Diary Dates

Feb 19 -  ISS Wallarano – Away
Feb 23  School Council Meeting 6pm
Feb 26  ISS Mt Hira – home
Feb 27  Whole School Working Bee 2:30 – 4:30pm
Mar 2   Prep Students start 5 days
        Swimming Program starts
Mar 9   Labour Day Holiday
Mar 25  International/ Harmony Day
Mar 23  School Council - AGM
Mar 27  Last Day of Term – 2:30pm finish

Term 2  April 13 – June 26
Term 3  July 13 – September 18
Term 4  October 5 – December 18

Principal’s Report

Hello everyone
Welcome back to another exciting school year at Clayton South Primary School. I would particularly like to welcome our new Foundation (Prep) students and our other new students and parents to our school.
Our Prep students had a great start to their school life last week. They were happy and excited and we wish them well on their first year at school. Each of our new Foundation (Prep) students received a colourful library bag from the Department of Education. These lovely bright green bags contained some information for parents and some helpful items to make the start to school a little easier.
My name is Sue McSweeney and I am delighted to be here at Clayton South Primary School as the Principal. I have previously worked in the Frankston area and I wish to thank all the students, parents and staff who have made me feel welcome. I am passionate about education and about providing students with the best possible education with the resources available. If you see me around, please feel free to introduce yourself and we can have a chat. I am very impressed with the spacious grounds and lovely big classrooms for the students at Clayton South. A wonderful place to learn and play!

The Chickens are back.
A big thank you to Elizabeth Webb, one of our parents, for looking after the baby chickens over the holiday period. We are all excited Flick, Nicki, Marshy and Gabby are back in their hen house at Clayton South.

Information Evening
At Clayton South PS we believe that a positive and supportive relationship between home and school is essential to maximise learning achievement. Last night was our Information Evenings. 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 is very appreciative of your involvement and 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.

The 2015 Staff Team at Clayton South Primary School is as follows:

**Business Manager**
Mrs Gay Kuzmiuk - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
The office will be manned by Mrs Porlee Ng on a Wednesday

**Classroom Teachers**
Foundation – Mrs Fairlie Halligan in Room 19
Grade 1/2 Ms Annie Tayleur in Room 16
Grade 1/2 B Mrs Nerina Deathridge Room in Room 18
Grade 3/4 A Ms Lisa Halstead Room 13
Grade 3/4 B Mrs Leanne Monk Room 14
Grade 5/6 A Miss Emily Choo Room 8
Grade 5/6 B Mr Larry Hay Room 9

**Specialists Teachers**
Ms Valeska Castillo - Spanish and Art
Mrs Heather Douglass – PE

**Integration Aide Staff**
Mrs Felica Zinas
Mrs Georgina Romero
Mrs Anna Cardamone
Mrs Hue Truong
Individual Book Supplies and School Accounts
I am extremely pleased to report that the vast majority of families have already settled their Essential Education Items account, and have collected book supplies and paid the excursion levy for Term 1. A few families have also made the voluntary contribution towards our Facilities Development Fund.
Thank you to everyone for your support and for ensuring that we have had a very smooth start with the children being well resourced and ready to go!
As mentioned previously, the Essential Educational Items are a vital component of the school’s ability to provide resources for us to implement the best possible education for all of the children.
If you are yet to settle your school account and need some assistance, please do not hesitate to see me.

How you can help your child settle back into the school year?
It’s not unusual for kids to need a little extra help adjusting to the start of school. What can you do?
Talk up what happens at school and develop a regular routine could assist this process. Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. Your child needs to hear positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. Please see the class teacher if you have any concerns.

Congratulations to the following students who are our 2015 school Leaders.
School captains: Hana and Aanas
Vice school captains: Dhruv and Saanvi
Sports captains: Amor and Dima
Vice Sports captains: Ferdos and Vienna
Junior school councillors:
5 Waste Warriors/Dolphin Ambassadors:
Charlie
Celine
Navneet
Marmarin
Dima
5 Grade 5 reps:
Mohammad
William
Kanishka
Raviha
Iliana
Clayton Festival

We have registered to have a stand at the Clayton festival on Sunday 15th February. Staff will be manning our stall from about noon and would love to see you there supporting our school in the local community.

School Council Elections

School Council is a very important part of Victorian Government Schools and we value input from parents and Education Department employees. There are four parent vacancies and three DET staff vacancies on school Council this year. Representatives are elected for two years. Representatives whose two year term ends are entitled to be nominated for re-election if they still have children attending Clayton South PS in 2015. Parents whose two year term ends this March are: Jo Tyson, Maria Pagomenos, Kylie Jones-Wilson and Lucy Nimorakiotakis. Staff whose two year term ends this March are Nerina Deathridge, Jessica Mitchell and Annie Tayleur. I would like to thank each of these people for their input into the governance of our school.

Nominations for parent and DET member vacancies open on Friday 13th February 2015. Nominations close on Friday 7th March 2015. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies, an election will be held in the week Monday 9th March to Monday 16th March. School Council meetings are held a minimum of eight times a year, dates to be published. They begin at 6:00pm and usually conclude by 7:30pm. Please contact me if you would like further information about School Council.

School Uniform

It is fantastic to see students wearing their school uniform correctly. Part of our uniform is a broad brimmed Sun Smart Hat. All students must wear their school hat for recess, lunchtime PE lessons and Sport. Please ensure your child has a named school hat so that they can participate in these activities.

Chinese Mandarin Lessons at Clayton South

We are proud to announce Ms Ma from Monash Community has offered to teach Chinese for free to the student at Clayton Primary School. Ms Ma will be doing this through a cultural lesson on Fridays at lunchtime. Regardless of your family background and culture this could be of interest. Please contact the school office or email mcsweeney.susan.g@edumail.vic.gov.au if you would like your child to participate.

Staff Car Park

Parents and carers are requested not to use the staff car park for pick-up and drop-off of students before and after school or to be used as a walkway. This is prohibited in the interests of student safety.

Looking forward to chatting to you all,
Kind regards
Sue McSweeney
**Birthdays**

**January**
- 8th  David  56A
- 10th  Illiana  56B
- 16th  Jeevitha  PA
- 22nd  Shubh  12B
- 23rd  Stephanie  12A
- 28th  Flinn  PA

**February**
- 6th  Manaf  34A
- 11th  Gunveen  56A
- 17th  Jiyaa  34A
- 18th  Vivian  PA
- 19th  Gyan  56A
- 24th  Les  12A
- 28th  Radhika  34A

**Advertisement**

**Clarinda Art & Craft Market - 28 February, 2015 10am - 2pm**

Meet our newest stallholder - Christina, a qualified teacher with "working with kids" check.

Did you know a cute little business has been growing steadily in 2014, in nearby Huntingdale? It's now time to tell you all about it 😊

[Website link]

Set in a 1960's Viscount Ambassador caravan, we hold "Crafternoons" and parties for children and teens on Saturday afternoons, inc. school holidays. Craft workshops for grown-ups are also available in 2015 - They are on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons by arrangement. For the price of a movie and coffee, you can have a night out with friends and go home with a stunning handmade accomplishment.

Experience a mini version of a My Little Caravan style crafternoon at our "pop-up" stand on the 4th Saturday of the month at Clarinda Market.

We have new stallholders as well as some of our regulars, like Annette with jams and pickles; Dennis with herbs, Jewell with baby clothes and Dawn with fuchsias. Free entry, air conditioning and light refreshments available. More information from Veeva 9544 1161.
Parent Updates

Extend OSHC at Clayton South Primary School

Our recap

Last week we welcomed our new children into the after school care program here at Clayton South Primary School. We were able to get busy with our afternoon activities and the kids have enjoyed playing Cricket, Tennis, Colour tiggy and making up the Marble race track.

They did a great job doing some lovely paintings. Also, children have had the opportunity to put their creativity at work through egg carton craft. Moreover, children enjoyed playing quieter games such as bugs building, pop n hop etc. Further, Children loved the Zappy Zoomer activity and we discussed about "Thrust".

Kind Regards
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We look forward to seeing you next week for more fun activities!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au