Principal’s Report

Our teachers are preparing end of year student reports. Leading up to this important element of reporting on student learning, teachers have been engaged in the ongoing process of gathering, analysing and reflecting on evidence to make informed and consistent judgements of the work undertaken in classes. Data that is collected forms a starting point for making an on-balance judgement. To this, teachers add knowledge built from daily interaction with students, student responses to learning tasks, diagnostic assessment tasks and moderation of student work. Your child’s report will be sent home on Wednesday 16th December.

Staffing and student classes are being finalised for 2016. A whole school Orientation Day will occur on Tuesday 8th December. Students from Prep to Year 5 will spend a morning with their 2016 teacher and class members while the Year 6 students attending a Government Secondary School will be at their chosen school for 2016. Please note careful consideration is made to make up the classes. Friendships, academic ability and relationships with others are considered. If you have any concerns about your child’s placement for 2016 please notify me in writing by Friday 11th December.
We have been fortunate to have the Extend team at our school in 2015 and we would like to ensure it continues in 2016. To do this we need enrolments to be completed before the end of the school year for 2016. Forms are available online or in a hard copy from the General Office. Please help us by registering so we can guarantee this program continues next year.

The Art show and Bushwahzee were both fantastic community events. Well done to our fantastic staff, parents and students especially Valeska Castillo for their hard work in making them a success. More photos available further on in our newsletter.

The process to select the 2016 student leaders has begun with students preparing speeches that they make to the senior student group. I would like to wish all of the children and their families the very best of luck and also thank them for being prepared to nominate and complete the election process. We look forward to announcing the 2016 School Captains and all of the 2016 student leaders before the holiday break and then they will be presented their badges in 2016.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Just letting families know that Wednesday, 27th January and Thursday, 28th January 2016 are pupil free days with all of our students commencing their 2016 school year on Friday, 29th January.

**18TH DECEMBER LAST DAY OF TERM 4- EARLY DISMISSAL – 1:30pm**

Thursday 21st January Essential school items payment day 9-12 and 1pm -3pm

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**Parent Update**

**Extend OSHC at Clayton South Primary School**

**Our recap**

This fortnight was a busy one for us, filled with many activities. We had a science focus for the past two weeks, in which we took part in activities such as making slime, going on a nature walk around the school and also creating fossils. We were very excited to make fossils during week eight, and we learned many new things about the type of fossils that we can find. We also learned the name of the people who dig for fossils, paleontologists! We searched for things in the garden to create our own dinosaur foot prints, and staged our own fossil dig. Other activities that took place in the past fortnight also included Aboriginal dot painting, dodgeball, story time, and kingdom murals.

Last week we were lucky enough to present at the prep session and talked to parents about the types of things that we do at the Extend program! Jordan and Jeevitha were very brave to speak in front of parents and did such a great job at presenting their fossils.

Kind regards,
Jessica.

Our Extend Superstar is… **Charlotte**.
For complimenting other students on their work, and also being a supportive friend to others.

Next week’s activities:
Monday 7th December:
Footy handball targets
**Tuesday 8th December:**
Bean bags
**Wednesday 9th December:**
Collage names
**Thursday 10th December:**
Sippy straw experiment
**Friday 11th December:**
Xmas decorating
ART SHOW 2015

WOW! I am so proud of the artists at our school. Thank you to all the Clayton South students for letting me showcase their amazing work and for sharing their enthusiasm and dedication to Visual Arts.

Your beautiful art work was spectacular and very creative! I am sure your parents and family were very proud of you too.

I would like to thank the staff for helping with the Art Show and to Westall Secondary and South Oakleigh Secondary for allowing us to borrow their display boards.

The BER was transformed into a very colourful Art Gallery and parents and families were delighted to see their children’s art. Thank you to all the families who visited the art show.

Valeska (Senorita) Castillo
Gold Rush Incursion

By Archie and Mohmmad

On the 11th November the 5/6 students participated in a gold rush incursion. This term we are learning about the Gold Rush in 1851.

We wore these lion costumes. We walked to each corner of the room to scare away the evil spirits and grant us good luck. The Chinese miners used to do the same.

A mining technique we used to find gold is called ‘Panning’. We use a plate to scoop up the sand in the water and then poor it out which leaves traces of gold.

We placed the gold nuggets on the scale to see what the value of it was.

We learnt how to write Chinese characters (that’s what they called words)

The Police on the goldfields could arrest anyone without a miner’s licence. The extremely high price of these licences led to the Eureka Stockade.

We carried buckets full of water on bamboo sticks to signify that the Chinese always carried lots of dirt and water around the goldfields.

This is Traditional Chinese clothing which we had to wear during our incursion.
All our school had a fantastic time at our community Bush dance. It was great to see students, staff and parents dance together and have fun. A special thank you to Kingston Councillor Paul Peulich North Ward who gave us a Council Ward Grant to sponsored this event.
### Student of the Week Awards

**Presented at Assembly – Thursday November 19th**

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<td>For her positive attitude to learning and support of her classmates</td>
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<td>Kabir</td>
<td>For all his hard work improving his writing this term</td>
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<td>Harshini</td>
<td>Congratulations on achieving a very high standard in English and Maths – Well Done</td>
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<td>Harjot</td>
<td>For always pushing yourself to produce the best quality work</td>
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<td>For making outstanding progress in literacy and being the class historian</td>
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**Great Work!!**