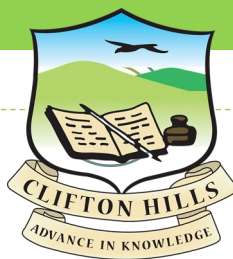




# Clifton Hills Independent Primary School



24 February 2023  
Issue 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



**Swimming: congratulations** to all the students who moved up a stage in their swimming. Well done to all the staff who demonstrated flexibility, dedication and attention to detail to ensure all children were able to participate in a safe and supportive manner. Unfortunately, we have managed to accumulate a number of clothing and personal belongings in our lost property. If they are not collected by Friday next week, we will recycle them.

**Resuming Normal Operations:** Now that swimming has concluded we will be able to return our school back to normal and provide the extra programs we run including MultiLit, MiniLit, MacqLit, Mindful me, Animal Warriors to name a few.

A Visual Arts club will be commencing later this term for Years 4-6. This club will be run after school and will have a formal nomination and selection process. There will also be a Visual Arts group happening during lunchtimes, this group will start soon.

**Did you know:** All staff participate in student information handover sessions? Staff ensure key information about your child is passed on to their new teacher to so that there is a continuation of effective strategies for your child. Any child with a documented plan is monitored closely by the Student Services team. If you are unsure about this process, please make an appointment to see me.

**Week 6 of Term 1:** Due to the Public Holiday on **Monday, 6 March** and a School Development Day on **Friday, 10 March**, students only attend school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday that week.



**Kiss n Drop:** This area is for you to pull in, drop off and pick up your child. It is NOT for you to sit and wait for them. If your child is not there when you pull in, please leave, do a lap around the block and come back. If the 'Kiss n Drop' bays are full, please do NOT form a queue, you are blocking the traffic flow.



## Upcoming Cultural Events

**Bunuru – February – March** – long days and short nights signify Bunuru, the hottest of the 6 seasons. Traditionally this was, and still is, a great time for living and fishing by the coast, rivers and estuaries.

**1 March** signifies the end of Summer and the beginning of Autumn. Autumn in most parts of Australia is from **March to May. 1 March St David's Day** - St David is the patron saint of Wales.

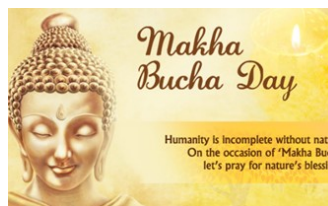
**6 March** - Monday 6 March is the Labour Day public holiday. Labour Day is an annual holiday to celebrate the achievements of workers. Labour Day has its origins in the labour union movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement, which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, and eight hours for rest.

**6 March – Makha Bucha Day** - Makha Bucha is celebrated on the full moon day of the third lunar month in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Sri Lanka, and on the full moon day of Tabaung in Myanmar. Theravada Buddhists celebrate by going to temples with offerings of food and other items for the monks or nuns.

Often there are solemn candlelight processions.

**6-7 March – Purim** - Purim commemorates the time when the Jewish people living in the ancient Achaemenid Persian empire were saved from extermination by a courageous young Jewish woman named Esther and her uncle and adviser Mordechai.

*Mrs Patricia Joss*  
Principal



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Assembly: Room 16  
Friday, 3 March

Clothing Pool:  
Tuesdays  
8.15 am to 8.45 am

School Times:  
Monday to Friday  
8.30 am to 2.40 pm

Play Café: Thursday  
8:45 am to 10:45 am

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

- Rugby Clinic  
28 February  
(selected students)
- Labour Day  
Monday, 6  
February Students  
do not attend
- Staff Development  
Day Friday, 10  
February  
Students do not  
attend
- Update forms due



## OFFICE DISPLAY ROOM 12



## FROM THE DEPUTIES

### ATTENDANCE

The most powerful thing any parent can do is to ensure that their child is at school every day and on time. When a child misses time at school, it can add up over the years.

More than 100 years of research has shown us that children who do not attend school regularly tend to have lower levels of school achievement and are more likely to show under-developed social skills compared to their classmates. Children who miss school frequently often fall behind in their learning and find it hard to maintain friendships.

**This year, the school will be using attendance data to identify children who are at risk of educational under achievement due to irregular attendance or frequent late starts.**

If you are worried about your child's attendance or finding it hard to set boundaries, please talk to your child's teacher or book an appointment with Mrs Joss or one of the Deputies via the Front Office.

**To report your child's absence please either text 0447 958 751 or email [cliftonhills.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:cliftonhills.ps@education.wa.edu.au).**



## SCIENCE— WHAT, WHY, WHEN, HOW?

Recently in Science, Room 15 have been exploring microorganisms by way of different bread types! The students put their observation skills into practice, exploring texture, odour, appearance and ingredients. How fascinating it is to know that we have some things in common with these little living creatures we call yeast!

Sam Nicholas

Science Specialist



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>WEEK 5</b> Tuesday Friday	28 Feb 3 Mar	Rugby Clinic—Clifton Hills Ps Selected students only Room 16 Assembly
<b>WEEK 6</b> Monday Friday	6 Mar 10 Mar	Labour Day—Students do not attend Staff Development Day—Students do not attend
<b>WEEK 7</b> Friday	17 Mar	Assembly Room 12
<b>WEEK 8</b> Tuesday Friday	21 Mar 24 Mar	Harmony Day National Ride2School Day

## TERM DATES 2023

### Term 1

Wednesday 1 February–  
Thursday 6 April

### Term 2

Monday 24 April -Friday  
30 June

### Term 3

Monday 17 July - Friday  
22 September

### Term 4

Monday 9 October—Thursday  
14 December

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## P&C NEWS

### Annual General Meeting

The P&C will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 28 February. The meeting will commence at 9.00 am in the school staffroom and will be followed by a general meeting.

We encourage everyone to come along and get involved. If you wish to join the P&C in 2023 there will be a fee of \$1 for all members.



We are currently accepting nominations for all executive roles so if you would like to take on a bigger role within the P&C, please email [chpspresident@gmail.com](mailto:chpspresident@gmail.com) for a nomination form. Executive positions that need to be filled are;

President

Vice-President (Event Coordinator)

Treasurer

Secretary

Executive 1 (Supporting VP and Fundraising)

Executive 2 (Supporting Clothing Pool)

Executive 3 (Supporting Canteen)

We will also be looking for volunteers to join our sub-committees. The 3 sub-committees within the P&C are Fundraising, Clothing Pool and Canteen.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us through our Facebook page or by email [chpspresident@gmail.com](mailto:chpspresident@gmail.com)

### Clothing Pool

Year 6 Graduation polos are in production and will arrive before the end of the term. Invoices will be sent home in the next week for payment. Should you need extra time to make payment arrangements please contact the Clothing Pool.

Winter uniform orders were sent home this week. Please ensure that all order forms are returned by Tuesday, 7 March to either the front office, clothing pool (Tuesday mornings) or via email [chpsclothingpool@gmail.com](mailto:chpsclothingpool@gmail.com)

Please consider your winter uniform needs now. This year the clothing pool cannot guarantee surplus stock. Minimum ordering has been implemented by all three suppliers we use. If we do not meet the minimum orders on certain items we will be unable to supply.

### Free Dress Day - Wednesday 8 March

The first P&C Free Dress Day for the year will be on Wednesday 8 March for all students for a gold coin donation. Students can either bring money with them to school and place it in the jar in their classroom, or pay via School24 on the events page. Please remember to wear appropriate footwear and sun smart / weather appropriate clothing.

## COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Good morning/afternoon, this is Cameron and Paige reporting. This is the first week of swimming for 2023, and we have been going to Thornlie Pools, and we are having a BLAST! The swimming coaches are amazing and friendly, and the swimming pools are at a standard swimming temperature. We are very lucky to have such extraordinary swimming teachers! The bus sometimes gets cold so we brought in a few extra towels to keep ourselves warm for the time being. We have also learnt a few different types of strokes in the first 2 days!

Stay tuned for the latest update! Your besties, Cameron and Paige.



Good morning or afternoon and welcome to this weeks councillor report. Last week was the first week of swimming and it was one of the best. Room 16 which is our class, have been practicing for the first class assembly of 2023. In 2023, the old Japanese room is now our art room and the old Room 19 is not the Japanese room and the old art room has now become a new and improved Science room, taught by Mr Nicholas. Lastly, how our councillor jobs have been going. First week back at school we did sandpit toys and duty bags, second week back to school we did hand bell, lost property and office messages, this week we can't wait to do our jobs! Our jobs for this week are flags, councillor report and tracking sheet books. That was our first three weeks back to school. Kind regards, Jordz and Sadie.

## JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY

*Konnichiwa minasan* – hello everyone. On Wednesday 29/03/23, we will be celebrating Japanese culture with a *nihon no bunka no hi* (*nihon* – Japan, *bunka* – culture, *hi* – day). Years 1-6 will enjoy a Japanese storytelling incursion and participate in Japanese cultural activities and games throughout the day. Kindy and PP will run their own schedule of activities. This is a preliminary notice to inform you that students are encouraged to dress in a Japanese-themed costume on the day. These need not be purchased new, in fact home-made costumes in the spirit of *mottainai* (meaning 'too good to waste' or 'waste not, want not') would be highly regarded. There are plenty of ideas in the document attached and there will be a class prize for the best costume in the spirit of *mottainai*. It is not a free dress day, so uniforms must be worn otherwise.

More details about the day will be announced soon.

*Genki de, Pitcher Sensei.*



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# Japanese Cultural Day Costume Ideas

## Ninja

On the internet:  
[Instructables](#) – Easy to make Ninja costume  
[Wikihow](#) – Make-a-Ninja-costume



## Kimono

Cut an oversized T-shirt down the middle of the front only, from neck to hem. Overlap at the front and tie a wide piece fabric around the waist for the belt (obi).  
Wear Mum's summer robe with an obi belt or find one at an op shop. Thongs on your feet. Put your hair up in a bun and add some floral decorations.

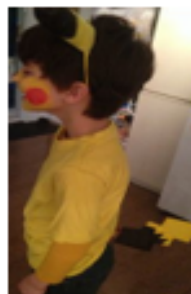


## Samurai

Go to [jellyfishjelly.com](#) and follow instructions to make a paper plate samurai helmet.  
Use cardboard to make some armour and a sword.

## Pokemon/Yokai Watch – any anime/movie/book character

Wear the onesie you already have or Google ideas to make your own [pokemon](#) or other anime costume. Go old school and dress as Godzilla!  
Face paint makes a huge impact.



## Japanese landmark

Use cardboard from a large box and make a sandwich board type costume of Mt Fuji, Tokyo Tower, [Kinkakuji](#) (the Golden Temple) and so on. Cut the card to shape

and paint the features on. Photo is for inspiration only!



## Japanese product

Think about all the things that are made in Japan – cars, motorbikes, game consoles, cameras, photocopiers, etc and come as one of those.

Come as the Bullet Train!  
Come as a robot!  
A vending machine!

## Japanese Season

Dress in pink, cover yourself in cherry blossoms and come as Spring. Or the beautiful colours of autumn.



## Japanese Food/Drink

There are plenty of ideas on the net for dressing up as sushi, sashimi, soy sauce, noodles, rice, fish and so on. Paint a box white, makes some holes for your head, arms and legs and dress up as a cube of tofu. Come as seaweed!



## Japanese Mythical Creatures

Come as a Japanese oni, a Maneki Neko, a Daruma Doll, a Kappa etc. Use your imagination and some face paint or make a cardboard mask.



Come as this year's Chinese animal (dog) or any of the other Chinese animal signs. (Japanese people follow these too)

Or...

Come as one of the important Japanese animals such as a Koi, a crane, a tanuki, a deer, a snow monkey, a spider crab and so on.

# Community News



More details can be found at the below website  
<https://www.roleystonetigersjfc.com/registration>  
(including details about Kidsport support)

Enquiries can be sent to [girlsrfc72@gmail.com](mailto:girlsrfc72@gmail.com) otherwise you can contact  
Ryan Duthie Ph: 0438953808 or Dan Helm. Ph: 0418795308 for further info

## ***DO YOU WANT TO KICK LIKE A GIRL??***

**Well if you do...** RJFC is looking for Female  
Players for both Year 3/4 and Years 5/6 teams!

We are currently running 'Try and See'  
sessions for new players so please feel free  
to come and check it out!

Each Wednesday's at Karragullen Oval,  
Between 6PM – 7PM

**Great place to make lifelong  
friendships**

**New Tigers always welcome!**

