Dear Members of the Clayton South Primary School Community,

Welcome to another edition of our school newsletter in which we share what is occurring throughout our wonderful school community. As per usual, there is so much to enjoy and celebrate! Welcome back to Term 4.

**Over the Holidays**
You may notice that there have been some Buildings and Grounds work completed over the holidays. The trees around the front of the school and on some fence lines were trimmed making the school more visible and also safer. Teachers now have a better view of the bus stop to monitor students getting on the bus in the afternoon and we hope our neighbours are happy with their new fences. In recent storms there is a need to replace more fences around our school so we ask students to obey the school rules of not playing on our fence line for their own safety as some fences are leaning over on a severe angle.

Our chook enclosure as seen some changes as we prepare for our new arrivals this term! Mrs Halligan will have more information about our hatching program in the coming weeks.

**Staffing News**
We would like to welcome Miss Emily Choo, who has joined us for the remainder of 2015. Emily is replacing Ms Jessica Mitchell who left us at the end of Term 3 to go on maternity leave. Jessica and her partner Paul, are now the proud parents of a new baby girl, Olivia Rose. Olivia arrived earlier than expected but we are pleased to say both Mother and daughter are doing well. Please introduce yourself to Miss Choo and feel free to contact the school if you want to make a time to see her personally.
2015 School Fees
As I’m sure the majority of families would be aware, as a Victorian Government school the Government provides for much of our school’s basic operational requirements with a financial grant that is paid to the school in quarterly instalments. This covers items such as cleaning, gas and electricity, water rates, facilities, telephone, furniture, some buildings and grounds maintenance, administration, some curriculum support and professional learning for the staff. In order for us to provide educational programs of a standard and quality expected at Clayton South including ICT materials that we use daily we need funds in addition to those provided by the Government which is generated by family contributions. Soon the 2015 School Fees notice will be distributed which outlines what we have planned for next year. However it is important that families realise and plan for changes in 2015 with EMA. Previously the school was able to deduct that allowance from the school fees and families who were entitled to benefits could then have that money paid to the school. This will not occur in 2015, at any Victorian Government School. So families need to be prepared for that change.

Naturally as with all school related financial issues, if a family requires making additional arrangements please do not hesitate to contact me. You may also be interested in finding out more about the Budgeting Program offered by Saver Plus. This is open to anyone on a Health Care Card and if families are interested in getting more information we are more than willing to set up an information evening for families to attend at school in the next few weeks. Unfortunately this resource will not be available next year and will only be available to those who sign up this term.

WALKTOBER
Walktober is a VicHealth initiative to promote more students in our community walking to school. With rising concerns of childhood health issues, traffic congestion around schools and the spiralling cost of petrol, there has never been a better time to encourage your children to walk to school. The key objective of “Walktober” is to raise awareness of the physical, environmental and social benefits of walking and getting more of our students to walk to school. Children will be encouraged to travel to and from school in an active manner. This will include riding bikes, scooters, skateboards or travel to school by any other physical means. If your child lives a long way from school, we will encourage you to park further away and walk part of the way. Each day this month classroom teachers will survey the students to see how they came to school that morning and return home in the afternoon. Hopefully, we will see a marked increase in students travelling to school in an active manner. We look forward to your support in the community. “Why is it cool to walk to school?” Here are some facts put forward by VicHealth:

- Walking is good for children’s physical health—regular physical activity builds and maintains healthy bones, muscles and joints
- Walking is good for children’s mental health—physical activity helps to reduce levels of stress, depression, anxiety and can be a good social activity where children connect with their neighbours, become familiar with their surroundings and the community.
- Children who are active are more likely to continue health life-long habits. Children who walk to school have been found to be more attentive and focussed in class.
- Children who walk to school will have a greater connection with their community. More children walking to school means less traffic congestion around the school and improved safety.
- The environment benefits because walking is a non-polluting, sustainable transport alternative and walking saves money with the spiralling fuel costs.

As we are part of Kingston Council’s Safe Route to Schools program we are aiming to really support Walktober and we will be having a special wheels day at school and a breakfast for all children who get involved on Friday 24th November. More information will follow shortly about this event.
**Hats in Term 4.**
Clayton South is a SUN SMART school and as such we abide by the Cancer Council guidelines for hats to be worn from September to May. All Primary schools in Victoria follow the same guidelines. All students were reminded in Term 3 that they needed to find their hats or purchase a new one ready for Term 4. Please ensure your child’s name is clearly labelled on the hat as they can be mixed up on pegs. We do not lend hats due to health reasons.

**Dancesport with Footsteps**
A notice went out this week for this whole school event, which will culminate in an end of year concert. We are expecting all students to attend as part of our Arts Curriculum and hope you can support us by sending the notices back by the due date. We hold two whole school events a year one in February, which is our International Day and one in Term 4. Both of these events encourage a love of performance and music and are an integral part of making sure we come together as a community. I look forward to seeing the students in the workshops and how they can share with their families what they have learnt.

**Dolphin Research Program**
We have been really fortunate to be involved in this great program and in the newsletter this week you will see more information about the work that is done through the i sea, i care workshops that some of our senior students have been part of this year. Many thanks go to Anna Cardamone, one of our wonderful ES staff, who has assisted with getting students to workshops and encouraged them to pass on information to our younger students, so they learn the importance of caring for our environment. The last workshop at the end of Term 3 was at Attenborough Park and the beach nearby. Matt, Baran and Katie, all Waste Warriors in Grade 6, helped to clean the beach, plant trees and learn about the importance of maintaining our resources for future generations. For further pictures and information about the program please see the link below. You never know your child may be an ambassador for the school in the future and be part of our sustainability program.


**Bully Stoppers: Speak Up Against Cyberbullying**
Students achieve their best at school in safe and supportive environments, where they are free from bullying and disruptive behaviour. We put a big emphasis on making sure we provide a great environment for our students – one that promotes tolerance and is inclusive, harmonious and free from bullying. We can work towards this goal through education in the classroom, intervention in the playground and a focus on promoting positive behaviours.

However, with the rise of social media, bullying now occurs online, as well as in person. Cyberbullying is just as harmful as face-to-face bullying, and it can occur at any time of the day. Cyberbullying is an increasing issue in the wider community – and the best way to tackle it is for schools, students and parents to work in partnership. Clayton South Primary School is supporting the Victorian Government’s Bully Stoppers campaign – which has just launched a new series of tools and resources for parents and students to support students in preventing cyberbullying. These resources, called Bully Stoppers: Speak Up Against Cyberbullying, are available on the Bully Stoppers website, at www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers - visit the site to find out more.

**Enrolments**
Once again, I would like to remind families with children who will be beginning school in 2015 that enrolments are closing rapidly with only a very small number of positions available as places are filling fast. Hence I strongly encourage you to ensure you return your child’s enrolment form to Gay in the office as soon as possible. We also ask that members of our school community assist us by informing any of their neighbours of the enrolment procedures and direct them to the office to collect an enrolment form.

Lynne Foster
Acting Principal
Final Workshop kept us busy

Spring arrived and our final workshop of the Ambassador year was held at Altona North. Despite the blustery conditions, the rain held off and we got stuck in to fund management activities. The day was a great success, with Ambassadors learning about the indigenous history of the area, taking part in a litter count and planting 300 new foreshore plants.

They also learnt the staggering fact that since January this year, the beach cleaners have already removed 183 tonnes of rubbish from Kingston’s foreshore. Incredible.

Many thanks to all those involved, especially Dean Stewart from Aboriginal Tours and Education Melbourne, Jared and the team from City of Kingston and Bob our wonderful beach cleaner.

Lastly, a sad farewell to Karen Jones, who is moving on to pastures new. You are sorely missed.

Litter Hotspots Survey

The results of the Litter Hotspots survey run by the ‘i sea, i care’ Ambassadors showed that most people believe that litter is the biggest problem for our bay beaches, and that this litter comes from beach-goers rather than drains.

This means that they don’t connect their streets and their behaviours with litter and other matters in the catchment with the bay – and have no reason to change their behaviours. These findings have been fed back into the Cleaner Yarra and Bay Taskforce and will help to shape future education and engagement programs. For more information go to http://www.cleaneryarrabay.vic.gov.au and also DRI’s site.

DRI Finalist

DRI is proud to announce that the Institute is a finalist in the Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Awards in the Clean Beach Waterway category.

We are a finalist for our Walk for Western Port which is part of our ‘i sea, i care’ program.

The Victorian awards, conducted by Sustainability Victoria, also had three other finalists from Hastings in other categories: St Joseph’s Primary School, Western Port Secondary College and Felician Park Recreation Centre. We congratulate our fellow local finalists.

See more photos at Ambassadors’ Corner

‘i sea, i care’ Ambassador Program - Engaging school communities in Marine Education and Conservation
Extend OSHC at Clayton South Primary School

New Families - Have you enrolled in After School Care?

Allow 5 days notice
As part of government regulation, all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. Without a complete and confirmed enrolment (including payment details), children cannot be accepted into the program.

Enrol now, pay later
The annual enrolment fee per family of $20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn’t matter if you don’t end up using the service, because you won’t be charged.

Express Enrolments incur an additional $40
Any enrolments submitted with less than 5 days notice are considered an Express Enrolment and will incur an additional $40. We encourage all families to enrol NOW to avoid paying the Express Enrolment fee.

Submit enrolments to Head Office, not your school office or the service
To ensure your enrolment is processed as quickly as possible, please submit all enrolments to Extend Head Office by email (preferred method) or fax.
Enrol today at extend.com.au

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**September**

1st  Hana M  56B
4th  Kaan C  56A
5th  Tiffany S  PA
6th  Marium R  01A
8th  Marcus J  34A
17th  Aryan K  34A
19th  Rakei O  PA
          Maruyah T  34B
24th  Akam K  02A
26th  Nikki M  PA
28th  Hayley H  02A
29th  Jennifer B  34B

**Sorry we missed the September Birthdays!**

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**October**

1st  Tony H  01A
6th  Saanvi M  56A
     Ferdos H  56B
7th  Suliman A  01A
8th  Edson T  02A
9th  Wawish L  01A
10th  Tash D  56A
12th  Conner B  34A
16th  Ethan B  02A
21st  Vikram S  56B
24th  Dima J  56B
25th  Trinity M  02A
## Student Awards

**Presented at assembly – Thursday September 11**

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<td>For settling into school very well and trying really hard to use English words</td>
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<td>Xander</td>
<td>For being a wonderful friend to others</td>
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<td>Manaf</td>
<td>For doing some amazing editing during writing time</td>
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<td>Joanna</td>
<td>For always doing her best to improve her learning</td>
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<td>Iliana</td>
<td>For being a conscientious student always completing her tasks to a high standard</td>
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<td>Jaden</td>
<td>For contributing to classroom discussions and speaking with expression - Well Done!</td>
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<td>Dima</td>
<td>For completing an informative and interesting poster on Emperor Penguins</td>
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**Good Work Everyone!!**

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Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at Clayton South Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $15.40 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4.

Interested parents should call Marika during office hours on 9818 2333

www.creativemusic.com.au
### New Uniform Shop Hours:

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Uniform pricelist is available from the office or on the School website!