
School Council usually meet on the third Tuesday of each month and always welcome input from families at our school. There are 7 parent representatives and 5 staff members, including the Principal. Meetings begin at 6pm, so please feel free to join us at any future meetings. Dates are regularly put in the newsletter.

The School Council would like to be proactive in promoting our school and celebrating all the great things we do here. To help ensure we raise the profile of our school, they have unanimously voted in support of a new uniform for Clayton South. It has been on display in the foyer for some time and whilst on display many parents have commented on how much they like the fresh new look.

The School Council would like Preps for 2014 to be in the new uniform and all other students will have two years to gradually change over to our wonderful new look that matches our brochures and colours of our motto, “Dream, Learn, Achieve”.

The main colours will be navy blue and teal. All uniform pieces would be able to be purchased from the same supplier as our previous uniform, which is PSW in Cheltenham. The cost currently is as per their price list and plain navy pants and jumpers could be purchased from most major chain stores. Please come in and look at the uniform on display and feel free to contact the school or see Lynne Dickins, Lynne Foster or any of your Parent representatives if you have any questions.

Isabella is happy to show off our new uniform.
Education Week

Next week is Education Week and students in Grade 5 and 6 are visiting Science works and the Planetarium as part of their Inquiry Unit on the Solar System, whilst Prep-2 will travel to Healesville Sanctuary as part of their unit on Animals, particularly Australian Animals. These excursions are an integral part of the curriculum and all students are expected to attend. The students have all completed tasks related to the day out and do follow up work in class. These experiences assist all children in their language development and are always a highlight of student’s school experience. There are many parents this year that paid the excursion levy at the start of the year and this has assisted staff greatly in planning excursions and helping to keep the cost to a minimum.

We also have the Annual Book Fair which will be set up in the Library. Students will have an opportunity to visit early in the week. Sales will begin after school on Monday and will continue until Thursday both before and after school as well as lunchtimes. Remember books are great presents and we would encourage all families to come in and have a look to help promote reading in their home.

Cross Country

Wow, only in Melbourne can it be 25 degrees one week and raining and cold the next. Nevertheless the cross country is a much anticipated annual event for Grades 3-6.

Well done to all the students who completed their laps around the school and for being so encouraging and helpful to everyone involved. Some students will receive a notice soon in regards to their participation at a District event that is to be held on Friday 31st May.

Thanks to all the volunteer parent helpers and to Heather Douglass for organising the time trials and training the students to improve their stamina and aerobic capacity.

Parents & Friends News

At the centre of the PFA is a small group of parents who organise fundraising activities for the school. These activities include special lunches, Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day stalls, Discos etc. Money raised from these activities directly benefits the school and hopefully the students enjoy the activities.

Please come along and say ‘hello’

Many of us have children in grade five and six and we feel concerned that over the next two years as our children (and therefore us) leave the school our knowledge and experience will leave the school also. There is therefore a need for new parents to come along and get involved

We are having a morning tea on Friday May 24 at 10:00 am as a fundraiser for cancer research and we also want to take the opportunity to make all parents welcome

Thank you PFA
REMINDER: Woolworths Earn & Learn
Many thanks to the families who have supported the school in sending their Woolworth's stickers for Earn & Learn points.

The promotion finishes June 9th so please continue to save & send to the school office or drop into the box at Woolworths Clarinda.

The more stickers collected, the more resources the school is able to redeem.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY THURSDAY MAY 16

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<th>Prep A</th>
<th>Ranbir Singh</th>
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<td>Wesam Al Mutairi</td>
<td>For making a great effort in writing an information report</td>
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<td>Aashi Sharma</td>
<td>For participating in class discussions and doing her best work</td>
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<td>Dima Jarjis</td>
<td>For working really hard in English and showing fantastic improvement in Spelling and Writing</td>
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<td>Raviha Rehman</td>
<td>For always completing her work to a higher standard and always helping other students</td>
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<td>Romulo Jones-Wilson</td>
<td>For contributing to class discussions and assisting other students</td>
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<td>Andrew Leap</td>
<td>For his enthusiasm and willingness to help others</td>
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Friday 24th May is National Walk Safely to school day
Swinburne University invites interested families to take part in a 3.5 month trial looking at whether a natural plant extract, Bacopa Monniera, can help children who experience hyperactivity, inattention and impulsivity.

The study involves 4 X 2 hour testing sessions at our Advanced Technologies Centre in Hawthorn. You will be compensated with $50 and your child will get a $50 book voucher at the end of the trial. As well as 3 months supply of Bacopa Monniera extract once the study has finished.

Please contact James Kean at j.kean@swin.edu.au or on (03) 9214 5242 if you are interested or would like more information.