Lovely to be back on deck! Thank you to all our lovely parents and students who asked about my health. We are a very caring school community.

It has been very cold over the last week and I do urge our parents to make sure your child/children have warm jumpers and coats to wear outside on these cold and windy days. A school green coloured scarf and tights are loved by the girls and the boys need to have warm tracky daks, although so many of them wear shorts all year round! Freezing!!!!

Now, talking about uniforms...

New School Uniform

The supplier FCW owned by Garry Thurlow from Canterbury, is coming in on Friday to meet with Christine Mizzi (member of PFA and School Council). Christine will be managing the uniform orders for FCW through our school uniform shop. This is a terrific idea and makes school a one stop shop! The uniform colours are teal, white and navy blue. The uniform will be ready for Prep to wear in 2014.

Centre Com Computers Contract

Great things happening with ICT! Our school is having a makeover! Centre Com are doing a wonderful job with the installation of a new server and have configured all the Interactive White Boards with 8 all in one desktops. Next tablets and trolley dock to be rolled out. We are paying an extra 4 hours per week for local tech support too! So in a few weeks we should have everything completed. Total cost $60,604.50 that we will lease over 4 years.
Newsletter on the internet

Congratulations to Gay Kuzmiuk and Judy Emmett who made a decision NOT to print the Newsletter from this term. For members of the school community that require printed copies of the Newsletter, please place your request through the office!

Every newsletter is on the school website: www.claytonsouthps.vic.edu.au

We do need to practice what we preach - Sustainability!

Preps 2014

Next Friday 2nd August the Year 5/6B students are walking to Sundown Kindergarten to do painting with the Kinder children. Valeska our wonderful Visual Arts teacher has organised this transition program. If you know a family that attends Sundown Kindergarten, please tell them about our fantastic school.

Life Long Learning

I am very proud of our students in the way they conduct themselves out of our school. This Friday 26th July our Senior School is going to Parliament House and the Queen Victoria Market as part of their Inquiry unit for this term. Government is an excellent unit with the Federal Election going to be called at any time! Their Earn and Learn Unit allows our students to budget, investigate buying power and buy produce that is the best value for money. Well done to Miss Mitchell and Mrs Dornau for the hours of work that goes into organising this excellent learning experience for our students.

On Wednesday 7th August Prep Year 1/2 are attending a whole day incursion with the CSIRO. The students are learning about the weather conditions and doing experiments. Great stuff!

Year 3/4 are investigating life cycles of mini beasts. They are so excited about finding information about dragon flies, spiders, slaters, caterpillars etc. Such a fantastic Inquiry unit.

Congratulations to Sarah Halligan our Science/ Sustainability Teacher who has been planting out seasonal vegetable seedlings with the students from Prep - Year 6 over the last two weeks.

The students are so excited with the chooks laying eggs that are for sale @ $6.00 a dozen. The most magnificent eggs you’ll ever eat!

Another garden bed has been planted out in native grasses and looks sensational too!

Come and have a look at our garden and spend some time enjoying the fragrances and the peace of the garden.

Remember to plant a tree on National Tree Day Friday 26th July!
Trees are our lifeline of our future!
Hugging a Giant

To highlight the significance of the Groom River Valley, and to celebrate Tree Day, a group recently visited the Tasmania’s ‘fattest’ tree - the Blue Tier Giant, with its massive 19.4 metre girth! The group of 40 friends of the Blue Tier enjoyed the 4km walk through the Groom River Valley - marvel at the magnificence of the giant trees and pristine Groom River. As part of the celebration the group hugged the giant tree, which is so massive it took 15 people to wrap around the trunk.

The Groom River is the last pristine, intact tributary of the George River - the largest river flowing off the east coast of Tasmania. Despite its pristine state and lobbying from the Friends of the Blue Tier, not one stick of the area is protected, apart from a 40 metre buffer around the blue tier giant. Clear felling is due to start in the groom river valley later this year. For more information on saving the forest, visit Friends of the Blue Tier at www.bluetier.org

Environmental Benefits: National Tree Day aims to inspire, educate and recruit Australians to actively care for our unique land and create future generations of committed environmental custodians.

What is National Tree Day?

National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day combine to make Australia’s biggest community tree-planting and nature care event. Co-ordinated by Planet Ark and proudly sponsored by Toyota, these are special days for all Australians to help out by planting and caring for native trees and shrubs to improve the environment in which they live.

National Tree Day was co-founded by Olivia Newton-John and Planet Ark in 1996 and since then more than 2.8 million people have planted over 17 million native trees and shrubs! It’s a day to get down and get your hands dirty to help the planet! Each year, around 200 000 Australian school students participate in a special National Tree Day.

Parent Opinion Survey
This Thursday 25th July, 40 parents will be chosen at random and a list will be generated to send home the Parent Opinion Survey. The survey is confidential and assists in the future planning and making our school the best it can possibly be. It is most important that this survey is returned to school by Friday August 2nd.

All students who bring back the completed survey receive a Freddo Frog!

Extension Maths
I have been in contact with Westall Secondary College Principal David Tyson to ask if we may have a Maths teacher work with some of our Senior School students for extension maths. David is thrilled with the idea! This is being organised in the near future.

Curriculum Day
Our next Pupil Free Day will be Wednesday 14th August when the staff will be completing their compulsory CPR training. This is a DEECD directive that we must all be able to administer if needed in an emergency situation.
STUDENT AWARDS — PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY THURSDAY JULY 25

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Thank you to everyone that has already paid.

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Parents who are a new health care card or pension card holder or parents who have not previously presented their health care or pension card to Gay in the office, please do so by the 2nd August. Gay can then lodge an EMA application for you.

Footy
What can I say!
Geelong went down and so did Collingwood!
Keep smiling and stay warm!
Lynne Dickins
Principal

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Term 3 and the newsletter is ONLINE!!
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