Assistant Principal’s Report

Information Nights for Foundation, Grades 1,2, 5 and 6.

On Monday this week we had many of our families attending our 2014 Information nights. This was an opportunity for parents to meet their children’s new teachers and find out about the programs and curriculum that is being taught at each respective year level. Thank you to the families who were able to attend. The staff are very appreciative of your involvement and truly believe that families gain a great deal from the sessions. This type of meeting strengthens the partnerships that we develop each year. If you were unable to attend please ensure you read all the information that is passed on to your child and return all necessary forms. If you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher and make an alternative time to meet. I must congratulate our staff for their dedication and commitment to the students at CSPS, I am extremely proud of the staff and the time and effort they give to providing the very best learning environment for our children.

Year 3/4 Community Garden Project

This Term the Year 3/4 team are in charge of our Kitchen Garden and we have been fortunate to be involved with the Kingston Council who are running a workshop where the students are encouraged to bring along a Grandparent, parent or relative to help them plant vegetable seedlings and learn about their environment. On Monday we had our first session with 3/4A and it was great to see so many families involved. As the seedlings grow students will transplant some into our school garden and take some home to plant. 3/4 B will have their session on February 24th at...
**School Council Elections**

All families have received a notice about the School Council Elections. Clayton South values the input from our parent community and we would love to hear from any parents who wish to be involved in their children’s school. A sincere thank you to the members of our school community who have already been nominated unfortunately at the time of writing this piece we are still looking for more nominations.

**John Monash Science School “Little Scientist, Big Science” Program**

Late last year we submitted an application to be part of the Little Scientists Program at John Monash Science school. Four Year 5 students will be chosen after they expressed an interest in the program and are willing to write about their experiences and promote science in our school. We look forward to hearing about their experiences in the near future.

**School Photos**

School photos will be on Wednesday 26th February. You will receive an envelope within the next week with your child’s name on it to return on the day the photos are taken. Photos will be taken by Fotomakers. Please refer to their website if you have any questions. [http://www.fotomakers.com.au/index.php](http://www.fotomakers.com.au/index.php)

**School Hats**

Please remember that as we are a Sunsmart School all children are required to wear school hats during recesses, lunchtimes and other outdoor activities. Broad brimmed hats are available from the school Uniform Shop.

**Seda Clinics**

Our students are fortunate that Mrs Douglass our wonderful PE teacher has been able to access a number of FREE workshops for our students. Over the coming weeks you may hear your children coming home and talking about the Seda group. These young boys and girls have supported our school in the past at Athletics and are currently doing AFL clinics at the school. We hope these clinics encourage our students to be active while also increasing their skill levels.

**Clayton Festival**

We have registered to have a stand at the Clayton Festival on Sunday 23rd February. We would love to hear from any families who can spare an hour from 12-4pm to hand out information about our school. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

**PFA**

Please come along on the 18th February at 9:00am for a special “Get to Know You”, morning tea to meet other families at CSPS. This is a great way to meet other parents and get to know your school.

**Attendance**

Daily school attendance is important for all children. It is important to enable young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don’t fall behind both socially and developmentally. Research shows that children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

Our aim this year at CSPS is to ensure we reduce our level of absenteeism, Remember, IT IS COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL and IT IS NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY!
CSPS Cultural News

Chinese New Year

This year our Chinese community celebrate the Year of the Horse. This poster says ‘Gong Xi Fa Chai’ which means Wishing for Happiness and Prosperity/Good Fortune to everyone. In the Chinese Zodiac, Horse comes seventh after the Snake and is symbolic for Progress and Success. Which is fantastic for us as this is exactly what we hope to achieve this year at Clayton South Primary School. The Year of the Green Wood Horse and the Chinese New Year Day starts on Friday 31st of January. The celebrations will last for 15 days until 15th February. During that time, Melbourne plays host to a number of Chinese New Year celebration events around the communities. There are celebrations with the Lion Dance, Dragon Dance, Firecrackers, Traditional Folk Music, Dancers, Martial Artists and much more. Aside from New Year’s Eve, there are other important days in the 15 day New Year Festival including; The Yuan Xiao festival, also called The Festival of Lanterns. This marks the end of the New Year celebrations. All types of lanterns are lit and often poems and riddles are written for entertainment.

Dui Lian- Also called antithetical couplet. It is a pair of lines of poetry usually hand written on red paper and pasted on the front. The two lines correspond in their metrical length and some properties of each character, such as meaning and tone. The ideal for a duilian is to have few words but deep meaning. For this reason, they use one character per word, as in much Classical Chinese.

Lanterns- The type of lanterns used in Chinese New Year is usually decorated with red paper shell. Some lanterns have candles inside for illustration. Most are just made of red paper for decoration purpose only. In Chinese New Year, the lantern is usually hanging in front of the door or inside the house. In some part of China, lantern is a must for Yuan Xiao festival (15th of the first month of the traditional Chinese calendar).

The Vietnamese Tet festival

Tet is the abbreviation of Tet Nguyen Dan which means the first morning of the first day of the new period. Tet is a huge celebration lasting three days. Tet marks the beginning of a new year on the lunar calendar, and the beginning of Spring. Families save money, store food, and plan far in advance for Tet. It is a major holiday in Vietnam. The Vietnamese take extreme care to start the New Year out right. They would often buy new clothes, paint and clean their homes, cook three days worth of food, pay off all debts and make amends to rid themselves of all bad feelings. Cleaning is frowned upon during Tet because one would not want to sweep out any good luck. Families and friends will visit each other and have a feast of traditional Vietnamese dishes, such as Banh Chung (sticky rice dumpling), Hat Dua (roasted watermelon seed), Dua Hanh (pickled onion) and Mut (dried sweetened fruit). In Melbourne last weekend many of our families may have visited the Sandown Racecourse for the annual Vietnamese Tet festival which has been running for more than 20 years across Victoria and in Springvale for the past four. It is the largest gathering of the Vietnamese community in Victoria. This year is particularly important because it marks the 35th
February Birthdays

5th  Baran U 56B
6th  Manaf A 02A
9th  Andrew L 56B
11th Gunveen Kaur R 34A
17th  Jiyaa G 02A
19th  Gyan S 56B
    Natasha T 56B
24th  Les K 01A

Parents & Friends Association

PFA Welcome all

CSPS Parents to 2014

The Parents and Friends Association (PFA) are hosting a Morning Tea to welcome all parents to the New Year. It will be held in the Hall on Tuesday 18th February at 9am.

We would love to see you there!

Grade One News

Grade One Contribution

“Where do you see numbers?”

The Grade Ones have been working very hard so far this term to expand how we think about numbers. This week we have created number posters to show all the different places we have seen numbers in the real world. The students had some fantastic ideas and insights in this task and discussed how much they really love numbers!

Student Awards

Presented at assembly February 6

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<td>Prep A</td>
<td>Pim</td>
<td>For listening carefully in our classroom  Well Done Pim!</td>
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<td>1/A</td>
<td>Nui</td>
<td>For a wonderful positive attitude and great start to the year</td>
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<td>2/A</td>
<td>Theresa</td>
<td>Art Award  For her creative calendar design and her positive attitude</td>
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<td>3/4 A</td>
<td>Alexa</td>
<td>For making a great start to the year and helping other students in the class</td>
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<td>3/4 B</td>
<td>Raviha</td>
<td>For being a very responsible and helpful student to her peers and teachers</td>
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<td>5/6 A</td>
<td>Ben V</td>
<td>For contributing to class discussions and putting in extra effort during class</td>
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<td>5/6 B</td>
<td>Hana</td>
<td>For writing about her passion for baking  Thankyou for sharing in the author’s chair</td>
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### Interview with the School Captain - Natasha Theodoris

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<td>What is your name?</td>
<td>My name is Natasha Theodoris</td>
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<td>How old are you Natasha?</td>
<td>I am 12 years old.</td>
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<td>How long have you been in JSC team for?</td>
<td>I have been on JSC for 2 years.</td>
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<td>What are you looking forward to in being a School Captain?</td>
<td>I am really looking forward to fundraising for our lovely school and charities, help taking care of the students, our school and our school pets.</td>
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<td>Why do you like CSPS?</td>
<td>I like CSPS because all the students and staff get along and we are such a happy and fun school.</td>
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<td>What would you like to improve in the school?</td>
<td>I would like to improve the playgrounds by painting them and I would like to fundraise for new playground equipment.</td>
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<td>What are your 3 favorite subjects in school and why?</td>
<td>I love reading because it’s fun. I like art because I love being creative and I love sport because it’s enjoyable to play all kinds of sports.</td>
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<td>Why did you want to be a part of the JSC team?</td>
<td>I wanted to be a part of the JSC team because I wanted to help the school improve and reduce the schools rubbish and plan some fun activities and help raise money for our school.</td>
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<td>What are your future dream jobs?</td>
<td>My future dream jobs are to be a Dentist, a Fashion Designer and an Actress.</td>
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### Interview with the School Captain - Andrew Leap

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<td>What is your name?</td>
<td>My name is Andrew Leap.</td>
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<td>What is your age?</td>
<td>I am 11 years old.</td>
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<td>Why did you become a JSC member?</td>
<td>I would like to take a leadership role to help the school.</td>
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<td>What would you like to improve with the school?</td>
<td>The playground equipment to be upgraded because they are quite old.</td>
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<td>What do you like about the school?</td>
<td>I like the school because everybody knows everyone and it’s such a small community.</td>
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<td>What is your favourite subject in school?</td>
<td>I like ICT even though we don’t do it as much because it’s very fascinating and when I grow up I want to be a technician.</td>
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<td>How would you describe yourself, using two words?</td>
<td>Tech savvy</td>
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<td>Would you consider yourself in a leadership again and why?</td>
<td>Yes because I like taking leadership and responsibilities.</td>
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<td>What do you look forward to in the new future?</td>
<td>I’m looking forward to changing the school and raising money for the school and other charities.</td>
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