Principal’s Report

This week we have begun the formal part of our school review process. Win Warren met with all the staff this week and will be visiting classrooms and talking with students next week. I invite you to chat with Win next Wednesday, October 28th about our school strengths and areas you wish to see improvement in. Meet Win in our staff room at 2:30pm. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided.

On Friday 9th October we had some special visitors to Clayton South Primary. The Honorable State Minister for Education and Deputy Premier Mr. James Merlino, Mr. Hong Lim Member for Clarinda and Miss Clare O’Neil Labor member for Hotham. All of our dignitaries were impressed with our teachers and students and I discussed with them areas we would appreciate their support in, including funding to upgrade and refurbish our buildings. Both Mr. Lim and Miss O’Neil commented on Social media about our wonderful school. “These schools are fantastic schools, and they are so lucky to have hardworking staff that are dedicated to giving children in Hotham the best possible education.” Mr. Merlino chatted with students and staff and we discussed how the CSF fund helps many of our students access excursions, excursions and camps. He saw and was enthused by our student’s high quality of work first hand.
Last Thursday night I proudly attended the I Sea I Care Awards night at Chelsea Town Hall with Anna Cardamone, Charlie, Charlie’s mum Carly, Celine and Navneet to hear about this year’s Ambassadors great work as well as listen to the young Ambassadors proudly discuss their program as well as how they delivered education talks to promote the marine environment to their fellow students and the wider community.

Kingston Council, in partnership with the Dolphin Research Institute developed the Kingston “i sea, i care” Marine Ambassador Program and this year the program involved more than 100 students from 20 primary schools across the municipality. The 12-month student leadership program features hands-on learning experiences ranging from swimming with dolphins to litter trap emptying demonstrations and a land management workshop. Aimed at building a strong sense of pride and stewardship for the coastal and marine environment, tomorrow’s leaders learn about environmental values within Kingston and Port Phillip Bay and the connection between what happens on land and in the Bay.

A big thank you to Miss Anna Cardamone for all your wonderful work with the I Sea I Care Ambassadors Charlie, Celine, Navneet, Dima and Mamarin and congratulations on your Outstanding Contribution Award.

We are continuing to enjoy having Clayton South Kindergarten so close. Late last term Mr. Hay took some Year 6 students to visit and they relished seeing their old teachers and playing with the Kinder students.

A big thank you to Mr Sim who volunteers his time to clean our school yard. Thank you Mr Sim we really appreciate your efforts.
This term the grade 5/6s inquiry topic is about the Gold Rush. Our Big Question is ‘Was striking rich a key to a better life?’ We have been doing activities related to the Gold Rush from a rubric. We can choose to do activities like creating our own word searches to learn vocabulary related to the Gold Rush or researching who first discovered gold. Here are some examples...

**THE FIRST DISCOVERY OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA**

Edward Hargreaves was one of the first diggers to return from America, disappointed at what he had seen. On his return from California, he saw similarities in his own district of Bathurst. Hargreaves was in the right place at the right time. The Bathurst gold was the catalyst for a large wave of migration and a source of revenue for England, who made sure all the gold ended up in the old country. He announced his discovery and claimed a £10,000 reward for being the first person to find gold and claim it. It is believed that shepherds, the Tom Brothers and Lister found the gold Edward Hargreaves later presented to the Colonial Secretary. Hargreaves is often regarded as the father of the Australian Gold Rush. By Faisal Mujawar.

Have a go at this Gold Rush Word Search!

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Gold Shovel Pan
Pickaxe Bucket Nugget
Field Tent Dig
# Student of the Week Awards

**Presented at Assembly – Thursday October 8 & 15**

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<td>For writing an excellent recount about ‘The Best Part of her Holiday’</td>
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<td>For your continued hard work and achievement in Maths</td>
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<td>For working hard on managing his classroom behaviour</td>
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<td>For being very focused during our Maths activities</td>
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<td>For her hard work during science, completing her report on her Lava Lamp experiment</td>
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<td>Marmarin</td>
<td>For a great attitude and participation in all activities</td>
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<td>Archie</td>
<td>For improved confidence when speaking in front of others and working hard on your presentation skills</td>
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<td>Katrina</td>
<td>Completing her homework to a high standard – Keep It Up!</td>
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CONGRATULATIONS AMOR
On the recent school holidays Amor won three tournaments: 12U in Adelaide, Melbourne and Bairnsdale. This now means he is No. 1 in Victoria and No. 4 in Australia for his age.
GO AMOR, what a great effort!

Extend OSHC at
Clayton South Primary School

HAVE YOU SAVED THE SERVICE MOBILE NUMBER IN YOUR CONTACTS?

Did you know you can contact your service directly? If you are running late or need to speak with our staff directly, you can contact the service mobile number which is switched on during the service operation hours. Please visit your service to save this number in your contacts for easy access. Note: for all admin related enquiries please contact our office on 1300 366 437.

Our recap
Over the past two weeks, we have enjoyed many craft activities such as under the sea aquariums, fancy fans (to cope during the hot days), and marshmallow structures. We were lucky enough on Tuesday, to create our own Extend-O-Hand Placemats for 'Meals on Wheels.' This initiative involves carers helping the frail old people and young people with disabilities in their own homes providing nutritious meals with a friendly smile. Extend are proud to use our talents with crafts to make placemats to reach out to the wider community.

We were very lucky to take part in some cooking activities too! We made mashed potato, fruit art, and even mini pizza's!

We had plenty of time to show our skills with balloon volleyball, giants treasure and octopus too. We are also looking forward to our puppet show this week, and also some spooky halloween activities next week.

Stay tuned!Kind regards,
Jess & Steph!

Our Extend Superstar is… Charlotte for trying hard to master the skill of the monkey bars, and succeeding for the first time, EVER!

Next week’s activities:
Monday 26th October: Fondue with art
Tuesday 27 October: Halloween Masks
Wednesday 28th October: Mummy wrap
Thursday 29th October: Spooky treasure hunt
Friday 30th: Making spiders

We look forward to seeing you next week for more fun activities!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au
Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here’s what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in the home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Support our school’s Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings to school the books kids want to read. It’s a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child’s reading habits. Book Fair dates: Wednesday 25th November to Thursday 26th November.

Shopping hours: 8:30 – 9:00 am; 1:30 – 2:30pm; 3:30 – 4:00pm

BUY ONE BOOK, AND SELECT A BOOK TO DONATE TO THE SCHOOL LIBRARY FOR THE SAME VALUE.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!
Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

CLAYTON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF.

READ EVERY DAY, LEAD A BETTER LIFE!
Cirque Africa is a cultural, traditional, educational and most of all very entertaining family show with a take on a modern, fresh and dynamic culture of the new Africa with 38 young artists, acrobats and dancers performing feats that belong in any work-class circus accompanied by a 9 piece band.

This unique experience will be showing at Dingley Village for the first time ever at corner center Dandenong road and Boundary road in a 1000 seat big top tent from the 16th of October 2015 until 22nd of November with 6 shows a week show times Wednesday to Saturday at 7.30pm and Saturday and Sunday matinee shows at 1.00pm

Tickets are available on site or phone booking; 0423 401 550 or 0432 126 262.

For more information please visit; www.cirqueafrica.com.au
CALLING ALL ‘OLD’ KALLAY STREET KINDERGARTEN KIDS

We are having an Open Day at our new kindergarten (Clayton South Kindergarten) at 11–15 Narrumburn Road Clayton South

On Saturday 7th November between 10am—11:30am

We would love for any of the old gang who attended Kallay St. Kinder to come along and check out the new place we re-located to early this year

We are also doing a Time Capsule project combing new memorabilia from the first year at our new kinder and combining it with memorabilia from our old kinder Kallay St. Kinder.

We are having a special memory book and would love for old families and children to sign in it and/or write down any memories or thoughts about the old and new kinder too.

This will then go into the Time Capsule so future generations can find it and remember who came before them!