**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dear Parents

**YES! Level 1 Working Bee**

TODAY, **Friday 16th November** is the Prep’s Parents Working Bee. The last one for the year! Hope you joined us today with the Preps and their teachers Fairlie Halligan and Lisa Halstead from 2.30 -4.30pm. We did sweeping, weeding and planting out a fantastic Prep garden together. More hands DO make light work! Thanks for bringing gloves, secateurs, brooms and rakes, etc. today.

**Regional Girls Basketball Finals at Cranbourne**

Well done to our Year 6 girls in the Regional Finals. Although the girls were so enthusiastic and excited to be playing at such a high level they were no match to teams that play every Saturday and train indoors twice a week. Their games were hard and they tried their hearts out, but they did learn and that if you want to play at highest level you can, it is about parents taking them to join teams that play on Saturdays. Great work girls!

**Our Magical World of Dance!**

Get your tickets! Selling fast! Don’t miss out on this unbelievable evening!

The Magical World of Dance is on **Thursday 6th December at 7.00pm** at the new Clayton Church of Christ, Clayton where Poh Choo and our Mentors attend.

It will be something to remember for the rest of your child’s life. Don’t miss out – get your $4.00 tickets from Heather or phone the school to purchase your tickets. This is going to be sensational.
Wow Whacky Wonderful Walkathon
What a Whacky Wonderful Walkathon. WOW! Last Tuesday 13th November we had every CSPS student assist PFA raise enough money to purchase much needed new modern outdoor seating for our student, parents and visitors as they enter our school on Nurrumburn Road. ($50.00 will purchase a name plate on a seat for your family. Every student had a Whacky good time.

Senior School Art Gallery / China Town Excursion
On Wednesday 14th November I accompanied the Senior School on their Visual Arts Excursion to Melbourne where we visited The National Gallery of Victoria. This is an annual excursion that our students find amazing to see original paintings and sculptures. Thank you Valeska Castillo for organizing this sensational experience! Please remember that so many places are FREE in the City of Melbourne and the Melbourne City Circle tram is FREE too! The students were so excited about the wonderful stain glass ceiling in the Great Hall that was designed and made by Leonard French in 1969 with cut glass representing angels, snakes, doves and circles - depicting life! It was a fantastic day.

Students in the Great Hall with the stain glass ceiling and looking at the original painting by Picasso of the Weeping Woman.

Camp Australia
This week is the last time we will have Ana working in our school for CAMP Australia Before and After School Care. Ana has been so kind to our students and much loved by the students and parents who have used this facility. I know you will join with me in wishing Ana all the best in her new school. We will miss you Ana. X
Curriculum Day

Remember **Friday 23rd November** is our last Curriculum Day for this year, when staff will be developing the Clayton South Primary School Maths program for Number. I hope this is on your Calendar. No student is required at school on this day.

Driving a student to After School Care

As we will no longer have After School Care at CSPS we URGENTLY require a kind, considerate, parent to daily drop one of our lovely young students off at an After School Care private provider. You will be paid for your most valued assistance. Please ring the school on 95880599 as soon as possible. This is a very urgent matter.

Australian Educational Work Bans

As you are probably aware from the daily press, the teachers are working to rule over the last few months as they are awaiting news from Victorian Government of their salary and working condition claims that are currently being negotiated through Arbitration.

The AEU has a ban on report writing. It includes a ban on reporting student achievement to the Education Department and a ban on providing any written comments or numerical assessment data in student reports. So our staff will be supporting this ban. I know our parent community are very supportive of teacher claims and I thank you for this. If you require a parent interview at the time of your child’s report is brought home, please speak personally to your child’s teacher. There are also bans in place on implementing the National Curriculum, including trials and Professional Development. All actions involved in the use of the Ultranet are also banned.

Thank you for your understanding and support of your child/children’s teachers. Much appreciated.

Keep smiling and enjoy your beautiful children every day!

Lynne Dickins
Principal

Interschool Sport News

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The 5/6 students had an enjoyable lesson about fire safety with the three fire fighters; Rob, Alan and Gabe. They discussed what to do if a fire occurred and the importance of safety.

Sanath held up the flashcards. We talked about dropping and crawling underneath the layer of smoke. Rob explained what we should take out of the house—nothing! Believe it or not, you cannot last longer than 30 seconds breathing in smoke!

The fire brigade doesn’t just extinguish fires they rescue people from car accidents, collapsed buildings and much more. You should check your smoke alarm weekly and replace your batteries yearly or when daylight savings starts or ends. The 5/6 students learnt many ideas on fire safety.

BY KHANG NGUYEN

On Monday the 12th of November, three fire fighters came to visit the 5/6 area, to teach us about the importance of fire safety. The first thing they talked about was how to prevent a fire. Sanath helped Rob by holding up some flashcards which had all the information on it.

Next, Rob explained the fire triangle. He said that a fire is made up of three elements; heat, fuel and oxygen. If you take away one of those elements there’s no fire. We discussed what you can do in our houses to prevent a fire, like keeping candles away from curtains and never leaving cooking unattended. We also talked about having a fire plan, so you know what to do immediately if a fire starts in your house.

Did you know that fire fighters don’t only put out fires? Rob said they also rescue kittens up trees and more. If your house is flooded, call 000. I really enjoyed the fire fighters visit to our school. It was very interesting. BY RAQUEL MOLDRICH

ART GALLERY AND CHINESE MUSEUM EXCURSION The grade 5/6 students had a sensational day exploring beautiful Asian Art collections. They also experienced wonderful Chinese dance traditions.
Junior School Council Report: What we have achieved in 2012

This year has been a wonderful year with the extra members added to the council. Everyone has dedicated themselves to the tasks to be completed. We are now going to give you an outline what the junior School Council have been working on this year.

Term 1

One of our major fundraisers was in term one for the student toilets to be fixed. We raised a total of $181. Before, the toilets were the most disgusting, unclean, bland and of course, unwanted part of the school. We surveyed the whole school about the change that they most wanted to see at Clayton South and found out that they wanted to fix the toilets. We also found out the colours they wished to see them decorated in and gave all the information to Mrs Dickins who made it happen. Now, the toilets have coloured feature walls, new doors with proper locks, large mirrors and painted walls. A big improvement!

Term 2

The JSC supported Red Nose Day and promoted this at assembly. For a few weeks before Red Nose day, the Junior School Council visited all the grades at Clayton South selling different items from our fundraiser box. We raised $108 for young children in need.

Term 3

We all enjoyed our fundraiser this term. We decide a fun way to raise money would be to hold a colour day. On colour day, each class was given a colour to dress up in which was pulled out of a hat. Students received points for each item in that colour and an award was given to the grade and the student with the most points. We asked for a gold coin donation and raised $103.30 on this special day. We are still discussing on how we can spend this money effectively and are trying to choose between getting the school microphone fixed, or more books and games for the classroom.

Term 4

Now the Junior School Council is discussing the roles of the future captains and the school councillors. We are in the process of brainstorming and typing up job descriptions for the School and Sports Captains and also the Junior school Councillors. This way, when we hand over our responsibilities to the new JSC, they can be prepared, knowing what they can bring to the school.

Currently, we captains are also discussing the idea of starting houses. This way, the school can understand other people’s personalities, make new friends and most importantly, have fun!

Thanks for reading!

Lenna Ear, (School captain) and Sanath Guruprasad , (Vice Sports Captain) on behalf of the Junior school councillors
Get your TICKETS for....
The C.S.P.S. Dance Club Performance...
OUR MAGICAL WORLD OF DANCE!

Dear parents & friends, our Dance Club is performing a magnificent dance show and we want YOU to come see it!
The dance show is about a group of friends and their love for dance. The children go on a magical journey around the world discovering different hip hop and traditional dance moves and meanings from our incredible world of dance.

When: The show is on Thursday December 6th at 7:00 pm.

Where: The gorgeous new and fully equipped facilities at Clayton Church of Christ on 23-25 Burton Avenue, Clayton VIC 3168.

 TICKET ORDER FORM
The C.S.P.S. Dance Club Performance...
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Quick! Get your tickets now, before we’re all sold out – First come = First serve!

Please complete, enclose payment and return to your child’s classroom teacher or the OFFICE NO later than Friday November 30th.

Cost of ticket = $4 per child/adult.
(This is a non-profit event - 100% of ticket price goes towards paying for the performance, i.e., costumes & hiring the facility).

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DANCERS and BACKSTAGE CREW do not have to pay for a ticket.

Order forms will be collected and tickets for the show given to you the same or next day.

Family or Individual Name: ____________________________________________
Name of student you would like tickets to go home with: ________________ Grade __ A/B/C
Contact number: ______________________________________________________

☐ I have completed the above order form and enclosed $____ in the envelope provided.

Thank you for supporting our students and performing arts at Clayton South Primary School 😊
Is bedwetting occurring in your family?

Attend “Happiness is a dry bed” with Janet Blainey, Child Psychologist.

Bedwetting is a common and distressing difficulty for children and their families. There will be a free information session for parents where practical advice will be given on the management of bedwetting including causes and ways of helping a child to be dry at night.

Tuesday 13th November at Brighton Recreational Centre, 93 Outer Cresent, Brighton, 7:30 to 9:30pm. Inquires Telephone 9598 3537