

**CLAREMONT**

**2016**

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# WHAT'S ON IN 2016 FOR PARENTS

Claremont College is excited to provide the following opportunities in 2016 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 classrooms look just fabulous with Kindergarten and Year One set for an exciting refurbishment in June. Claremont College in 2016 is sure to be fun, busy, purposeful and full of great possibilities for learning and sharing life together.

Please display this poster in your house, or 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. Doug Thomas, Principal

## TERM ONE

- 27 JAN** • **SCHOOL COMMENCES (1-6)**
- 01 FEB** • **SCHOOL COMMENCES (K)**
- 29 JAN** • **JOIN US FOR CHAPEL IN 16**  
In 2016, Chapel will move to Friday.  
You are welcome to join us for Chapel each and every week across the school year.  
Our first Chapel for 2016 will be **Friday 29th January**.  
"I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart." Psalm 86:12
- 03 FEB** • **PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**  
This evening provides parents with an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and to hear Mr Thomas and the team talk about what's in store for 2016.  
**Wednesday 3rd February**  
- Keep the date free
- 10 FEB** • **ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL (YEARS 2 TO 6)**  
**Wednesday 10th February**
- 12 FEB** • **STUDENT LEADERSHIP INDUCTION CHAPEL SERVICE**  
Parents and family of our 2016 student leaders are welcome to join us for Chapel for a special Leadership Induction Service.  
**Friday 12th February, 8:45am**
- "BUBBLES AND BITES"**  
**P&F WELCOME EVENING FOR PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 6, 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. Kindly parents, we hope that you get to meet the parents of your child's Year 6 Buddy.  
(No children please.)  
**Friday 12th February, 7:00pm to 9:30pm**
- 02 MAR** • **PARENTING FROM THE HEART**  
**Talking about sex to your kids**  
A topic that has been requested by a number of parents. Presented by Rowena Thomas from 'Amazing Me'.
- 18 MAR** • **P&F SCHOOL DISCO**  
Get your dance shoes on because this is always a big event in the life of the many movers and groovers in our school.  
**Friday 18th March**
- 22 MAR** • **GRANDPARENTS' AND SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY**  
**Tuesday 22nd March, from 9:15am**
- 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 22nd March, from 7:00pm**

**23 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.  
**Wednesday 23rd March, from 8:45am**

**24 MAR** • **EASTER BREAK**  
**Thursday 24th - Monday 28th March**

**08 APR** • **TERM 1 CONCLUDES**

## TERM TWO

**27 APR** • **SCHOOL COMMENCES**

**06 MAY** • **WE LOVE YOU MUM**  
P&F Mothers' Day Breakfast  
**Friday 6th May, from 8:00am**

**26 MAY** • **ANNUAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**  
(Kindergarten to Year 6)  
**Thursday 26th May**

**24 JUN** • **TERM 2 CONCLUDES**

## TERM THREE

**14 JUL** • **SCHOOL COMMENCES**

**20 JUL** • **DIRECT FROM THE UK... ESPECIALLY FOR CLAREMONT**  
**Jane Simister Parenting Evening**  
**An evening with CJ Simister, author of 'The Bright Stuff - Playful ways to nurture your child's extraordinary mind'.**  
**Is your child 'Future-Smart'?**

Great examination results are wonderful – but they only tell part of the story. Leading universities and employers are crying out for something more. In this presentation, education expert C J Simister identifies the hidden secrets of success - those fundamental intellectual qualities and skills that are essential if young people are to make the most of their potential.

C J Simister is enthusiastic about the difference that parents can make. Drawing from her latest book, 'The Bright Stuff: Playful ways to nurture your child's extraordinary mind' (Pearson: Nov. 2009), she offers heaps of practical advice and strategies that can be used at home to help children flourish and shine.

**Wednesday July 20th**  
7:00 - 9:00pm (doors open 6:30pm)

**29 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 29th July**

**05 AUG** • **WE LOVE BOOKS AT CLAREMONT**  
Our annual Book Week Open Day and Book Parade will be held on **Friday 5th August**. This day is always super exciting.

**02 SEP** • **P&F FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST**

**13 SEP** • **YEHA... 2016 IS CONCERT YEAR!**  
This year's spectacular concert will once again be live at the City Recital Hall. This year Claremont is heading to the movies...get ready for the best school musical production EVER!  
Mums and Dads... once again we really will need help creating our costumes please. Please volunteer to join our team.

**23 SEP** • **ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6)**  
• **TERM 3 CONCLUDES**

## TERM FOUR

**11 OCT** • **SCHOOL COMMENCES**

**18 NOV** • **P&F FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

**02 DEC** • **FAREWELL YEAR 6 VALEDICTORY DINNER**  
'Horizons' at the South Maroubra Surf Club

**07 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.  
Student items from 9:30am with formal proceedings commencing at 10:00am to 12 noon.

• **TERM 4 CONCLUDES**

## ALSO IN 2016

• **P&F 16**  
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.

**17th February**      **17th August**  
**16th March**        **19th October**  
**18th May**            **16th November**

• **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 4th February**.

• **WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THE CANTEEN**  
Mums, Dads and Grandparents are asked to help, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, in the school canteen. It is perfect if you can help for just one day a year. With an average of over 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!

• **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.

• **LEARNING FESTIVALS**  
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.

• **HELP 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 Miss Hume or Miss Divers 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 events that simply cannot happen without the help of our enthusiastic band of Mums and Dads.



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