Dear Members of Clayton South Primary School Community, welcome to the final newsletter for the 2013 school year!

It really is amazing to think that this is the final newsletter for the year and that Term Four is coming to an end as is the 2013 school year!

What a terrific year we have had and congratulations to all of our students for their contribution to the school year – I am so proud of all of you!

Unfortunately Lynne Dickins, our Principal, has been on extended sick leave this term but she would like to pass on her best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our families. Mrs Dickins hopes everyone has a happy and safe holiday break and returns to CSPS in 2014 energised and ready for a great year.

In 2013, we have continued purchasing and updating the technology throughout the school with a new Server, tablets and 30 notebook computers. We have continued to develop our Reading program throughout the school using our C.A.F.E strategies and have introduced Reading Eggs. We have enriched our writing program with the introduction of Authors chairs and giving students more opportunities to develop their own writing.

All in all, it really has been a fantastic year at our wonderful school!

**DREAM ~ LEARN ~ ACHIEVE**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Term 4, 2013
Fri 20 Dec

Final Assembly, 12:45pm
Last day of school—school finishes at 1:30pm

Term 1, 2014
Thu 23 Jan
Book Pack collection day, 8:30-10:30am and 2:00-4:30pm
Uniform Shop open

Wed 29 Jan
Term 1 starts for Grades 1-6 students

Thu 30 Jan
Term 1 starts for Foundation (Prep) students

2014 School Terms
Term 1: 29 Jan – 4 Apr
Term 2: 22 Apr – 27 Jun
Term 3: 14 Jul – 19 Sep
Term 4: 6 Oct – 19 Dec
2014 Student Leaders

Tomorrow at our last assembly we will announce our new student leaders for 2014. We will hold a further ceremony at the beginning of 2014 when students will receive their badges. It really is an honour to be a school leader and represent your peers, teachers and our school community but we congratulate all the students who put their hand up to nominate for a school leadership role. We thank you all for your efforts and remember at our school, all Year 5 and 6 students are considered as leaders.

Student Reports

As a learning community, it is extremely important that we value the children’s reports as they are a means of celebrating how much the children have grown socially, emotionally and academically throughout the year. The teaching staff have been working extremely hard to ensure your child’s report accurately reflects their current level of achievement and also the growth throughout the year. Your child’s report will be distributed today (Thursday 19th December) 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. Families are most welcome to arrange to meet with their child’s teacher if you would like to discuss the report.

2014 School Fees

We would really like to have as many school fees as possible paid on Thursday 23rd January 2014 when Book Packs can be collected and the uniform shop will also be open. Families will then be able to commence labelling and covering the contents ready for the first day of the school year in 2014.

Year 6 Graduation

Congratulations to our Year 6 students for being wonderful role models throughout the year and best wishes for the future. Monday night was an outstanding night and I am sure it will be a night they will remember for many years to come. I would like to bid a fond farewell to our fabulous team of Year 6 students and I would also like to wish every Year 6 student the very best in the years ahead and remind them that “once you are a part of the CSPS family, you are always a part of the CSPS family”.

Arrangements for the Final Day of school—Friday 20th December

A reminder that we will finish school at 1:30 on Friday 20th December; as a result the students will not need to bring their lunch to school. Due to the early finishing time, lunch orders will not be available on this day.

Your child will still need a snack for the day as we are still having a morning recess break. We will be holding our final assembly at 12.45 pm to bid a fond farewell to those who are leaving our school.
Moving Rooms

Last Friday we had a moving day as a means of preparing for the 2014 school year and so teachers had the opportunity to move their resources and commence preparing their classes for next year.

Next year our:
- **Preps** will be in Room 19
- **Grade 1** in Room 16
- **Grade 2** in Room 18
- **Grades 3 and 4** in Rooms 13 & 14
- **Grades 5 and 6** in Rooms 8 & 9

2014 Return Dates

Year 1-6 students will return to school on **Wednesday 29th January** and Foundation (Prep) students will begin on **Thursday 30th January**.

Happy holidays to everyone. I sincerely wish all members of the Clayton South Primary School community the very best throughout the forthcoming summer break. To those members of our school community who celebrate Christmas, Merry Christmas to you all.

Please stay safe and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Take care and I look forward to seeing everybody in 2014!

Lynne Foster
Assistant Principal

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

FAREWELLS

Every Year 6 student participated joyously in the singing, dancing and excitement of the evening which marked a very important transition in the lives of these young people. Transition from primary school to secondary school is a rite of passage and we trust that our students will take with them, not only to secondary college but beyond, the values that have been instilled in them during their time at Clayton South Primary School.

I felt privileged to be a part of the evening and I wish each and every Year 6 student farewell and very best wishes for the future. The success of the evening was due to the input of many of our dedicated staff: thank you to Miss Anna, Miss Keri and Miss Felicia for being responsible for much of the invaluable, but hidden, behind-the-scene work, thank you for the support of all the other staff and in particular, to Irene Dornau and Jessica Mitchell for the hours of work they dedicated in preparation for the night, to ensure that the students had “the best night” – a night that they will remember forever! Thank you also to the PFA who subsidised the celebration!

Like every other year we have to say goodbye to some valued members of staff. Both Judy Emmett (Administration) and Keri Jorgenson (Integration Aide) have added value to our school and we are sorry to say goodbye. However it is pleasing that they have both found employment for next year. We thank them for their valuable contributions to the life of the school and wish them well in their new settings.
SEASON’S GREETINGS

I take this opportunity to thank the Clayton South Primary School Council members and all the parents and families who have supported the school throughout the year. I wish you well over the holiday season and look forward to your continued input into the life of CSPS next year.

My thanks and best wishes also go to the extraordinary staff at Clayton South Primary School. The priority of each teacher is to ensure that EVERY student is given the opportunity for success - we believe the single most important factor influencing student performance is the quality of the relationship between the teacher and the students. The classroom teacher works tirelessly to make a difference in the life of our children and I value and appreciate their dedication to this task.

The Education Support staff at this school work incredibly hard to support teachers and students and I thank them for their work also. Mrs Kuzmiuk, the Business Manager has an enormous financial responsibility within the school and I am indebted to her vigilance and rigorous attention to detail. And finally, the school would not operate as effectively without the extraordinary skills and dedication of the Assistant Principal, Lynne Foster, who has the interest of the students and the school at the heart of everything she does.

I wish the entire school community a well-earned and safe holiday break.

Barbara Mothersdale

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Always be kind, for everyone is fighting a hard battle." Greek philosopher Plato (427-347 BC)

Book Pack Collection Day 2014

As per the notice that was sent home last 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 last 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!
2014 Excursions and Incursions

Families will have received their 2014 Parent Payment Notice last 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 incursion 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

The uniform shop will be open tomorrow for the last time this year:

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

Click on the Online Shop under the Products menu on the lefthand side of the window

Select Clayton South Primary School

Happy Shopping!!
December
20 Vienna
22 Krish
29 James N
31 Adrian

January
5 Wesam
8 David
10 Iliana
14 Jamnl
20 Antonia

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