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**CLAREMONT
COLLEGE**

INSPIRED FOR LIFE

CLAREMONT COLLEGE IS EXCITED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING OPPORTUNITIES IN 2015 FOR PARENTS TO BE INFORMED ABOUT AND TO BE INVOLVED IN THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION. THE SCHOOL'S PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS IS GREATLY ENCOURAGED AND VALUED, AS WE SEEK TO NURTURE AND CARE FOR YOUR CHILD AND SUPPORT HIS/HER ACADEMIC GROWTH. BY WORKING TOGETHER WE WILL ENHANCE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING, BUILD OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND ESPECIALLY, SUPPORT YOU IN THE MOST IMPORTANT AND CHALLENGING JOB OF ALL, THAT OF BEING A MUM OR DAD.

OUR NEW CLASSROOMS LOOK JUST FABULOUS AND CLAREMONT COLLEGE IN 2015 IS SURE TO BE FUN, BUSY, PURPOSEFUL AND FULL OF GREAT POSSIBILITIES FOR LEARNING AND SHARING LIFE TOGETHER.

PLEASE TRANSFER THESE DATES ACROSS TO YOUR DIARY OR FAMILY CALENDAR. WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN US THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT THESE MANY EXCITING EVENTS.

'WHERE AM I?' QUIZ

HERE'S A TEST FOR PARENTS ONLY. HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR SCHOOL? THIS YEAR WE HOPE YOU GET TO KNOW US BETTER. LOOK FOR THE SYMBOLS AT THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE TO SEE IF YOU KNOW WHERE SOME FAVOURITE CLAREMONT IDENTITIES CAN BE FOUND AROUND OUR SCHOOL.

*I HOPE YOU GET TOP MARKS.**

DOUG THOMAS
PRINCIPAL

MUM, DAD & FRIENDS

**CLAREMONT
COLLEGE**

A CARING CHRISTIAN
ENVIRONMENT IN
WHICH EACH CHILD
CAN DEVELOP
ACADEMICALLY,
PHYSICALLY,
EMOTIONALLY,
SOCIALLY AND
SPIRITUALLY.

**YOU'RE
WELCOME**

WHAT'S ON IN 2015 FOR PARENTS



22-23 JAN - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS
28 JAN - SCHOOL COMMENCES (1-6)
29 JAN - SCHOOL COMMENCES (K)
01 APR - TERM 1 CONCLUDES

**03
FEB**

JOIN US FOR CHAPEL

Chapel is held every week on a Tuesday morning. You are welcome to join us for the first Chapel service for 2015.

"Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name"
1 Chronicles 29:13

Tuesday 3rd February, 8:45am

**04
FEB**

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

This evening provides parents with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to hear Mr Thomas and the team talk about all that's in store for 2015. Information regarding the Claremont Family trip to Bali will also be provided during this meeting.

Wednesday 4th February from 6:00pm

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FEB**

STUDENT LEADERSHIP INDUCTION CHAPEL SERVICE

Parents and family of our 2015 student leaders are welcome to join us for Chapel for a special Leadership Induction Service.

Tuesday 10th February, 8:45am

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FEB**

P&F WELCOME EVENING

FOR PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN AND NEW STUDENTS IN OTHER YEARS

If you are a new Claremont family, we would love for you to join us in the school hall, for 'cheese, nibbles and wine'. This is a chance for parents to meet each other and informally learn a little more about our school. (No children please.)

Friday 13th February, 7:00pm-9:30pm.

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FEB**

INFORMATION WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

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FEB**

HELPING YOUR CHILD'S READING

This workshop will provide parents with tips for encouraging early reading.

Monday 16th February, from 1:45pm

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CYBER SAFETY EVENING with 'CYBER COP' SUSAN MCLEAN

Susan McLean of 'Cyber Safety Solutions' (www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au) is a good friend of Claremont College having worked with staff, students and parents a number of times over the years. Susan will speak to parents and staff about current cyber safety issues. She will help us all to be informed and well equipped as we work together to keep our children safe and protected from social media and other online dangers. Parents are encouraged to invite friends and others who you know would be interested.

(**Note:** There will be a cover charge for this event to assist the school to meet all associated costs.)

Thursday 19th February from 7:00pm

UNDERSTANDING CURRICULUM AT CLAREMONT

This evening will assist parents to understand the underpinning methodologies and approaches to teaching and learning across the curriculum, and how parents can best support their child's learning at home.

Wednesday 4th March, 7:00pm-8:30pm

**13
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P&F SCHOOL DISCO

Get your dance shoes on because this is always a big event in the life of our school. This year we will be having the disco in the under-croft area adjacent to the playground... so get ready for a few new surprises.

Friday 13th March (time TBC)

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GRANDPARENTS' AND SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY

There is always lots of love and happiness at our Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day - for the grandparents and special friends of children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2.

Thursday 19th March, from 9:15am

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MAR**

SENIOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP EVENING FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

An integral part of a Claremont education is the emphasis placed on developing individual leadership, team-work, personal, capacity, growth and service. As part of this, all parents of Year 5 and 6 students are invited to join us at school for a Parent and Child Leadership Workshop.

Tuesday 24th March, from 7:00pm

**31
MAR**

† + ♥ = EASTER

All parents are invited to join us for a special Chapel service, here at school, as we remember and celebrate all that Jesus did for us at this significant time of the year.

Tuesday 31st March, from 8:45am



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20 APR - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
21 APR - SCHOOL COMMENCES
19 JUN - TERM 2 CONCLUDES

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13 JUL - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
14 JUL - SCHOOL COMMENCES
18 SEP - TERM 3 CONCLUDES

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05 OCT - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
06 OCT - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
07 OCT - SCHOOL COMMENCES
09 DEC - TERM 4 CONCLUDES

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APR

100 YEARS OF ANZAC

Parents and local members of the community are invited to join us at school for a special ANZAC Service, which will be led by our student leaders.

Friday 24th April (Time TBC)

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JUL

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY

Join us for breakfast and get your hands dirty as we plant hundreds of trees in our local community.

Friday 24th July

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OCT

P&F FAMILY FUN NIGHT & CLAREMONT COLLEGE BIENNIAL STUDENT ART SHOW

Friday 23rd October from 6:00pm

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MAY

WE ♥ U MUM

P&F Mothers' Day Breakfast

Friday 8th May, from 8:00am

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AUG

WE LOVE BOOKS AT CLAREMONT

Our annual Book Week Open Day and Book Parade will be held on **Friday 7th August**. This day is always spectacular.

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NOV

P&F PARENT CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL EVENING

This event is new to the Claremont calendar and will provide all parents (K-6) with the opportunity to gather under the one roof for a very big Christmas bash!

Saturday 14th November (or possibly TBC based on venue availability)

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JUN

CLAREMONT GOES TO BALI

As an extension of our Indonesian language program, the Claremont Bali Experience will provide families of students in Years 3 to 6, with a great opportunity to travel together as part of the Claremont school community. We have designed the tour to include a number of very special and unique experiences including visits to Bali Public School Denpasar (our Sister School) and jungle adventures at the Green Camp (Green School, Ubud).

20th to 27th June

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SEP

OUR DADS ROCK!

P&F FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

Friday 4th September, from 8:00am

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DEC

CHRISTMAS UNDER THE STARS

The crazy weather last year did not dampen the spirit, for what was an incredible and beautiful evening. Join us in the playground for a very special evening of Christmas music, celebration and the Annual Kindergarten Nativity pageant on **Wednesday 2nd December**.

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SEP

THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST WEEKEND OF THE YEAR!

DADS' AND KIDS' (K-6) CAMP

We had a wait list for our last camp and over 240 campers having a fabulous time away. Dads... keep these dates free and look out for the time when you can make a booking.

Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September
(This is the weekend following Father's Day)

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DEC

FAREWELL YEAR 6 MORNING ASSEMBLY AND VALEDICTORY DINNER

A big day for Year 6 students and parents!

All Year 6 parents are reminded to keep **Friday 4th December** free for the final Year 6 assembly at 8:45am and for the Valedictory Dinner held in the evening at 'Horizons' at the South Maroubra Surf Club.

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SEP

AMAZING ME

'BODIES, BABIES AND GROWING UP'

Our biennial 'AMAZING ME' evening talks will be held for children in Years 3 to 6, and their parents. Two sessions are offered on 'Bodies and Babies' and 'Puberty'.

Tuesday 15th September
(Times and costs TBC)

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DEC

WE ♥ CHAPEL AND WE ♥ CHRISTMAS

All parents are invited to join us for our final Chapel service of the year, here at school, as we celebrate Christmas on **Tuesday 8th December**, from 8:45am.

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DEC

133RD ANNUAL SPEECH DAY AND PRIZE GIVING

Our Speech Day is always a highlight of the school calendar, as we wrap up and celebrate the academic achievements and many accomplishments of our students.

Wednesday 9th December at the Sir John Clancy Auditorium UNSW.

Student items from 9:30am with formal proceedings commencing at 10am to 12 noon.

WHERE AM I?



OUR CORE VALUES

BUILDING A PLACE OF EXCELLENCE WITH
FIRM **ACADEMIC FOUNDATIONS**

ENGAGING **LEARNING** THROUGH QUALITY
TEACHING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM
WITH INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

GROWING AND AFFIRMING THE
CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP AND A SENSE OF
PURPOSE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHILD

PROVIDING A **NURTURING SCHOOL
COMMUNITY** THROUGH CARE AND RESPECT
FOR SELF, OTHERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

HONOURING THE RICH HISTORY AND
HERITAGE OF CLAREMONT COLLEGE

HAVING **FAITH** IN CHRIST AND
FOLLOWING HIS WORD IN OUR LIVES



ACROSS 2015

P&F DATES FOR 2015

Our monthly meetings are held in the school hall and commence at 7:30pm. All parents and friends of the Claremont College school community are welcome to join us.

18th February	15th July (TBC)
18th March	19th August
April – (no meeting)	16th September
20th May	21st October
17th June	18th November

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH?

As a Christian School, Claremont College teaches students about the Bible, encouraging them to have faith and a personal relationship with Jesus. Parents often express an interest to knowing more for themselves and for their family. In 2015, Claremont College and St Nic's Anglican Church, Coogee will partner in presenting the 'Alpha Course'. This course is a 10 week course open to everyone interested in discovering what Christianity is about. It's an opportunity for people to come together to relax, eat, have a drink, share thoughts and explore the meaning of life.

Where: Coogee Legion Club

When: Tuesday evenings, 7:00pm to 9:15pm

Term One: **17th February to 31st March**

Term Two: **28th April to 2nd June**

WE VALUE YOUR PRAYERS

Parents are warmly invited to join the 'Parents Prayer Group' that meets every two weeks to pray for Claremont, the School community and for the world. Look out for the times and dates across the year in the newsletter. Our first meeting is **Thursday 5th February**.

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THE CANTEEN

Mums, Dads and Grandparents are asked to help, Monday to Friday, in the school canteen. It is perfect if you can help for just one day a year. With an average of close to 200 lunch orders every Friday, we really do need your help. It's lots of fun and the rumour is that Dads make the best sandwiches!

DID YOU KNOW THAT READING TOGETHER IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH?

Mums, Dads and Grandparents are always welcome to help with children's reading at Claremont. We have a large number of volunteers and we always need help in this area.

CLASSROOM WALKS

Across 2015, parents will be provided with the opportunity to visit their child's classroom to see the day-to-day life of school and class life. These short tours are designed to help parents have a better understanding of teaching and learning at Claremont College.

Here are the answers to our 'Where am I?' quiz...

- Scruffy the dog can usually be found in the office
- Two awesome trees grow in the Year 2 classrooms
- Our space walker hangs over the stairwell near Year 5
- There is Lego everywhere at Claremont but have you seen the Lego wall in Year 4?
- These comfy chairs are found in Year 3
- Head to our farmyard to meet our chooks

If you did not know the answers to our quiz, perhaps you should book a Learning Walk. Dates and times will be announced in the weekly newsletter or simply contact our Deputy Principal Mr Scott, to book yourself in for the next available tour.

LEARNING FESTIVALS

Replacing our traditional 'class assemblies', throughout the year, parents will be invited to a special presentation of the learning in their child's grade. The students will present a showcase of aspects of their work and learning.

IN THE CLASSROOM AND ON EXCURSIONS

From time to time parents will be asked to help with class activities and to provide extra supervision and guidance on excursions. Don't miss these opportunities to become involved in your child's learning.

ECO WARRIOR PARENT TEAM... TOGETHER, MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Help build Claremont's reputation as a leading sustainable school.

We need your help in the Claremont farm. We would love your help as we tend to our many vegetable gardens, the chickens and the rabbits. Parents are invited to work with the children and teachers, either once a week, once a term, or anywhere in between. This is such an important aspect of Claremont life. The more help we get, the greater the benefit for the children, our school and our planet. Please contact Mrs Holden if you can help.

SPORT@ CLAREMONT

As you read the newsletter each week you will be amazed at the number of opportunities that exist for children in sport. In order for this to happen, we need your help. There are plenty of ways for Mums and Dads to get involved in kids sport at Claremont. You can volunteer to coach a team, OR... make sure you do not miss the following events that simply cannot happen without the help of our enthusiastic band of Mums and Dads.

Annual Swimming Carnival
(Years 2 to 6)
Wednesday 11th February

Annual Athletics Carnival
(Kindergarten to Year 6)
Friday 22nd May

Annual Cross Country Carnival
(Kindergarten to Year 6)
Friday 18th September





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