

Clifton Creek Primary School

Newsletter



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Jane's Message

What an exciting start we've had to Term 2!

I would like to congratulate three of our students- Kade, Aleyah, and Andrew- who participated in division athletics. They represented our school on Tuesday with great pride, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.

Winter sports training is going well, with our Year 5/6 students heading off for their final training session this Friday.

The students are thoroughly enjoying this week's incursion, working with Chico from Youth on Purpose. This high-impact, four-day program is designed to ignite self-discovery, a sense of purpose, and community-minded leadership in young people, and will run through to Friday.

Last term, we completed our four-year school review. This process is now coming to an end, and I am currently working on our Annual Improvement Plan, with a focus on teaching and learning and student wellbeing.

Thank you to all families who responded to our school vision statement- the feedback was fantastic and greatly appreciated. This will now be finalised and published on the school website.

Please keep up the great work with school uniform- students are loving earning raffle tickets and winning extra points. I've even heard of one student saving their points for a day as School Principal!

Do It For Dolly Day is on Friday. If your child would like to take part in supporting this important cause, please send them along with some coins.

Mother's Day notes went home yesterday, and we hope to see as many mums as possible at the event- it's always a wonderful occasion.

Jane

Calendar

May

Friday 8 th	Do It For Dolly Day
Friday 15 th	Winter Sports
Thursday 21 st	Mothers Day Dinner

June

Tuesday 2 nd	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Monday 8 th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Kings Birthday

School Photos

This year's school photos will take place on 2nd June.

Order envelopes for your child(ren) will be sent home over the next couple of weeks. Please complete the envelope and return it to the school as soon as possible.

As a reminder, students are required to wear full school uniform on the day. This includes clean, plain black bottoms, a clean school polo, and the school hoodie.

Mother's Day Dinner

We are delighted to invite you to our annual Mother's Day Dinner, which will be held at the school on Thursday, 21st May at 6:00 pm.

This special evening is dedicated to celebrating the wonderful mothers in our school community. It promises to be a relaxed and enjoyable occasion, with great food, warm company, and an opportunity to feel truly appreciated.

Invitations were sent home with students yesterday. Kindly RSVP by Friday, 15th May, and be sure to include any dietary requirements.

We look forward to celebrating with you.

Newsletter Frequency

Please note that moving forward, School Newsletters will be sent out once a month.

♥ Do It For Dolly Day Fundraiser ♥

Reminder that we come together to spread kindness and stand against bullying **this Friday**.

- Wear BLUE and bring a gold coin donation
- All activities are just \$1 each.



✨ **Activities include:** Blue Hair Station, Cupcakes, Blue Jelly cups and more!

🎟 Raffle

Don't miss your chance to win- please return your tickets ASAP. Drawn Friday at Assembly.

Let's make a difference together ♥

What's happenin' in the Junior Room

Term 2 has started and we are already in Week 3! The junior students are hard at work reading, writing and doing Maths.

In Reading and Writing, we are learning all about friendships and online safety through the book "The Fabulous Friend Machine".

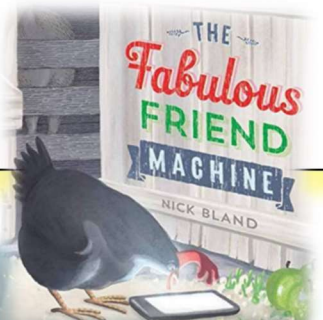
Ask your child all about it. Here are 3 of our new students this year showing us what amazing friends they can be!

This term we are fortunate enough to have a new teacher helping us out. Her name is Kelly and she will be doing Sport and STEM with the juniors this year.

The students are learning about the physics of force in STEM and built towers to test out their hypotheses.

In Art, they continue to have Fern as their teacher and this week the students are making Mother's Day gifts. Shhhhhh....it's a secret.

In Sport, they are learning how to hold and use a basketball properly.



Middle Class

Middle class students have had an energetic and engaging start to the term, and there's a real buzz in the classroom. They've been especially excited to welcome Fern, who is teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays and has already built a great connection with the group.

Learning has been in full swing as students begin their new class novel *Kensuke's Kingdom*. This has linked beautifully with our Humanities focus on Australia and its neighbouring countries, helping students make meaningful connections between their reading and their understanding of the world around them.

Adding to the excitement this week, Chico from Youth on Purpose Program has been visiting the class. These sessions have sparked thoughtful discussions, and we're sure many families are hearing some lively and interesting conversations at home as a result.

In Mathematics, students will be building their skills in multiplication using arrays, solving worded problems, and will be exploring fractions of lengths over the coming weeks. These topics will support both their problem-solving abilities and their understanding of number concepts.

It's been a fantastic start, and we look forward to seeing this enthusiasm continue throughout the term.



Senior Class

Our Grade 5/6 students have had a fantastic start to the term, settling quickly into routines and showing great improvement in their organisation and preparation for each session. We've also been enjoying beginning sessions with riddles as a fun warm-up activity, encouraging creative thinking—and students are really rising to the challenge!

In Maths, students are building confidence across a range of areas, including:

- number bonds, adding numbers (including money), and solving word and missing number problems
- strategies such as “friends of 10,” doubles, and multiplication strategies
- time (converting units and solving duration problems)
- collecting and displaying data through bar graphs
- 2D and 3D shapes
- number patterns and using number expanders for hands-on regrouping

A highlight has been the growing confidence during our daily fluency practice, which has also led to significant improvements in speed and accuracy—well done!

In Literacy, students have been focusing on:

- persuasive writing and text structure (paragraph organisation and purpose)
- vocabulary development, handwriting, parts of speech, and sentence expansion
- word study including sounds, syllables, definitions, and morphemes to support spelling and understanding

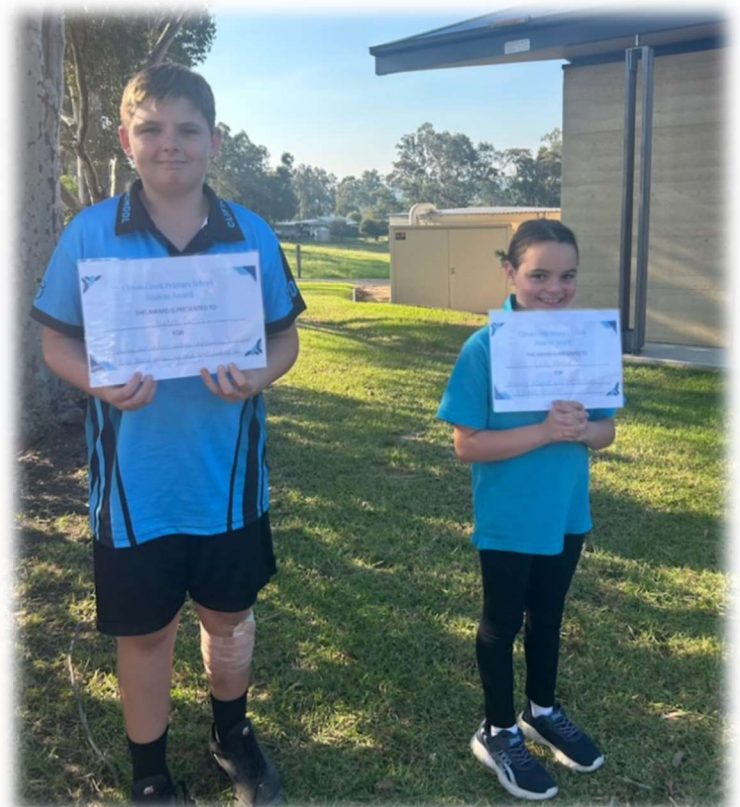
We are continuing our novel study, *The Ghost in the Suitcase*, which has been an engaging and suspenseful read so far. Students have been doing a wonderful job reading aloud and confidently sharing their writing, and it has been great to see the strong support they show one another.

Beyond the classroom learning, we are so proud of our school captains for leading assemblies each week—your public speaking is improving out of sight! Congratulations to all students who have been working hard on their Rotary tasks and well done to those who represented our school at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

This year our grade 5/6 students had the opportunity to take part in the Winter Sports with our cluster. Aleyah and Peter were selected for the cluster netball team, and Jayden, Andrew, Abel, and Ethan were selected for the cluster soccer team. Congratulations to all students who put their hand up to try something new, engage with other small schools, and build new friendships. Best of luck on the day!

Finally, congratulations to Jayden, our Student of the Week last week! You showed outstanding achievement in following all of our school values, particularly *Engaged*—your contributions to class discussions are second to none. We are proud of all students for continuing to demonstrate our school values and set such positive examples for others—it is a pleasure to teach this class.

ANZAC Day



Students of
→
the Week

Sport/PE

Sport has finished Term 1 on a fantastic high, with students making great strides in developing their fundamental motor skills before transitioning confidently into cross country training. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, resilience, and commitment shine through both in training sessions and on event days. Their efforts were on full display at the Bruthen cluster cross country, where students represented the school with pride, determination, and excellent sportsmanship.

We are especially thrilled to celebrate the achievements of Kade, Andrew, Aleyah, and Ollie, who all qualified for the divisional cross country held on May 5 at Nagle College. This is a significant accomplishment and a testament to their hard work and perseverance. Congratulations to these students and to everyone who contributed to such a positive and successful end to the term!

We would also like to warmly welcome Kelly, our new sports teacher for Term 2. We look forward to the energy and expertise she will bring to the program.

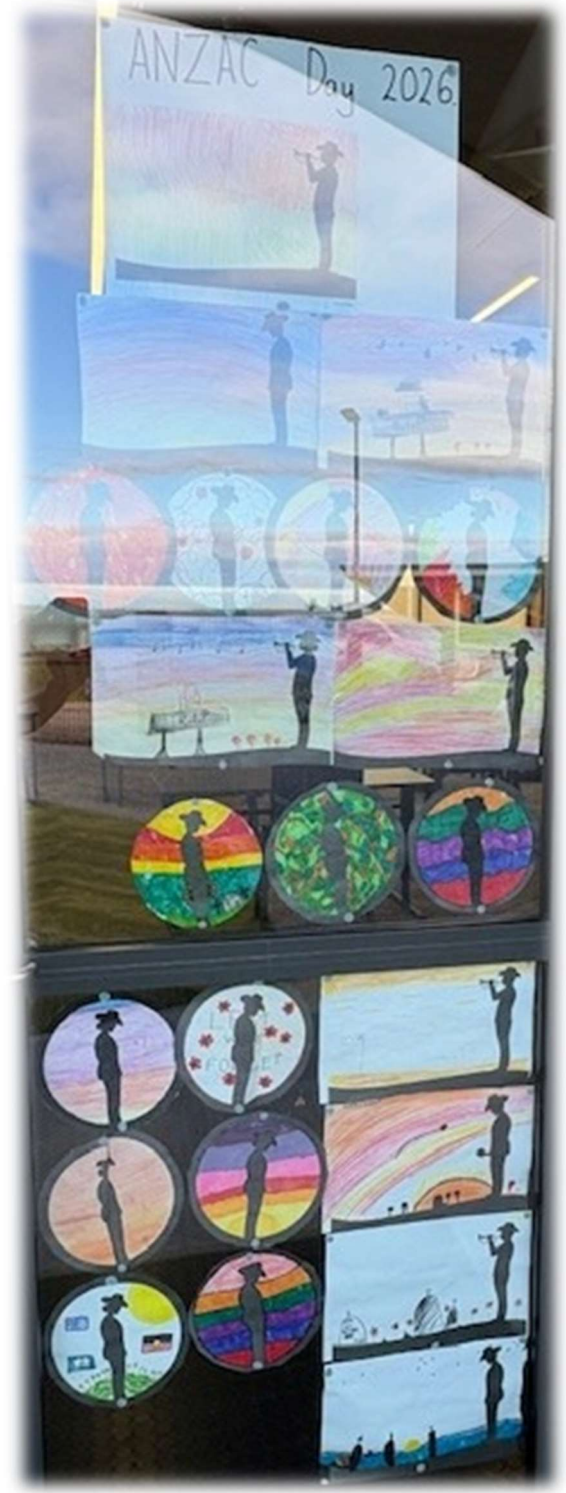
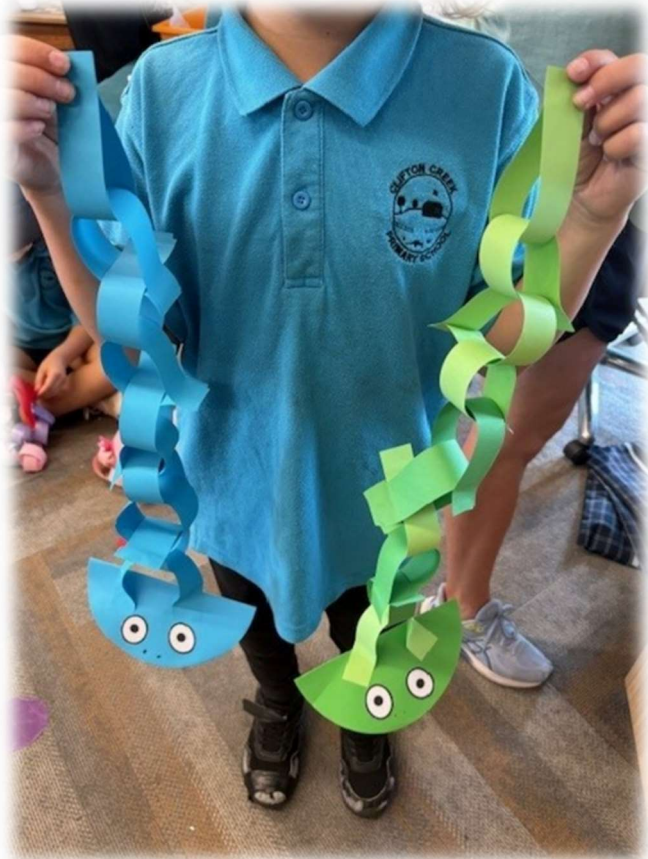
Starting Term 2, our Grade 5/6 students have begun participating in cluster winter sports. It is exciting to see a number of students representing our school in cluster teams, with opportunities to compete against other schools later in the term. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing about their experiences and achievements.



Art

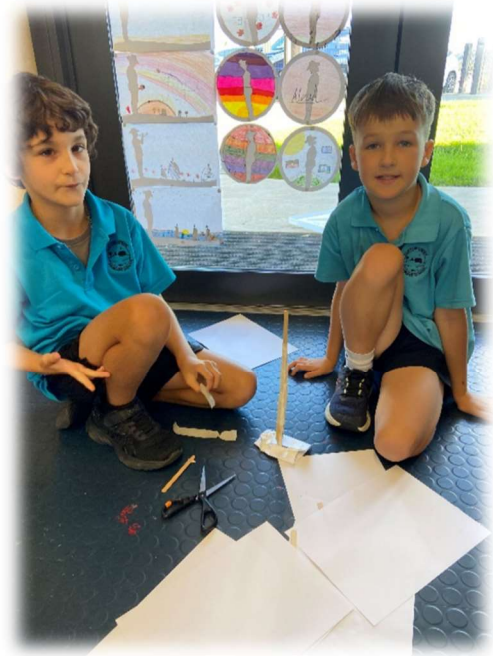
In Art, we finished Term 1 by focusing on ANZAC Day, where students created beautiful and meaningful artworks.

In Term 2, we will continue developing our skills by completing shading, pattern work, and collage pieces started in Term 1. We will also be creating “Be Kind – Do It for Dolly” themed artworks, while further developing and mastering our perspective drawing skills.



STEM

What a wonderful start to STEM for Term 2! We are excited to welcome Kelly to Clifton Creek on Mondays. Students enjoyed a fantastic session getting to know Kelly and diving straight into creating their own sound towers.





March

19th – Andrew

21st - Fern

29th – Spencer

30th - Yasmin

April

1st – Jaxtyn

14th – John

18th - Lisa

24th – Jett & Peter

May

3rd – Kanan

9th – Zeppa & Milla

13th – Abel

20th – Evie

25th Jax

29th - Carrie

30th Ethan

31st - Drew