


**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Term 1 Monday 30 January to  
Thursday 6 April 2023

<b>March</b> Thursday 16	4.00 to 5.00 pm Colour Run
Friday 17	Years 5 & 6 Summer Gala Day
Monday 20	Years 5 & 6 Camp Info Night
	2.30pm School Council Finance
Tuesday 21	7.00pm School Council
Wednesday 29	Years 5 & 6 Campers Leave
Thursday 30	Years 3 & 4 STEM Excursion
Friday 31	Years 5 & 6 Campers Return 3.30pm Updated arrival details via compass
<b>April</b> Tuesday 4	PACC Easter Buns for Morning Tea
Wednesday 5	HARMONY FAMILY FUN FIESTA
Thursday 6	Last Day Term 1 Dismissal 2.30pm
Friday 7	Good Friday Public Holiday
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 24 April to Friday 23 June 2023
Monday 24	First Day Term 2 Curriculum Day Student Free day
Tuesday 25	ANZAC Day Public Holiday

**FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK**

As previously mentioned, we thank the families who have paid the 2023 Curriculum Contributions or are paying through instalments. These contributions pay for your child's stationary items, classroom materials, your child's digital learning subscriptions, provision of digital devices and classroom photocopying. We thank those who have also generously contributed to the Other Contributions to support the school.

Financial contributions towards schooling are now voluntary for the basic provision of education. For example, a pencil and a piece of paper is effectively the minimum standard, however at CPS we feel that the materials provided by the school are the standard that parents have come to expect, so we have continued to provide these, along with many other items in 2023.

We acknowledge that times are tough at the moment, and we encourage families not having made contributions to consider a payment so that the school can continue to deliver our current high level of service. Every little bit helps.

The facts;

The average government school receives \$20,047 per student. It should be noted that this includes money to run the central and regional offices. What we actually receive is **\$12,541** per student, according to the [MySchool website](#) and 90% of this covers wages; the average non-government school receives \$12,087 per student.

School funding is a complex matter that would require its own newsletter to fully explain, but in short, CPS does not receive as much as some of the local non-government schools so this makes budgeting critically important.

My point is simple, parent contributions are absolutely, unequivocally voluntary, but we do really appreciate your support.

**KEEP THIS DATE FREE**  
**WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023**  
**5.30 TO 7.30**  
**CLARINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENT**  
**HARMONY FIESTA FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK** *continued from previous page***State and federal funding per student**

	2011-12	2020-21	% rise
Victorian government schools	\$15,773	\$20,047	27%
Victorian non-government schools	\$9,225	\$12,087	31%
Australian government schools	\$18,021	\$20,940	16%
Australian non-government schools	\$9,768	\$12,442	27%

Source: Productivity Commission Report on Government Services 2023

**Pupil Free Day**

We hope that students and families enjoyed the extra-long weekend due to the Labour Day Public Holiday and our Pupil Free Day. CPS staff were fortunate to participate in professional learning with Educational Consultant Danny Hyndman.

Danny guided staff through Spelling and how to improve outcomes in the school with a focus on phonetic, transitional, proficient spellers.

**School Council**

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm Clarinda Primary School Council will be presenting the 2022 Annual Report to the community discussing Student Achievement, Student Engagement and Student Wellbeing.

Following the report, we will hold our Annual General Meeting and welcome newly elected, re-elected and continuing members to the School Council

All Office Bearing positions will be spilled and nominations invited for office bearing positions for the new committee. You are all welcome to attend the Annual Report and also sit in on the School Council meeting as a visitor. Please be advised that this report will also be made available on the school website and will be accessible at a later date on the VRQA State register.

**Emergency Evacuation Drill – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March @ 12:40pm**

As part of our Emergency Management Plan, we perform numerous scenarios throughout the school year to ensure staff and students are familiar with expectations of emergency events.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, every person on the school grounds at 12:40pm will participate in an evacuation to the oval.

**SunSmart**

We remind everyone of our Sunsmart expectations that continue until the end of term. Sunscreen is available via the 'Sunsmart Squirt' machine near the student toilets.

All students are required to wear a hat for any outdoor play.

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# HARMONY WEEK

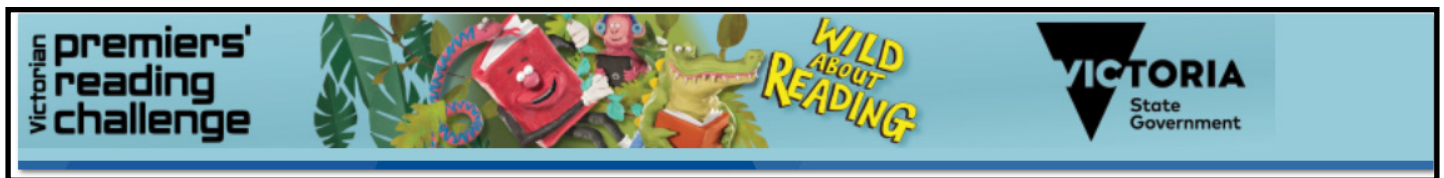
Our school will be celebrating Harmony Day with an evening event scheduled on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Recognising that our school, surrounding suburbs, Melbourne and indeed Australia is a richer environment for celebrating the diverse backgrounds that families bring to our country.

Some facts that may generate some interesting discussion in our classrooms and at home:

- ◆ Over the past 70 years, more than seven and a half million migrants have made Australia home
- ◆ Almost half of Australians were either born overseas or have a parent who was
- ◆ We identify with around 300 ancestries
- ◆ Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations
- ◆ Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world.

**Information about the Harmony Night has been sent to everyone via Compass.**

See you around the school.  
Robbie Mallett, Principal



## Premiers Annual Reading Challenge

It's that time of the year for the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge!  
The theme this year is 'Wild about Reading'.

On Friday a notice will be coming home regarding the challenge with individual log in details.

Please find attached a link to the homepage for parents: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Happy Reading  
Kellie Williams, Co-ordinator

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep W	Oisin	For reading with confidence in front of the class
	Airi	For using her 'Eagle Eye' while reading a book
Prep Y	Datev	For beautiful presentation of her written work this week
	Jake	For improved concentration and focus in class
Prep L	Denvar	For always being polite and listening respectfully to the teacher
	James Scott	For trying his best in our Writer's Workshop!
1/2M	Dean	For concentrating during independent work time
	Oliver	For challenging himself in all areas of learning
1/2A	Vidun	Tutoring- Great attitude to learning, listening and kindness
1/2P	Nina	For pursuing her best with her handwriting
	George	For always pursuing his best in all activities
1/2K	Swara	For her wonderful attitude towards learning and for writing great stories!
3/4T	Ioanna	For her excellent attitude to learning and for being such a positive influence in our class community
	Donna	For demonstrating resilience and positive coping strategies in class every day
	Amelia	For some excellent reflections about her reading in her reader's Notebook
	Aavya	For making strong decisions by always staying focused on your work and getting all tasks completed
3/4N	Jaymin	For showing great effort in trying to add persuasive language to his writing pieces. Keep it up!
	Alexia	For showing courage by choosing to work with different people
3/4A	Natasha	Tutoring - Natasha has listened to and applied writing strategies to her persuasive text, showing improvement in her word choices and has also displayed a fabulous attitude towards her learning
3/4D	Vasiliki	For working hard to try and add rhetorical questions and interesting language to her persuasive writing



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5/6A	William	For showing persistence and great thinking skills in Maths to solve a challenging Maths task question. Your working out was logical and you worked through all the possible solutions until you worked out the final number! Super work William!
	Moksha	For showing a wonderful passion and love of writing. Moksha is working on her persuasive text and shared her writing so far with the class. She began with a wonderful sizzling start using her amazing creativity and imagination to begin her writing, which really engaged us; the reader
	Rosetta	For a great start to Year 5 at Clarinda. You always try your hardest and ask questions if you need help. Keep up the great work Rosetta!
5/6B	Alex	For showing persistence and patience when completing a challenging maths task
	Filip	For being an encouraging and enthusiastic team member at softball training.
5/6C	Isabella	for showing persistence when doing challenging problem solving in Maths.

DID YOU KNOW About our [community pantry](#) .

We have introduced a community pantry to support families.

The pantry is in the office corridor opposite the uniform display.

There is cereal, tinned spaghetti, fruit tubs, package meals and long life milk.

Please feel free to take what you need whenever you need (no need to ask).

There are bags on top of the cupboard to make your journey easier.



Welcome to the family



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# Newsletter

Dear Parents and Families,

As We are celebrating Harmony week, I would like to share some amazing activities done by our children in OSHC. Children learnt about unity and mutual respect by constructing Harmony hand imprint Bunting for our service. Children also made Paper kites as a sign of Peace and equality and enjoyed flying them outdoors. Here are some of the snapshots of the same. Next week is a Big Week of OSHC Service Handball Championship at no additional cost to your session fee. We are looking for a service champion winner to win the trophy as well as an invite to participate in regional Handball championship. Please jump in and book your child in Upcoming Rocketeers Autumn Holiday program as bookings are already open and get more details about holiday Handball championship as well. Please feel free to visit our OSHC space for any questions or queries or call us at 0402353192 to get to know more about our fun safe and engaging programs at OSHC Camp Australia.

## Activities coming up

- Service Handball championship week.
- Fun group activities.

## What's on the menu.

- Milo Milk Shake
- Healthy Corn and Salsa Rice Noodles



## It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campastralia.com.au](http://pp.campastralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



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## From Ali Hardaker—Wellbeing

### The Emotional Needs of a Child: Tips for Parents

By: Author Tanja McIlroy

All too often, we put the focus on our children's intellectual and physical development, while their **emotional and social development** is just as important, if not more.

Children need emotional stability, in order to feel happy and safe. It is also a prerequisite for learning. Here are the basic emotional needs of children and 24 tips to ensure your children grow up to be emotionally well adjusted. They are all based on the fantastic book "[Language and School Readiness](#)", written by Martie Pieterse.

### 6 Emotional Needs of a Child

What are the basic emotional needs of children? Here is a summary.

#### 1. Safety and Security

Children need to feel secure and safe, in order to thrive and develop emotionally.

Tiny babies are completely dependent on their parents but need to be able to explore their surroundings to learn. When they feel loved and safe, they find the courage to start discovering the world and this is how they grow and learn.

Young children also learn best when their family and home life are predictable and safe.

#### 2. Routine

Children who have daily routines feel more secure because their days are predictable. They find it comforting to know what to expect in a day. Their routines for sleeping, eating, bathing and other activities give their day structure.

If there was no predictability to the day, they would easily become overwhelmed and unsettled, and home would not feel like a safe haven.

Children who follow routines at home also settle much easier into school routines.

#### 3. Discipline and Consistency

Children need discipline in order to learn about socially acceptable behaviour and norms. They need to learn how to live respectfully amongst others.

The more they learn to navigate the world appropriately, the better their sense of self-confidence and motivation. They also form better friendships and relationships.

Discipline should be fair and consistent, so your children always know what is expected of them and what their limits are. Inconsistent or harsh disciplinary styles do not result in children who learn self-control and self-discipline, as they are fear based.

Children need time to learn about being accountable for their actions and how their actions result in consequences. A fair and calm style of discipline in the home will aid this process.

## From Ali Hardaker ~ Wellbeing continued from previous page

### 4. Love

Unconditional love and a strong bond with parents, are absolutely vital for a good foundation in life. Feeling loved is the most important emotional need of a child.

Children need lots of hugs and kisses and they also need to be told that they are loved. This gives them emotional security.

### 5. Uniqueness

In order to reach their full potential, children must be allowed to be themselves. They need a relaxed and safe environment within which to develop their own talents and aptitudes and become people in their own right.

Don't underestimate them, but don't push them unrealistically towards your own vision for them either.

### 6. Acceptance, Recognition and Approval

When children receive unconditional love it shows them that they are accepted as they are. This builds their self-confidence which is the best gift you can give a child for their journey through school.

Acceptance and approval should never be conditional if your child is to learn to feel worthy. This should be automatic and not related to how they behave.

Learn to [praise your children](#) constructively and recognize their actions and efforts.

This becomes a strong motivator for them.

I hope this helps and Part 2 will be in the next newsletter. Until then.....

Live well and laugh often!

Ali Hardaker (Wellbeing Person)

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### Books wanted ~ Book Exchange

We will be creating a book exchange near the library. Students will be able to bring in a book from home that they have finished reading and exchange it with a book at school. If they don't have a book to swap, they can still take one from the book exchange.

If you have any books at home that you no longer want, we would love you to bring them in! All types of books welcome (that are suitable for primary aged students). We hope that students enjoy reading a variety of books and sharing with each other. Thankyou.



Emma Hall  
Tutor





# Westall Expo

## 30th March, 2023

Immerse yourself in the  
Westall Way



### WESTALL EXPO

AN EXPO FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE  
STUDENTS

- Explore our Secondary College as a future Year 7 (Principal address 6.00pm)
- Tours / Displays
- Current Year 7/8 student celebrations
- VCE and VM information session (6.45pm)
- Compass information session (7.15pm)
- Free ice cream truck

*Welcome  
to Westall*

5.00pm-7.45pm

88 Rosebank Avenue  
Clayton South

# COME & TRY FOOTY 4 FUN



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

*Footy 4 Fun 'Come & Try' is an opportunity for kids aged 5-12 years to experience an introduction to the basics of football in through fun activities.*



## WHERE:

WA Scammell Reserve  
Oakeigh South

## WHEN:

Sunday March 26th  
9 - 10am

**REGISTER HERE!**



# Gnome & fairy

## FESTIVAL 2023



**SUNDAY MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**GEORGE WOODS RESERVE**  
 GOVERNOR ROAD, MORDIALLOC  
**10AM TO 4PM**

Rotary Gnome and Fairy Festival 2023

Featuring:

**ANIMAL FARM | RIDES | STALLS | AMUSEMENTS**  
**BIG BAND MUSIC | GLITTERY TAPPING WONDERLAND**  
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