ST JOHN’S FIRST AID COMES TO CLAYTON SOUTH

Last week all students were extremely fortunate to receive free first aid training from St John’s Ambulance Services and as I moved around the school I could see all students were eager to listen and learn. I am sure all students took away valuable information for the future and I hope some will consider further training as they enter secondary school. St John’s is a great organisation, who have many volunteers working for them and it is important that your children understand who to call in an emergency and what they can do to help. Staff will continue their First aid training in two weeks, when it is our Pupil Free Day on Wednesday 13th August.
PARENT OPINION SURVEY
We have reached that stage of the school year where our computer system has randomly selected 40 families to complete the Parent Opinion Survey which is a means for us, as your school, to obtain invaluable feedback in areas in which we are doing well and those which we can improve in. We really do value your feedback and hope that all of the families which were selected will be able to return their surveys by Friday 1st August. If you would like any assistance please do not hesitate to see your child’s teacher or myself.

CULTURAL GROUP FORUMS
We are endeavouring to improve our understanding of all the families at our school and also how we communicate to our families. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve in this area we would love to hear from you and invite you to a short afternoon tea next Thursday 7th August, in the hall at 2:30pm just before assembly. Please come and join us for a cup of tea and let us know how we can help you.

LATE ARRIVALS
Any child arriving late needs to be signed in by a parent or guardian so they are able to provide an explanation for their lateness. Despite our best efforts to ensure that the children arrive at school ready to start at 9:00am, there are a few who are still arriving late. I cannot stress strongly enough how important it is for all the children to arrive on time. After instructions are given and expectations explained, the teachers work with groups of students for direct instruction. Teachers cannot be expected to interrupt their teaching program and leave their focus group to their own devices to make up for time lost by those arriving late. I will be following up with families whose arrival at school is consistently late to work out how we can support them to gain the best education outcomes for their children.

ANTI BULLYING PROGRAMS AT CLAYTON SOUTH
Our school prides itself on being a safe and happy place for all students and we take a strong stand against any form of bullying. Each year we conduct a number of surveys across different grade levels so students have a chance to let us know of any ongoing issues. These surveys are analysed and staff discuss any issues that have arisen with each other and with students. We also keep updating what we present to the students and this year we will be using the program provided by the department called “Bullystoppers.” The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has initiated a $4 million State Government Campaign to reduce the amount of bullying in schools. This program is called ‘Bully Stoppers’ and you can access it by going to http://www.education.vic.gov.au//bullystoppers).

Is your child returning to Clayton South Primary School?
We are already thinking about planning for 2015 and need to know if you are going to be absent for the beginning of the school year next year or you have a sibling or friend starting in 2015. We still have a number of siblings who have not returned their yellow enrolment forms and need these urgently. In the coming days you will receive a short form to fill in. Please ensure these are completed and returned to your child's teacher by Friday 8th August.
Māori Language Week was held last week.

Every year since 1975 New Zealand has marked Māori Language Week. This is a time for all New Zealanders to celebrate te reo Māori (the Māori language) and to use more Māori phrases in everyday life. In 2014 Māori Language Week was from 21-27 July; the theme is ‘Te Kupu o te Wiki’, ‘The Word of the Week’. This is part of the underlying theme of Māori Language Week, ‘Arohatia te Reo – cherish the language’. This year marks the 27th anniversary of the establishment of Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (the Māori Language Commission).

Te reo Māori is undergoing a resurgence and more people speak the language. There are Māori-language schools, Māori radio stations, and a Māori television channel. There was a time when some people objected to hearing Māori greetings such as ‘Kia ora’. The campaign to revive the language has been a long one.

Ramadan

Ramadan (also known as Ramadhan or Ramzan) is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. It is a period of prayer, fasting, charity-giving and self-accountability for Muslims in Australia. The first verses of the Koran (Qu’ran) were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (also written as Mohammad or Muhammed) during the last third of Ramadan, making this an especially holy period. Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar, which consists of 12 months and lasts for about 354 days. The word “Ramadan” is derived from an Arabic word for intense heat, scorched ground and shortness of food and drink. It is considered to be the most holy and blessed month. Fighting is not allowed during this period. The month of Ramadan traditionally begins with a new moon sighting, marking the start of the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. Many Muslims (except children, the sick and the elderly) abstain from food, drink, and certain other activities during daylight hours in Ramadan.

The ‘Chand Raat Eid Festival’ is a traditional festivity marks the end of fasting month of Islamic Calendar (Ramadan) and the start of Islamic annual festivity (Eid ul Fitr). ‘Chand Raat’ means ‘night of the moon’.

Eid Festival (Melbourne) at Sandown Racecourse
Saturday 2 August 2014 from 12 pm to 10 pm
At: Sandown Racecourse, Springvale, VIC
**Winter Interschool Sport.**

On Thursday 17th July, the mixed netball team played an exciting District Grand Final match against Noble Park Primary School. Everyone did very well. The best on ground goes to Nicholas for shooting well. Nicholas and Vienna worked great together.

The scores were 5-3, and unfortunately we lost, but we got a flag and came second on the leader board! Thanks to the girl’s team for helping us to practice.

By Antony. (Captain).

The team members were as follows:

- Nicholas (goal shooter). “This season I have learned how to shoot long distance goals, passing and pivoting.”
- Vienna (goal attack). “I have improved in shooting goals and passing.”
- Saanvi (wing attack). “I have improved my lob passes and calling out for the ball.”
- Antony (centre). “This season I have learned how to pivot and lob pass.”
- Marmarin (wing defence): “I have improved in defending the other players and passing well.”
- Katrina (wing defence). “This season I have learned all the different positions on the court.”
- Alexa (goal defence). “This season I have learned how to do lob passes and bounce passes. The thing I have enjoyed most about netball is playing with my teammates.”
- Roi (goal keeper). “This season I have improved in snatching the ball.”
- Hana (goal keeper). “The thing I have enjoyed most about playing netball is playing against other schools and meeting new people on my team. I have improved in snatching the ball and defending.”

Heather Douglass. (Proud netball coach!)

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**PFA News**

*All are welcomed to attend our PFA Meeting on Monday 4th August at 9am in the BER.*

*Our Winter Warmer (Milo and 2 Choc Chip Cookies) will be held on Friday 8th August at 11am for $3.*

More details to follow about our Fathers Day Stall....

We hope you have a great week
Hazel Edwards
Recounts by 5/6B

On Monday 21st July, an author, Hazel Edwards came to our school to talk to us about her experience in Antarctica in 2001. Hazel is an author for kids and adults books. She also showed us an amazing PowerPoint about her trip to Antarctica.

Hazel talked about the jobs in Antarctica there is the chippy, plumber, chef, station leader, doctor and the dentist. In Antarctica the clothes are colour coded, Australia wears yellow and New Zealand wears orange. The sheds are also colour coded, there is a red shed for accommodation, a green shed for scientists and an orange shed for the vehicles. Hazel said that when you fall in the water you will only survive 4 minutes.

At the end the 5/6's launched a new book called “Antarctic Dognapping.” We pretended that we were holding wine glasses to make it look like we were actually launching a book like how adults do it.

By Mikara

Hazel Edwards is an author who wrote such as “There’s a hippopotamus on our roof eating cake.” She came to our school to talk about her experience in the Antarctica. She went there in 2001. They were supposed to get to Casey station in 10 days but they got there in 3 weeks. Hazel said the penguins were stupid because they follow each other and the penguins get stuck because of their pool.

Hazel was presented many photos of her trip. She was wearing a yellow coat for Australia and all the other countries had different coloured coats. Hazel shared lots of facts about the trip. In another picture she had sunglasses on because if you don’t have them on your eyes will get sunburned. Our 5/6 classes were the first to launch her new book with Hazel Edwards. It’s called “Antarctic Dognapping”.

By Matthew

Hazel said that Australians wear yellow uniform and New Zealanders wear orange uniform because if there is a blizzard you will be able see your team. She also said that it usually takes 10 days to travel to Antarctica from Hobart but they were beset in ice. Hazel showed us a PowerPoint of her pictures journey to Antarctica.

I learnt that why the buildings are in bright colours because when you’re in a blizzard situation you can see the different coloured buildings.

Hazel has written many different books but not only for young children has she also written some of her books for adults as well. Hazel brought her books to sell for the 5/6’s. Andrew and James received a book for free because they helped her with the PowerPoint.

I liked listening to Hazel Edward’s journey through Antarctica. It was really interesting talk. I hope she comes back soon with more amazing facts to share.

By Ferdos
**Student Awards**

*Presented at assembly – July 17th & 24th*

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**Good Work Everyone!!**
Extend OSHC at Clayton South Primary School

Our weekly recap
Last week we welcomed our first 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 enjoyed making wool pom pom spiders, snowmen and they did a great job doing some lovely Aboriginal dot paintings. Also, the kids have had the opportunity to choose from a variety of card & board games, ball sports and free craft activities too.

As this is the first time I have written to you all, I’d like to share a little more about myself with you.
I have had over 8 years of full time experience working with children, having previously run a before & after school care program as well as having worked in a number of long day care centres. I love animals and over the years have had a number of cats, dogs, fish, rabbits, a chicken, a duck and a turtle as pets. I am a huge DISNEY fan, and earlier this year went to Florida, USA, and got the chance to visit all the Disney Parks, ride on lots of roller coasters, meet and have photos with heaps of the Disney characters and even went on a Disney cruise through the Caribbean. I love to dance and have done medals in Balloon Dancing. I like to listen to all types of different music. I love my kitty and I support the BOMBERs. My all-time favourite character is TWELY BIRD. I have a huge collection of items that can fill one whole room of a house!
Lastly, feel free to pop into the hall, say HELLO and see what kind of activities we are enjoying in the program.
Kelsy

Our Extend Superstar is .... Jemma W for being a fantastic helper at pack up times.
Thank you Jemma!

Next week’s activities
Monday 4 August: Funny Face Biscuits
Tuesday 5 August: Indoor Soccer
Wednesday 6 August: Play dough
Thursday / August: Party!
Friday 8 August: Money Stamp printing

Kids Club Art Competition! Win a Luna Park Family Pass!

Calling all Extend kids!

Enter now to be in the running to win a Luna Park Family Pass.

Theme: “My Cultural Tradition”

To enter: Create a piece of Artwork then visit our website at extend.com.au to upload and submit your entry.

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