Dear Parents

Welcome to the second last newsletter for 2013, which makes me wonder, where has the year gone and wow, only a week to go before the end of the 2013 school year!

As per usual, we have so much to share about our wonderful school with our fantastic school community such as:

**Bushwahzee**, which was held on Monday 9th December.

The music from the 60’s was the theme of the day and students, teachers and parents had a fabulous time. Thanks to all the families who came on Monday night to share with their children the day’s workshops. I have heard rave reviews from everyone involved and, although all grades gave an excellent performance, I have to say our Preps were a highlight of the night.

Thank you so much to Annie Tayleur for organising the event which we hope will be held again in 2015 with a different theme. One parent said, "This was the best school night ever!"
Dolphin Ambassadors Program

On Wednesday our new ambassadors for 2014, Ben N, Tommy M, Baran U and Matt T went to Sorrento to snorkel with seals and dolphins. The students are learning about the importance of caring for our marine environment and will be teaching other students next year about why we need to reduce our waste.

Unfortunately the weather meant they saw eels, fish, sea stars and seals but no dolphins. The boys were resilient and courageous in the face of wind and rain on the boat and never once complained about the cold. We look forward to them joining our Kids Teaching Kids group to become our Water and Water Warriors next year.

School Captains and Sports Captains

The level of excitement in the Year 5 classes has been a little higher than usual lately as the children were preparing and presenting themselves for the various 2014 School Leadership positions. Last week a number of students nominated themselves for leadership roles next year. Students spoke in front of teachers and other students as to why they should be elected as the 2014 Captains and EVERY ONE of them did an excellent job.

At our last assembly there will be a hand over of roles and leaders will be announced. We will also have an official presentation of badges at the beginning of 2014. Parents will be notified of the date so they are given the opportunity to attend.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL

It seems hard to believe that it is already close to another year ending and we would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank you”:

♦ to all members of Parents and Friends for their numerous fundraising efforts and community events throughout 2013 - the many hours of personal time given by PFA members is much appreciated.

♦ to the parents and members of the school community who have supported our school throughout the year. Building of a positive and respectful partnership is such an important part of CSPS. The helpers in classroom programs, excursions and incursions, working bees as well as at our swimming program is valued by all staff.

♦ special acknowledgement needs to be made to our School Council President and all School Councillors. We also say farewell to Christine Mizzi and Connie Pikardou whose time on School Council is coming to a close as their children are finishing Grade 6 this year.
MORE THANK YOUS

A huge thanks to the staff at Bosch, who are developing a valuable partnership with CSPS and have come to the school to help with tagging and testing, repairs to buildings and general maintenance. We want to continue their relationship with the school in 2014 and hope to find other ways to involve them as community partners.

Student Reports

At our school we highly value the children's reports as they are a means of celebrating how much the students have grown socially, emotionally and academically throughout the year.

The teaching staff have been working extremely hard on writing your child's report and these will be distributed next week in conjunction with a slip outlining your child's classroom teacher and room for the 2014 school year.

Please ensure you read the report carefully and if you have any queries see your child's classroom teacher, Mrs Mothersdale or myself.

LAST DAY OF TERM & HOLIDAY BREAK

Term 4 ends on Friday 20th December at 1.30pm. There will be a final assembly at 1.00 pm on this day so we can farewell those leaving us.

School recommences on Wednesday 29th January, 2014. I look forward to seeing everyone back then as we commence another great year at Clayton South Primary School.

Our new Prep (Foundation) students commence on Thursday 30th January, 2014.

Holiday Help - Feeding our chooks

We have 1 or 2 families that said they are able to help over the holidays to feed the chooks and be part of a roster. We would love to hear from 2 more so we can allocate a week to each family. Please see Lynne Foster if you are able to help.

Parents and Friends Association (PFA)

The PFA are desperately looking for new members in 2014, even if it is only to sell icy poles on a Friday or to become an active member of our fundraising committee. If you could spare one hour per week we would love to hear from you.

Thanks,
Lynne Foster
Assistant Principal
Fathers play an important role in the lives of their daughters. Many fathers might feel a bit intimidated by the idea of spending quality parenting time with their daughters (after all what have they got in common with them when sport is not on the agenda?). However, research has shown that the protection, guidance, supporting hand and unconditional love from a male role model are key factors in protecting little girls as they grow up.

**Start on Her Birthday:** Get involved from the day she is born by being present. The more time you spend with her earlier, the easier it will be to continue building the relationship later.

**Listen Lots:** Girls love to talk. Dads need to learn to listen. Take the time to find out what she is thinking, dreaming and wishing in her life. And most of all, keep confidences. When she shares something with you that is private and bares her soul, don’t repeat the story. She needs to know that she can trust you.

**Make Time For Her and for Fun:** Do things together that are fun and entertaining. Take her swimming, bush walking, the library or just hang out at home watching her favourite movie. These are memories she will cherish for the rest of her life.

**Tell Her She’s Beautiful:** Today’s culture and the media often give young girls the message that they need to be the right weight, wear the right makeup, dress stylishly and sometimes immodestly to be beautiful. When you tell your daughter she is beautiful, emphasize the importance of being beautiful inside - more than skin-deep. Compliment her when her eyes sparkle or when she breaks into a big smile.

**Write Notes and Letters:** Her birthday is a good opportunity to write a card to your daughter expressing your feelings, letting her know how you feel about her and how proud you are of her. This is a good way to showing her that you love her.

**Be a Great Example of Manhood:** The way your daughter sees you treat women makes a big difference in how she will see men later in her life. Be on your best behavior with her, her mother and other female friends and relatives. Simple courtesy and kindness will go a long way in helping her know what to expect of men in her later life.

**Girls who have secure and loving relationships with their fathers:**

- Have better grades in school
- Feel better about themselves
- Are more assertive without being aggressive
- Feel more confident in relationships with men in general

**MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL**

**TOP TIPS FOR FATHERS: HOW TO CREATE A LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR DAUGHTER**

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"Success is about who you are, not what you have." - Tom Morris
2014 Excursions and Incursions

Families will have received their 2014 Parent Payment Notice earlier this week, outlining the fees for the 2014 school year.

This notice includes an incursion/excursion levy which you can pay on Thursday 23rd January (Book Pack collection day) so that all excursions and incursions for the 2014 school year are paid upfront.

**What are the advantages of paying the incursion/excursion levy up front?**

- You don’t have to scrounge around for loose change/coins every time an incursion or excursion is planned
- Encourages full participation in excursions and incursions in 2014. The excursion/incursion activity is often central to the curriculum, with students doing lead-in activities prior to the event and follow-on activities after the event
- Families that are able to pay the excursion levy ensure that their child/ren will not miss out on the great learning opportunities that excursions and incursions provide for them.

On Book Pack collection day, we will display a list all “2014 excursions and incursions” for each year level so that you understand what your incursion/excursion levy covers.

Please note, as indicated on the Parent Payment form, swimming lessons and school camp are not be covered in the 2014 excursion levy. We still encourage full participation in both swimming (all year levels) and school camp (for Grades 4, 5, 6).

To help you budget, we anticipate Swimming lessons will cost approximately $90 next year and School Camp will cost approximately $260.

Swimming lessons are held in Term 4 and School Camp is held in Term 3.

**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 different to align with Prep orientation sessions. Please feel free to contact the school office for further information.

**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.

**SHOP HOURS**

Next week is our last week of the school year.
The uniform shop will be open:
Mon 16th Dec 8:30-9:30am
Thurs 19th Dec 2:30-4:00pm
Fri 20th Dec 8:30-10:00am

**WHAT IF I CAN’T GET TO THE UNIFORM SHOP?**

No problem! You can collect an order form from the office & your order will be processed the next time the uniform shop is open. If you prefer shopping from home then you may choose to order our new school uniform on the web at www.fcw.com.au

Select the red Schoolwear button

Select Clayton South Primary School

Happy Shopping!!
Book Pack Collection Day 2014

As per the notice that was sent home this week, 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. The EMA form was distributed to all families this week.

To coincide with Book Pack Collection Day on Thursday 23rd January 2014, the school uniform shop will be open from 9:00—10:30am and 2:00—4:30pm.

Collect book packs, pay school fees and buy school uniforms all on the one day - now that's what I call convenient!

** SELL OUT OF OUR CURRENT GREEN & GOLD UNIFORM STOCK - MONDAY 16th DEC 3-4pm **

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

** FIRST IN, FIRST SERVED **

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY THURSDAY DECEMBER 12th

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LOCAL ADVERTISING

HOOPSMART

BASKETBALL CAMP

January Holidays 2014

Damien Ryan
Former NBL, European and Australian Boomer player will be conducting an innovative and fun HOOPSMART basketball camp.

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP
* Team building
* Leadership
* Life Skills
* Goal Setting

PLAYERS: All levels - Boys/Girls 6-14 years
COST: $135 *Early Bird Special* Registered & Paid before 1st JAN ONLY
****FREE NBA ball & Prizes****
Registration closes Mon 13th Jan 2014

Special Guests & Coaches!!!

Register at: hoosmart.com.au
Enquiries: 0406 488 313
admin@hoosmart.com.au

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.

THIS SUMMER
UNLIMITED BOWLING

ONLY $16.90 BEFORE 5PM

Get into AMF for the Unlimited deal PLUS loads of in centre entertainment, competitions & prizes! Add on action-packed laser, arcades & great value meals.

Don’t miss out!

SEARCH AMF Unlimited FOR MORE INFO

*Valid during trial of Jun 6, 2014 at public school holidays everyday before 5pm. Infant & per person. Subject to availability. Valid for 2 games per person before joining weekend. Not valid with any other offer. See centre manager for full T&Cs.
3E Kidzclub (OSHC) Vacation Care Program

Our school holiday programs are full of fun and exciting activities, workshops and excursions all in a safe and friendly environment for primary school children aged 5-12 years of age.

All our staff are friendly, caring and have relevant qualifications and background checks (WWC).

For more information phone 0409 759 045, or email ej.kidzclub@yahoo.com.au

Bookings are now open
Just complete the required enrolment form and be quick as places are limited! Enrolment forms can be collected from the school or by phoning the following numbers or sending a message to the following email and the form will be emailed to you.

Children with additional needs
All children are supported by 3E Kidzclub including children with special needs. If your child falls into this category, please contact the program manager on 0409 759 045 at least a week before the program is due to commence. We will need to evaluate your case and may need to apply for funding for extra staff to help support your child's participation in the program.

What does my child bring?
Please bring morning and afternoon tea, lunch and a refillable water bottle. Make sure you don’t bring food that needs to be heated or cooked, and remember NUT FREE ZONE.

Don’t forget your hat, sunscreen and comfortable shoes and clothes. Sorry, but no Thongs!

REMEMBER No Hat No Play!
We wouldn’t like you to lose something valuable, so please leave your money and electronic toys (phones, iPods, iphones, etc.) at home.

COST: Based on at $33 Kidzclub hrs. However, once you have claimed your CCB and CCC Government rebates you could be paying a minimum of $13.30 per hour – which is a great value for a day of fun.

PLEASE SEE REVERSE FOR SAMPLES OF OUR FUN ACTIVITIES

Cancellations
Unfortunately, for planning and staffing reasons we are unable to accept cancellations or give any refunds once a booking is made

Payments (which will only be the gap after the government rebate payment)
Payments for the vacation care program will be debited from your nominated bank account or credit card weekly.

What should be there everyday:
1. Plenty of art & craft
2. Outdoor games & activities
3. Toys & games
4. Excursions, Workshops, Theme days, Cooking

Please note:
If you wish to claim Childcare benefits (CCB) and the Government Childcare Rebate (CCGR) you must register with the Family Assistance Office (FAO)

In the event that an excursion or workshop is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE MAKING A BOOKING
Workshops are an additional cost to the daily fee. This fee is charged to all children who attend that day regardless of whether they choose to participate or not.

3E Kidzclub (OSHC) Vacation Care Program WESTALL PRIMARY SCHOOL January 6th – January 27th 2014
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Wonderful Workshops
Exciting Excursions
Activities
Theme days
Special
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Classes From Prep – VCE

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9028 2088 or 0456 114 829