Clayton South Primary School
“Dream ~ Learn ~ Achieve”

Under the Gazebo
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CLAYTON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dates to remember:

Dec 8  Last School Council for 2014
Dec 9  Orientation Day
        2015 Foundation students at CSPS 9am – 11am
Dec 10 Footsteps Concert 6pm – 7:30pm
        Lego Challenge
Dec 11 Student Free Day
Dec 12 Creative Music Concert – room 11 1pm
        Grade six excursion
        Last Playgroup session
Dec 15 Year Six Graduation
Dec 16 Parent Helpers morning tea — 11am Staffroom
Dec 17 Grade 3-6 EOY excursion
Dec 19  Term four finishes
        Students dismissed at 1:30pm

Acting Principal’s Report

Clayton South is always striving to improve communication with our school community and we are very excited to announce the arrival of our school app. We hope all parents will download the app and join so they can receive reminders and updates about the school or their children’s grades activities.

Konnective is a mobile app solution that will allow us to communicate with you, our parents, straight to your smartphone. We will be sending news, events, photographs and more so that you can be even more connected with your children’s activities and events at the school. Using the Konnective app, you can add events directly to your phone’s calendar, set reminders for things you need to do and receive important alerts (similar to a text message) as soon as they are released.

Via the app, we can send communication to specific grade levels, so you will receive information specific to your child’s grade as well as general news, events and updates that will go to everyone. This will extend and enhance our existing communications (eg. Newsletters & website).

For those without a smartphone there is a web mobile version as well as a website version.

We will be providing your email address to Konnective so you can receive an invitation to download the app and register. It is free! If you do not wish your email address to be included in this initiative please call the office and let us know. If you are unsure if we have your email and you would like to receive information please call us and we will ensure you get connected.
GRADE STRUCTURE FOR 2015

In 2015 we will run 7 classes. We will have 1 Foundation class, 2 Grade 1/2’s, 2 Grade 3/4’s and 2 Grade 5/6 classes. Our Education Support Staff will again be in all teams with varying time fractions depending on class structures.

Staff changes should be finalised this week and we will inform you as soon as possible of their placement in 2015. This week all students will have a chance to indicate the small group of friends they would prefer to be with in 2015 and teachers will try to ensure they are with someone on their list. However teachers also have to ensure class placement is in the best interest of the learning outcomes of each individual student. Children will know their 2015 class before we finish up for the holidays.

HELPERS’ MORNING TEA TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

We wish to invite all our wonderful 2014 helpers to a special morning tea at 11am on Tuesday, 16th of December. As last year, we will be holding this event in the staff room. We know it is becoming a busy time of the year but we hope many of our helpers are able to join us.

END OF YEAR FOOTSTEPS DANCE CONCERT

Wednesday 10th December is our End of Year Celebration Concert and we hope you will be able to join us at 6pm to see your children perform the dances we have been working on for the last 6 weeks. We look forward to sharing this night with families and all children attending need to be accompanied by a parent/grandparent or guardian. We aim for every student to attend with an adult. We look forward to seeing you.

CHANGES TO THE EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2015

The final payment for the 2014 EMA was made in August 2014. From 1 January 2015, parents will not be able to apply for the Education maintenance Allowance. The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment which parents may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs. For more information, see: SchoolKids Bonus – https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/benefits-payments/schoolkids-bonus. The SchoolKids Bonus will continue until the end of 2016. This will allow families time to adjust to the change. The last instalment will be paid in July 2016. An income test will also apply to the SchoolKids Bonus starting on 1 January 2015.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Just letting families know that Wednesday, 28th January and Thursday, 29th January 2015 are pupil free days with year 1 to 6 students commencing their 2015 school year on Friday, 30th January with our new preps joining us on Monday, 2nd February. Please pop these dates into your diary.

19TH DECEMBER LAST DAY OF TERM 4 - EARLY DISMISSAL – 1:30
BOOK PACK BUYING DAY AND PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES IS JANUARY 22ND

2015 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

The process to select the 2015 student leaders has begun with students preparing speeches that they make to the senior student group. I would like to wish all of the children and their families the very best of luck and also thank them for being prepared to nominate and complete the election process. We look forward to announcing the 2015 School Captains and all of the 2015 student leaders before the holiday break and then they will be presented their badges in 2015.
I held a chicken and it was just about to pooh on me. It was so fluffy and yellow. Riley

I held a little chicken it was the colour of the sun. It pecked at my fingers. It was soft and fluffy Rakei

I held the chickens and they were so cute. Some were brown. Nikki

I held the chickens and one poohed on my hand and I patted the yellow one. They were fluffy and they were cuddly and they were soft and they were little. Daniella

I like the yellow chick—Simar

In the classroom seven chicken hatched. I held one very carefully. The little yellow chicken was fluffy and cute. Panos

I held a yellow chick. It was cute. Niki D

I liked the chickens very much. Jessica

I held the black chick and it was fluffy and it was smelly and it was little and it was soft Rita

I was trying to kiss a chicken and I named her Katy Perry! They were very cute. Tiffany

Prep News

chick chick chickens!
Parent Update

Extend OSHC at Clayton South Primary School

Our weekly recap
What a busy last week we have had!! We have enjoyed making Jungle animals and later used them to create a jungle. Children loved using their imagination to create, test and modify their models of various objects such as umbrella. We have enjoyed playing soccer, basket ball and tennis as well as quiet games such as Bugs building, Chess and Uno. There has been dancing, music, rap shows, making of bookmarks and planting of seeds to make our plant people. Moreover, we have performed a drama on Little Red Riding Hood at our OSHC service.

Kind Regards, Dilpreet

Our Extend Superstar is … N/A (too few children to do one every newsletter)

Next week’s activities:
Monday 08 December:
Twig Christmas tree
Tuesday 09 December:
2D/ 3D shapes model
Wednesday 10 December:
Pop up Card
Thursday 11 December:
Pupil Free Day
Friday 12 December:
Obstacle Course

Before School Care: 7.00 am - 9.00 am
Permanent: $20.00* Casual: $23.00*
Pay approximately: $6.61 - $10.00 after fee relief entitlements based on a permanent booking.

After School Care: 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm
Permanent: $22.85* Casual: $25.85*
Pay approximately: $5.92 - $11.00 after fee relief entitlements based on a permanent booking.

*per child per session

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
Student Awards

Presented at assembly – Thursday November 20 & 27

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<td>Suliman</td>
<td>For always trying his best and for his positive attitude in maths</td>
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<td>For being persistent when attempting new maths problems and during reading groups</td>
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<td>For solving more and more challenging mathematical problems</td>
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<td>3/4 B</td>
<td>Krish</td>
<td>For his excellent team work during our maths capacity tasks</td>
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<td>Jaspreet</td>
<td>For his beautifully presented project on Sea Horses</td>
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<td>Emily</td>
<td>For always trying her best in class and putting in a fantastic effort for homework</td>
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<td>Jim</td>
<td>For his excellent and insightful contributions during class discussions</td>
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<td>Asli</td>
<td>For her great effort in all school activities especially homework tasks</td>
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<td>Natasha</td>
<td>For her excellent work in all areas of maths – Well Done!</td>
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Uniform Shop Hours:

Monday 8:30am – 9:30am
Thursday 2:30pm – 4:00pm
Friday 8.30am – 10.00am

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

**Vacation Care**
22 December 2014 - 23 January 2015

Parents can relax these school holidays thanks to Kingston’s Vacation Care program!

Children can enjoy heaps of fun, safe activities including excursions, games, arts and craft plus much much more.

Enrolments close Friday 5 December so get in quick!

Check out the full program at kingston.vic.gov.au/vacationcare

- Mill St Aspendale Yarrabah School MOIRA
- Bonbeach Primary School
- Dingley Primary School
- Moorabbin Primary School

All sessions 7.30am - 6pm

Full days from just $57.00

√ CCB / CCR applicable

Book today!

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1381 4846 or 1381 4875

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**Bonbeach**

**Dingley**

**Moorabbin**

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- Surf Life Saving
- Kingston Libraries

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Friday 12th Dec 2014
5pm - 8pm

FREE ACTIVITIES

Face Painting, Music, Dancing, Photos with Santa

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Food Fest

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A free community event which celebrates diversity through your tastebuds

Food trucks serving:

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- Quesadillas
- Dosa
- Idly
- Hot Dogs
- BBQ
- Chaat
- Pizza
- Satwa

Free Entry