Dear Parents

What amazing weather we were treated to this Easter break! I hope you were able to enjoy the Melbourne Autumn sunshine and get out and about with your family and friends. I certainly walked a lot and probably had too many lunches with friends but I guess that’s what a holiday is all about.

We are back into it with a busy eleven week Term 2 ahead that has started very well indeed.

The Star – Mrs Monk

Congratulations to Leanne Monk teacher of Year 3/4B who competed in the Australian Masters Athletic Championships in Canberra where she won 4 Gold and 3 Silver medals in sprints, long jump, high jump, triple jump and relays. What a fantastic effort and now we await further news of the World Masters Athletics Championships in Brazil later this year. Keep fit and follow in Leanne’s footsteps as a fit lifelong learner. Well done Mrs Monk!

Above: Mrs Monk being interviewed for the Canberra TV news
Sustainability Teacher

We sadly say goodbye to Trish Magree who has decided not to continue as our Sustainability teacher. Trish took over from Caroline Roberts when Caroline left to have her second baby. Trish has decided that family responsibilities and her studies require more of her time at this stage of her life. We have advertised the position and hope to have a new person working with the same passion that Trish and Caroline brought to Clayton South Primary School. We wish Trish great times ahead with her family and career.

ANZAC Day

Next Thursday, 25th April, is ANZAC Day. This is one of Australia’s most important National occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) forces during the First World War. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as ANZACS, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

Why is this day special to Australians? When war broke out in 1914, Australia had been a Federal Commonwealth for only 13 years. The new National Government was eager to establish its reputation among the nations of the world. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul in Turkey), the capital of the Ottoman Empire and an ally of Germany.

The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate and the campaign dragged on for eight months.

At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated, after both sides had suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. Over 8,000 Australian soldiers had been killed. News of the landing on Gallipoli had made a profound impact on Australians at home. The 25th April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who had died in the war.

Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the Australian and New Zealand actions during the campaign left us all a powerful legacy. The creation of what became known as the “ANZAC legend” became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the way they viewed both their past and their future. I hope this assists you in explaining to your children why we have a National holiday on 25th April every year.

Entertainment Booklet

Please understand this is a fantastic booklet that I have used for many years and it saves so much money on restaurants, theatres, holidays and fast food outlets. It is a terrific fundraiser for the school. If you would like to know more please see me. An example of this is in the office for you to view. We have our own individual secure online payment page. The benefit of this page is that you can easily log onto your page and pay securely online. You then receive a confirmation email to let you know who has purchased through you and you can collect the books from the office.
Footy

Go Cats! What a great start to the season with 3 out of 3 wins! Now let’s see a great season of super footy. I hope your teams are doing well and if you follow Melbourne they really need your support!

Keep smiling
Lynne Dickins
Principal

Junior School Council raised close to $180 for the Royal Children’s Hospital from their icy pole sales in Term 1.

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Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at Clayton South Primary School.

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Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $15.40 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

Interested parents should call Marta during office hours on 9818 2333

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I like Grug books.
Kabir

I can read the pictures.
Wawish

I like I Spy books.
Tamapua

How the Preps choose ‘Good Fit’ Books to read

I know some of the words. I can tell the story.
Esmahan

I know some of the words.
Harshini

I can read the pictures and look at the words.
Shubh

I can read the pictures.
Mariam

I can read the words.
Selin