New School Year and Routines
It has been great to have all of the children return to school after the summer holiday period. In the main, they have all settled back into the school routine very well. Routines are important for primary aged students as they can support learning. For example, in the lead up to each school day, students should be engaged in checking their timetable, packing their bag the night before school, establishing a regular home reading and homework routine as well as being involved in having the correct uniform for the PE days.

Bed time and morning routines are also critically important and after the holiday break they can take some time to set up once again. Routines in and around television and computer use also need to be considered carefully. Children don’t need to be watching morning television or playing computer games when they are required to be getting organised for school. Similarly, in the evenings, their recreational time is important; however, it needs fit within the routines established within the family. Time spent on establishing effective and balanced routines will ultimately be of considerable benefit to the children because as adults we know the critical importance of being able to manage our time and routines.

Curriculum Information Nights – ELC and JS
This Wednesday, 11 February, and the following week, 19 February, we will be staging Curriculum Information Nights. This week we will have a P-2 session from 6.00-7.00pm in the Senior School Lecture Theatre and a Year 3 & 4 session from 7.30-8.30pm in the same venue. The following week on Thursday 19 February, we will hold an evening for 3YO and 4YO ELC programs.

The sole purpose of these evenings is to be able to share with parents some brief overviews of our curriculum in Literacy, Numeracy, Science, History, Physical Education, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Health and Well Being. We want to be able to explain the curriculum outcomes, content, skills, knowledge and understandings pertinent to each area.

Welcome Picnic and Pastoral Care Interviews
It was excellent to see so many families in attendance at our Welcome Picnic last Friday evening. This event was scheduled to enable parents to meet their Homeroom Teachers and to network with other parents within and across year levels. This process will be further enhanced through the work of the JSPG and the Classroom Representatives who have been appointed.

In the middle of this term, we will also be offering Parent-Teacher Interviews with Homeroom Teachers to provide parents with feedback as to how the children have commenced the year.

JSPG
Please refer to the JSPG section of The Echo each fortnight as this group supports parents and the work of the Junior School so well. The JSPG will hold its first meeting for 2015 on Wednesday 18 February and they are staging a film night on Friday 20 February and the film, ‘What We Did On Our Holiday’ looks like a great comedy. Tickets are currently available.

Watson Hall Works
Renovations of Watson Hall and the exit staircase from the upper east wing are still on schedule for completion later this term and we look forward to reclaiming the oval!

Day 10 Assemblies
Every Day 10 we hold whole school assemblies to share student successes and to develop our community culture. Parents are welcome to attend and the security doors will be open at 2.15 for a 2.30pm start. Our assemblies will be held on the Oval until the Watson Hall works are complete.

Security Doors
We would like to thank parents for working with us as we put in place our new security door arrangements. If you have to drop off anything for your children throughout the day, please leave these items at the Junior School Office. Anyone moving around the campus for any reason requires a Visitor Pass and must be signed in at the office.

Chris Brown & Steven Belcher
Co-Heads of Junior School
A very warm welcome to our ELC community. Together with the educators of each of the programs, I will update you fortnightly on the learning that has and is taking place in each of the groups. This learning is also visible through the Big Book entries and displays of work and photos in each of the rooms.

Both the 3YO and 4YO groups have made a great start to the year; the children have made the transition from home into Kinder very smoothly. They have settled in quickly with most children being able to follow the classroom routines with little or no support. After a staggered start with shorter sessions and half groups, the children are now enjoying their full-time sessions with all the students present.

Please find below a summary of what the educators have observed over the past couple of weeks and the learning that will take place within the different groups this term.

We hope to welcome you on Thursday 19 February in the Senior School Lecture Theatre at 7pm to provide you with an overview of the Framework we follow in the ELC and how we provide the best possible start for your children to their academic careers.

Annie Jacox
Head of ELC

3YO Extended and Sessional
Our 3YO Extended and Sessional groups have made a fantastic start to the year! All of the children have settled in very well and are already following our classroom routines. They have enjoyed exploring both inside and outside over the first days at Kinder as well as interacting with their peers.

Throughout Term 1, our sessions will be based around the theme ‘All About Me’. Children will have the opportunity to share and explore their understandings of their own lives whilst learning about others. During our sessions we endeavour to help build the children’s self-confidence and awareness of themselves and others around them. The children will have the chance to engage with Literacy and Numeracy focuses through their play. Our Literacy focus will be thinking about and recognising the sounds around us and our Numeracy focus will be looking at different colours and simple shapes.

We are excited to start our sessions with the full groups and to be a part of the children’s developing understandings of the world around them.

Hannah & Sarah
3YO Educators

4YO Extended and Sessional
In the 4YO kinder groups the children have enjoyed settling into the kindergarten routines and making new friends. They have been experiencing a range of activities including role play, singing, building and solving puzzles. In the outside environment the children have particularly loved playing and working together in the sandpit, where they have been creating cakes and making potions.

Our theme this term is "All About Me". We will be focusing on how we are all special and different and on how we all have different qualities and interests. This will enable the children to develop confident self-identities and get to know each other. We will also explore our senses.

In Literacy we will be exploring sounds within the environment, experiencing rhythm and rhyme and orally blending and segmenting words. In Numeracy we will be building on our number knowledge, exploring the concepts of more, less and the same and manipulating objects to solve mathematical problems.

We are looking forward to a great term of playing and learning together!

Shawnee, Kate, Jenny, Julie, Jo, Narelle, Sarah, Sharni & Julia
4YO Educators

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Welcome back!
I am really thrilled to be the President of the Junior School Parents Group for 2015 and I very much look forward to helping make a positive contribution to BCC Junior School this year. We have a fabulous team of people who make up the committee this year and I know they are equally enthused. They are:

Vice President: Jocelyn Goldsworthy
Secretary: Eleisha Dennis
Treasurer: Rebekah Bailey
Special Events Coordinator: Robyn Gibson
Parent Liaison Coordinator: Julia Stansbie
School Banking Coordinator: Scott McQueen
General Committee: Keegan Brouwer
General Committee: Denielle Beardmore
Past President: Michelle Ward

The JSPG aims to build friendships within our community and our events and activities encourage teamwork and involvement: we are not only a fundraising organisation. We place great value on the time given to the School by our parents who support JSPG events and other school based events such as athletics days, homeroom helpers, triathlon, and the showcase, to name a few.

I would encourage all parents, especially those who are new to the school, to become involved in the JSPG and related activities: it is rewarding to be part of your child’s school life and to know that you are making a contribution to their enjoyment at the school. Please contact us (jspgbcc@gmail.com) if you have any queries or suggestions for our group – we would love to hear from you.

We wish you all the best for a fun and rewarding school year!

Parent Representatives
Each year level class has a Parent Representative. It is important to give your details to these Reps as this will help us keep you informed of activities and social events going on at the JS. There were contact forms outside each classroom and we hope you got a chance to put your details down. If you missed out, you can always contact Julia Stansbie via email: jspgbcc@gmail.com and she will add your details to the list and notify the relevant Class Reps.

Thank you, too, to all the Class Reps who have shown great support by putting their hand up to be part of this excellent school service. We really appreciate your help and commitment. Your support makes it so much easier for everyone in our school community.

Volunteers
We are always keen to hear from anyone who is able to volunteer their time: please leave your details on the JSPG email and note any particular events you might be interested in helping with. We will post details of upcoming events on our JSPG Noticeboard (adjacent to the JS Staffroom) and in the Echo.

JSPG Drop-box
In an effort to make it easier for everyone, the JSPG has recently purchased a ‘drop-box’ that will sit outside the window of the Junior School Office. This can be used for contact details for volunteering, dropping-off correct money for events/fundraising, and general JSPG administration notices. It will be cleared each day and will be kept safely between drop-off and pick-up hours. We hope this helps.

Welcome Family Picnic
It was great to see everyone at the picnic - thank you to all those who came to the JSPG table and put their names down to volunteer for activities throughout the year. We really appreciate it. Thanks to all the JSPG committee for their help, too.

JSPG Movie Night
Our Special Events Coordinator, Robyn Gibson, has been busy in the holidays arranging our first parent social event of the year: a Movie Night. This will be held at the Regent Cinema on Friday 20 February, 7.15 pm and friends and families of the Junior School are welcome.

‘What we did on our holiday’ is a new release comedy, starring Billy Connolly and David Tennant and is the story of a British family trying to keep their lives together and the misadventures they encounter along the way.
Tickets are $15 each and details are available through your Class Reps, JSPG committee and on posters dotted around the school. We will be selling tickets every day leading up to the event at the Junior School: Mon-Fri am: 8.20 to 8.40 and, pm 2.50–3.35 (outside the ELC – inside if it’s raining). Alternatively, there will be a ‘JSPG drop-box’ at the JS reception where envelopes, with the correct money, can be placed and tickets will be available for collection on the night. An email confirmation can be provided if you are able to leave contact details.

For those interested, we will be meeting prior to the movie, 6.30 pm, at Jackson and Co. Refreshments will also be available for purchase at the Regent Cinema snack bar.

Hope to see you there!

**JSPG cookbook, Our Table**
Copies of our fabulous cookbook, *Our Table*, are still available for sale at $40 per copy. You can also purchase 3 cookbooks, or more, for the price of $35 per copy. The book is also available for purchase online ([www.clarendon.vic.edu.au](http://www.clarendon.vic.edu.au)), delivery $55 or you can pick up a copy at the Sturt Street campus for $40. The JSPG will also be selling the cookbooks throughout the year: dates will be advertised shortly.

All profits generated will go towards supporting JS projects.

**Noticeboard**
The JSPG Noticeboard is up and running. Along with the *Echo* and the Junior School section of the connect@clarendon website, the Noticeboard is a key information spot for all things JSPG: meetings, volunteering, social and fundraising events and general information. The Noticeboard can be found in the corridor adjacent to the JS Staffroom.

**JSPG and Friends coffee catch-up**
We had our first coffee catch-up morning last Wednesday and it was lovely to see lots of people turn up and have a chat. We welcome everyone to these casual events and hopefully as the year goes on we’ll have even more people turning up.

**1st JSPG Meeting: Wednesday 18 February, 2015**
Our first JSPG meeting of the year will be held in the Chapel Room, from 7.30 pm. We would love to see you there. Agendas for our meetings are available on connect@clarendon from the Monday prior to the meeting.

Some topics to be discussed and decided upon at this meeting include: Easter Raffle, replacement event for Year 2 Pancake Day, and the Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls.

Everyone is most welcome to come along and participate.

**Nikki Bennett**
President JSPG

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**Library Opening Hours**
This year the Junior School library will be open every morning from 8-9.30am and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 1.30-4pm. If you would like to speak to a library staff member in person either myself or Bri-Amber will be at the library during these times, otherwise please don’t hesitate to contact me via email or phone (details below).

**Library timetable**
This year in the Junior School we have the following timetable in place so that the students regularly visit the library to borrow and return their books, please remind your child/ren to bring their books back on their designated library day so they may borrow new books.

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**Please note:**
The ELC and Prep classes attend weekly, all other year levels are fortnightly. The library is open every morning before school from 8am so the students are able to return/borrow books then if they wish.

The students can borrow the same number of books as their year level ie. ELC/Prep/ Year 1 = 1, Year 2 = 2, Year 3 = 3, Year 4 = 4. They won’t be allowed to borrow new books until the previous books have been returned.

**2015 Overdue notices**
To keep on top of overdue books this year we will once again be emailing parents directly about student’s overdue books. As per the timetable above, all classes come to the library either weekly or fortnightly and the library is open every morning before school so your child should have ample opportunity to return their books on time. If you receive an overdue notice and have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me to discuss it.

**Michelle Thomason**
Librarian

Thomason@clarendon.vic.edu.au
5330 8241

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Are We Alone? ‘Kepler’ and the quest for other worlds!

Date: Thursday, 19 February 2015
Time: 6:30pm
Venue: Jan S McClure Theatre, in the Rowena Coutts Science Centre, Sturt St Campus

The Science department is delighted to announce a new series of lectures taking place in the recently constructed Rowena E Coutts Science Centre. Students, parents and the wider community are invited to attend these lectures starting with Dr John Morley, our new Head of Physics. The first lecture will take place on Thursday 19 February 2015.

John will explain how in the last few years, astronomers have used data from NASA’s Kepler mission, to find hundreds of new planets orbiting other stars. He will discuss how these discoveries were made and the likelihood of us finding life on other worlds! This is a great family fun activity and an opportunity to experience the new Science Centre first hand.

If you would like to attend please RSVP via www.trybooking.com/121849

Families and friends are more than welcome.

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Ballarat Clarendon College has an on-site uniform shop run by Dobsons. A percentage of every purchase is returned to the School.

**Location and contact details**
The Uniform Shop is located at 1425 Sturt Street, Ballarat. The Uniform Shop is located in the building in front of the Girls Boarding House adjacent to the Tennis Courts.

Telephone:  (03) 5330 8305  
Email:  bac@dobsons.com.au

**Normal Trading Hours (during School Term)**
- Tuesdays  1.00pm – 4.30pm  
- Wednesdays  8.30am – 11.30am  
- Fridays  1.00pm – 4.30pm

**Do you need an appointment outside of our Trading Hours?** We also offer individual fitting appointments. Please contact Leanne on (03) 5330 8305 during Trading Hours or via email bac@dobsons.com.au to arrange a suitable time.

**Winter Uniform**
Currently available a full size range of pinafores, kilts, blouses and trousers.

**House Polo Tops**
A range of House Polo Tops currently available. Orders also taken.

**King Island Polar Fleece**
Just arrived – a full size range of King Island Polar Fleece.

**Payment Facilities**
EFT and Credit Card facilities are available. You can also apply, in store or online, for a Dobsons Account. Credit Card Authority forms are available at the Uniform Shop. Cheques are not accepted.

**JSPG, Parents & Friends and 1920s Club Merchandise**
We have various items for cash sale on behalf of the Junior School Parents Group, Parents & Friends and 1920s Club. The items available include Organisational Bags, Knitted Beanies, Parents & Friends Caps and Rowing Caps.

**Buying or Selling Second-hand Items**
Dobsons also sell, in store, a range of second-hand uniforms on behalf of parents. A donation will be given to the Parents and Friends for each sale of second-hand uniforms. Please contact us to discuss. For online buying or selling, please visit www.uniformswapshop.com.au

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LAKE WENDOUREE JUNIOR NETBALL FOOTBALL CLUB
Registration Day Sunday 15 February 2015 for all junior footballers from 4pm to 5.30pm at the Lakers Clubrooms, Norman Street, Wendouree. (Note EFTPOS available)

Seeking new under 10 players only, and request that all existing attend to pay fees.

Please check our website www.lwfnc.com.au for training details updates and regular news.

Should you have any queries please contact Neil McKechnie 0419 870 957 and Natalee McKay on 0400 681 870.

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