



CLIFTON STATE SCHOOL

SUCCESS CROWNS EFFORT

A/ Principal: Mrs Rosita Lever

Term 1 Week 2, 2021

What's happening??

TERM 1

P and C AGM: Monday 8th of February 3.15pm

Speeches for Leadership positions: Tuesday 9th February 2.15 pm

Instrumental Music day camp– 16th February - for beginning students

Clifton Show: 12th-13th-14th February

School Photos: 15th March

Central Downs Swimming Carnival: 12th March – nominated students only

Clifton School Cross Country: 15th March

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence: 19th March – wear orange!

Last day of Term 1: 1st April
Easter Holidays: 2nd April - 18th April

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Welcome to a fabulous year of music making! Just a quick reminder to return your Loan Agreements and Enrolment Agreement forms as soon as possible. Lessons will begin this Friday and I can't wait to get started.

Miss S Nichols

Instrumental Music Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new year is upon us – in fact it's February already as I write. It has truly been a settled and happy return to school for students and staff, with everyone learning their new routines very quickly. The students have enjoyed catching up with their friends and sharing holiday stories. When I see children in lessons as I move around the school, or teach myself, I'm reminded of the pleasure found in learning. We are very fortunate to be able to return to school in our 'new normal' situation, and offer the routines which children find safe and predictable.

A special welcome to our new students and their families. We have eight excited Preps, and nine new students in Years One to Six, from four families. We know you will enjoy your child's educational journey with us.

My thanks to all parents, who have been respectful and considerate when following our physical distancing and 'no gathering' guidelines. It has been wonderful to see the parents supporting reading in the P-2 classroom, and young children enjoying having an adult listen and help them. The influence of an expert adult when young children are learning to read is huge – the adult sends a message that they believe in the child's ability, that reading is exciting and enjoyable and that it is a shared learning experience.

We have lots happening across the school:

- The Year Six students have taken home nomination forms for school leader positions. Following their written nominations they will be interviewed and present speeches. We look forward to announcing our 2021 leaders to the school community.*
- Students across the school are completing entries for the Clifton Show.*
- Following the school swimming carnival in Term Four last year, nominated students will be competing in the Central Downs swimming carnival.*
- National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence – school communities across the nation are the key drivers of the NDA and proudly represent eleven years of positive action.*
- Instrumental Music day for beginners– helping students learn the basics collaboratively.*

We look forward to an exciting term of learning – please send your child to school every day they are well, because every day counts.

Rosita Lever

Clifton Show

**Fri, 12 Feb 2021 –
Sun, 14 Feb 2021**

Students have been busy preparing entries for the Show – why not join the fun and see their work! Battle of the Brains – our teams competing, beginning at 12pm.



National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence



Students are invited to wear orange clothes to school on Friday 19th March.

Please join us in the conversation about stopping violence.



Nominees for the school leadership positions will present their speeches to Years 3-6 students, staff and parents on Tuesday 9th February. We will begin the program at 2.15pm.

All parents are very welcome to attend – please observe social distancing requirements.

Are parents allowed on school sites?

Restrictions continue to ease in Queensland and as such, parents and carers are welcome on school sites as long as they adhere to COVID safe practices. These include physical distancing between adults, not exceeding occupant density limits for rooms, heightened hygiene measures and staying at home if sick.

On-site health and safety measures

Under the Queensland Chief Health Officer Directive, any student who is unwell must not attend school and students should remain at home until well. The school must ask parents/carers to collect their child from school if they are unwell.

In accordance with Stage 5 of Queensland's roadmap to easing restrictions, schools are required to maintain appropriate health and hygiene measures:

- regular handwashing and hand sanitising, particularly before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- increased cleaning of school classrooms, particularly high frequency touch points including water fountains or bubblers
- regular cleaning of playground equipment and play materials
- physical distancing of adults.

School assemblies

School assemblies may occur with the principal ensuring that physical distancing requirements are maintained for all adults, maximum room density requirements are not exceeded and other COVID-19 control measures are implemented.

Drop off in the morning

Staff are supervising Tooth Street (both sides of the road) from 8.30-8.50am.

Students leave their school bags outside their classroom. They move to the quadrangle (to play) or undercover area.

Students are supervised by a staff member in these areas from 8.30am to 8.45am, when the bell goes to move into class.

Pick up in the afternoon

At 3pm students are supervised at the Tooth Street exit, both sides of the road, including bus pick up. A staff member supervises pick up at Mowen Street.



Diamond Level

As discussed with participants at the behaviour meeting last year, students have been brainstorming which behaviours should be recognised with a 'Diamond Level' behaviour award. Here are some of their ideas: Diamond students.....

Pick up rubbish when they see it	Help the little kids in the playground	Are Diamond even when they are not at school
Work hard at school work	Are respectful to adults and other children	Own up when they do something wrong

Koala News

Welcome back to school for 2021. All students have shown that they are enthusiastic to learn and we have been starting to work in our Literacy and Maths groups. We will be having PE on Tuesday and Music with Mrs Lever on Wednesday. The class has been happy to welcome four new students, Cooper and Ruby in Year 4 and Ebony and Brodie in Year 3. Notices were sent home to some parents who are not on Class Dojo so that they can connect. We use this app for messages and other class notes, so you may miss out on notices if you are not connected. Cheers, Mrs Dean

Bilby News

In the 5/6 class this week we talked about goals the students would like to create for the year. Here are some:-

Lucy:- Improve in Maths.

Amelia:- Learn tricks at the skate park.

Jade:- Get Diamond.

Ella:- Improve my dancing skills.

Briseis:- Sit next to my friends.

Echidna News

PREP / 1 / 2

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT SCHOOL

OUR PREPS	
<i>Matilda</i> Everything	<i>Koby</i> Drawing and colouring.
<i>Charlie</i> Working hard like my Dad	<i>Parker</i> The play area
<i>Mikayla</i> Colouring in the balloons	<i>Odin</i> Playing tennis
<i>Caleb</i> Listening to the stories the teachers read	<i>Willow</i> Playing outside with my friends
OUR YEAR ONES	
<i>Piper</i> Playing tennis	<i>Theo</i> Making things and playing tennis
<i>Lochlan</i> The Sound Waves song	<i>Inka</i> Writing and reading <i>Rocco</i> Stories
OUR YEAR TWOS	
<i>Elsie</i> The teachers	<i>Rylee</i> Playing with the toy animals
<i>Thomas</i> Learning things like numbers and letters	<i>Abbey</i> The Sound Waves songs
<i>Peighton</i> Working with Mrs Egan and Mrs. Newport	<i>Charlotte</i> Writing stories
<i>Anastazyia</i> Playing with the basketballs and doing work	<i>Emily</i> The teachers and spelling <i>Lucy</i> Drawing

Code of Conduct at Clifton SS

Each newsletter we will share an excerpt from our Code of Conduct– the whole document is available on our website, and parents are welcome to request their own printed copy from the office.


Consideration of Individual Circumstances

Staff at Clifton State School take into account students' individual circumstances, such as their behaviour history, disability, mental health and wellbeing, religious and cultural considerations, home environment and care arrangements when teaching expectations, responding to inappropriate behaviour or applying a disciplinary consequence.

In considering the individual circumstances of each student, we recognise that the way we teach, the support we provide and the way we respond to students will differ. This reflects the principle of equality, where every student is given the support they need to be successful. This also means that **not everyone will be treated the same**, because treating everyone the same is not fair. For example, some students need additional support to interpret or understand an expectation. Others may benefit from more opportunities to practise a required skill or behaviour. For a small number of students, the use of certain disciplinary consequences may be considered inappropriate or ineffective due to complex trauma or family circumstances. These are all matters that our teachers and principal consider with each individual student in both the instruction of behaviour and the response to behaviour.

Our teachers are also obliged by law to respect and protect the privacy of individual students, so **while we understand the interest of other students, staff and parents to know what punishment another student might have received, we will not disclose or discuss this information with anyone but the student's family**. This applies even if the behavioural incident, such as bullying, involves your child. You can be assured that school staff take all matters, such as bullying, very seriously and will address them appropriately. We expect that parents and students will respect the privacy of other students and families.

If you have concerns about the behaviour of another student at the school, or the way our staff have responded to their behaviour, please make an appointment with the principal to discuss the matter.



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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:
Monday 15 March 2021

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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit **advancedorder** code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact



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- Become a capable and confident learner, as they prepare for a successful transition to school.
- Be encouraged to express their creativity and challenge themselves.
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