



# Clifton Hills

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADVANCE IN KNOWLEDGE • CONFIDENCE • PERSISTENCE • ORGANISATION • GETTING ALONG • RESILIENCE

Dear Parents and carers,

**Welcome to Term 4** – The Season of Kambarang As we begin Term 4, we can see and feel the changes occurring in the natural environment around us. October and November bring Kambarang, one of the six Noongar seasons and a beautiful time of colour, warmth and increasing activity. Kambarang is often described as the second spring, when wildflowers are abundant, warmer weather returns and our natural environment comes alive. Acacias, Balgas, Kangaroo Paws, Orchids and Moodja (Christmas Trees) begin to flower, while frogs, tortoises and birdlife become increasingly active. Traditionally, Noongar families moved towards the coast during this season, making the most of the foods and resources that became available as the weather warmed. Just as nature becomes increasingly busy during Kambarang, so too does life at school!

Term 4 is always a wonderfully full time of year as we look forward to celebrations, graduations and special events, while also beginning the important work of preparing for 2027.

**School Development Day:** We commenced the term with our School Development Day, providing staff with valuable time to engage in professional learning, reflect on our progress, finalise School Improvement Plans and plan purposefully for the term and year ahead. These days are an important investment in ensuring we continue to grow and strengthen our practice for the benefit of every student.

**Swimming Lessons:** We have certainly started the term with a splash! Swimming lessons are well underway, and it has been wonderful to see our students embracing the experience with enthusiasm and independence. We are also very pleased to report that, so far, most towels, shirts, shoes and other belongings are finding their way home to their rightful owners. Long may it continue!

**Parent Opinion Survey:** Thank you sincerely to the many parents and carers who took the time to provide feedback through our Parent Opinion Survey. Your voice matters, and we value the partnership we share with our families. We are carefully considering your feedback and reviewing a number of our current practices. Where changes are proposed, these will be considered through our appropriate school planning and School Board processes before being implemented. Your feedback helps us reflect, question and continue to improve, so please watch this space.

Parking continues to be raised through our surveys, and we absolutely understand the frustration this can cause families, particularly at the busiest times of the school day. Unfortunately, our capacity to increase parking is extremely limited. The school has previously given up part of our oval to create the Butler Pass parking area, and with only two road boundaries, there are few opportunities for further expansion. Protecting the play and recreation spaces available to our students is also incredibly important. While we may not be able to create additional parking, we appreciate the patience, courtesy and consideration families show one another during drop-off and pick-up times. Small acts of cooperation make these busy periods safer and more manageable for everyone.

**World Teachers' Day – 30 October:** World Teachers' Day provides us with a wonderful opportunity to pause and recognise the extraordinary work of our teachers. On the morning of 30 October, I will be providing breakfast for our staff as a small gesture of appreciation for the commitment, care and energy they bring to our students each and every day. Teaching is about so much more than what happens in a classroom. Our teachers encourage, reassure, challenge, celebrate, listen and care. They notice the small things, believe in our children and work tirelessly to help every student grow.

*Mrs Patricia Joss*  
Principal

16 OCTOBER

2026

ISSUE 07

### IMPORTANT NOTICES

School Readiness Workshop for 2027 Kindergartens - Wednesday 21 October

School Leaders Excursion – Due Friday 23 October

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Clothing Pool: 8:15 am to 8:45 am Friday

Toasty Tuesdays from 8:00 am

Weetbix Wednesdays from 8:00 am

Breakfast Club: Thursdays 7:30 am till 8:00 am

School Times: Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 2.40 pm



## OFFICE DISPLAY



Room 7's Class display in the office

## SCIENCE

Term 4 Science focus is **EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES** 🌍 🌙 ☀️ ★ 🌩️ 🏠

We will spend the first 2-3 of weeks completing our **Biological Sciences** learning from Term 3 before moving into Earth and Space Sciences.

**Pre-primary** – Daily and seasonal changes in the environment affect our local community and the world around us.

**Year 1** – Water is a natural resource that comes from a range of sources and is used by people, plants and animals in different ways.

**Year 2** – Earth is a planet in the solar system that orbits a star (the Sun).

**Year 3** – Soils, rocks and minerals are important Earth resources and are used by humans and other living things in different and interconnected ways.

**Year 4** – Weathering, erosion, transportation and deposition cause slow or rapid changes to Earth's surface.

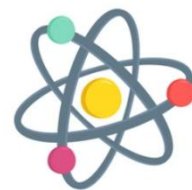
**Year 5** – The movement of Earth and other planets relative to the Sun, including Earth's rotation and revolution, explains observable cycles such as day and night.

**Year 6** – Sudden geological events and extreme weather can affect Earth's surface and communities.

**Note:** Where relevant, learning will connect to our local environment, Noongar seasonal knowledge and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives on Earth and sky.

Mrs Jardine

Science Teacher



## ASSEMBLY DATES 2026

### Term 4

Friday 30 October: Room 15

Friday 13 November: Room 2

Friday 27 November: Room 11

Friday 11 December: Book Awards



## UPCOMING EVENTS

|                  |        |                                                                                                       |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>WEEK 2</b>    |        |                                                                                                       |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 19 Oct | School Nurse Check – Room 1A                                                                          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 20 Oct | Toastie Tuesday 8 am                                                                                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 21 Oct | School Readiness Workshop for 2027 Kindy's<br>Weetbix Wednesday 8 am<br>Running Club 7:30 am          |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 22 Oct | Senior Choir Practice 8 am                                                                            |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 23 Oct | Junior Choir Practice 8 am<br>Swimming Lessons Conclude                                               |
| <b>WEEK 3</b>    |        |                                                                                                       |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 26 Oct | KSHS Year 6 Parent Evening                                                                            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 27 Oct | Toastie Tuesday 8 am<br>Faction Cross Country Carnival                                                |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 28 Oct | Toastie Tuesday 8 am<br>Weetbix Wednesday 8 am<br>Running Club 7:30 am                                |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 29 Oct | Senior Choir Practice 8 am                                                                            |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 30 Oct | Room 2 Assembly<br>Junior Choir Practice 8 am<br>Numero Interschool Competition                       |
| <b>WEEK 4</b>    |        |                                                                                                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 3 Nov  | Toastie Tuesday 8 am<br>Faction Jumps and Throws and Distance<br>Weetbix Wednesday 8 am               |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 4 Nov  | Running Club 7:30 am<br>Year 6 Orientation at KSHS<br>Senior Choir Practice 8 am                      |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 5 Nov  | Year 5&6 String Students at KSHS workshop                                                             |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 6 Nov  | Junior Choir Practice 8 am<br>Faction Athletics Carnival<br>School Leaders Excursion<br>Mums and mugs |
| <b>WEEK 5</b>    |        |                                                                                                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 11 Nov | Orientation Kindergarten 2027 M-Y                                                                     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 13 Nov | P&C Colour Run<br>Room 2 Assembly                                                                     |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 14 Nov | Lego League Competition                                                                               |
| <b>WEEK 6</b>    |        |                                                                                                       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 19 Nov | Talent Show at 1:30 pm                                                                                |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 20 Nov | Year 6 Orientation at Lumen Christi College                                                           |
| <b>WEEK 7</b>    |        |                                                                                                       |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 23 Nov | Life Education Incursion                                                                              |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 27 Nov | Room 11 Assembly<br>Big Day Out 3 – Outback Splash                                                    |

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you very much to those parents who have already paid their Voluntary Contributions of \$50.00 per child. The school relies a great deal on parents paying this voluntary payment.

Voluntary financial contributions are used by the school to provide an enhanced education service and to enhance resources available to students learning.

Payments can be made in full or by instalments throughout the year by Qkr!, cash at the Front Office or direct deposit.

*Please contact the school for the bank details.*

If paying by direct deposit, please use your child's name and "Vol Con" as the reference.

Every little bit helps!



## QR CODE FOR SCHOOL WEBSITE

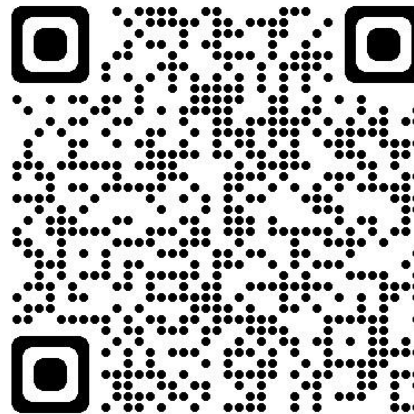
Use this QR Code for a quick and easy way to find our website!

Find useful information regarding:

Newsletters - Term Planners - Update Your Information

Form Application to Enrol form - Policies – Curriculum

and much more!



# Community News

Starting Nov 5th  
Gwynne Park Oval



Register to join the fun at Armadale

- For kids aged 10 and under
- Action-packed weekly 60-90 min sessions
- Learn the skills through fun, modified games
- Safe and inclusive environment
- Equipment provided
- Kidsport approved club



<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/603bee>  
terry.pass2@bigpond.com

# Community News

## GIRLS WANTED!

At Armadale Junior Cricket Club

COME AND JOIN US!

5-10YRS - CRICKET BLAST  
PROGRAM ON THURSDAYS AT  
GWYNNE PARK OVAL, ARMADALE

9YRS+ - JUNIOR CRICKET, DAYS  
TO BE ADVISED

TERRY 0401 610 158  
TERRY.PASS2@BIGPOND.COM  
ADMIN@ARMADALECC.COM

WHY PLAY WITH US?

- Build friendships & have fun in your community
- Learn new skills & be active outdoors
- Inclusive program for girls of all abilities
- Kidsport approved



# Community News



**ARMADALE JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB**

## **CRICKET BLAST**

Free come & try day and sausage sizzle

**November 5th • Thursday • 4:30 PM**  
Gwynne Park Oval, Armadale

RSVP to [terry.pass2@bigpond.com](mailto:terry.pass2@bigpond.com) to enjoy a sausage sizzle at 6pm

Ages 5+. KidSport approved club. Blasters runs Nov - March.

Enquiries: [admin@armadalecc.com](mailto:admin@armadalecc.com) or visit [www.play.cricket.com.au](http://www.play.cricket.com.au)

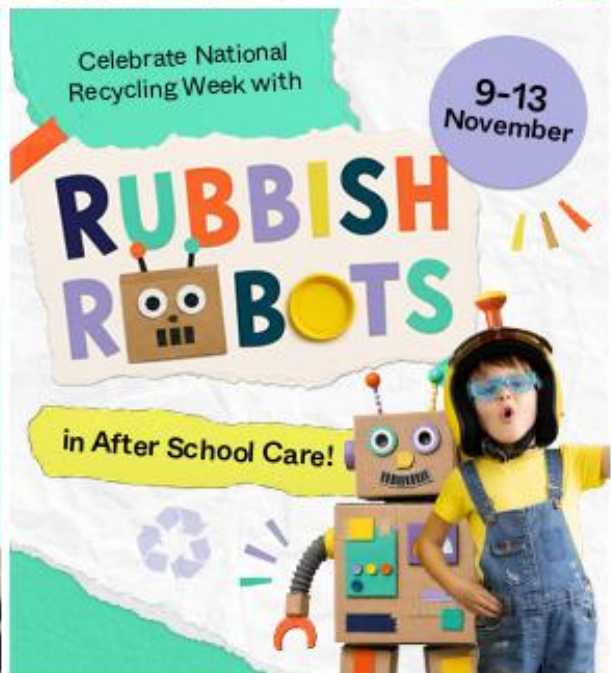
Register for Cricket Blast here or scan code:

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/603bee>



# Camp Australia

## What's on in Term 4



Find out more and book

[campaustralia.com.au/back-to-school-term-4](http://campaustralia.com.au/back-to-school-term-4)

# Camp Australia

Celebrate National  
Recycling Week with



## RUBBISH ROBOTS

9-13  
November

in After School Care!



### Collect

Bring in recyclable materials  
from home



### Explore

Enjoy a week of fun and creative  
recycling activities



### Build

Work together to create  
an incredible rubbish robot



### Win

Your service could win a prize!



**Book now**

[campaustralia.com.au](http://campaustralia.com.au)



# Camp Australia



**Big Art Week**

A whole week of creative fun!

26-30 October

in Before & After School Care

**Wild about animals**

- Owl Nature Collage
- Animal Pattern Painting
- Newspaper Animal Portraits
- Eric Carle Inspired Collage Animals
- Paper Plate Safari Animals
- Animal Footprints

Get inspired for the Big Art comp!

Get an extra entry for every day you attend Big Art Week.

More entries = more chances to win BIG!

**Book now**  
A world of creativity awaits!

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[pp.campaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au)

# Camp Australia

**Run WILD with Creativity!**

**Big Art Comp**

26 October to 20 November

The world is full of amazing creatures, big and small, just waiting to inspire your imagination! Create an artwork that brings your favourite animal to life!

 **ENTER NOW**

**Win Big**  
6 major prize packs up for grabs!

**Your Spotlight**  
One child in each service will score a special reward!

**Boost Your Chances**  
Attend Big Art Week (26-30 October) for extra entries!

**Showcase Your Art**  
All entries will be featured in our online gallery!

[campaustralia.com.au/big-art-comp](http://campaustralia.com.au/big-art-comp)  
Terms & conditions apply. See the website for more details.

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