Harmony Day/International Day 2014

Harmony Day is being celebrated next week on Wednesday 19th March at Clayton South and all around Australia during Cultural Diversity Week. It's a day when all Australians celebrate our great diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone that calls Australia home - from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries across the land. By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how we can all work together and enrich each others lives. It gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common.

The message for Harmony Day in 2014 is, “What does belonging mean to you?” It's also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day began in 1999 and since then, a wide variety of groups including sports organisations, community groups, local, state and federal government agencies, schools and businesses have staged more than 25,000 Harmony Day events. Over the years, Harmony Day has grown in popularity as Australians have made the day their own.

This is the day we are having our International Day this year and as we registered our celebration day on the Harmony Day website all students who participate will get a free pin and balloon. Please make sure you return your child’s International Day notice with $7 so we can all have a great day. Remember students are encouraged to dress in their national costumes on the day and you are invited to join in the fun from 9am with our incursion, morning tea with staff (come and share some of your cultural specialties) and then at 11:30am for our celebration parade and performances from our wonderful students.
School Council Elections 2014

At the close of nominations last Friday 28th February, three parents nominated for the vacant positions. They are duly elected to the vacancies and an election is not required. Congratulations to: Kylie Jones-Wilson, Louise Dorr and Hulya Canpolat. The new Council will hold a short meeting after the Annual General Meeting – Monday 24th March, to co-opt members and elect office bearers. Please feel free to come and join us at 6pm if you have any questions or you would like more information about School Council.

Parent Teacher Interviews

On Wednesday 2nd April we will hold individual interviews so you can get an up to date picture of how your child is progressing. It is very important that all families attend. Notices will go home this week. Teachers will allocate times on a first come first serve basis. So please make sure you check your child’s bag daily for notes and ensure replies are sent back as soon as possible.

Every Day Counts

Schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 – 17 years unless an exemption from attendance or enrolment has been granted.

Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don’t fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification, have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.
WORKING TOGETHER SO OUR CHILDREN REACH THEIR POTENTIAL

We want all students at CSPS to reach their full potential as you do. Parents supporting our school in a positive manner and working in partnership with teachers is pivotal in ensuring the best outcomes for all. Some simple ways to help support your child’s learning are:

- Ensure your child gets enough sleep. On school nights, keep a set bed time, if possible.
- Encourage your child to eat a good breakfast – school days don’t go well on an empty stomach. For the school day pack a healthy snack that your child will enjoy.
- Arrive on time. If you are rushed in the morning prepare as much as possible the night before.
- For younger children, know their school routines. Jot down when specialist lessons occur or special activities are planned. This way you can support them in being organized.
- Diligently send back notices etc. Our year 5/6 students have diaries to further support the development of organisational skills.
- Talk to them about rules we have at home, school and in society, and why we have them. We need fair rules and guidelines to ensure the best outcomes for all.
- Plan time for children to play outside and get lots of exercise, particularly on these lovely autumn days.
- Have fun with your child – enjoy special times together.
- Help to make sure reading and homework are completed when asked.
- Follow up any concerns you may have with your child’s teacher or the school’s leaders.
Staying Safe Online

What to do if somebody is being mean to you online:

The internet lets us watch videos, play all kinds of games and find out interesting stuff. But sometimes people can be mean on the internet, just like some people are mean in real life.

If someone is being mean to you while you are on the internet or on a mobile phone:

1. Tell one of these people: your mum or dad, your teacher, an aunty, an uncle, a grandparent, your brother, your sister or a friend. Keep telling them until they help.

2. Don’t answer any of their mean comments. Save them and show them to a parent or teacher.

3. Get a parent or teacher to help you block them so they can’t contact you any more.

4. Report them to the game/video host so they get blocked.

5. Remember it isn’t your fault if someone is mean online. Nobody should be bullied.

www.cybersmart.gov.au

Little Scientists back at John Monash Science School

Students had the opportunity to learn about flight by making paper planes. They also learnt about gravity whereby they had to cover an egg with newspapers or sticky tape, straws or other materials and drop it from one story to see which egg didn’t break and our school came third. The students in the photos are Saanvi, Aanas, Navineet and Hanna.
CAFÉ Strategy: Check for Understanding

Even as an adult reader, there are times when I am reading a story and I get lost and am not sure what has happened. Fortunately, when this happens, I have strategies I use to help me understand the story. The same thing happens when children read. However, with children they often keep reading and do not realize they lost comprehension until the end of the story. They are too concerned with reading accurately, and forget to take the time to think about what they are reading. How can we help them gain comprehension? We can teach them the comprehension strategy: **check for understanding** because good readers stop frequently to check for understanding or to ask who and what.

**How can you help your child with this strategy at home?**

1. When reading to your child, stop periodically and say, “Let’s see if we remember what I just read. Think about who the story was about and what happened.” Do this 3 or 4 times throughout the story.

2. When reading to your child, stop and have them practice checking for understanding by saying, “I heard you say…”

3. Ask your child the following questions:
   - Who did you just read about?
   - What just happened?
   - Was your brain talking to you while you read?
   - Do you understand what was read?
   - What do you do if you don’t remember?

   **Thank you for your continued support at home!**

* Ideas and strategies are taken from: The CAFE Book, written by Gail Kennedy & Joan Moser
* Created by Allison Behr © 2004 www.the4thyafe.com
**PFA Special Lunch**

**Pizza, Gelati and a Juice Box Lunch – Wednesday 19th March**

Order Forms were sent home on Tuesday – Please remember to return your order with the payment by *Tuesday March 18th – 9am* - No late orders can be processed

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**Playgroup News**

Clayton South’s Playgroup has vacancies in both sessions – Thursday 10am – 12pm & Friday 9am – 11am

If you have a child from zero to pre-school or you know of a family that may be interested in attending please call the school office on 9558 0599 for more information.
## Student Awards

**Presented at assembly - February 27 & March 6**

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<td>James N</td>
<td>For being a friendly role model and approaching his class work with diligence</td>
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<td>Margaret</td>
<td>For helping other students in the yard and classroom She is a terrific role model</td>
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<td>5/6 B</td>
<td>Natasha &amp; Andrew</td>
<td>For being a responsible and super-organised school captain – Well Done!</td>
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<td>Dima</td>
<td>For her positive attitude and enthusiasm to all class activities</td>
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<td>Art Award</td>
<td>Akam</td>
<td>For her very creative water colour Mandala Keep up the great work!</td>
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**Good Work Everyone!!**
Sports Reports

27th Feb (Week 5)

**Cricket:** Today the cricket team played against St Josephs. Dhruv, Jaden, Archie and Nick scored four wickets between them. The scores were 65 to 50. We scored 65 and we won.

**Softball:** Today the mixed softball team played a fantastic game against St Josephs. Both teams batted and fielded well. Amor caught 2 people out which is called a double play and Tommy made 2 home runs. The score in the first innings was seven all and after the second innings the score was nine all. The game was a draw. Everybody had fun.

**Mixed Basketball:** Today the mixed basketball team played a fun and exciting match. Everyone did so well with shooting goals and defending. Aanas did good layups, he got 14 points for the team. Thanks to Miss Monk for coaching us yesterday and Mrs Douglass for the rest of the term. The scores were 48 to zero. We played in a friendly match and we won!

**Girls Basketball:** Today the girls basketball team played a friendly match. All the girls played really well, especially when Natasha and I were subbed off and the younger students still played like we were playing too. Those players were Dima, Marmarin, Raviha, Vienna and Emily. The scores were 36-0. We won!

**Girls Volleyball:** Girls volleyball played their best game this year. Aliyah and Steph served very well. We won 2 sets to nil. The scores were 21 to 10 and 21 to 11.

**Mixed Volleyball:** The mixed volleyball team played a very close scoring first set. Katrina and Isabella served extremely well. Kelly also showed great improvement. St Joseph’s mixed team won two sets to nil. The scores were 21 to 23 and 14 to 2.

6th March (Week 6)

**Cricket:** Today our cricket team played against St Anthony’s. Our whole team did very well. James did terrific batting by hitting three sixes. Andrew P, Matthew, Ferdos and Jaden did great bowling and we got 5 wickets. The scores were 81 to 101. Unfortunately, we lost, but it was a great match.

**Softball:** We played an enjoyable game of softball with St Anthony’s. Both teams made a number of home runs. We won by 4 runs. Katie played well because she got hit by the ball twice and continued to play.

**Mixed Basketball:** Today the mixed basketball team had a tough match. The scores were 32 to 6. Unfortunately we lost but we ran hard and accepted all the ref’s decisions. Best on field was Antony for dribbling the ball down the court consistently.

**Girls Basketball:** Today the girls basketball team played a great yet a very tough match. St Anthony’s had very tall players and it was hard to defend. Margaret got a great goal and the rest of the girls were good at passing and at snatching the ball. The scores were 2-10. Unfortunately we lost for the first time.

**Girls Volleyball:** Today the girls volleyball team played indoors in a hall in a friendly match. Mikara began a sensational rally which was full of excitement! Saanvi served very well. The scores were 2 sets to 1 but unfortunately we lost.

**Mixed Volleyball:** The mixed volleyball team tried their best. Eirini was amazing and played two superb rallies. Kelly showed great skills in serving. The scores were 2 sets to nil, St Anthony’s won.
We focussed on GETTING ALONG strategies in our “You Can Do It” program and created

# Friendship Recipe

**Ingredients**
- 1 Cup of sharing
- 2 Tablespoons of honesty
- 1 litre of humour
- ¼ cup of trust
- 3 teaspoons of good manners
- A sprinkle of kindness
- A handful of respect

**Method:**
Pour the sharing into a bowl, as well as trust. Mix well.
Add honesty and good manners into the same bowl.
In a separate bowl pour in your respect and sprinkle your kindness on top.
Now pour them together and mix well.
Put in the refrigerator half an hour (30 minutes).
Enjoy your friendship

*By Katie and Natasha!*

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# Friendship Recipe

**Ingredients**
- 1 cup of sharing
- 6 tablespoons of kindness
- 9999 cups of humour
- 2 teaspoons of caring
- ½ of a cup of good manners

**Method:**
Mix sharing with the kindness into a bowl.
Pour in the humour and carefully mix it together to get this yellowish colour.
Grab the good manners and mix it together with the other ingredients.
Caring should go in the bowl and once again mix together.
Place spoonfuls of mixture on a tray with baking paper over it.
Put in the oven at 200 degrees for 15 minutes. Then take them out and

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<td>21 litres of trust</td>
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<td>4 litres of smiles</td>
<td>600 drops of kindness</td>
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<td>Half a teaspoon of humour</td>
<td>180 cups of comforting</td>
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<td>3 cups of sharing</td>
<td>1 large bowl of care for decorating</td>
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**Method**
1. Preheat oven to 240 degrees Celsius.
2. Place all ingredients in a bowl and combine well. (Note: do not mix in care as it is for decorating).
3. Line a pan with baking paper and brush with happiness.
4. Pour the mixture into the pan.
5. Put the pan into the oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown.
6. Let the cake cool for 10 minutes.
7. Spread on care and dust with the extra loyalty.
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Information Evening
Wednesday 19th March, 2014
7.00pm — Learning Centre

Applications close
Friday 2nd May, 2014

Selection Test
Saturday 10th May, 2014
9.00am—12.00pm
Cost $60.00

2014 COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday April 29th
Commencing 7:00pm

Held in the Performing Arts Centre

For further information about our Open Night or to organise
a personal tour of the college, conducted by a member
of our Leadership Team, please contact the General Office
on 9579 1044 or visit our website — www.bentleighbc.vic.edu.au

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Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

Closes Friday 2nd May 2014