Welcome back!

Well, where has the year gone! Now it's our 4th and final term for 2013. During this term every student is required to wear a school regulation HAT to protect them from the sun. Our students were very excited to be back on the first day to see their teachers and friends.

I was glad to be back too, after our fantastic trip to Eastern Europe where we spent time in many countries, including spending over a week in Croatia. We arrived back in Australia last Thursday. We flew into Frankfurt and leased a Golf station wagon that we drove for 6,700 kilometres over 31 days. The people were friendly and most helpful everywhere we went.

One day I woke up to the sound of children's voices and realised we were next to a school. So, I had to go in and talk to the students and teachers about my school and my wonderful students. It was interesting to see the primary education systems in these countries and it makes me proud to know how much our students learn in our schools.

Thank you so much to all staff and especially Lynne Foster for their dedicated work to the end of third term while I was away.

New Kindergarten

I am so thrilled to announce that the new $1.85 million Clayton South Kindergarten that the Steering Committee has been working on for over a year has finally been officially implemented by the City of Kingston. We are having an information session here in the Multi-purpose facility Tuesday 22nd October from 3.30-4.30pm. The whole school community is most welcome to attend. Read in further detail on Page 4 in this newsletter.
Swimming
The swimming program for Preps - Grade 6 will be held this term, commencing on Monday 11th November, at the Noble Park Aquatic Centre. It will be an intensive 8-day program. The students will attend on the following dates:

Week 1- Mon 11th, Tues 12th, Wed 13th November
Week 2- Mon 18th, Tues 19th November
Week 3 - Mon 25th, Tues 26th, Wed 27th November

All sessions are in the afternoon from 1:30pm.
Seat belted buses have been organised to transport the students. Teachers will travel with the students and supervise them out of the water. Qualified swimming instructors will take all lessons.

The cost of the 8 day program is $90.00. This includes pool entry, cost of lessons, and transport. This amount may be paid in full by Monday 29th October.

There are only 53 places are available on each bus so the first to return their notice will be guaranteed a place.

Students will need to bring a separate strong bag for swimming. It needs to be big enough to fit in their school clothes when they take them off. The students also need thongs, sandals or crocs to change into before they go to the pool so school shoes and socks can be left at school.
Parents please read the swimming notice very carefully and organise your child/children’s swimming strong bag (not plastic) with:
√ a named swimming cap;
√ pair of thongs/sandals/crocs for their feet;
√ bathers;
√ towel; and
√ a change of underwear.

Students must wear shoes and socks to school. We are expecting all students to attend swimming lessons as every child should know how to swim!

Vision Photos!!
The family portraits from Vision Photography are now available. As well as having lovely photos to keep as happy memories for years to come, the school also made $495 in fundraising. Thanks to Toni for organising this.
**DID YOU KNOW?**

Our new school uniforms are now available via on-line shopping.
Go to www.fcw.com.au
Select the Schoolwear button

Then choose "Clayton South Primary School" from the Online Shop Products list (on the left-hand side) and start shopping!

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**NAPLAN News**

Congratulations to all our staff and students in Year 3 and Year 5 who sat the NAPLAN tests over their school life at CSPS. Every child that sat the NAPLAN has shown improvement in their learning from Year 3 to 5 that is to be celebrated.

I take this opportunity to stress that NAPLAN is just one part of our assessment regime and that individual student and cohort results will be viewed in the broader assessment context.

I am very proud that our results reflect our students' abilities and achievements.

The individual results are confidential and have been given to families of the students in Year 3 and Year 5. NAPLAN results must be kept in perspective, they are just one part of our broader assessment regime and cannot and must not be viewed as life changing data upon which a child’s academic progress will be forever judged.

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**Footy News**

I did manage to hear the results of the Grand Final and I know the Hawthorn supporters would be thrilled with their win.

So now roll on 2014 for the Cats!

Keep smiling and enjoy your wonderful children every day!

Lynne Dickins
Principal

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**Happy Birthday**

October
9 Wawish
10 Tolga
15 Rupashri
On behalf of the Kallay St Kindergarten, Clayton South Primary School and Kingston City Council, we have some exciting news for families and children living in Clarinda, Clayton South and surrounding area which we would like to share with you.

Council has recently committed to the construction of a $1.85M kindergarten in Clayton South which includes a contribution of $600,000 from the Victorian Government.

The New Clayton South Kindergarten

The new Clayton South Kindergarten will be a purpose built kindergarten that will be located at the Clayton South Primary School and will have two flexible indoor learning spaces with a total of 55 licensed kindergarten places. The new kindergarten building will be a high quality design that reflects contemporary early years education and include natural outdoor learning spaces.

Where will the kindergarten be built?

The Clayton South Kindergarten will be located on the Clayton South Primary School site facing Nurrumburn Rd.

When will the Kindergarten open?

Kingston City Council aims to have the kindergarten completed and ready for Term One in February 2015. Subject to all approvals being in place, construction of the kindergarten is proposed to commence in the first half of 2014.

Information Session

As a parent/guardian of a child attending the Clayton South Primary School, you are invited to attend an information session to find out more about the new kindergarten, view the architectural designs and ask any other questions you may have. You are invited to attend the information session on:

Date:    Tuesday 22 October, 2013
Time:     3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
Where:    Multipurpose Hall

The New Clayton South Kindergarten

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Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

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 4.

Interested parents should call Marika during office hours on 9818 2333

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