Welcome back to the 2017 year.

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 nine new students and their families to our school. All our students had a great start to their school life last week. The students were happy and excited and we wish them a successful, productive year. All our new Prep students received a colourful library bag from the Department of Education. These lovely bags contained some information for parents and some helpful items to make the start to school a little easier.

How you can help your child settle back into the school year?

It’s not unusual for children 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 as this 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.
The 2017 Staff Team at Clayton South Primary School is as follows:

Principal
Mrs Sue McSweeney

Business Manager
Mrs Gay Kuzmiuk—Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Administration Assistant
Miss Keah Hickleton—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Classroom Teachers
Foundation—Mrs Fairlie Halligan in Room 19
Grade 1/2 B Mrs Nerina Deathridge Room in Room 18
Grade 1/2A Mrs Katya Tovio in Room 16
Grade 3/4 A Mr David Borg Room 13
Grade 3/4 B Mrs Leanne Monk Room 14
Grade 5/6 A Miss Eve Angelis Room 8
Grade 5/6 B Mr Larry Hay Room 9

Specialists Teachers
Ms Valeska Castillo—Spanish and Art
Mrs Heather Douglass—PE
Ms Annie Tayleur—performing Arts and EAL teacher

Integration Aide Staff
Mrs Felica Zinas
Mrs Kathie Wittner
Mrs Anna Cardamone
Mrs Sumitha Johnsilas

Information Evenings
At Clayton South PS we believe that a positive and supportive relationship between home and school is essential to maximise learning achievement. On Monday 13th February we are conducting our Information Evenings. This is 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 have already responded they are able to attend. The staff is very appreciative of your involvement and this type of meeting that strengthens the partnerships that we develop each year. If you are unable to attend please contact your child’s teacher to arrange an alternative time to meet.

Individual Book Supplies and School Accounts
I am extremely happy to report that the vast majority of families have already settled their Essential Education Items account, and all students have been given their book supplies. 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.
Introducing our 2017 school Leaders.

School Captains: Antonia and Lucas
Vice School Captains: Amelia and Marcus
Sports Captains: JP and Joanna
Vice Sports captains: Aryan and Zainab
Waste Warriors/ I sea I care ambassadors
Marcus
Navya
Jemma
Joanna
Julie
Arthur

Health Care Card Holders
The 2017 Camps, Sports & Excursion fund applications are open now. You are eligible if you have a current concession card. Please complete the form on the last page of this newsletter.

Parking
Please be aware of the parking restrictions surrounding the school grounds when dropping off and collecting your child/ren.

Fines are issued by council parking inspectors if these are not adhered to.
The staff car parks in Narrumburn and Clayton Roads are not to be used by parents for safety reasons.
There is always a staff member on duty from 8:45am to 9am and 3:30pm to 4:15pm every school day to see the safe arrival and departure of your child. The front of our school is a perfect spot to safely drop your child off and be on your way.
Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Swimming
This year we have been fortunate to one again have sponsorship from Life Saving Victoria for this program.
Like LSV, our aim is for every Primary School aged child to learn to swim, and are pleased to offer this program to all our students at Clayton South Primary School at a reduced cost of $40. This is the cost of transporting the students to the pool.

The program for Preps- Grade 6 will commence on Monday 27th February at The Doug Ellis Memorial Pool, Monash University, Clayton.
Sessions will run from 11:45- 12:30 Prep- 2 (leaving at 11:15 am approx.)
12:30-1:15 Year 3- 6 (leaving school at 12:00 approx.) The session for the 3-6 students is limited to 50 students only due to transportation so the first 50 students to bring their notice back with ensure a space.
Swimming will take place on the following dates:
Week 1- Mon 27th, Tues 28th, Thurs. 2nd, Friday 3rd
Week 2-Tues 7th, Wed 8th, Thurs. 9th, Friday 10th

Hand of Wax Incursion
The students at Clayton South participated in an unusual incursion last year. A parent Carley, generously donated a prize she had won to the school and the students from P-Year 4 made a real life mould of their hand. The students dipped their hand into wax and chose colours to make their mould different. These moulds will be used in an art display later in the year.

Hand of Wax do parties for children as well so please see the office for an information flyer if you are interested
School Council Elections 2017

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DEECD employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

standing for election as a member of the school council
encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

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**Principals report cont.**

*What do you need to do to stand for election?*

As the Principal I will issue a notice next week and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

**We currently have 3 parent vacancies.**

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

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**News from the office**

**Parents / Carers**

**Do you hold a current healthcare card?**

If so you may be eligible to apply for the Camp/Sport/Excursion Government payment of $125 per student. Application forms will need to completed and lodged by February 29th and payments will be sent to the school early March.

If you have not already applied please see Gay or Keah at the school office.

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**STUDENT LUNCH ORDERS**

Student lunch orders will be resuming on **Friday February 17th**.

Please write the lunch order with the student’s name, grade and room number on a paper bag with the correct money if possible.

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**Have you contacted the school with your current information?**

The school is currently updating all student information, mobile phones, home phone numbers, parent email addresses and new home addresses.

It is vital that the school can contact parents in an emergency or when your child is unwell.

Please contact the office on 9558 0599 if you are unsure if your information is not current or has changed recently.
Free Dental Check-up
Keeping Kids Smiling Program

Keeping Kids Smiling will be attending Clayton South Primary School from the 13th-14th February 2017.

The Keeping Kids Smiling is a program aimed to identify children in need of dental care and will help teach children how to look after their teeth at home. Children will receive a FREE dental check-up in the dental van by a Dental Therapist from Link Health and Community. The session will also include a toothbrushing lesson. Consent forms have been sent home with your child and are due back 10th February 2017.

Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend on the day and all children will be sent home with a show bag. Parents will receive a letter informing them of the results of the dental check-up.

Link Health and Community
Rear, Level 1
9-15 Cooke Street
Clayton 3168
1300 552 509
www.linkhc.org.au
SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM - SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Lynne Hardy, your visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training will be attending the school soon to conduct the Prep grade health assessments.

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment to link children, families and the school to relevant community services; and provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

If you have any concerns you would like to discuss with the Primary School Nurse and your child is in Prep a ‘School Entrant Health Questionnaire’ needs to be completed. If your concerns relate to a child in Years 1-6 a School Nurse Referral Form’ will need to be completed. Please speak to your class teacher.
Noble Park Chess Club
JUNIOR COACHING PROGRAM

NPCC proudly presents our new and exciting coaching program designed specifically for children at beginner level. The group classes will be taught by FM Christopher Wallis, $7.00 per lesson or $50.00 per term.

Why Chess?
We strongly believe that chess helps children develop their logic/problem solving skills, concentration, creativity and character. It’s becoming extremely popular nationwide, most private and public schools have taken it on board, as they can see the benefits chess has to offer, not only in clubs where kids play, but at school where it is enhancing sportsmanship, work ethic and is a fun social activity.

When?
The Club is open every Saturday, Junior coaching runs in parallel with the school calendar, from 2PM to 3PM. The seniors from 3PM onwards, where Juniors can participate as well.

WHERE?
Paddy O’Dougherty Centre
12-32 Buckley Street
Noble Park 3174

ENQUIRIES:
Laszlo Nemeth
0411726873
laszlon@iprimus.com.au

MOORABBIN RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB
Keys Road Reserve, 92 Keys Road, Cheltenham
Melbourne’s No.1 Rugby Club of Choice is now recruiting!

Players wanted for 2017

Club Registration/Open day is Saturday 11th February, 11am - 3pm

Please bring Identification
Come along and see what it’s all about!
Activities include: BBQ, Face painting, Jumping Castle, Boot Swap, Skill Clinics & Games
Gilbert Sporting Equipment and Apparel Sale

Be part of a safe and multicultural family environment and meet new friends with positive reinforcement and community interaction for the whole family.

If you want to play this great game and develop skills with which you can travel the world, and maybe even play for your country, then come and try Rugby Union at Moorabbin Rugby Club.

We cater for all ages, skill levels, girls and boys.

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Junior training commences mid-March – visit our website for the latest updates.
http://www.moorabbinrams.com

General Information – Rhys Jones: president@moorabbinrams.com M: 0400 697 101
Josie Vacek – Junior Coordinator: juniorcoordinator@moorabbinrams.com M: 0433 755 844

Visit us at 92 Keys Road, Cheltenham (opposite Puma), Melways Ref: 78 B9

The Rugby Club of Choice
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb ____________________________________________ State __________ Postcode __________

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief on the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant____________________ Date ___ / ___ / ___
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Care Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (16 April 2017).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.

   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2017 closes on 30 June, 2017.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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