End of Term Assembly

Please remember we finish tomorrow Friday 28th June at 2.30pm. We will be having our last assembly at 2.00-2.30pm. We return to school on Monday 15th July for Third Term. All students should be at school by 8.50am ready to go into school at 9.00am.

Wedding

We are having a Wedding! Ms Annie Tayleur is getting married this Saturday! How exciting to have one of our staff getting married. We have celebrated as a staff yesterday with a Wedding Breakfast for Annie as she is having today and tomorrow off to prepare for her Wedding Day. I know you will join with the students, teachers and me in wishing Annie and her fiancé, James, a very happy and long life together. Huge thanks to Anna Cardamone, who has been so excited about this wedding! She has been secretly planning for weeks how to decorate the staffroom and made a wedding cake, as well as, and organising the whole event. Sensational job Anna!

Parent/Teacher/Student Partnership

This is the last week of Second Term! I hope you looked at the fantastic work of our students when you came for your parent/student/teacher interview with your child/children. It is important that you as parents/guardians work in partnership with your child/children’s teachers to give your child the best start in their primary education from Prep (Foundation) to Year 6.
Parent/Teacher/Student Partnership continued...

Our students really need your support in the following:

- listening to them read every day
- helping to spell their weekly words
- practising their times tables
- naming the days of the week
- knowing the months of the year
- remembering the family phone numbers
- knowing the home address
- knowing their birth date

A child/children feels more confident and in control of their learning if regular homework and routines are kept every week day. Students really enjoy routine, boundaries and respect parents who set clear expectations that are attainable.

New Telephone System

As this newsletter goes to print, we are having a new telephone system installed at school. The new phone system will have an absence line for parents to leave a clear message with their child’s name, class, the date and the reason their child/children are away. Remember a written note dated and reason for absence MUST accompany your child on the day he/she returns to school.

New Computer System

Also over the holidays, we are having new computers systems installed throughout the whole school. Lynne Foster, our Assistant Principal, has spent many hours investigating the best ICT quotes and lease options for our school.

New School Uniform

From November this year we will be selling the new school uniform for the students of Clayton South Primary School. The School Council has approved the colour change to navy, teal and white that is modern and fresh. The uniform will be cheaper in price and be purchased at our school with a parent operating a School Uniform Shop twice a week in the Multi-Purpose Facility. This will be easier for parents too! The uniform will be phased in over next year and when the Kindergarten opens in 2015 the school will be only selling the new uniform to families.

New roofing/frame over the Year 1/2 building windows and sandpit

On a few weekends this term, some people were on the Year 1/2 building roof and threw missiles onto the old brittle Laserlite roofing. This roofing started dropping into the sandpit. Luckily, Lynne Foster was able to have the Laserlite donated from Scott Darby at Bayer. A building company has removed the old brittle roofing and placed more supports onto the frame to take a wire netting as a barrier for someone who may fall off the roof. Hopefully this will be completed by the beginning of Third Term.
Student Attendance

What should you do if your child is away from school?

If your child is away from school, please ensure you contact the school on the first day of your child’s non-attendance. This will enable us to keep an accurate record of absences. If your child is away and you don’t notify the school, the school refers to this as an “unexplained absence”. A staff member will contact you to seek an explanation of your child’s “unexplained absence”. If we cannot contact you on the second day of “unexplained absence”, then Lynne Foster, our Assistant Principal, will make contact with you to ask why your child is absent. Lynne Foster may also organise a meeting with you to create an Attendance Improvement Plan.

How can you contact the school to let them know your child is away?

You can contact the school by phone, dropping into the office or writing a note to explain why your child is / was away from school. You can also download Student Absence Forms from our website at www.claytonsouthps.vic.edu.au which you can fill in and return with your child when they are back at school.

What should you do if your child arrives late to school?

If your child arrives to school after 9:00am, then this is considered to be “late”. We need you to accompany your child to the school office and sign in to the late book. After the parent or guardian has filled in the late book with date/time, child’s name & class and reason for being late, then your child can collect a late pass and join the rest of their class.

Why does the school care about student attendance?

We are wishing to ensure strong communication exists between our school and your home to ensure your child has the maximum attendance at school. This allows the students to concentrate on their learning and gain improved learning outcomes.

Long Service Leave

Next term Mrs Deathridge is taking Long Service Leave from Wednesday 17th July until Monday 5th August. We have employed teacher, Jessica Allan who is experienced in teaching students at their point of need. She is a very capable and extremely talented teacher who is thrilled to be working at our school. Please make her feel welcome.

PFA — Pizza Lunch

Who enjoyed their Yummy Pizza Lunch today?

A big thank you to the PFA for organising our end of term special lunch! We are very lucky to have a great group of proactive, kind parents who do such fantastic things for our students.
Winter Weather

I usually arrive at school around 8.15 each day and am surprised to see many students already at school. I remind you that staff are not on duty until 8.45am and it is not the staff’s responsibility to allow your children inside their room if it is wet. If it is a very rainy morning we usually make an announcement to let the students inside but this will not occur before 8.45am, so please ensure you are supervising your children prior to this time. We do not want any accidents or students getting soaked if they arrive too early on days of inclement weather.

Footy

What a game last Sunday against Brisbane! Matthew Tyson (student in Year 5/6) and I were absolutely shocked when Geelong was beaten in the last seconds of the game after leading by such a huge margin! We all learn for our mistakes! Lynne Foster is so far ahead in the Footy Tipping again this year we will never catch her! She is amazing! Hopefully Geelong will do well against Fremantle, Hawthorn (what a game this will be) and Melbourne over the holidays!

Happy Holidays

Keep smiling and stay warm!

Have a wonderful holiday with your beautiful children and see you back here safe and well on Monday 15th July!

Lynne Dickins
Principal

Sports Report — Interschool Sports held 27/6/2013 Clayton South PS vs Resurrection PS

Girls netball (report by Travelina)

We played a great match. The score was Clayton South 10 to Resurrection 0. WE WON! The best on ground was Travelina for great shooting and keeping her feet in the right spot. We are going to the finals. Thank you to Mrs Douglas for coaching us.

Mixed T-ball (report by Andrew C)

Today we played a good game. There was wonderful fielding and good batting. The best players were Rory and Kevin for batting and good fielding. The score was Clayton South 5 to Resurrection 26. GOOD EFFORT!

Soccer (report by Evan)

Today there was great passing and kicking. The score was Clayton South 9 to Resurrection 2. WE WON! The most improved players were Stephanie and Shanice for great passing, and Amir for excellent goal kicking.

Girls T-ball (report by Vienna)

Although we lost today, we played a good game. The best on ground were Dima, for great batting, and Marmarin, for good fielding. The score was Clayton South 10 to Resurrections 24. GOOD EFFORT!
REMINDERS AND BIRTHDAYS!

Last week of printed newsletters before we go ONLINE! Written requests for hard copies can be made at the school office.

June
30 Jaden
July
2 Shashank
2 Matangi
4 Maha
7 Alexa

July
8 Surush
8 James P
9 Abhishek
10 Esmahan
10 Navneet
14 Charlotte W

WOW! So many of our students will be celebrating birthdays over the school holidays!!