World Teachers' Day - Friday 31 October

Australia celebrated World Teachers’ Day on Friday 31 October. This is the day that the Victorian community paid tribute to the state’s 90,000 teachers who work in government, Catholic and independent schools in metropolitan and regional Victoria. I am very proud of our Clayton South Primary School teachers and the considerable work they do, and though every day could be considered ‘World Teachers’ Day’ at CSPS, the 31st October allows school communities everywhere to say a collective ‘thank you’ to those who provide great education for children in all schools.

We like to celebrate our achievements at Clayton South and recently there have been a number of awards and prizes that we have received. This week I would also like to share with the community the great results that we had this year in our **Attitude to School Survey**.

Our Level 4 staff have worked extremely hard to ensure each child is conferenced individually in both Reading and Writing. This has helped students to set goals and gives students ownership of their learning.

The **Attitude to School Survey** covers 3 areas and these areas are broken into a range of categories.

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In all areas we scored above the state average and above other schools in our region so I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Irene Dornau, Jessica Mitchell and Emily Choo for their efforts in ensuring our students feel so confident and positive about their schooling.
RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

On Friday 24th October students participated in our special Walk and Wheels Day. We had a huge number of our children who met staff at Namatjira Park and then either walked, rode, skated or scooted to school. Overall we had more children actively coming to school this month and we would like to encourage families to continue that pattern by parking a bit further away to get in your morning walk.

The mornings ride was followed up with a fantastic free healthy breakfast of fruit, milo and pancakes. Again I would like to thank our whole school staff who worked as a team to get everybody fed and well organised. I would also like to thank the City of Kingston for their support in promoting this program.

REPORTS AND ATTENDANCE

Over the next few weeks our teachers will be preparing end of year student reports. Leading up to this important element of reporting on student learning, teachers have been engaged in the ongoing process of gathering, analysing and reflecting on evidence to make informed and consistent judgements of the work undertaken in classes. Data that is collected forms a starting point for making an on-balance judgement. To this, teachers add knowledge built from daily interaction with students, student responses to learning tasks, diagnostic assessment tasks and moderation of student work. To do this well we need every student to be at school every day. Teachers cannot do their work to the best of their ability when students are absent or late for school.

SWIMMING

Swimming starts next week on Tuesday 11th November. We will send out a separate notice reminding you of the days and times for each group and what the students need to bring. Thank you to all the families who are supporting this school program.

PLAYGROUND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Our school yard is supervised each morning from 8:45am–9:00am. We have one teacher on duty at that time and ask that all students stay on the Junior side only where they can be supervised. In the afternoon teachers are on duty until 3:45pm, with a focus on the bus stop and the main exit on Narrumburn Road. Teachers monitor all students to ensure they have been picked up or are exiting the school safely. Students at this time are not permitted on the playground equipment unless supervised by their own parents or carers. It is a busy time and we wish to ensure the safety of everyone in our care.
PREP ORIENTATION DATES AND TIMES

Our 2015 Prep Orientation Program will be part of our new Step into Prep, which runs every Friday from 1:30-3:30. This is a great opportunity for new children to get to know their teacher and the school and be well prepared for 2015. There is also a special event on Friday November 28 from 3:30 to 4:30pm, when we ask parents to come to the school, meet staff and other parents and purchase uniforms for their children. We look forward to meeting you all and I am sure you will be in very capable hands with our fantastic Fairlie Halligan.

Extend OSHC at Clayton South Primary School

Our weekly recap
Last week was another great week at our OSHC program. We enjoyed making “Fruit People” using a variety of fruits and vegetables. We played Footy, and learned about density through “Float or Sink” science experiment. Since it was Halloween week, we made Table top ghosts, monsters and Dracula’s, and later set up a Halloween stall. Children showed a great deal of excitement for making Halloween stuff and showcasing their creativity on OSHC board. We played Halloween games such as Pin the wart on witch’s nose and walk on witch’s hat, enjoyed lollies and celebrated Halloween.

Kind Regards, Dilpreet

Our Extend Superstar is …. Riley S for showing a great improvement in his behaviour.

Next week’s activities:
Monday 10 November:
Nature Wall Art
Tuesday 11 November:
Fall Leaf Hedgehog
Wednesday 12 November:
Hanging Mouse
Thursday 13 November:
Koru Art
Friday 14 November:
Toilet Roll Bracelets

Are you ready to Share Christmas?

Term 4 see’s the launch of our Extend-a-Hand annual Project and we would love your children to be a part of it. We hope to empower and inspire our children by asking them to ‘Share Christmas’.

Extend is teaming up with Magic Moments Foundation by participating in the Basket Brigade Program to help families in need. The Basket Brigade Program raises funds throughout the year in order to put together gift baskets for families in need with items including food, necessities, and even toys.

Extend is honoured to be given the opportunity for the children in our programs to hand-craft the Christmas cards that are placed inside these baskets. We’ve named this the Share Christmas Project.

Until Wednesday 12 November, children who attend any Extend service can contribute to the Basket Brigade by making cards for families. We encourage you to speak with your child(ren) about this worthy cause so that they can get excited and involved in our Share Christmas Project.

Thank you for your support in a wonderful cause.
MEET MR. KARL HURCUM!

1. How old are you and when were you born?
   I am 34 and was born in 1980
2. Where were you born?
   I was born in Wales, UK, but I like Australia better. I arrived in Australia in September 2008. I was also born in the same city as Roald Dahl.
3. What was your dream job when you were a child?
   My dream was to be a teacher because I had awesome teachers at school.
4. Why did you choose to become a teacher?
   I like passing on knowledge to young children and seeing them learn.
5. When was the last time you were proven wrong by a student?
   Every day I make mistakes. My students know that everyone makes mistakes and it is okay to make them.
6. What are your fears?
   I’m scared of snakes and spiders, mostly snakes though.
7. Do you use social media?
   I use Facebook for my family in the UK and Twitter for keeping up with educational news.
8. Do you get sick of your students?
   Never! They keep me on my feet!
9. What do you mainly like to wear?
   I mainly wear blue and my funky, colourful socks.
10. What are your hobbies?
    Cooking helps me relax and I absolutely LOVE books. I also enjoy playing tennis.

Interview taken by Natasha and Asli
## Student Awards

**Presented at assembly – Thursday October 23 & 30**

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<td>For writing a creative narrative for homework &amp; always doing her best in all aspect of her work</td>
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<td>For her great effort with narrative writing and sharing during author’s chair time</td>
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**Good Work Everyone!!**
Uniform Shop Hours:

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Uniform pricelist is available from the office or on the School website!
Transpacific is hosting an Information Evening for the Clayton community.

Transpacific offers the community an opportunity to speak directly with personnel regarding plans to construct a transfer station at its Fraser Road landfill site in Clayton South. Site tours will also be provided.

Details
Date: Wednesday 19 November 2014
Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm (sandwiches provided)
Venue: Transpacific’s Community Information Centre
Victory Road, Clarinda (Clayton South)

Site Tours
To participate in a guided tour of the Fraser Road landfill, please register your attendance by contacting Olga Ghiri on 0478 316 237 or email olga.ghiri@transpac.com.au

RSVP 12 November 2014 — tour numbers are limited, so please ensure you book early.

We hope you can join us.

Olga Ghiri
Stakeholder and Community Engagement
03 9552 1716 or 0478 316 237
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