



## FAREWELL TO MR BENNALLACK



On behalf of the extended CLG staff and school community, it is my absolute pleasure to acknowledge and thank Rick Bennallack for his dedication, passion and expertise as our school principal for the past 6 years. In case you may not be aware, Rick is moving to an Education Director role in the department. This is a huge promotion and we are incredibly proud of Rick and his achievements. Rick has lead from the front, a true mentor and master recruiter. He has built a strong team of educators working with us all to make CLG a wonderful place to work and learn. Over his time he has been instrumental in promoting our school as a top 20 primary school in the state with school improvement at the forefront through aligning what we do and ensuring rigor whilst ultimately keeping the students at the centre.

With an ongoing and meticulous approach to facilities, CLG has experienced major improvements in Rick's time including the new COLA, Miller Mack renovations, admin office renovations, matching furniture and never-ending painting to name a few. The addition of doors between classrooms has also ensured a collaborative approach.

The past two years has also seen Rick successfully navigate school-life during COVID balancing health and safety restrictions with a mentality of making it work! His high-level problem-solving skills and ability to want to review what we do and make it even better should be commended and is very much appreciated by all. A real strength of Rick's is his consultation and collaboration to ensure parent voice is valued and acted upon really establishing a strong sense of community pride.

Thank you Rick for your outstanding leadership, professionalism and calm demeanor. CLG will miss you greatly but we wish you all the best in your new role and know you will be absolutely fantastic.

*Brianna Frahn, Deputy Principal*

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### DIARY DATES

- 08/12/21 - **YR6 & 7 GRADUATION**
- 09/12/21 - **YR7 BEACH HOUSE EXCURSION  
Rooms 1 & 6**
- 10/12/21 - **W/S ASSEMBLY 10:40am**
- 10/12/21 - **END of 2021 SCHOOL YEAR  
EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:00pm**

### TERM 1, 2022

- 31/01/22 - **TERM 1 COMMENCES**

*The staff  
of CLG  
Primary wish  
you all a very  
Merry  
Christmas and  
a safe and  
Happy New  
Year.*

*Dear Parents, carers, students and community friends,*

## A CELEBRATION OF CAREERS

In just a few days, the 2021 school year will come to end. After a well deserved Christmas break, instead of returning to CLG in 2022, five of our long term CLG staff members will be either moving to a new role, taking some extended time off and/or retiring. It is fitting that we acknowledge the contribution each has made to our school and across the education system. On behalf of the school and the Department for Education, I would like to thank Heather, Tammy, Simone Kirsty and Nancy for their long-term contributions to both CLG and education. We know that you will leave with many wonderful memories and enduring friendships. Enjoy the next stage of your career and/or life.



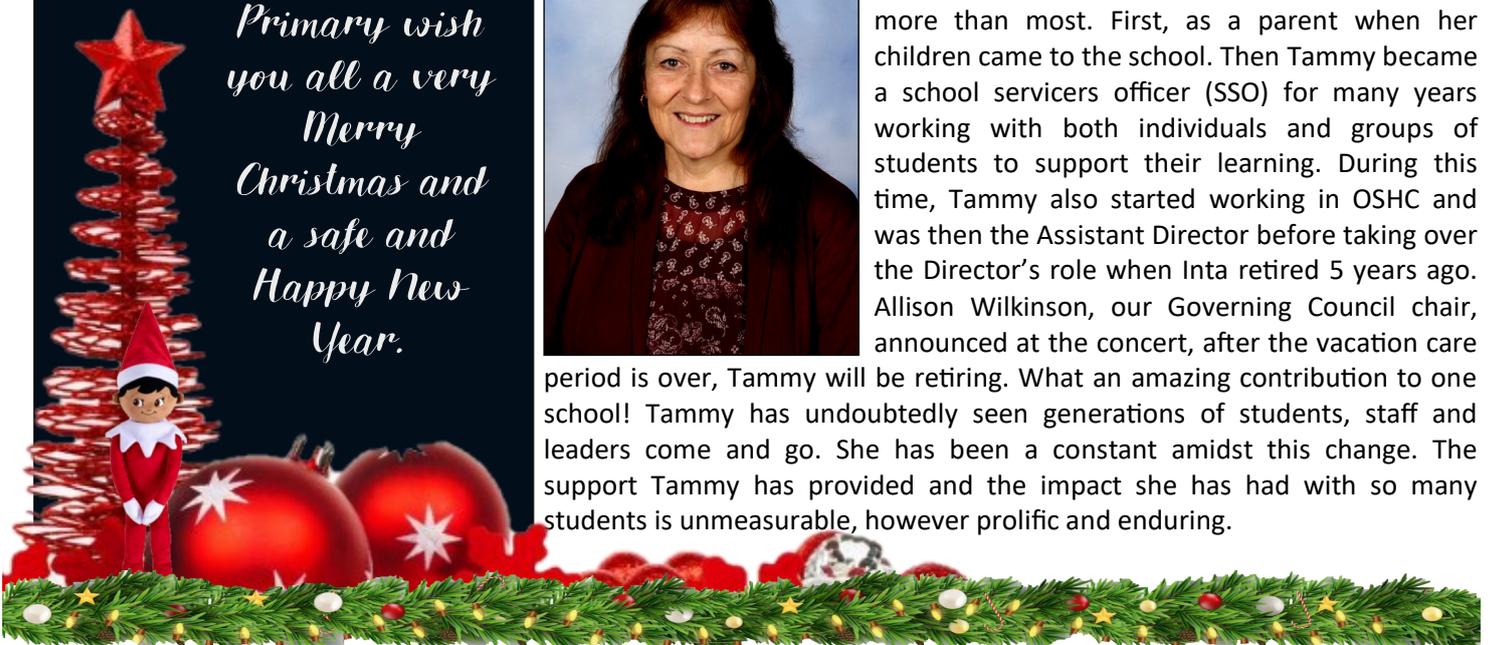
### Heather Frances

After a wonderful career with the Department of Education, 2021 will mark Heather's final year of teaching before taking long service leave and then retiring. Heather has worked in a number of schools in both city and country locations before being appointed to Colonel Light Gardens Primary School to start in 2010. Over the last 11 years, Heather has mainly taught the primary classes at CLG. A couple of years ago, Heather requested to reduce her time to see what life was like as a part-time teacher. In both 2020 and 2021, Heather successfully taught in year 3 sharing with Krista Gill. Heather flagged at the end of last year that 2021 would most likely be her final year. When she confirmed that news a few months ago, it was not what I was hoping to hear! Like a number of talented teachers I have worked with, Heather is a quiet achiever. She is always calm, caring and compassionate. The teaching and learning program Heather provides is engaging and rigorous. The wonderful relationships she develops with students is a key in her success. The year 3 students in room 12 have had a highly productive year. It is fitting that she is ending her career where her late father attended primary school. Thank you Heather for your support, kindness and professionalism. You will be really missed.



### Tammy Hawrylkiw

Tammy's relationship with CLG extends back more than most. First, as a parent when her children came to the school. Then Tammy became a school servicers officer (SSO) for many years working with both individuals and groups of students to support their learning. During this time, Tammy also started working in OSHC and was then the Assistant Director before taking over the Director's role when Inta retired 5 years ago. Allison Wilkinson, our Governing Council chair, announced at the concert, after the vacation care period is over, Tammy will be retiring. What an amazing contribution to one school! Tammy has undoubtedly seen generations of students, staff and leaders come and go. She has been a constant amidst this change. The support Tammy has provided and the impact she has had with so many students is unmeasurable, however prolific and enduring.



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS Cont...

So many students know Tammy and the care and help she provides as the OSHC director. Tammy is a long-term resident of Colonel Light Gardens and undoubtedly will continue to be an active member of this wonderful community. Thank you for your contribution to our school. We wish you the very best in 2022 and beyond.



### Simone Percy

After 7 wonderful years at CLG, Simone is moving to Edwardstown Primary School as the Deputy Principal. This promotion is a recognition of her knowledge, skills and experience as a leader. She started at the beginning of 2015 after winning a teacher librarian position. Over the next few years, Simone reinvigorated our library and turned it into the hub of our school as a well-resourced and inviting space. After a year as one of the school's literacy coaches, in 2019 Simone was appointed as an Assistant Principal with a specific focus on Student Wellbeing and Engagement. Over the last 3 years, this position has become an essential part of our school's leadership team and has provided a tremendous amount of support to our school community. Simone has been there for many families, students and teachers with wellbeing and engagement needs. I have relied heavily on Simone as a key member of the leadership team. Along with Brianna and Penny, we have all complemented and challenged each other. A lot of the success our school has experienced over the last few years, especially with the early years, is due to Simone's leadership. As Simone moves to a new school, we say thank you and all the very best. Just don't try to steal any of our amazing staff!



### Kirsty Sideris

Kirsty arrived at CLG at the start of 2012 as a special education teacher. During her time at the school, Kirsty has worked successfully with many students, individually and in small groups to support their learning. Kirsty has also taught at times for one or two days a week in a class, most recently sharing with Marie Pytharoulis in room 24 teaching a year 1 class in 2020. A couple of years ago, Kirsty's role was broadened from special education to overall educational support. It has been really pleasing to see the impact Kirsty has had on supporting and engaging students. Kirsty has a wealth of knowledge and has been a key driver and resource for staff over the last few years. We as a school, learnt more about interoception, which at a most basic level can be defined as the sense that allows us to answer the question, 'how do I feel?' Both behaviour and the engagement are significantly affected by how in tune students are. Kirsty is taking a year off before considering her future. I wish Kirsty all the very best and thank her for her positivity, dedication, care and concern for our students. Enjoy your next adventure!



### Nancy Elder

Nancy arrived at CLG in 2013 as a relief teacher after making the shift from the United Kingdom. As an experienced teacher from England, Nancy immediately impressed the principal at the time and was slotted into a contact for the following year. Eventually Nancy was made permanent in 2017. During her time at CLG, Nancy worked predominantly with the classes in the early years and has been a big part of the Reade year 1 team. After taking time off in 2019 to visit home, Nancy returned as our EALD teacher supporting students who need support with English. Nancy has been on leave for most of 2021 and has resigned from the Department to consider other work and travel options. I would like to thank Nancy for her contribution to CLG and wish her all the best in her next adventure.

**I would also like to thank the following teachers and SSOs who have worked at CLG this year:**

- **Janet Forster (EALD Teacher):**

Janet started with us part way through the year as our EALD teacher supporting students who have English as their second or additional language.

- **Kylie Collins (Year 1 Teacher):**

Kylie also started this year after completing her teaching practicum at CLG. Kylie has worked across two year 1 classes in the Reade building sharing with both Karen Hawkes and Michelle Wyman.

- **Peter Akakios (PE Teacher):**

Peter joined the CLG team in term 3 of 2021, sharing a teaching role with Jack Dale. Peter taught Physical Education on Thursdays and Fridays.

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# PRINCIPAL'S NEWS Cont..

- **Gayle Irwin (Curriculum SSO):**  
Gayle has worked as an SSO for 2 years supporting students in some of the Lower Mortlock classes.
- **Demi – Rose Larner (Curriculum SSO):**  
Demi started late last year and has worked with classes in both Reade and Lower Mortlock.
- **Brooke Coulls (Curriculum SSO):**  
Brooke has worked at CLG for 18 months with a number of classes as an SSO in the Mortlock building.
- **Kim Haines (Curriculum SSO):**  
Kim started at CLG this year and has worked mainly with our year 6 upper primary classes in Grange.
- **Tom Marchant (Curriculum SSO):**  
Tom also started this year and worked as an SSO mainly with our year 5 classes, and also supporting some students in year 1 with their phonics.

I would like to thank each of these staff members for their contribution this year and wish them all the best in their next endeavours.

## NEW PRINCIPAL

As announced last Thursday on Seesaw, **Liz Pelling** has been appointed as the new principal of Colonel Light Gardens Primary School starting in 2022 for an initial 5 year tenure. Liz is an experienced and highly regarded school leader at Coromandel Valley Primary School, where she has worked for 14 years as a teacher, deputy principal and for the last 6 years, the Principal.

Liz visited CLG on Monday to meet the staff, with me and the other CLG leaders as the first part of the handover. Although leaving Coromandel Valley will be difficult after such a long time at the school, Liz is genuinely excited and appreciative to be appointed as the principal of CLG. Liz will be sending home an introductory letter in the near future. Welcome Liz. As you will soon discover 'CLG is a great place to be!'



**Rick Bennallack**

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## IMPORTANT: FOR FAMILIES NOT RETURNING TO CLG

For those families whose children will not be returning to CLG in 2022, it is important that you have downloaded and / or printed all school reports for all of your children prior to the end of December. Your SENTRAL account will become inactive in January when the school data-base rolls over to the 2022 school year and you will no longer have access to your child/ren's data. Please email [megan.lang499@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:megan.lang499@schools.sa.edu.au) if you require assistance. To download your school reports, please follow the guide below:

The screenshots illustrate the following steps:

- Tap on web portal
- tap home button - select student
- tap student details
- tap to expand Academic Reports
- tap on report links to start download

# 2021 fundraising outcome..

Thank you to our entire school community for supporting our fundraising events this year and every year.

We had 7 fundraising opportunities for 2021:

- **KYTON'S BAKERY HOT CROSS BUNS & LAMINGTONS FUNDRAISER**
- **SPORTS DAY CAKE STALL**
- **MOTHER'S DAY STALL AND RAFFLE**
- **FATHER'S DAY STALL AND RAFFLE**
- **COLOUR FRENZY FUN RUN**
- **ONLINE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**
- **SCHOOL CONCERT - GOLD COIN DONATION**

We are extremely happy to announce we raised a profit of **\$30525.56** for Colonel Light Gardens Primary School in 2021. This amount will be put towards re-surfacing the courts underneath the COLA.

We will be looking for someone to take over as Fundraising Committee Coordinator in 2022, as well as casual members. Please email me if you are interested [clgpsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:clgpsfundraising@gmail.com)

On behalf of the fundraising committee, we would like to thank **Rick Bennallack** for always supporting our fundraising ideas without any pressure to raise a single dollar. Your focus has always been to ensure our events are about the students and our school community. You have always made yourself available to help organise our events and that is greatly appreciated. We wish you all the best in your new role.

*Amy Giles - Fundraising Committee*

## P.E. SPORTS & SAPSASA UPDATE



A huge congratulations to **Larson W** in Room 1 for his performance in the SAPSASA District Tennis Championships. He played seed 2 in the City South team who won the div 2 competition. This is a great achievement and shows his dedication to the sport.

*Jack Dale, PE Teacher & SAPSASA Coordinator*

## Japan Junction

Where you'll find cool facts and info.....

### Japanese Challenge 2021 (Year 6)

This exciting annual competition at CLG is designed for upper primary students (Yr 7 semester 1 / Yr 6 semester 2) to evaluate their knowledge and skills that they have gained during their Primary school years.

Students were assessed on the following criteria:

- Reading, writing and speaking skills
- High quality of work
- Respect of Japanese culture
- Positive learning attitude and organisation
- Participation and consistency
- Artistic and creative skills

There are different topics each year and the focus for 2021 was a tourist brochure and a Japanese family crest. The top 3 students in Year 6 have been presented with an award and Japanese gift to celebrate their outstanding achievement.

**The 3 winners are:**



**Mike W**

**Charlize H**

**Nivedh V**



I'd also like to recognise and congratulate the following students on their amazing results:

- Olivia S • Rachel J • Jake S • Tait S • Elizabeth W • Lawrence H • Darcy E
- Nicolas H • Alannah J • Mitchell J • Lulu O • Mary C • Henry A
- Tom K • Matt N • Max P • Grace W • Charles B • Gao W

**Well done and you should be very proud of your achievement.**



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROOMS 14 & 15?

# BOOK WEEK PARADE COSTUMES



# colour frenzy fun run



# BOOK WEEK at the ZOO



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROOMS 14 & 15? Cont..

### Inquiring Minds?



### MATHS is FUN!



### silk worms & nature play



# AFTER HOURS SPORTS UPDATE

## Year 2/3 Mixed Summer Basketball



We have finished the term undefeated. Well done to **Amy Johnson** for picking up the coaching position in Term 4.

*Awesome team effort!*

## Year 2/3 Mixed Summer Basketball



Another great season for our other Year 2/3 team. Many thanks to **Sarah Juckers** for taking on the coaching position for the entire Summer/Winter season. *Amazing effort!*

## Year 4 Mixed Summer Basketball



Another successful team, with new members and a fabulous coach, **Helena Roberts** who also coached for the entire Summer/Winter season.

*Fantastic effort!*

## Year 5,6,7 Summer Basketball



Our awesome senior basketball team had a fantastic season, with some challenging games. Our coach **Jazmine Berry** has done a fantastic job and we appreciate the time you have given. Many thanks, we could not have done it without you.

## Senior Soccer team



The final year of primary school soccer for some of our players. They have had a successful year winning most of their games. We wish our players every success for their future playing careers. **Vladimir Pajkic** has done a fantastic job in developing our players.

## Master Blasters Yr 2 Cricket Team



Well done boys, hope you enjoyed the first half of your season and are looking forward to your next game in 2022!

## AFTER HOURS SPORTS UPDATE

### BOYS C GRADE CRICKET TEAM



Our fabulous C grade cricketers have had another successful season, looking forward to seeing you all next season. A big thank you to **Al** and **Chris** for managing & coaching these upcoming Super Stars.

### SENIOR B GRADE CRICKET TEAM



This is our Senior Cricket side, a big thank you and goodbye to our coach **Adrian Rickards**, your dedication has been very much appreciated. Another group of Super stars, looking forward to seeing you all next year.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### 2022 SANFL Schools Competition reminder

*SANFL Schools will be going ahead again in 2022 we want your school on board.*

*With FREE registration fees with use of the ORSR Sports Voucher your students in years 2-6 can participate in a Fun, Inclusive, Introductory and Fun competition.*

*Central venue competitions will be played throughout metropolitan Adelaide every Saturday morning with our motto*

**SAME TIME + SAME PLACE everyweek**

*Start getting interest from all boys and girls in your school as we will be calling for team nominations early in Term 1 for all mixed and girls competitions.*

**For further details contact [schools@sanfl.com.au](mailto:schools@sanfl.com.au)**

