The Importance of Developing Children’s Vocabulary
During the recent term break, all of the staff engaged in some professional reading in and around the importance of developing children’s vocabulary and especially in the early years. There is sufficient research evidence to suggest that vocabulary levels are strongly linked with reading comprehension. In the primary years, the range in vocabulary between children with smaller and bigger vocabularies is large (Biemiller & Slonim, 2001). This research showed that by the end of Year 2, the children in lowest vocabulary quartile (25%) had acquired about 1.5 root words a day over 7 years, for a total of about 4000 root word meanings. In comparison, children in the highest quartile had acquired more than 3 root words a day, for a total of about 8000 root word meanings.

As teachers and parents, our challenge then is to ensure children are exposed to 3 new words every day to enhance their vocabulary and improve their reading comprehension. So how should we go about this? Both at home and school we need to undertake the challenge of learning 3 new words a day. For the children, this can come out of the vocabulary linked to their classes and out of school – words they encounter in books and speech. To promote the acquisition of new words, children require adult modelling. We need to explain the word in child-centred language and put the word into a sentence so that the children understand the context.

I was in a Year 1 Literacy class this week and the word ‘refer’ came up as children were referring back to a text. Mrs Glascott explained it this way – ‘now you are going to refer to the text and this is referring, you are using the text and finding information which supports the facts you’ve shared.’ If we extended this conversation, we would ask the child to use ‘refer’ in a sentence e.g. I refer to my parents for advice. The key is to develop a passion for broadening our vocabularies and to see new words as challenges for us. Of course, we also want the children to use the words and spell them accurately. This is where the fun starts as the root of one word can grow our vocabulary exponentially – refer, referring, refers, reference.

I look forward to hearing from you and your children as we all go about our challenge of learning 3 new words a day!

New Students
At the start of this term we welcomed the following new students to the school: Morrison McRobb (Prep), Jaya McRobb (Year 2 BCMG), Jessica Foote (Year 2 BCMG), Imogen Brodej (Year 3H) and Leo LeSage (Year 4M). We trust that all of the children and their families enjoy becoming part of the Junior School community.

Watson Hall Works
Our builders, A W Nicholson, have commenced work on our Watson Hall renovation as per earlier communications. This involves the removal of the stage, additional heritage windows, new decking and re-alignment of the stairs leading to the upper east wing.

These works will mean that our Term 4 Day 10 Assemblies will be scaled down to basically acknowledge student achievements and focus on the dissemination of information for the children. Depending on the weather, our intention is to hold them in our central courtyard.

AAS Testing
In Term 4 of each year we use AAS (Academic Assessment Services) to run a range of assessments to monitor the progress of our students over the past 12 months. This information helps us to calibrate our internal assessments and check to see that we are meeting all students at their point of need. The testing will occur on Thursday 16 October for Year 2 and Monday 20 October for Years 3 & 4. Assessments will be conducted across Periods 1 and 2 and part of Period 3 before lunch.

Term 4 Swimming Program and Sport
The JS Swimming Program commences this week and our PE department staff have been busy organising qualified instructors and an intricate timetable to move the students to and from the school. The program culminates in our House Swimming Sports for all Year 2, 3 and 4 children on Friday 21 November from 2-4pm at our Sturt St pool.

Term 4 after-school sport has also commenced this week.
JSPG Second-Hand Uniform Sale and ‘Our Table’
On Friday and Saturday of this week, 17 and 18 October, the JSPG will be conducting a second-hand uniform sale to assist parents to secure uniform items at a reduced cost. Details have already been communicated and we hope that this new initiative is well supported and helpful for parents. The JSPG cookbook ‘Our Table’ is on its way to the printer and we look forward to huge sales of this wonderful recipe book in the weeks ahead.

Run Ballarat
We are excited to have so many members of our community joining the BCC team for the Run Ballarat event this Sunday in support of the Ballarat Base Hospital. Last weekend, we also had a significant number of parents and staff involved the Melbourne Marathon 10km, 21km or 42km events and some impressive performances were recorded!

Exeat 24 October
Parents are advised that on Friday 24 October we have an Exeat Weekend to align with the end of the Year 12 students’ academic year. The school will be closed on this day.

Chris Brown
Head of Junior School

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Year 3 & 4 AFL Victoria Primary Schools Football Round Six
Ballarat Clarendon College vs Ballarat Grammar School

Like the tiger of old storming into the final game of the 2014 premiership season, Ballarat Clarendon College Year 3s and 4s were once again excited at defending the AFL premiership cup on Thursday 4th of September. With all the hype surrounding the previous season, Clarendon and Richmond were both alike in their steely resolve, finishing their respective seasons with memorable wins. Due to the large numbers playing, Kieren Chapis, Aidan Broster, Sebastian Carter and Flynn Postlethwaite helped the home side by providing some extra players.

Captain for the day James Lamson chose bravely to kick into the wind and with the first ruck contest administered by our umpire for the day Finn, a fierce contest from both sides arose.

The majority of football in the first quarter was played on Grammar’s terms, but with a great mark from Hugo Fitzgerald and excellent tackling from Flynn Cruickshank our team was able to move the ball into the attacking half. Grammar still managed to burst out the box with the first major. Defenders were left stunned at the speed of the Grammar midfield- boosted by pressure players Kieren Chapis and Flynn Postlethwaite. For College, Tilly Pearce once again showed her rocket hand-balls, firing one into an attacking Fred Valpied who finished the goal beautifully with an “Eddie Betts” style check side. Coaches and parents were left wondering, how does he do it? College finished the quarter with 1 goal 3 behinds, 9 playing Grammar 1 goal 1 behind, 7.

Lachlan Tucker showed his football sense in the second quarter cleverly switching the play to the wide receiving Kalen Douglas who ran into the forward fifty. A quick thinking Oliver Webster was able to cleverly kick a College goal with students from both his current and old school both congratulating his fantastic effort. Ashwin Spencer’s forward pressure was not rewarded on the scoreboard; however, his tackling allowed the visiting side to maintain their dominance and gave Ty Palmer a quick snap at goal which unfortunately floated right. A running play from Callum Fitzpatrick was able to set up Will Drury who consistently took the front position at stoppages. Fred Valpied sold candy to opposition players and James Lamson learned quickly to copy the move. Both hit the scoreboard with majors taking the College lead to 24 points.

After half-time, the team switched positions and Oliver Williams increased his pressure with a great smother. Tom Foley moved into the ruck position and left Luca Dixon free to run, he did exactly that and made every one of his 30 allowed steps count. Unfortunately the ball did not agree with his strategy and the ball floated across the face of goal where leading possession winners for Ballarat Grammar Aidan Broster and Sebastian Carter where able to move the ball out of defense.

The final quarter brought a much tighter form of play from the home team but our defensive pressure remained second to none. Jonty Faull moved the ball cleverly through traffic which allowed Ben Locke to take a strong, contested mark in the forward line. Lewis Gilbert tackled consistently throughout but was most devastating in the forward line kicking his second goal for the half. A final score of 6 goals 12 behinds, 48 was enough to beat Grammar 1 goal 3 behinds, 9. The football award went to Baxter Dennis who is always bringing a happy, energetic vibe to game day and training. The best on ground player went to James Lamson who took multiple leading, contested marks.

Ballarat and Clarendon College Black – Year 3/4 Netball
What a wonderful term we have had in Netball. The Ballarat and Clarendon College Black team is comprised of both year 3 and 4 students. We play each Wednesday afternoon at Llanberris and have been well supported by parents. Our girls are currently enjoying a winning streak. Each week the girls rotate through all the positions and have displayed excellent sportsmanship. Netball continues again next term and I look forward to the girls continued commitment.

The team: Paige Livingston, Lily Dwyer, Sienna Robertson, Sophia Robinson, Alannah Scott, Chelsea Ward, Myah Grylewicz, Lily Richmond, Sophia Talbot, Jasmine Beck

Year 3 & 4 Football vs Black Hill at Black Hill
The sun was shining, a gentle breeze found its way through the neighbouring forest and dogs howled in the distance. Clarendon conjured up all the play in the first half of the first quarter but just couldn’t score. As what often occurs the opposition then scores and that is what Black Hill did, not once or twice but 3 times. They were running lose. Ty Palmer got his hands on the ball and using his Gaelic Footy skills did a tremendous hook kick but unfortunately scored a point. The goal kicking machine, Tom Foley finally got his hands on the ball and kicked Clarendon’s one and only goal for the quarter. Ashwin Spencer
dominated across half back while Kalen Douglas was in and under the pack. Jack and Tom Cartledge were both playing their best games in the new jumpers with Tom laying several great tackles. At quarter time Clarendon looked up at the scoreboard which read

Scores BCC 1-1-7 BHPS 3-2-20

Coach Versteegen made a bold move by putting Ashwin on the ball and he was straight into the action, sharking the tap from Foley and kicking long to full forward. The Foley/Spencer combination was dangerous throughout the term. Kalen provided the play of the day grabbing the ball on the flank, putting it under his wing and sprinting through the centre. He took a bounce and another, even though the rules state only one bounce and then dispose of the ball. He was so focussed, and a little bemused, as to why no-one was tackling him he didn’t hear his team mates and the crown yelling, “Wrong way Kalen. We’re kicking the other way!” As he realised what was happening a quick thinking Black Hill player who was running next to him tackled him to the ground and received a free kick. Tom Cartledge continued to work hard and repel many attacks. Tilly Pearce’s handball was Greg “Diesel” Williams-like effective, creative and often too quick for her team mates. Tom Foley copped a WHACK to the head and received a blatant free kick about 35 metres out on the boundary. After shaking his head, gathering his thoughts, putting his mouth guard in his sock, pulling his socks up and throwing a couple of blades of grass into the air he calmly slotted the ball through at post height. Ashwin’s tackling was a highlight and greatly superior to anyone else on the ground. Maxx White Haywood worked hard to get into position and take a great mark and subsequently kick his first for the afternoon with a stylish drop punt. Dad, Mark, was seen fist pumping in the crown and kicking his heels up like he was on a Toyota ad. Fred Valpied showed his class as when the ball squeezed out in his direction he gathered it with one hand, took 3 quick steps and his ultra-effective left foot sent the ball spinning through the goals at post height. Ty Palmer, who was moved to half back, was solid, effective and creative.

Half time scores saw BCC move to 5-3 33 to BHPS 3-2-20 who were held scoreless.

The third quarter was Jonty Faull’s. He was in everything showing class, determination and bravery as he ran front on into the pack, dropping the mark but receiving a free kick. Ben McKelvie kicked a long ball into the forward line, Keiren Chapis switched the ball across to Ty who sent it towards the high flying Foley. The ball dropped at Sebastian Carter’s feet. He skilfully picked up the ball in the goal square and slammed it... straight into the goal post. Ty continued to intercept everything that came his way. Keiren Chapis chipped in with a lovely goal while Fred cleared the ball with a lovely left footer to his mate Jonty who again showed great courage and received a free kick. If it was Jonty’s quarter at the star it was Fred’s quarter at the end. The ever alert Valpied, especially around goal, pounced on the ball, pretended to look for a hand ball that was never going to happen as he only really had eyes for the goals and he made no mistake. That left foot was deadly! Gemma Walton, another to play by far her best game for BCC, tackled the opposition ruckman bringing him to his knees and she collected her first free kick. To finish the quarter Ben McKelvie slipped the boot into the ball kicking a long goal before the siren sounded to end a competitive quarter by both teams.

Scores BCC 8-4-52 BHPS 4-4-28

Black Hill fought back during the final quarter which gave Ashwin Spencer plenty of opportunities to read the play and clear the ball out of the danger zone. Gemma Walton continued to throw her weight around and feed the ball out to players standing off the pack. What happened next is what people these days go to the footy for. Flynn P was “falconed”. The ball bounced off his head and into play. Many chuckles could be heard in the outer. Those things don’t worry Flynn; he just shook his head and threw himself back into the fray. As Gemma’s confidence soared she took the ruck, tapped it to Ned Blenkiron who got the ball to Aidan Broster whose kick was unfortunately smothered. Fred delighted the crowd with his fancy footwork on the boundary in front of his adoring fans. Tilly held up play and forced a ball up in the goal square.

The final scores read: BCC 9-5-59 BHPS 6-7- 43

Paul Stevens
Years 3-6 Sport Co-ordinator

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Welcome to Term 4! It is hard to believe there is only one term left this academic year. Please find below an overview of what will be happening in each of the groups for the coming term. As always, keep an eye on the display boards and Big Books as the educators use these to share with you the activities and experiences provided and the learning that is taking place in each of the groups.

The 3YO Kinder children were excited to return to Kinder this week and everyone is looking forward to another happy term of playing and learning together. During Term 4, the children will be discovering facts about the lifecycles of different creatures. They will look specifically at the lifecycles of the butterfly, the frog and the chicken. They will also focus on mini-beasts and will be discussing their appearance, food, habitat and special features. The children will build upon their Literacy skills by continuing to enjoy many stories and learning about the concepts of print. They will talk about the stories and pictures, continue to develop their listening skills and focus on rhyme and rhythm. The children will be exploring numbers through counting, recognising numerals and sequencing. They will discuss concepts such as more and less and explore patterns. The children will be learning through a variety of teacher initiated and child initiated play experiences. The children will be encouraged to take on challenges, refine their fine and gross motor skills, continue to build upon their sharing and negotiating skills and explore the world around them.

The children in Room 1 will start the term by looking again at how they can care for the environment by growing their own vegetables and by recycling. They will observe how plants grow from seed to seedling and explore why plants need water and sun light through experiments. The children will recycle fruit scraps by using them to make compost and feed them to the worms in the worm farm. The children will recycle paper by using it to make their own and reuse boxes and tins for collage and games. In the second half of the term, Room 1 will prepare their transition into Prep by focussing on the three Rs: Resilience, Responsibility and Respect. The children will be encouraged to take on a greater responsibility for their own belongings and for jobs to be done within the room. They will be encouraged to deal with conflict and challenges themselves. They will spent time reflecting on what respectful behaviour is and why we should treat everyone with respect.

This term the children in Room 2 will continue to focus their learning on a safari theme. They will create their own zoo safari role play area and make maps to navigate around their zoo. The children will be introduced to the topic of healthy eating and nutrition. They will learn about a balanced diet and how it affects the mind and body. They will learn about the origins of the foods they consume and about native dishes from around the world. The children will also conduct a range of scientific experiments looking at the properties of various materials and liquids to see how they interact with one another. This will help to develop their prediction and analytical skills. The children will develop their problem solving and negotiation skills to enable them to become more independent and confident learners.

This term the children in the 4YO Sessional group will be reflecting on, evaluating, challenging, extending and transferring knowledge and skills they have developed throughout the 2014 school year. The unit "How We Have Grown" will focus on the growth and progress the children have made in their learning, establishing and building upon friendships and individual wellbeing. The children will record their learning journey in chronological sequence using a range of media to draw on their strengths and incorporate literacy and numeracy concepts learnt this year. For example, drawings, art work, letter writing, book making, photo collages and groups discussions. The children will be guided and supported to extend and challenge current knowledge and abilities into unfamiliar areas. Opportunities to apply problem-solving skills and to persist when challenged will be provided. They will be supported to discover new ways of doing and achieving.

On behalf of all the ELC staff, I wish you all a happy final term!

Annie Jacox
Head of ELC
Uniform Second Hand Jumble Sale
The JSPG is holding our first ever Second Hand Uniform Sale this Friday and Saturday. This is an opportunity to sell uniforms you no longer need and/or buy good quality uniforms at a fraction of the new price. Join us in this great recycling and eco-friendly event. For further information on how to present, price and sell goods please see the notice on the app or the Junior school community page on connect@clarendon.

DATES
Drop off clothes at Junior School (with your pricing attached that you have downloaded from the notice)
Thursday 16 October 2pm – 4pm or Friday 17 October 8am – 10am

Sale Days at Junior School
Friday 17 October 2pm – 5pm and Saturday 18 October 10am – 1pm

Pick up unsold clothes and money at Junior School
Wednesday 22 October 8.15am – 9.30am or 3pm – 4.30pm

PLEASE NOTE
No uniforms to be left at the office. Please bring them to the designated drop off days for the JSPG and parent volunteers to receive.

This is a cash only event. Please bring your cash with you on the shopping days.

JSPG Cookbook ‘Our Table’
‘Our Table’ cookbook is going to print this week. Therefore for those who have already purchased your book/s they will be ready to be picked up on our designated collection days at the Junior School once its back from the printers. If you haven’t purchased yet but would still like to, please click on the link below. Thank you to the many, many parents and staff in our junior school community who have helped us complete this beautiful book. An outstanding achievement by everyone involved. Well done.

Please click here for Cookbook Pre-order Form

Footy Colours Day and Sausage Sizzle
On the last day of Term the children participated in our footy colours and sausage sizzle day. Thank you to Deb Clarke, Jane Faull, Jo Dixon, Marissa Cofield, Jocelyn Goldsworthy and Dee Tennant for helping with this event. Thank you also to Todd Stevens and Robyn Gibson for perfecting the cooking of the 300 yummy sausages.

Footy and Netball Carnival
On the last Thursday of Term 3 the Footy and Netball Carnival was held. Congratulations to the College Football for taking out the win. A very big thank you to Todd Stevens, Tonya Roberts-Spencer, Jo Dixon, Deanne Steen, Sally Howe, Zara Faull, Jane Faull and Ben Faull for helping with the sausage sizzle. There were a lot of grateful customers enjoying the warmth of the food.

Class Catch Ups

3 year old extended Kinder
Saturday 25 October
Invermay recreation reserve, 2.30pm to 4.30pm
RSVP – Mihiri (your class rep) by Friday 24 October

Year 2
Coffee Catch up
Wednesday 22 October
Upholstery Gallery, 2pm
Year 4
Coffee Catch up
Wednesday 22 October
Cornucopia, after drop off

Next JSPG meeting – Wednesday 15 October, 7.30pm, in the Junior School Staff Room.
Any parent is welcome to attend. This will be our last meeting before our AGM. All positions will be
vacant at the AGM and we would love to have some new parents join the committee. If you are
interested in a position or just want to find out more information we would love to see you at our next
meeting.

Michelle Ward
JSPG President

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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 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)**

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In addition to these times, Dobsons is open on Orientation Days and in January before the start of the School Year.

**Buy Early and Save Promotion**, available in store, on now until Sunday 23 November, 2014. Please see the Enrolment section of connect@clarendon for a copy of our Price List and additional Trading Hours.

**Closed for Exeat – Friday 24 October, 2014**

Please note the new Dobsons price list is now available on connect@clarendon

**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.

**Summer Uniform**
Currently available, a full size range of School Dresses, White Shirts (crested and plain) and Shorts.

**Trousers Year 12 Boys**
Full size range of Trousers currently available.

**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
For buying and selling your child’s requirements for Primary, Secondary and Tertiary levels visit www.uniformswapshop.com.au

Buy and sell: uniforms, books, sports equipment, musical instruments, camera and film, art supplies, electronics, CD and DVDs.

All sales assist YOUR School community and The Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

Easy to navigate, easy to buy, easy to sell. 24 hour access to goods.
No commissions - 100% of money received by the seller.

Try it today: www.uniformswapshop.com.au
**Information for parents re: scabies**

There has been a confirmed case of scabies in a student who attends the School. There is no cause for alarm but we just wish to ensure that parents are aware and are familiar with the signs and symptoms of scabies.

Please follow the link below for information on scabies and see your medical practitioner if you have any further concerns or enquiries.


Please contact the Health Centre if you have any questions on 53330 8301.

**Lisa Panozzo**
Health Centre

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School Communication – using the app and intranet

The following information is to give parents some tips on how to best use the school intranet and phone app.

**Clarendon phone app** - for viewing notices, diary events, maps and contact information

**Tip** - Please customise your app so you are only receiving notices that are applicable to you. You can filter notifications by completing the following steps:

- On the home page, click on the cog on the bottom right of the screen
- Select subscriptions
- Tick the notifications you wish to receive

**Clarendon Intranet: connect.clarendon.vic.edu.au**

This is the primary form of communication of information within the community. It is password protected, and community members are required to log in each time it is accessed. In addition to the information on the app it is also the place where parents can:

- view reports
- complete online enrolments
- select co-curricular activities
- book times for Student / Parent / Teacher Interviews
- view and download school policies, procedures, forms and other documentation

**Tip** – To find information relevant to your child’s school (Junior School, Middle School etc)

- On the home page select the Community Tab
- Scroll down and select the relevant school
- At times these pages become quite large due to the amount of information, so you may need to scroll down the page to see it all

**Tip** – Can't find what you are looking for?
There is a search box on the home page, enter what you are looking for here

We appreciate your feedback and are committed to improving our communication to parents so please let us know if we can help further by contacting adminsupport@clarendon.vic.edu.au

**Nicholas Stansbie**
Director of School Operations
Junior School Showcase Ushers
The Junior School Showcase is coming up next month, you will soon receive a notice with more details. We will require six ushers to assist at the performance. If you are interested in helping out in this area please contact the Junior School Office for further details. Each usher will have a free seat for the performance.

Kyle Hackwill
Head of Junior School Music

BLOC Musical My Son Pinocchio
Please click here for details

UnitingCare Ballarat presents Famous Last Words
Please click here for details

Run Ballarat
If you would like to register as a member of the Ballarat Clarendon College Team for Run Ballarat on Sunday October 19 follow the link below. Our school is now an official team of Run Ballarat 2014.

Thank you so much for supporting this event and helping us raise the much needed funds for the redevelopment of the Children’s Ward at Ballarat Hospital.

Our school team is open to our whole school community to join, that means students, staff, parents, grandparents and even friends of the school can join our team and it all contributes to our school earning up to $1,000 worth of Sporting equipment from our good friends at HART Sports.

This is how it works (see image below):
1. Visit the website www.runaustralia.com.au
2. Click ‘register now’
3. Then select ‘Run Ballarat’ as your event
4. Click that you are registering as a ‘TEAM’
5. Select ‘Public/School’
6. Click ‘Join existing team’
7. Then search for Ballarat Clarendon College – Official

**YOU MUST JOIN THE ‘OFFICIAL’ TEAM** - If people don’t join the ‘official’ team; it will not be added to your school count!

Participants then click through and do a normal registration, making payment at the end.

Further Information
- Students running the 1km at 10.30 can meet at the Senior School at 10am at the start line.
- Once registered for Team BCC competitors can run in any of the events including the 1km fun run starting at the City Oval at 10.30am for 4 – 12 year olds. $18 entry fee including T Shirt.
- Team BCC to wear a touch of red.
GET INVOLVED!

Hi! Which event would you like to get involved in?

Are you registering as:

- Individual
- Family
- Team
  - Corporate
  - Public / School

Email ranastralia@cottonfoundation.org and we’ll then get in touch with you to confirm.

If your school is already signed up to the School Incentive Program simply select your school name from the ‘how did you hear about’ list when you register.

- Join an existing team - Ballarat and Clarendon College - OFFICIAL Change
- Create a team

☐ I can’t make it on the day and want to be a Virtual Runner

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