many bright young faces eager to begin their journey with us. We can't wait to welcome them officially next year!

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make our school a great place for every learner to grow and thrive.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend!



Junior Room

It's been another great few weeks in the Junior Room! The students have been working so hard and showing fantastic focus!

In Literacy, we've been learning about digraphs — *th*, *ph*, *ng*, *ch*, and *sh* — and exploring how these sounds help us in both reading and spelling. We've also been looking at punctuation, particularly exclamation marks and question marks, which ties perfectly into our persuasive writing unit. Students have been learning about statement and question sentences and using conjunctions like '*and*', '*but*' and '*so*' to make their sentences more detailed and interesting.

In Maths, we've continued learning about measurement and have now moved on to 3D shapes! We've been exploring vertices, edges, surfaces, and faces, as well as continuing to practise number bonds, addition and subtraction, and friends of ten. The improvement in students' fluency each session has been amazing to see, and I'm really looking forward to their results in the upcoming assessment for this unit.

In SOSE, we've moved on from learning about Australia and are now exploring the continent of Asia and its geography. The students have enjoyed discovering new countries, cultures, and landmarks as we continue our world exploration.

We also held our first Prep Transition session last Friday, and it went incredibly well. We spent the morning getting to know everyone, playing games, reading *The Gruffalo*, and creating our very own monsters inspired by the story. We're really excited about the rest of the transition journey.

We are now at the point in the Semester where we're completing a range of assessments for both Literacy and Maths, and I'm so proud of effort everyone is putting in.

It's been a busy and exciting time in the Junior Room - well done, everyone!



Middle Room

Here we are in Week Four already, time is certainly flying by! In class, we are almost at the end of our current novel *Off We Go Around Australia* by Roland Harvey. This wonderful book follows a family on holiday from the tip of the Top End all the way out west, exploring the many magical things to see and do across Australia. Sailing and surfing, caving and kayaking, camping under big skies, and exploring there's never a dull moment! The students have loved following the adventure and trying to find Uncle Kev, who has gone missing while searching for the elusive Night Parrot.

This week, we'll be starting our new class novel *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. It tells the story of Ivan, a gorilla who has lived in a cage in a shopping mall for most of his life. We're looking forward to diving into this touching and thought-provoking story together.

In Maths, we've been learning all about 3D objects, and now we're moving on to Data Investigations. This involves taking surveys and recording responses using bar and picture graphs the students are really enjoying the hands-on learning!

It's also been great to see everyone back in the kitchen and garden. Under John's guidance, the students have been preparing some wonderful dishes, and with Drew's help, the garden is looking very green and beautiful.

A special mention goes to Aleyah, who presented her speech at assembly on Friday to be considered for School Captain. She did a fantastic job. Speaking confidently in front of the whole school is no easy task. Well done, Aleyah!

Pauline and Sarah



**Kitchen
Garden**

Senior Room



We have had a very busy 2 weeks in the Senior Room.

End of Year Assessments have begun, and the students are all persevering and trying their best.

We finished reading the book “Black Cockatoo” by Carl Merrison and Hakea Hustler. It is about Mia, a young, Aboriginal girl living in the Kimberley. She rescues and tries to heal a black cockatoo, which also happens to be her spirit animal. The themes of Connection to Country, Respecting Family and Wanting to be Free are explored throughout the book. We will read the much-anticipated 2nd book in the series “Dirrarn” next.

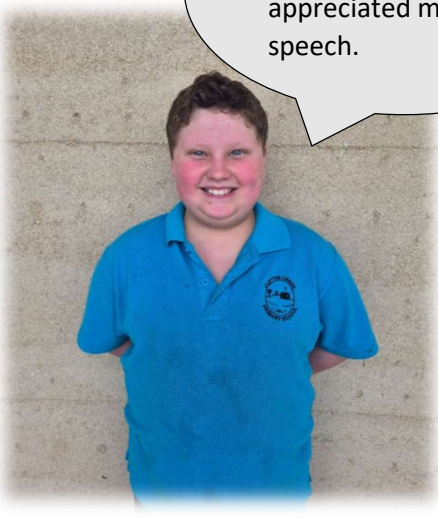
We also had our Leadership candidates Andrew Howe, Cia Hamilton, Kade Tupou and Peter Tideswell give speeches about why they should be our school leaders next year. When asked about the experience, they responded:



I was a little scared, but I am proud of myself for getting it done.



I was proud of myself for doing it and glad I survived.



I felt it was all pretty good, and everyone appreciated my speech.



I felt nervous and confident. It was easy talking in front of everyone because I've done it before.



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
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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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