



# THE WEEKLY NEWS

What	When
Gr 5 and 6 History Walk	Monday 4th March
Family Fun Night	Thursday 7th March
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

### “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 Grade 5.

The Grade 5 classroom will be open straight after assembly for 30 minutes for anyone wishing to spend some time with their child discussing their learning and looking at their work.

### Family Fun Night

On Thursday 7th March from 5.45pm -7.15pm we will be holding our annual Family Fun Night. The night is all about coming along to school with your children, having a BBQ tea (or you can BYO) and join in some old fashioned games run by the staff. It is designed to be low key with the emphasis on having some fun as a school community.

In the past we have had a great turn out on the night and we hope to achieve that again this year.

The Red Cliffs Lions Club will once again be helping us out by cooking the BBQ. An order form is included in the newsletter. If you wish to place an order for the BBQ please ensure you have returned the order form and correct money to school **no later than Tuesday 5th March.**

Everyone is welcome so come along and join in some games with the kids.

### 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.

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**Happy Birthday** Paige Cupper, Jayden Bolitho, Tiana Norris, Isabella Norris, Nate Garraway, Bayley Minter, Evie O'Brien, Poppy Byrnes.



## 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.

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

## Students Of The Week:

**Prep/1: Diesel O'Toole** for being a lovely and kind student who uses nice words in the playground. You listen to all your teachers and have helped your team earn house points through your efforts. Keep up the great work Diesel.

**Grade 1/2: Kiaisha Huddleston** for always showing kindness to your classmates and teachers. Kiaisha, you always want to lend a hand when needed and continue to help your classmates in our room and the school yard. You always show respect and listen to your teachers when they are speaking. Thank you Kiaisha for always being a kind and caring member of our class.

**Grade 2/3: Matilda Reid** for joining in on all of the learning in our classroom. You are giving everything a go and accepting challenges. Keep up the fantastic work!

**Grade 3/4: Nicholas Hahnel** for your improved focus towards your learning. Nic, this week you have made better choices on where you sit on the floor that has allowed you to listen to teacher instructions and increased your focus both on the floor and when working independently. Well done and keep up the great work.

**Grade 5: Stella Courtney** for always being a kind and considerate classmate. You are consistently friendly to everyone and you help us whenever we need it. Thank you Stella!

**Grade 6: Lily Thompson** for helping your classmates when they need it most and by being a great role model. You are very supportive and have been helping others in our class and in the yard.

**School Leader's Award: Sommer Bailey** for always showing leadership and kindness out at play time. Sommer, you are constantly doing the right thing by patiently lining up at bell and showing our core values out in the yard. Thank you and good work.

**House Captains Award: Lily Thompson (Taylor House)** for always displaying good sportsmanship. You play nicely with everyone and quietly encourage others to do the same. You never complain and always make sure everyone has a fair go.

**Bree Franz (Taylor House)** for being a kind and caring person in our school. You always play nicely with other people and invite them into your games and you always speak politely to everyone in the yard. Thank you Bree!

## 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**.

## Interschool Tennis

On Tuesday, 4 students competed in the annual interschool tennis in Red Cliffs. They competed against students from, Red Cliffs PS, St Joes Red Cliffs and St Mary's Robinvale.

Each of our students competed with great enthusiasm and wonderful sportsmanship. Well done Raya, Stephanie, Lachlan C and Hardit for representing our school so well.

What was particularly exciting was that we had Stephanie win the girls division and Lachlan C came runners up in the boys division. What a fantastic result!! Both these students now qualify for the next round in





# Red Cliffs Swimming Club

## Primary Schools of Red Cliffs Annual Swimming Carnival

### Swimming

The Red Cliffs Annual Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 18th March from 6pm. Please return the entry form to school by **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.

### 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.

### It's A Girl!!

Mrs. Schipp has had her baby. Meagan and Arthur are now the proud parents of a little girl, Rory Kate Schipp. She was born on the 15th Feb, weighing in at just under 4 kilograms. Both Meagan and Rory are healthy and doing well.

### Bullying....Exactly What Is It?

At last night's School Council meeting we were looking over some data from 2018. We discussed the Parent Opinion Survey data and the section about bullying was raised for discussion. During this time the question was raised about whether parents and students had a understanding of what bullying was, and the difference between bullying and other social interactions that are sometimes not very pleasant. We see and hear a lot in the media about bullying but sometimes this is misrepresented. Bullying is the intentional and repeated hurtful behaviour over a period of time. This is different to other occasions where there maybe hurtful behaviour that occurs once and is not repeated.

We feel that it is important that our community understands the difference in these behaviours and the actions associated with them. Hurtful actions are dealt with regardless if they are bullying or once off occurrences, but we also need to be aware if they are repeated and intentional so that they can be tackled with that in mind.

We have included a graphic that may help understand the differences in behaviours.

If your child has any worries about how they are being treated, please ensure the teachers and/or staff at school are informed.

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CAMPER INFORMATION SESSION: 3PM SATURDAY MARCH 23, MILDURA INFORMATION CENTRE

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## IS IT BULLYING?

**NOT NICE** When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they only do it once...  
That is **Not Nice**

**MEAN** When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once...  
That is **Mean**

**BULLYING** When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it, over a period of time, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset...  
That is **Bullying**



## 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.