A message from the Principal

PREPARING TODAY'S STUDENTS FOR TOMORROW

Today we are teaching differently to the way you were taught in order to prepare students for tomorrow's world. Education needs to be different and dynamic to meet the new and exciting challenges of a fast-changing world. Many of the jobs our children will be doing in the future haven't even been invented yet. As parents, I suspect you are interested in knowing even more about how we are preparing children for tomorrow. That is why I would like to draw your attention to a new Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, (DEECD), campaign – ‘Preparing today’s students for tomorrow’.

The campaign features advertising and includes a link to updated content on the Department’s website. While jobs featured in the campaign, such as underwater infrastructure planner, hover train designer and bio dome gardener may sound futuristic, there is a serious message behind them. Jobs are changing and many of our children will work in professions that don’t exist today. Our school is doing a lot of work to help prepare our students for this future. We incorporate varied approaches which include inquiry based learning, open ended problem solving, collaboration across specialist programs and the use of digital technologies. I encourage you to take a look at the new information designed with parents and students in mind.


FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

We will be holding our inaugural Family Movie Night on Friday 12th September 2014. It will be held in the senior classroom at 7pm. The movie will commence at 7.15pm.

The movie we will be showing is RIO. (G)

You will need to bring your own cushions, beanbags, blankets and chairs. If you do bring chairs you will need to sit at the back to allow everyone to see. You will also need to bring your own food and drink (dinner or snacks) as we will not be providing food or drinks on the night. There is strictly no alcohol allowed.

Please ensure your child is supervised the entire night by a parent or guardian. We would appreciate if children are NOT dropped off and left unsupervised.

FATHER’S DAY / SPECIAL PERSON

This Sunday is Father’s Day. Father’s day is a day for people to show their appreciation for fathers and father figures. Father figures may include stepfathers, fathers-in-law, guardians (eg. foster parents), and family friends. The children will be busy this week making their Father's day present which they will present to their father / special person on Sunday.
MUSIC TUITION
We have an opportunity to offer professional guitar and keyboard tuition to students starting in Term 4. The program is run by Music Stars at a cost of $110 per term. Further details can be found in the newsletter.

TIQBIZ - Starting Term 4
At present, our school newsletters, notices and other information can be accessed via our school website, www.clarkefieldps.vic.edu.au. To help streamline and improve our communication with parents, we shall be trialling a new school app, in Term 4, for parents called Tiqbiz. Tiqbiz is an easy to use school app designed to let schools communicate directly to parents on their phones, tablets and computers. The app includes instant messaging, an events calendar with Google map to show the event location, photos, videos and much more. The app is compatible with all Apple, Android and Windows devices. By downloading the app, parents will be able to book appointments with teachers, make payments for excursions, access uniform and canteen lists, all from the home screen of their mobile device. Parents will need to download the Tiqbiz program for computers and Tiqbiz app for smartphones at www.tiqbiz.com

I shall provide parents with more details on Tiqbiz over the coming weeks.

Michael
On Thursday 28th all students wore a word for the whole day. The words the students chose were new to some students and also interesting additions to their vocabulary. The students needed to know how to pronounce their word as well as how to spell it, what it meant and also synonyms for their chosen word. The junior room chose words that started with the letter ‘e’ as that was the vowel they were working on.

There were many amazing costumes to mark the end of Book Week. Here are just a few pictures of the effort the students went to.

There’s Wally! (Vaughan)

Mitchell the Dinosaur from Dinosaur Roar

Riley was Specky McGee.

Mackenzie was the ‘Dancing Queen’

Audrey was Billy B Brown

There was a whole lot of Super heroes in the Junior Room, even Mrs Edwards came in her Batman costume!

Above: Lillian as Dracula’s Bride.
Right: Kasey as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz.
FOOTY TIPPING

The winner of this year's Footy tipping was Jack. Jack won a giant chocolate football. Not only did Jack win the CPS Footy tipping, he also correctly guessed 9/9 games on two occasions, Round 3 and Round 22. Noah correctly guessed 9/9 in Round 20. Stella, who won the 2014 Wooden Spoon, guessed 6/6 in Round 9.

Thanks to all of the students who participated in the 2014 Footy Tipping.

Senior Room News

In the senior grade, students have begun exploring who our heroes are and the qualities they display. We have finished our exploration of what influences our children's clothing choices, culminating in students designing and creating their own accessories using recycled materials. We have been collecting data to construct displays, including column graphs and tables, with and without the use of digital technologies such as spreadsheets and Excel.

The senior room students are taking part in various challenges during National Science Week and are participating in the EnviroWeek Foodie and Green Thumb challenges. We will be picking some of the vegetables in the garden, planting more plants and having a rubbish free week for our lunches and snacks. More details will be sent out soon. We were sent these great t-shirts from CoolAustralia to get us ready for the challenges!

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Respect Co-operation Responsibility Caring Honesty
**Student of the Week**
These awards are in recognition of the effort individual students make during the week.

**P-2 Aydin** for attempting challenging activities and completing each task successfully.

**3-6 Riley** for taking responsibility for his work and always doing his best.

What Happened next? Mitchell wrote about what he did on the weekend in sequence.

**Friday**
I went to ALDI, I bought sunflower seeds.

**Saturday**
I planted the seeds.

**Sunday**
I watched Peter Pan-thief.

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**Gisborne Thunder Club night Saturday, 13th September 2014 at Gisborne Aquatic Centre 5pm start.**
The club is open to ALL swimmers who want to challenge themselves in the pool. All ages and abilities welcome. 25m races available for beginners. Parents dust off the togs and join the kids.

There are 2 types of swimming Victoria memberships –
Competitive – Races at club nights and against other clubs
Recreational – Compete within the club against your own times

$3 door fee which goes to towards club expenses and swim
The night commences at 5pm in winter and goes to about 7pm. The first night is FREE to new members...... so what have you to lose -
Come and join us Saturday 13th September at 5pm. For further information please email admin@gisbornethunder.org