



THE WEEKLY NEWS

What	When
Long weekend—Labour Day	Monday 11th March
Purple day and meal deal	Friday 15th March
Red Cliffs Swimming Meet	Monday 18th March
Ride to school day	Friday 22nd March
Hot cross bun orders due	Monday 25th March
Incursion—Phil Kettle (Author) Gr 3-6	Friday 29th March
Hot cross bun delivery	Thursday 4th April
Autism awareness day	Friday 5th April
Last day Term 1—2.15pm dismissal	Friday 5th April

“Every Day Counts”

If your child is absent from school we must have a note to explain the absence. This note is required by the Department for our records.

Assembly tomorrow will be run by the School Leaders

Family Fun Night—Cancelled

Unfortunately we have decided to cancel the Family Fun Night that was scheduled for tonight. As of yesterday after school we only had 10 orders for the BBQ tea which meant that it was not worth asking the Red Cliffs Lions Club to come and cook for us. There were also many people who informed us that they could not make that night due to sporting and other commitments. We understand that there were some families who were attending but the numbers were very small compared to other years.

This is an opportune time to remind parents that we need time to organise events. There are always due dates to return notes etc so that we have time to finalise the organisation of these events. This includes school excursions, sporting events and family events. We are regularly chasing notes on the days of excursions which makes it very difficult for teachers and staff to co-ordinate events. So please read notes carefully and return forms by the due dates.

Relay For Life School Walk

On Friday 15th March, staff, students and community members will be walking around the oval for 30 minutes to raise funds for a local ‘Relay For Life’ team (Team Flash). This team consists of local school parents and students who have been an important part of our school community for many years. This walk has become an annual event to support them. If you can spare half an hour from 2.30pm, come along and join us for a stroll...all for a good cause.

Also, this year the Parent’s Club will be running a meal deal for lunch. We are encouraging parents to come along and have lunch with the kids, perhaps play a game of down ball during lunchtime, and then join us for a walk around the oval after lunch from 2.30 to 3pm.

Notes for the meal deal were sent home last week and are due back at school by Tuesday 12th March

Students are asked to wear purple clothing for the day, and bring along a gold coin donation.



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Happy Birthday Stephanie Senior, Joshua Smith, Kiaisha Huddleston.



Students Of The Week:

Prep/1: Thomas Edwards-Riley for being a kind and thoughtful student. You listen to all your teachers and always try your very best. Keep up the great work Thomas.

Grade 1/2: Joshua Smith for the persistence you have shown in all your learning this week. Josh, you always give everything a go in our classroom and make sure you try your best during learning tasks. You stay focused on what you need to do in our learning time and help others in our class stay focused too. Thank you Josh for being a hardworking and caring member of our class.

Grade 2/3: Cleo Smith for the way you always try your hardest to help make our classroom a happy place to be. You are kind to your classmates and have great ideas about how problems can be solved. Well done and keep up the great work!

Grade 3/4: Henry Eastwood for your focus towards your learning. Henry, this week you have been consistently listening to teacher instructions and remained on task when working both independently and collaboratively. Thanks for such a great week and setting a fantastic example in our classroom.

Grade 5: Jayden Bolitho for working hard in the classroom and being a nice classmate. You have put in your best effort for all of your learning this week which has been great to see. You have also treated all of your classmates with kindness and we appreciate that. Thank you Jayden!

Grade 6: George Eastwood for always having great contributions to add during class discussions. We have noticed that you followed all teacher instructions too. Thank you for making our class a wonderful learning environment for everyone.

School Leader's Award: Ashlyn Maher for always smiling. Ashlyn you are always doing the right thing and we can see that you have fun at school. You have settled in well and we hope you enjoy being at Red Cliffs East Primary School.

House Captains Award: (McLennon House)

Nathan Toivonen for kindness you show to younger members of our school. Thank you for taking time out of your own play to check on some of our younger students to make sure they are feeling welcome in the yard.

Poppy Byrnes for being someone we can rely on to make good choices in the yard. Thank you for the kindness and great sportsmanship you always display.

Bulb Fundraiser

An order form for bulbs was included in last week's newsletter, which is a fundraiser organised by the Parent's Club. Orders may be completed online or dropped into the office by **Monday 1st April**.

Compass

As many of you are aware, we have an online platform that allows our teachers to share students work with families. The teachers upload work samples on a regular basis for the term with accompanying comments. The purpose of this is to keep parents informed of their child's progression and to share in their learning journey.

Teachers spend many hours after school and on the weekend putting this work together to share with parents. We feel that this is a very important part of our job to ensure that you are kept up to date. Viewing this work is very simple and certainly not time consuming and it can provide both you and your child with an opportunity to chat about school and their learning.

We strongly encourage parents to comment on the work so that teachers can see that it has been read. It also gives parents a chance to comment back to the teacher about the work. At the moment we have minimal parents commenting so therefore we are not sure if the work is being viewed. Please make sure as parents you are logging into COMPASS on a semi regular basis and engaging in your child's education journey. Once again the teachers spend many hours providing the work samples so we hope that they are being viewed and discussed by parents.

Please ensure you contact the school if you have any issues logging onto COMPASS.

Next Tuesday 12th March we will be holding a half hour session in the library from 3.15 to 3.45 to assist parents with COMPASS. If any parents would like some support logging on, using the online platform or just any general queries, please feel free to come along. We will also show you how to download the App for your smartphone, which makes using COMPASS a lot easier (and it's free).

Swimming

The Red Cliffs Annual Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 18th March from 6pm. Please return the entry form to school by **tomorrow, Friday 8th March** if you would like your child to participate. Historically we have sent a large team to compete so we hope that we can do the same this year.

Thank you to those parents who have already returned these forms. If you have misplaced the form, please collect one from the office.



**Red Cliffs
Swimming Club**

**Primary Schools of Red Cliffs
Annual Swimming Carnival**

Camps And Excursions Fund

An information sheet explaining how eligible parents can claim the Camps and Excursion fund has previously been sent home. Those parents who were eligible last year must reapply again this year. Please come into the office if you need assistance.

Online Safety

Some of you may be aware of the current 'online hack' that is popping up on YouTube and YouTube kids. Unfortunately some people in our society get great enjoyment in scaring children and impacting peoples' lives in a negative way. The only silver lining is that it is a reminder to all parents of how important it is to monitor what your child is doing online.

Children being children are naturally inquisitive and technology is not something they are frightened to use. They have been brought up with it. This does not mean that they are safe users of the technology. It is the role of the parents to monitor not just what your children are exposed to, but also the time they spend on devices.

So, I challenge you all to take 5 to 10 minutes over the next few days to sit your children down and have another chat about online safety and your expectations about how devices are used in your house. As children change and grow, so should our expectations of their behaviour online.

Please be vigilant!!

Here is a maths challenge for you to do as a family at home.

Missing numbers on the jigsaw piece

What might be the numbers on the L Shaped piece?



I know that one of the numbers is 65.
Give as many possibilities as you can.
(You can rotate but not flip)

Advertising Space In The Newsletter For 2019.

We are offering advertising space in our school newsletter in 2019. For \$50 your business will be printed on 40 newsletters for the year. The newsletters are sent home to approximately 85 different families which provides your business with great access to local families.

Cheap advertising!!!

The money raised through selling advertising will allow us to print every edition of the newsletter in colour.



If you have a business that would be interested in purchasing a space in 2019, or you know of someone that would be interested, please drop off your business card and \$50 to the office at school.

Thank you for supporting your local school.