Term 4, 2013
Fri 29 Nov
Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea, 11:00am
Prep Orientation, 2:30-3:30pm

Mon 2 Dec
Grade 4 & 5 to Westall SC, 9am-12pm

Tue 3 Dec
Grade 1/2 incursion - Robotics with Lego

Fri 6 Dec
Curriculum Day—students not required at school

Mon 9 Dec
Bushwahzee — Performance & Picnic, 6:00pm

Tue 10 Dec
Prep Orientation, 9-11am
Grade 6 to Year 7 Orientation

Wed 11 Dec
Dolphin Swim
School Council, 5:30 pm

Fri 13 Dec
1:30, Creative Music Concert, PMP Room

Mon 16 Dec
Grade 6 graduation, 7pm

Tue 17 Dec
Grade 6 roller blading excursion

Wed 18 Dec
Grade Prep-2 end of year celebration,
Mordialloc Beach & Park, 9:30am-2:30pm
Grade 3/4 end of year celebration,
Namatjina Park

Dear Parents

HELP WANTED — Caring for the chooks over the holidays

Thank you to the two families who have offered to help care for our hen house over the Christmas break.

We would love to hear from 3 more families so each person can be responsible for one week. Please contact Lynne Foster at the office on 9558 0599 if you are able to help.

HELP WANTED — We want you as a new recruit

Are you interested in your child/ren receiving the best primary school education?

The Parents' and Friends' Association (PFA) is a dedicated group of parents who volunteer their time to help fundraise for our school. Did you realise that a lot of the ICT equipment (computers, laptops, notepads) used by our students in their day-to-day learning is not funded by our school fees alone? The PFA actively fundraise through many different activities & events during the year so that our students can gain access to state-of-the-art ICT equipment.

Would you like to become more involved in our school, but don’t know how?

The PFA are looking for new members. If you are able to assist at any time with fundraising or even helping to sell icy poles on a Friday we would love you to join this small group of parents who need your help. You may be willing to be on a roster on a Friday and can help once a term. Please contact the school office if you can help in any small way.

What’s in it for me?

Volunteering: is an excellent way to meet other members of the school community, provides a sense of purpose, directly benefits your child/ren’s education and looks great on your resume when you apply for a job!
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** NEWS FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP **

** NAVY & TEAL POLO TOPS AND SUMMER DRESSES ARE NOW IN STOCK **

Mrs Foster has checked out the latest arrival of summer dresses and short sleeve polo tops and think they look fantastic. She can't wait to see a sea of "navy and teal" in 2014.

WHERE DO I GET THE NEW UNIFORMS FROM?

Our school has a uniform shop that operates out of the multi-purpose facility. It is usually open 2 days per week, on a Monday and Thursday but some weeks may be slightly different to align with Prep orientation sessions. Please feel free to contact the school office.

PRICES?

Refer to our school website for a Uniform Shop Price List or ask for a price list directly from the Uniform Shop or school office.

THIS WEEK’S SHOP HOURS

Thursday 28th November 2:30-4:30pm
Friday 29th November 2:30-4:30pm

** SELL OUT OF OUR CURRENT GREEN & GOLD UNIFORM STOCK **

We are continuing to sell out all current green & gold uniform stock at HALF PRICE

** FIRST IN, FIRST SERVED **

Contact the school office for dates & times
HAPPY CAMPERS
A group of happy, but exhausted 3/4 students returned to school last Friday after 3 fun-filled days at Camp Manyung in Mt Eliza.

Every student I spoke to seemed to enjoy different aspects or activities that were offered at the camp: many enjoyed the Giant Swing best of all; others liked the flying fox, the opportunity to learn more about safe bike riding, the open water learning and beach games and activities.

There was general agreement that the camp food was yummy and all students enjoyed the time spent around the camp fire roasting marshmallows.

Camps would not happen if it weren’t for the teachers who put their personal lives on hold for 3 days in order to give our students an experience that they will remember long after they leave Clayton South Primary School. Thank you to Mrs Deathridge, Mrs Monk and Mrs Cardamone for giving the 3/4 students the time of their lives!

PLANNING FOR 2014
To assist us with meeting the Department of Education enrolment audit criteria, we need notes from parents whose children will be absent on the first day of school next year. If you will be overseas or on an extended holiday or if you know you are moving out of the area and your child will not be attending the school next year, please provide notification to the Assistant Principal, Mrs Lynne Foster, and an indication of the school to which your child is transferring. These notes are important in ensuring that we receive the maximum funding based on our enrolment. We appreciate your assistance with this matter. Thank you to the parents that have already provided us with information for the 2014 school year.

IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY
Absenteism has an effect on academic performance and social development - what can students learn if they’re not at school? Some absences are entirely valid - sickness is the most obvious reason but to give students the best chances of success and to give them more choices in life, students must attend school as regularly as possible.

Did you realise that one day’s absence a fortnight adds up to 20 days in a school year that equates to one whole year of schooling by the time the student reaches Year 10. At VCE there is a mandated 90% attendance requirement - so now is the time to instil good habits into your children so that they will fulfil attendance requirements at the senior levels.

Please ensure that alarm clocks are operating effectively - this ensures that students start the day on time and on task!

There are 2 students who have achieved 100% attendance during Term 4 and these students will be awarded with a Certificate at School Assembly today. Congratulations to: Laura (12B) and Kyri (56B) for attending every day this term.

There have been other students who have been away for just ½ day or 1 day during Term 4: Jerome (12B), Shinta (56A), Ting (56A), Kaan (56B) Andrew C (56B) and Andrew L (56B) were absent for ½ day and Manaf (12A), Krish (12B), Kanishka (34A), Navneet (34B), Ferdos (34B), Katrina (34B), Gyan (34B), Romulo (56A), Anshu (56B) and Aman (56B) have been absent just 1 day this term so far. Well done to all these students. Next term I would like to see many more of you standing up at assembly collecting a certificate for 100% attendance.
Book Pack Collection Day 2014

Book Pack Collection & Payment Day for 2014 will be on:

Date: Thursday 23rd January 2014
Times:
Morning 8:30—10:30am
Afternoon 2:00—4:30pm

If you are eligible for Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), please ensure you bring a valid health care or concession card and a completed EMA application form with you on 23rd January.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28th

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This term our Grade 1s and 2s have been working together on design briefs to create: bridges that can support a toy car; hats; toys and playground equipment.

Great Collaboration.
Lots of talking
Taking turns
Co-operation
Great ideas
Lots of fun!

Design, Technology & Team Work!
2014 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education related costs.

If you have a child enrolled at school and you hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card you may be eligible to receive the EMA.

The allowance is paid in two instalments one in March and the second in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education related costs such as:

- Uniforms
- Excursions
- Textbooks and Stationery

You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account
- Paid to the school to be deducted from your education expenses
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection

In 2014 the annual EMA amount per student is:

- Prep students - $200
- Grade One to Grade Six students - $150

How to apply:

Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form

Closing Date:

The EMA form needs to be returned to the school office by Friday February 28th 2014

For further information about EMA visit:
Oakdale Dental & Wellness Centre has recently opened at 157 Mackie Rd, East Bentleigh. We offer Laser Dentistry which is great for kids, and grown-ups alike, as we usually don’t need needles and drills (over 10 years of experience in lasers, nearly 20 years of dentistry).

We also offer Kinesiology, the opportunities include helping children to overcome learning and behavioural concerns, but expand to all sorts of treatments for everyone in the family.

Massage is also on offer, providing remedial and relaxation massage for whatever your body needs!

www.oakdale.net.au or call us on 9078 7100.
City of Kingston
Vacation Care Program

We are excited to bring to you the Brochure and Enrolment form for the Summer 2013 / 2014 Vacation Care program. This program has been developed through consultation with children, families and educators during the Sep/Oct vacation care program. It is a fun filled program giving children opportunities to follow their interests, have new experiences, make new friends, explore, learn, discover and experience success through play.


It is requested children who require support for inclusion in a program, submit enrolment and payment forms as early as possible to allow time to apply for funding.

Don’t miss out on your children’s spot at one of our fantastic programs to find out more visits Kingston’s website www.kingston.vic.gov.au. For enquiries please call the Vacation Care Team on (03) 9581 4846 or (03) 9581 4875.

Gardening, Harvesting and Feasting Workshop
Bus Tour to Port Phillip Eco Centre

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 6 & 7 DECEMBER 2013

Join us on one of our bus tours.

Come along on our free bus tour! Learn about food garden basics and how to set up a simple container garden.

You will also assist in harvesting leafy greens and herbs and make herb bread and fresh salads.

A sit down meal will complete the workshop followed by bus trip back to collection locations.

Spaces are limited, bookings are essential!
To book, please call 9581 4713 or email cupplace@kingston