Welcome back to Term 3. I trust all the students had a restful break and it is fantastic to see their happy faces back at school. It certainly has been a very cold start to the term and I appreciate the extra effort it takes to get to school on those cold mornings. The classrooms are warm and cozy and there are alternative activities for students most lunchtimes if they prefer to be out of the cold. If it is raining we all have break times inside. We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

You have been given an attendance record sheet for your child which was included in their Semester One report sent home at the end of last term. On this sheet it clearly states what percentage they have attended as well as how many times your child has been late to school. Our school has an average of 18 days absent per student, per year. While we don’t want to see sick students at school, this statistic is well above other schools and one we would like to improve.
Please make sure you have a time to see your child’s teacher at the Semester One Parent Teacher Meetings on **Thursday 21st July**. These important face to face meetings are a way of providing feedback to parents on your child’s progress. It is also important for to share with the teacher any concerns that you may have. It is a two way conversation and it is critical that your student knows that the teacher and the parent share goals about their learning.

A big thank you to all staff and parents who helped out on the Election Day BBQ. More than $600 was raised which will be used to pay for a cubby house for the students to play in.

Mrs Kuzmiuk is on leave at the moment and we wish her a speedy recovery from her surgery. From all accounts she is doing well and thanks you all for your thoughts and well wishes. While Mrs Kuzmiuk is away, Miss Hickleton will be managing the office on Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Porlee Ng will be working Thursday and Friday. Please note that our office hours are reduced on a Thursday and Friday to 9- 2:30pm.

We have a new teacher and staff member at Clayton South Primary School. Miss Tovio will be supporting our 1/2B class on Mondays - Thursdays. Her role will be to teach the students during vital lesson times to ensure all students are being catered for. Rather than split the large class (we have had a growing number of enrolments in this area) we have decided to employ an extra teacher to help the students in the environment they are used to and feel most comfortable in. Mrs Deathridge will still be teaching in the class as well and this ensures we keep the low student/staff ratio we pride ourselves in.
Our new computers have arrived at CSPS. Mr Hay has been working very hard to get us the best deal and we will soon be rolling out the new notebooks and touch screen computers in all classrooms. We are all looking forward to using the 80 updated machines. They should be up and running soon. Thank you Mr Hay.

We have two teams in the Winter Sport Finals today. Both the mixed and the girls team are playing and we wish them well in their endeavor.

Our extensive PE program is quite often supported by specialized clinics organized by Mrs Douglass. The SEDA soccer clinics began last Tuesday and despite the inclement weather were successful in teaching the students important skills not only in soccer but in getting along and playing fairly. This clinics are a wonderful event at CSPS and continue for the next few weeks.

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