Best Wishes for the First Term Holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Clayton South Primary School families for a fantastic first term in 2013 and wish you a wonderful Easter holiday (if you celebrate this religious holiday) with your family. Please stay safe and return to our school on Monday 15th April for Second Term that is 11 weeks long.

During the holidays please keep “an eye” on the school for anyone who appears to be doing anything suspicious. If you are walking or driving past our school please look closely at the school to make sure it is secure. Thanks so much.

All students will be dismissed at 2.30pm sharp on Thursday!

Please do not be late to pick up your child this Thursday.

PFA Special Lunch

Thank you so much to our wonderful PFA who work so hard for our school. Tomorrow we once again are having a delicious special lunch that really tops off First Term. Great work much appreciated.

Year 5/6 Girls’ Basketball Team

Good luck to our Year 5/6 Girls’ Basketball Team who are playing in the District Finals this Thursday at Westall Primary School. I hope you enjoy this fantastic experience and special thanks to Heather Douglass for coaching the girls. Best of luck!
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 been requested to implement an Early Learning Centre to prepare students for Prep in 2014. Watch this space for further information!

Last Week School Visit

Last week, we had a visit from Dean Mann, the Deputy Regional Director and Darren Clarke, Facilities Manager for South Eastern Victoria Region. Both Dean and Darren were interested in the condition of the school buildings viewing our school site. They were very complimentary of our flexible learning spaces for Preps and Year 1/2. They were supportive of the list of areas in our school that need to be addressed with long term plans. Dean and Darren were impressed with our three Playgroups, our proposed Early Learning Centre and the new kinder to be built on our school site opening in 2015. I was pleased that Jo Tyson and Louise Dorr our School Council President and Vice President were able to accompany us as we walked around the school facilities and grounds. We should be very proud of our whole school community.

Clayton South Choir

Wow! We are very thrilled to announce an interest in starting up "Clayton South Primary School Choir" in Term 2. If you would like to be involved in this lunchtime program please come and see me. The students would love to be involved in a choir. They will be able to sing in assembly, visit the Kinders and the Retirement homes in the area. Another great CSPS program

Footy Tipping

Well, the footy season is here! I only picked one last week in the footy tipping but Geelong play Hawthorn next Monday at the MCG. So go Cats!

Keep smiling

Warm regards to you and your family.
Hope you have a Happy Easter and holidays.
Lynne Dickins
Principal

Don’t forget to buy your Easter Egg Raffle tickets that will be drawn at our last assembly for this term at 2.00pm - 2.30pm this Thursday.

See you on Monday 15th April, the first day of Term Two.
The first School Tour is on Wednesday 17th April at 9.30am
School Council will be on Tuesday 30th April at 6.00pm
Science and Sustainability News

The students have had a great term in Science and Sustainability and have covered a wide variety of topics with a strong focus on endangered animals. They have investigated human impact on our environment and on living things using 'Uno's Garden' as a way of understanding this concept.

In our Kitchen Garden they have observed, tasted and cooked the tomatoes along with selling them at their social justice stall. They have picked and cooked zucchinis and observed the pumpkins grow.

In our Kitchen Garden the students have also worked at tidying the garden beds and improving the health of the soil. In their aim to achieve a healthy soil they have used compost along with worm tea to nourish the soil and improve the soil structure. The senior students have tested the soil in the veggie patch and discovered that its' ph level was neutral. This was a fantastic result as neutral ph means great soil for growing plants. Well done to the students on creating a healthy soil for their plants.

Next term one of our topics will be 'exploring places for living'. Our social justice work will be around assisting the orange bellied parrot which is currently endangered. In the Kitchen Garden we will be planting more veggies.

Parents, we are always looking for assistance for our garden and cooking program and an extra hand really makes the program safe which in turn offers students a chance to learn through experience. If you would like to assist on a Wednesday or Friday with our program, let me know.

Happy holidays everyone!
Trish Magree
Science and Sustainability teacher
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