Diary Dates:

Feb 15  I see I care excursion
Feb 18  ISS Rd 2 Away to Wallarano
22      School Council
25      ISS Rd 3 – Home to Mt Hira
26      Working Bee 2:30pm onwards
29      CSPS swimming program starting
Mar 2    Prep student attend full time

Principal's Report

At Clayton South PS we believe that a positive and supportive relationship between home and school is essential to maximise learning achievement. Last night was our Information Evenings. This was an opportunity for parents to meet their children’s new teachers and find out about the programs and curriculum that is being taught at each respective year level. Thank you to the families who were able to attend. The staff is very appreciative of your involvement and this type of meeting strengthens the partnerships that we develop each year. If you were unable to attend please ensure you read all the information that is passed on to your child and return all necessary forms. If you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher and make an alternative time to meet.

School Council Elections

School Council is a very important part of Victorian Government Schools and we value input from parents and Education Department employees. There are two parent vacancies and one DET staff vacancies on School Council this year. Representatives are elected for two years. Representatives whose two year term ends are entitled to be nominated for re-election if they still have children attending Clayton South PS in 2016.

Parents whose two year term ends this March are Hulya Canpolat, School Council President and Louise Dorr Vice President. Annie Tayleur’s position is vacant due to her being on Maternity Leave. I would like to thank each of these people for their input into the governance of our school.

Nominations for parent and DET member vacancies open on Friday 12th February 2016. Nominations close on Friday 4th March 2015. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies, an election will be held in the week Monday 7th March to Monday 14th March.

School Council meetings are held a minimum of eight times a year. They begin at 6:00pm and usually conclude by 7:30pm.

Please contact me if you would like further information about School
**Step into Prep**

Do you have a child starting school in 2017? Do you know someone who does? Enrol into our Step into Prep Program. This is an outstanding program designed to prepare your child for school in 2017. This program is on every Friday from 2:30pm – 3:30pm in our specially designed Step into Prep Room near the school office. This program beginning Friday 22nd April. Our wonderful, experienced Prep Teacher is Mrs Fairlie Halligan who conducts all sessions. Parents are warmly invited to stay and watch if they choose. This is an excellent way to see the school in action and meet with Fairlie.

The program enables your child to mix and form new friendships with other students who will be coming to Clayton South Primary School in 2017!

**This is a FREE program for your child.**

Please phone: - 9558 0599 to reserve your child’s place in the Step into Prep Program in Term 2 this year.

**Staff Car Park**

Parents are requested not to use the staff car par for pick-up and drop-off of students before and after school. This is prohibited in the interests of student safety. Signs on the entry to each car park clearly indicate this. Apart from safety, there is just not enough room in the car park for all parents’ cars. Please be careful also if you are dropping your students in Narrumburn Road. Parking signs are clearly displayed about where you shouldn’t stop at all and where you are permitted to stop for a short time to let your child out of your car. Better still park further from the school and walk the last part together.

**School Working Bee**

Our school working Bee is Friday 26th February. Can you spare a little time from 2:30pm onwards? We will be doing a general clean and tidy up of our school grounds and each class will be in charge of an area. We hope to see you there.

**Healthy Food Choices**

A healthy diet has an impact on physical and mental health. Eating well can improve your mental health and life satisfaction, as well as physical wellbeing, according to medical research. Providing a healthy choice for your child’s snack and lunch can be tricky.

Grade 5/6B proudly showed me their lunchboxes this week with the yummy and nutritious food they have for lunch.

**Icy pole selling**

Each Friday our Year 5/6 leaders will be selling ice poles for $1 each from the school hall. This is a great activity for the older students to learn about money, organisation and working with others; all the while raising money for the school. This event will be happening throughout Term 1.
Year 5/6 responses to What it means to be Australian. Interesting and insightful answers.

Elissa’s thoughts on our new bag lockers in 3/4 area.

I think these are cool because last year we had hooks and we didn’t have our own space. I like that mine has my name on it. By Elissa.
Reminders from the School Office

Parents / Carers

Do you hold a current healthcare card?

If so you may be eligible to apply for the Camp/Sport/Excursion Government payment of $125 per student.

Application forms will need to completed and lodged by February 29th and payments will be sent to the school early March.

If you have not already applied please see Gay or Keah at the school office

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Have you contacted the school with your current information?

The school is currently updating all student information, mobile phones, home phone numbers, parent email addresses and new home addresses.

It is vital that the school can contact parents in an emergency or when your child is unwell.

Please contact the office on 9558 0599 if you are unsure if your information is not current or has changed recently.

A big thank you to all of the families who helped contribute to the collection of the Woolworth’s Earn and learn stickers in 2015. We were able to order some great resources including new sandpit toys and sport borrowing equipment for students at lunchtimes.
# Student of the Week Awards

**Presented at Assembly – Thursday February 4th**

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<td>For listening very carefully in class and making a great start to grade one!</td>
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<td>Flinn</td>
<td>For working hard and showing improvement in his drawing</td>
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<td>RJ</td>
<td>For displaying a massive improvement in his reading, writing and spelling ability</td>
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<td>For being an excellent support for new class students</td>
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<td>Jemma</td>
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<td>Harmig</td>
<td>For making a spectacular start to Clayton South</td>
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**Congratulations**

## STUDENT LUNCH ORDERS

Student lunch orders will be resuming on **Friday March 4th**

A small increase in prices may occur—new lunch lists will be sent home before this date. Please write the lunch order with the student’s name grade and room number on a paper bag with the correct money if possible.