

# Clyde S.C

## NEWSLETTER

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Are you an avid writer? Have you got ideas or thoughts you want to share through writing? This is your SPACE!

Welcome to the first edition of the student newsletter for Clyde S.C. We hope to make this a monthly thing at Clyde and a space for all students to freely enter their writing to be shared with the whole student body.

If there is something you would like to contribute to the newsletter, all you have to do is email [melissa.belias@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:melissa.belias@education.vic.gov.au)

**What's In This Month's Issue?**

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## Interschool Volleyball Sport by Jio Nerviol

Playing in inter school sports for volleyball this year was a really enriching experience for us students which taught us a lot about working together as a team. The energy was high as we faced off against other schools with our hearts pumping. Our team did a great job because we all had different skills that fit well together. Throughout this experience we all knew it wasn't about winning or losing; it was more about how we talked to each other, supported one another, and stayed positive no matter what happened in the game. At times when we were under pressure we were still able to make our team stick together and help one another out. Throughout these games it turned into an experience; at all times we all participated as a team. When everyone supported each other, it didn't how well we played, it was about how we worked as a team, cheered each other on, and never gave up. It was a cool experience that showed us the importance of teamwork and encouraging each other.

# PERFORMING ARTS

Hello my name is Keerthana, and I am from 7I. In performing arts, me and my team( Sejleen, Seerat and Eliana) built a storyline talking about two characters named George and Patch, who were siblings, and received a text to go to the forest by themselves . Frederick, the evil arch-nemesis of George, follows them into the forest. But George and Patch found out shortly after. While they were talking, a ghost scared them and forced them to find the magic fruit. They found the fruit and gave it to the ghost which freed them from an evil curse.

The other people in my class performed Playboi Carti, Travis Scott and there was also a narrative story about the three little pigs which I really enjoyed this performance and loved performing on stage.

## A Midsummer Night to Remember - Aaminah Fayyaz 9A

On Friday, February the 2nd, 2023s 8A students and the current new 9A students were all invited to watch Shakespeare's famous comedy play, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Botanical Gardens in Melbourne. Being a student in 8A last year, the play was featured as one of our CATs for English, as a class we acted it out over a span of weeks and analysed it for our CAT. This was one of my favourite assessments and delightfully enough for us, we were able to watch it played professionally the following year.

The excursion began after school at 6:00 in the evening, we arrived at school and then went by bus to the city. The bus ride was wonderful as we drove through tunnels, took photos of Melbourne's eye-catching scenery and talked amongst our friends. Once the drive came to an end we arrived at the Southbank mall's food court for an early dinner. The next half an hour or so consisted of making the tough decision of what to eat and where to sit. This was one of the highlights of this excursion as we dined on the food court tables, making us feel like 8A once again. After our early "dinner" had commenced we were back on the bus, on our way to the Botanical Gardens. The play was fabulous, the lighting, the costumes. The garden made the performance greater as the forest was a main setting within the play, the actors made Shakespeare's work little modern and relatable. Sitting on a picnic mat all while sharing a blanket with your friends and food with your classmates, the play was certainly like no other, the setting and seating was far more creative and perhaps more interactive than your stereotypical play. Ultimately, this was one of my most memorable excursions, the wonderful time with my classmates and friends was the pinnacle of it all.



## Interschool Debating

Debating. The feelings of stress, excitement and enthusiasm all anticipated and yet well and truly felt. My name is Amy Amosa and I have the pleasure of giving you a quick brief on what it was like debating for Clyde Secondary College. Training started a mere two weeks before our school's first ever debating competition. Both teams' first debate topic was: "Contact sports should be banned in school". A few after schools and many lunchtimes were sacrificed for this, and it had proven worthy. The day we've all been waiting for finally came, competition day. I remember being terrified for my life at that moment. I also felt as if I was going to burst in excitement at my first ever real debate. My blood was pumping hard and fast, my nerves flying through the roof and the fact that I dropped my flashcards twice while rehearsing didn't help. The debate started and man I was scared, and it didn't help that the team we (both teams) were up against (Haileybury College teams 1 & 4) looked so intimidating (at least for my debate)! We finished our debate with ease and our judicator took her time deciding the winning team. Unfortunately my team lost, BY ONE POINT! 224 - 225 was the final score for team 1's debate whereas team 2's debate was 222 - 225, with CSC losing by 3 points. I'd like to thank everyone who was part of this; Team 1 - Amy Amosa (Speaker 1), Nandini Mahajan (Speaker 2), Lavanya Srinivasan (Speaker 3) along with Alexandra Eastburn and Muhammad Ahmed. Team 2 - Jeny Patel (Speaker 1), Trent Hall (Speaker 2), Bailey Lawson (Speaker 3) and Agampreet Kaur and Sajida Mohammadi. And a huge thank you to Ms Schmidt for having the patience to deal with us and for teaching us how to really debate and for Miss Allen and Mr Jared for coming to support us on competition day. I am so proud of both our teams and I can't wait for our next debate/s in May!



Debating Club



Interschool Volleyball

## RAMADAN: Almira Hafiz 7E

Fasting is a very important part in Islamic culture. Fasting happens during Ramadan. Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic calendar and is one of the most sacred ones. People celebrate Ramadan because it is the time where the first words of the Holy Qur'an were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam). To understand how Ramadan became such an important part of Islam, we need to go back to the very beginning, 610 A.D., to be precise. This is the year during which prophet Muhammad ﷺ meditated in the cave of Hira, located in the Jabal an-Nour mountain close to Mecca. Whilst he was meditating, Muhammad ﷺ was visited by the angel Jibril who revealed the first words of what would later be known as the Qur'an. The angel told Muhammad ﷺ that these words came directly from Allah and that He is the one and only God. Fast forwarding to now, over 2 billion people celebrate Ramadan and its significance. The last 10 days of Ramadan are the most important and sacred days of the month. Laylat ul-Qadr or the Night of Power and is considered to be the Islamic calendar's holiest eve. During this night, Angel Jibril (Gabriel) revealed the Holy Qur'an's first verses to the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. This night falls within Ramadan's final 10 days, and although the exact date is unidentified, it is commonly thought of as the 27th day of Ramadan. Eid - al Fitr or Eid is a celebration to mark the end of Ramadan. During Eid we usually make delicious sweets and wear Islamic clothes.

Personally my favourite part of Eid is celebrating with my family and eating all of the delicious sweets. Eid traditionally lasts 3 days and is widely known as the celebration for finishing the last 10 days of Ramadan. Some of the goals of fasting are to draw closer to Allah, reconnect with the Qur'an, increase in will power and self control, feel compassion for others, increase in generosity and charitable giving.

ﷺ: the symbol of “ﷺ” is a prayer that Muslims say after they mention the Prophet Muhammad's “ﷺ” name and only for him.

Almira Hafiz (7E)