



Colonel Light Gardens Primary School

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2017 Welcome and Information

17th January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

The 2017 school year is fast approaching. I hope you and your child/ren are having a refreshing and enjoyable break. This letter includes some important information that I would like you to be aware of and has your 2017 Materials and Services Invoice attached.

I am looking forward to starting off the school year for my first time at Colonel Light Gardens. We have already done lots of planning and organising to make 2017 a successful and engaging year of learning.

Start Up Weeks

For the first 2 weeks of school, along with regular lessons, all classes plan and teach lessons and activities to unpack, revise, relearn and reinforce the 3 school values of **Respect, Care and Safety** and our 9 expert Learner qualities of being **Reflective, Communicators, Organised, Risk Takers, Independent, Resilient, Team Workers, Open Minded and Active Thinkers**. As the term progresses you will see these values and qualities will become more prevalent and visual around the school. These traits are critical to school success and are part of our core business of education and preparing students for the world ahead.

Pupil Free and School Closure Days

To assist with planning, outlined below are the Governing Council approved 2017 Pupil Free and School Closure Days. Up to and including 2016 we had 2 additional days for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. Those additional days have now finished as all schools are now expected to be compliant. The Minister of Education has however approved 2 additional pupil free days starting this year for moderation. This is to ensure that assigned grades and achievement levels in one class and school are consistent with other classes and schools.

To minimise the impact on families we have tried to schedule different days of the week with 2 Mondays, a Tuesday and 2 Fridays. The Tuesday was selected as it involves working other schools and was set. We have also selected 2 beginning of term days. Here is the complete list.

Term 1:

No Pupil Free Days or School Closures

Term 2:

(Week 1)	Monday May 1 st	Pupil Free	Staff Training Day
(Week 7)	Tuesday June 13 th	Pupil Free	Staff Training Day

Term 3:

(Week 1)	Monday July 24 th	Pupil Free	Staff Training Day
(Week 7)	Friday September 8 th	School Closure	For the Royal Adelaide Show

Term 4:

(Week 3)	Friday November 3 th	Pupil Free	Staff Training Day
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Acquaintance Night

Acquaintance night will be held in Week 3. Times will be sent home in Week 1.

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Uniform Shop

Due to the resignation of our uniform shop coordinator and ongoing issues with some suppliers, for the convenience of the school community we have now outsourced the supply of our school uniform to Devon Clothing, located at 84 Daws Road Edwardstown.

Devon has Colonel Light Gardens Primary School uniforms in stock as of last Monday January 16th. The shop is open 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings 9:00am to 12noon. Online ordering is available. When the transition is completed, the link to online ordering will be available through the school website.

To assist in the transition, for term 1 only, uniforms can be also purchased on Monday mornings from 8:30am to 10:00am from the school uniform shop located in the canteen building. This will be managed by Devon.

Please ensure your child/ren come to school on the first day dressed in the school in the school uniform with the appropriate navy blue sunsafe hat. The different styles are also available for sale at the uniform shop. Shoes need to be appropriate for PE and/or fitness every day. Ensuring adherence to the school uniform will be a high priority in the first few weeks. We want all students to wear the CLG uniform with pride.

Assemblies

We will be holding 3 whole school assemblies in term 1 starting in week 1. We will also have fortnightly junior and senior school assemblies. Additional information will be provided when school resumes. Assemblies are held on Fridays between recess and lunch at 11:15am for the junior school and 12:15pm for the senior school. Whole school assemblies start at 12:15pm.

Newsletters

Newsletters at Colonel Light Gardens are distributed electronically. Please go to the school's website at www.colgrdnps.sa.edu.au and follow the newsletter links for all the details on how to subscribe.

Governing Council

We have a strong and active Governing Council and associated subcommittees, however in 2017 we also have a few vacancies due to families moving on to high school after being part of the school's governance for a number of years. I would encourage you to consider joining the Governing Council or one of the school's subcommittees.

All parents/carers who have children currently enrolled at our school are eligible to nominate for election as a councillor as long as you are not declared bankrupt or have applied "for the benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors: or if you are convicted of any offence prescribed by administrative instruction.

Being on the Governing Council involves 1 Thursday night meeting a month at 7:00pm. If that doesn't suit what about being part of one of our council subcommittees? If you wish to nominate for the position of Councillor or be a member of a subcommittee in 2017 please send me an email to the address below.

Finance Advisory	(2 meetings per term held on a Thursday night at 5:30pm)
Grounds and Facilities	(1 meeting a term before school at 8:00am on a day to be negotiated and working bees)
Canteen	(2 meetings per term held on a Monday at 2:00pm)
Education	(2 meetings a term at a time and a day to be negotiated)
OSHC	(1 meetings a term on a Wednesday at 6:30pm)
Sports	(1 meeting a term usually at 5:15pm or 5:30pm on a night to be negotiated)
ICT (new)	(1 meeting a term at a time to be negotiated before school or in the evening)

Please don't hesitate to contact me, if I can be of any other assistance.

Kind regards



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