Dear Parents,

TEACHER STOP WORK ACTION

Thank you for your support you have given our staff by keeping your child/children home yesterday. Teachers do not take stop work action unless they have no other option. Staff in the Australia Education Union have agreed to ban all work outside required hours of attendance. This means only working a 38 hour week. This ban applies to many activities that staff regularly attend and manage outside school hours.

PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOONS

In line with this ban, we will be holding The Year Information Night during staff 38 hour working time. Thank you for making arrangements to attend these very important sessions where you will be informed all about our program and curriculum.

Your child/children’s classroom teacher will be presenting an "Information Afternoon" next week. It is most important that you attend this session listed below. Your child/children’s curriculum development programs will be explained to you in detail. We endeavour to establish a close home school partnership that is so vital to your child/children’s learning.

Your child/children’s teacher will clearly explain this year's program and provide you with an opportunity to ask questions.

### Year Level | Teachers | Information Afternoon
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Prep | Mrs Halligan | Thursday 21st February
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1 / 2 | Ms Halstead and Ms Tayleur | Wednesday 20th February
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3 / 4 | Mrs Monk and Mrs Deathridge | Tuesday 19th February
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5 / 6 | Ms Mitchell and Mrs Dornau | Thursday 21st February

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**TERM 1, 2013**

**Tues 19 — Thur 21 Feb**
Parent Information afternoons

**Tues 19, 26 Feb & 5, 12 Mar**
AFL Clinic—SEDA

**Wed 20, 27 Feb**
Prep Assessment and Interviews—No school for Preps

**Thur 21, 28 Feb & 7, 14 Mar**
Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport (some grade 4)

**Tues 26 — Thur 28 Feb**
Meet and Greet week

**Fri 1 Mar**
Family Fun Night 5-7pm

**Mon 4—Fri 8 Mar**
Full week for Prep students

**Mon 4 Mar**
Anti-bullying incursion—whole school

**Mon 11 Mar**
Labour Day holiday—no school

**Fri 15 Mar**
Working Bee—Level 4 2:30pm

**Thurs 21 Mar**
Interschool Sport Finals
Junior Mayor elections

**Fri 22 Mar**
National Ride to School Day

**Tues 26 Mar**
School Photo Day

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**SCHOOL TERMS 2013**

**1st Term**
30th Jan - 28th Mar

**2nd Term**
15th Apr - 28th Jun

**3rd Term**
15th Jul - 20th Sep

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**"First Term Hats On"**
The teachers will be discussing Literacy and Numeracy Blocks, Classroom Programs – (including classroom student management), home reading and homework, camps, excursions and incursions, transition – Grade 6 and how you may help at home in partnership with the school.

Important Student Details Form

Please make sure when you are given this form on the Information Afternoon Session next week that you fill it in with all the current important phone numbers and student details. This is very IMPORTANT for the safety of your child/children at school if an accident/ injury occurs when a parent /guardian must be contacted.

Greek School

YES! We have Greek School beginning NEXT week at our school. On Wednesday from 1.30 -2.30pm the Junior Greek School Session Prep – Year 2 will be held by a qualified educator, our parent Eva Derzotis who was a teacher in Greece. She will be conducting the Senior Greek School for Year 3- 6 on Friday at 1.30- 2.30pm in the Language Centre. This is so exciting for our Greek students and for Eva. There will be a form coming home with the students who want to attend for your signature of approval and support. It will outline the Greek Program where the students will be speaking in Greek.

Early Learning Centre

Beginning in a few weeks will be our Early Learning Centre for 3-4 year old children. The children will attend the program on Tuesdays from 9.00 -11.00am where the parents are NOT required to stay. We have always had the original Step Into Prep Program at Clayton South Primary for many, many years. Now we our very successful Playgroup Session operating on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday have requested for us to implement an Early Learning Centre to prepare students for Prep in 2014. We have many other families interested in this program that will operate in Term 1,2,3 & 4. Later in the year once you have enrolled your child they will attend Step Into Prep coming for an hour session with the Prep students and teacher for an hour on Fridays from 2.30 -3.30pm.

More information in next week’s Newsletter.
Each session will be held at 3:45-4:45 in the classrooms. Mrs. Foster and I will be available to help supervise students and siblings at this time so you may attend these important information sessions.

** School Council Elections ** School Council Elections **

Each year half of the School Council retires and an election process is undertaken. There was an Information for Parents sheet attached to last week’s newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss anything concerning the School Council.

The retiring members from School Council this year are as follows:

*Parent Representatives Category:*
Jo Tyson, Maria Pagomenos, Christine Mizzi, Lucy Nimorakiotakis and Dimitra Kiryakidis

*Department Of Education and Training Employee Category:*
Heather Kyle, Nerina Deathridge and Emma Dove

I take the opportunity to thank the above people for their time, efforts and willingness to serve on the School Council to ensure the betterment of Clayton South Primary School. The above retiring members are able to re-nominate for the vacancies. Therefore, I now call for nominations, as of Thursday 14th February 2013, for the 5 Parent Representative Category and the 3 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Category vacancies for School Council.

Nomination forms are available from the school office with nominations closing on Thursday 28th February 2013. I am really looking forward to my fourth year working with the Clayton South School Council.

** Before and After School Care **

Please fill in the form below if you would like ‘Before and After School Care”. Some new parents have shown a disappointment that our school community does not provide this facility.

Kingston City Council is interested in providing program if we have enough families interested.

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Our students are fantastic! Please read to your child every night! They love it! Ask them about CAFÉ reading and IPICK books that we do from Prep—Year 6 as our Reading Program.

Keep Smiling and stay cool!
Lynne Dickins
Principal

News from the school office

EMA reminder — Parents who hold a valid health care card or pension card are entitled to a payment from the government that may be used towards the cost of your school fees. If you have not already done so, please present your card to Gay in the office so she can lodge an EMA application for you.

EMA applications must be lodged by Thursday 28th February.

Lunch Orders — an updated menu and price list is now available. Each family should receive a copy of the updated menu and price list this week. Please note the increased prices and ensure you provide the full amount of money with your lunch order.

Student Details Update — The school office is in the process of updating students’ medical information, contact information and family details. As part of Parent Information Afternoons next week, you will receive a Student Details report containing current information that we have related to your child/ren. Please ensure any new, updated or obsolete information is clearly marked on this report and returned to your child/ren’s teacher by Thursday 28th February (or at your ‘Meet & Greet’ session).

Student Medical Management Plans — If any children have new or updated medical conditions that require a medical management plan, then please see Gay in the school office. It is vital that the school is kept informed of your child/ren medical conditions so they can look after the health & wellbeing of your child/ren.
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I wonder if there are any of our students growing as quickly as our sunflower?