Dear Parents

This HEAT!!! Wow unbelievable! Now for a few cool days!

Principal Conference
Last week, Lynne Foster and I attended the South Eastern Victoria Region Principal Conference at Creswick in Victoria. The theme of the conference was "Leading for World Class Learning."

As educational leaders we need to respond to our rapidly changing and expanding global society by developing global, creative and entrepreneurial talents in our students. We also need to understand connections and interdependence and how to foster these to support world class learning.

Yong Zhao, is an internationally known scholar, author and speaker. He was a keynote speaker at the conference. Yong explores innovative, educational models. He has designed schools that cultivate global competence. He sees teachers as enablers, with creative ideas. The traditional model squeezes individual differences, multiple intelligences, cultural diversity, curiosity, passion and creativity through an educational system that comes out the other end with curriculum learnt & employable skills; but what of a person's creativity? This may not be enough from education for our adults in the future.

In the 21st Century if you want to be managed you are not employable. Employees follow direction but an entrepreneur takes problems, finds a solution and acts on it. They have confidence, they're creative, have friends with various talents, they're risk takers and they're alert to opportunities. So they are globally competent, unique, they have empathy and use their emotional intelligences with excellent social skills.
Principal Conference continued

This is so different to NAPLAN that tests every student on the same day with the same test and ranks everyone regardless of their learning. This is only a single snap shot of assessment of a child not the whole picture. We need to develop a curriculum to suit individual student’s learning needs.

“If you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid” Albert Einstein.

Yong Zhao has written a book “World Class Learners” - educating creative and entrepreneurial students, published by Hawker Brownlow. Well worth a read!

New School Council 2013

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.

The new and returning members from School Council for 2013 are as follows: **Parent Representatives Category:** Jo Tyson, Maria Pagomenos, Christine Mizzi, Lucy Nimorakiotakis and we welcome Connie Pikardou. We say a big thank you to Dimitra who sadly has gone to another school.

**Department Of Education and Training Employee Category:** Heather Kyle and Emma Dove have resigned from School Council. Annie Tayleur and Jessica Mitchell will be joining Nerina Deathridge on this year’s School Council for a two year term. 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.

What Our School Is Doing

On [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au) website the "What Our School Is Doing" will give you nationally comparable data on our students’ performance in Literacy and Numeracy on the ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority). You will understand how our local school is performing relative to other schools with statistically similar students. You are able to seek a greater level of engagement with our school in support of your child’s learning for improved learning outcomes.

NAPLAN - the results show that we are the 5th highest school in Year 3 reading with like schools nationally. The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses all students in Australian schools in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. For more information visit the [NAPLAN website](http://naplan.edu.au).

Year 3 numeracy with like schools nationally we scored very well too in the predicted range. Year 3 spelling was substantially higher nationally too.

Year 5 persuasive writing was substantially higher than other schools nationally. Year 5 spelling is close to the national average.

In Numeracy the percentage of students in this school with NAPLAN results at two year levels: was a 71% gain over two years. In Reading the percentage of students in this school with NAPLAN results at two year levels was a 67% gain over two years. Well done CSPS!
Early Learning Centre

Remember to talk to the community about our Early Learning Centre for 3-5 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. We now have 3 very successful Playgroup sessions (operating on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday).

We have been requested to implement an Early Learning Centre to prepare students for Prep in 2014. Watch this space for further information!

Working Bees for 2013 - Term 1, Year 5/6 students

There will be Year Level working bees per term beginning with Year 5/6, 3/4, 1/2 and Prep. The date is TOMORROW Friday 15th March from 2.30 – 5.00pm. Year 5/6 students will be asked to complete this working bee. Students will be asked what they would like to do in our school grounds. There will be a Sausage Sizzle at the completion of the working bee with our wonderful families.

Tasks to include:

- weeding
- mulching
- cleaning out drains
- turning over playground mulch
- painting

Please come along if you have a child in Year 5/6 and spend a couple of hours in the “cool afternoon” gardening with your child and their teacher.

Keep Smiling!

Our students are fantastic because they come from very caring homes. Please read to your child every night! They love it!

Lynne Dickins
Principal

From the Assistant Principal’s office

ATTENDANCE

We are currently working on a new Attendance policy for our school. Our aim is to improve our attendance records by reducing the number of unexplained absences.

We are asking all parents and guardians to ring the school before 9am if your child/children are going to be absent. On their return to school we also need a written note for our records.

We are endeavouring to ring all families whose children are absent without an explanation.

LATE PASSES

We would also like to remind families that we now require parents and guardians to come into the school with their children if they are late and sign in giving a reason for their late arrival.

We would really appreciate your support in this matter.

Thanks Lynne Foster
Are you a parent or guardian of a Grade 6 student?

SECONDARY COLLEGES

The transition forms for Secondary Colleges are usually sent to Grade 6 students at the beginning of May. However, parents and children may wish to start visiting Secondary Colleges for tours and to also enquire about accelerated programs earlier. We encourage parents to contact and visit all neighbouring schools. Opening days and nights will be held on the following dates:

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Irene Dornau
Transition Co-ordinator

Playing with new friends!

On Wednesday 27th February the kinder children were very excited as we had a visit from several of the Grade four students from our local primary school - Clayton South. It took only seconds for both young and older children to become involved in play together. The ‘schoolies’ provided great role models for our kinder children as they played ball games and shared their ideas for using the materials inside as well. Both young and old children seemed enthusiastic to become involved in the play and interact together and many of the Grade four children can remember playing at kinder themselves as they had attended years earlier.
Dear Parents

Clayton South Primary School is offering three playgroup sessions for children aged zero to pre school.

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Cost: $25.00 per term – a session
($5 extra per child for families with more than one child.)

The children will need to bring a healthy snack and drink when attending playgroup.

We look forward to seeing you there

Toni Demosthenous
Playgroup Supervisor
Parenting Program

Do you have a child aged 10-14 years?

Do you want to learn to:
► Understand your teen?
► Improve communication?
► Negotiate boundaries?
► Solve problems together?
► Set limits?
► Deal with risky behaviour?
► Look after yourself?

What: 4 week group program
When: Thursday evenings
2nd/9th/16th/23rd May 2013
Time: 7pm - 9.30pm
Where: Clarinda Community Centre
58B Viney Street, Clarinda 3169
Cost: FREE

Bookings:
Who should attend this program?
The ABCD Parenting Program is aimed at mothers, fathers and carers of adolescents aged between 10-14 years.

How to Register:
Bookings can be made by phoning 1300 36 94 36. This program has limited places. REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL.
When the program is fully booked, a waiting list will apply. Future programs may be scheduled based on demand.

Bookings are essential. Registrations close Friday 19th April 2013
For more information contact
Kingston Family Support
1300 36 94 36