NOTICE TO PARENTS: END OF YEAR EARLY DISMISSAL:

Please note that students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Friday, 19th December 2014, the last day of school. Our Final Assembly will be at 1:00 to farewell the Year 6 of 2014.

SCHOOL START 2015:

Students commence school on Friday, 30th January 2015.
Prep students will commence on Monday 2nd February.

Whole School Structure and Whole School Transition Program

Last Tuesday our students met with new peer groups for 2015. However these were not set classes or set teachers and before the end of this week they will meet their new teachers as a part of the school’s Transition Program. The whole school transition program enables students to begin to develop relationships in order to be ready for learning at the start of the new school year.

Due to some staffing changes these classes have been late in being finalised and now as staffing has been confirmed, I am now able to release the structure for 2015.
The 2015 class structure for Clayton South is:

Foundation: Mrs Fairlie Halligan
Year One and Year Two: Ms Annie Tayleur and Mrs Nerina Deathridge
Year Three and Year Four: Mrs Leanne Monk and Ms Lisa Halstead
Year Five and Year Six: Mr Larry Hay and Miss Emily Choo
Physical Education and PMP Co-ordination: Mrs Heather Douglass
Visual Arts and LOTE/Spanish: Ms Valeska Castillo/ Senorita
Speech Therapy and Language support: Mrs Fiona Balfe
Junior School Student Support: Mrs Felicia Zinas
Middle School Support: Mrs Anna Cardamone and Mrs Georgina Romero
Senior School Support: Mrs Anna Cardamone
Welfare Coordinator: To be announced. We have applied for a Grant for 2015 to fund this position but we are yet to hear the outcome of this process.
Administration: Mrs Gay Kuzmiuk and we welcome a new staff member, Mrs Porlee Ng
Information and Technology Support: Nadine Fenn

LEAVING CLAYTON SOUTH

On a personal level I am announcing my departure from Clayton South Primary school taking effect from the 27th January 2015. On the 28th January I will be taking up a new position at Malvern Primary School. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, staff and families for their support over the last few years but particularly in 2013 and 2014, when I have been in the role as Acting Principal. This is a wonderful school and the teachers work hard to ensure the students develop both on a personal level as well as an academic one. The school will enter a new chapter next year as the kindergarten opens and we welcome new families to our school. It is important that we maintain positive relationships with all of our families so we can work together as a team to ensure the best possible outcomes for all of our students. I know you will continue to work in harmony and be welcoming of new community members and I wish everyone a bright and happy future.

I welcome the new Acting Principal, Sue McSweeney. Sue has been the Assistant Principal at Ballam Park Primary School for a number of years and has also been in the role of Acting Principal at her school. The staff will be meeting Sue this week and I am sure you will make her feel at home. I know she is really excited about working with our school community and she is looking forward to meeting you all in 2015.
I would also like to take this opportunity to farewell some more of our staff members who will now be moving on from Clayton South PS to further pursue their careers or do something different. Thank-you to Toni Demosthenos, who was our Playgroup coordinator. Funding for this program has been discontinued and we are currently looking for any volunteers who are able to continue a support program for our parents on a voluntary basis.

Good luck Toni and we will miss the support you have provided for our families.

Our Grade 3/4 teacher, Mr Karl Hurcum, has chosen to pursue his teaching career in other areas and we thank him for his enthusiasm and his wonderful work this year and we wish him all the best for the future.

Mrs Irene Dornau will be on leave for Term 1 and Term 2 and we hope she enjoys her Long Service Leave and that we see her safe and sound in Term 3.

Our OSHC program with Extend will continue in Term 1, but only if we receive further enrolments by the middle of Term 1 so please register ASAP.

FAREWELL NOTE

Dear Parents and students,

It has been a wonderful experience working with the great staff and students at Clayton South PS. I get so much joy from seeing students grow both personally as well as academically. I have learnt so much since I have been here and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and parents who have supported the school whilst I have been here. We are a truly Multicultural School and as one of our fabulous Grade 6 students said recently, this means we learn from each other and have respect for differences and other cultures. What an admiral view.

Staff, like the students are always learning and we aim to ensure we teach students to be global citizens and think about the world beyond our school walls. Our staff work hard to make sure all students are taught at an individual level, setting goals for each student according to their need and I am proud of their efforts.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and I know you will welcome Sue McSweeney in 2015.
PARENT PAYMENTS AND BOOK PACKS

Please remember that we do have student book packs in 2015 and they are available for collection from the main office on January 22nd. Payments can be made via our main office.

You will need to bring the entire contents of the box back to school on the first day which is Friday 30th January for Grades 1-6 and Monday 2nd February for our Preps. Teachers will store excess supplies in their classrooms.

We are again asking for all excursion and incursions to be paid at the beginning of the year. This helps with organisation and keeps our costs for buses to a minimum.

Thank-you for your co-operation in this process.

Last Friday we also welcomed the new foundation students who will be in Prep with Mrs Halligan. It is a very exciting time for our new students who will be with us from Monday 2nd Feb next year. They will meet their buddies in year 5 during the first week at school and these students will assist them in the playground and in class until they confidently know their way around the school.

GREAT NEWS FOR 2015

We have been fortunate to obtain funding for a music program at our school for Term 1 and Term 2. This is a great opportunity for our students to excel in another area of the curriculum and we are really looking forward to this program from “Song Room” in 2015. We are asking parents to contribute to this program through our levies by paying $10 a term for two terms.

MORE GREAT NEWS!!

Life Saving Victoria was so pleased with how many families took swimming lessons this year that they have found a sponsor for us in 2015. To take up this generous offer we have had to switch swimming to Term 1. So I would like to give families plenty of notice to allow for this cost. At this stage the estimated cost will again be $40 per student and we have booked the Doug Ellis Memorial Pool at Monash University. This is a fantastic indoor facility and we have made a booking for March 2015.
Ripponlea House

As part of the Inquiry Unit ‘Playful Pastimes’, Grade 1 students went with the Preps and Grade 2s to learn about the toys and games children played with in the past and what life was like a century ago. Mark showed as around and the children have written thank you letters to him. Here a few of them:

Dear Mark,
I wish I could live in the olden days. Ripponlea House was the best excursion ever! My favourite toy was the rocking horse. I liked doing work the most!
From Selin.

Dear Mark,
Thank you for showing us Sargoods House. I learnt that there were lots of rules for children. I saw lots of old toys. I liked the chores too. The washing was my favourite chore. Four boys wore the top hat. The boys were Les, Kabir, Suliman and me. I liked the toys. The games we played were so much fun.
From Shubh

Dear Mark,
Thank you for showing all of us around Ripponlea House. We saw what children played with in the olden days. Then you showed us the games and how the servants washed in the olden days and the amazing bowler hats and top hats and the apple cutter.
From Tony
On Tuesday the 9th the new 2015 I see I care ambassadors (Navneet, Celine, Dima and I) went to swim with the seals (we didn’t see any dolphins).

Firstly, we left school around about 10:00 and drove from school to Rosebud. It had taken us at least an hour to get there (11:00). But unfortunately it took us another half an hour to find Hungry Jacks. Instead we ended up going to McDonalds because there were no Hungry Jacks in Rosebud.

After lunch we continued our drive to Sorrento which was not long. Finally we were there and we had to get our bathers on. When we were finished a lady named Mandy explained to us what was going to happen and all the rules about boat safety.

Finally it was time to get our flippers and wet suits. As soon as everyone had got their stuff we got on to the boat. It was so exciting!!!!

After around 5 minutes we were at the seal hangout. Now it was time to swim with the seals (well not exactly swim with them). Everyone including Senorita got in the water. We swam very close to them. It was a great experience!

Once we were finished with the seals we got back on the boat and had some hot chocolate, while we were drinking our hot chocolates we were on our way to our next destination.

While we were on our way we had to see if we could spot any dolphins but we didn’t see any. Then it was time to go swimming for the last time. While we were swimming we were supposed to look for sea dragons but I did not see any.

After 10 minutes of swimming and floating around it was time to go back and get changed in to our clothes. Sadly not long after that it was time to go home. But on the way home Senorita bought all of us a soft-serve ice cream.

In the end I would love to thank Senorita for driving us and also for supervising us. We had a fantastic day!

By Charlie Collison

5/6B
### Student Awards

Presented at assembly – Thursday December 4

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<td>For her wonderful artistic flair with her Star Creation</td>
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**Good Work Everyone!!**

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Extend OSHC at Clayton South Primary School

Our weekly recap
We have had a lot of fun last week and kept ourselves very busy. There has been making of twig Christmas tree and children extended this activity by making a painting portraying Christmas celebrations. We have made 2D/3D shapes and photo frames using matchsticks. We’ve played games including basketball & tennis. Also, we’ve done quieter activities of playing UNO and connect four, drawings and using the playdough. Moreover, our children have enjoyed doing rock shows wearing various costumes. Overall, it's been a great time!!

As this is the last newsletter of the term, I'd like to thank you all for being part of the OSHC program. I hope you all have a great time off over the holidays.

Kind Regards, Dilpreet

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

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

TWILIGHT ART & CRAFT MARKET at Clarinda Community Centre on Friday, 19th December.

5 – 9pm with Santa there from 6 – 7pm. If you are wanting a quality, locally made present for a loved one then this is the place to come. We have something for everyone, from babies to Grandpa........and we all know how Grandpa’s love their pickles and relish. Bonsai for all the green thumbs and jewellery for Nan or the teenagers. It’s all here at Clarinda – cnr. Bourke and Viney Street. Veeda 9544 1161
Staying Safe and Healthy over the Holidays

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Travelling safely in regional Victoria

- Check the Fire Danger Rating for your destination before you go and when you arrive, and listen to local radio for warnings and advice while you’re on the road.
- Download the FireReady app, bookmark emergency.vic.gov.au, and save the Victorian Bushfire Information Line number – 1800 240 667 – into your mobile phone. Make sure your mobile phone has a fully charged battery.
- Monitor weather conditions while you’re away by listening to local or ABC radio and talking to locals when you arrive about the fire risk.
- On Extreme or Severe Fire Danger Rating days, it’s safer to travel to cities and towns. Never travel into a high-risk area where a Code Red has been forecast.
- Be aware of grassfires. Grassfire can move at speeds of up to 25 km/hr and jump highways.
- Check weather conditions and your fire risk before leaving home because you may not get phone reception across regional Victoria.

Staying safe in the great outdoors

- Some parks may be closed on days of high fire danger. If you’re planning to visit parks or forests, visit www.parks.vic.gov.au or call 13633 for park closure information.
- Pack appropriate safety equipment including map, compass, first aid kit, and distress flares in case of emergency.
- Completing a Trip Intentions Form could save your life. If you are planning an extended trip, provide your family/friends with a map of where you are going, your vehicle registration and when you plan to return. For more information go to Let someone know before you go.
- You can hire an Emergency Beacon (EPIRB) in case of emergency. For information on emergency distress beacons visit AMSA Beacons.

Campfires

- Approximately 10 per cent of fires in Victoria’s parks and forests are started by campfire escapes. Before you light a fire, check local fire restrictions and if a Total Fire Ban is in force by visiting http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/.
- Campfires must be lit in a 30 centimetre deep hole and cannot exceed one square metre in size. Extinguish your campfire with water, not soil. When it’s cool to touch, it’s safe to leave.

Staying safe on our waterways

Families are encouraged to get out and enjoy our beautiful waterways this summer, but to do so safely.

- Be aware and prepared for the conditions. Check the weather conditions and monitor them while you are out on the water.
- Read safety signs located at the beach or inland waterway and ensure you understand the local hazards and dangers.
- Assess yours and your child’s abilities and whether your activities are appropriate for the conditions.
- Always swim at a patrolled beach between the red and yellow flags where our lifesavers can look out for you.
- Actively supervise children at all times. Ensure children under five are within arm’s reach, and children under 10 are within your sight.
- Never swim alone. Too many drowning deaths occur when no one else is around to help.
- Think before jumping or diving from piers and jetty to minimise the risk of spinal cord injury. Water depths change daily as a result of the tides, sand movement and submerged debris such as shopping trolleys are unexpected hazards.
- Beware of blue-green algae, especially in mid-late summer. Avoid swimming in affected lakes as the algae is poisonous.

Boating

- Life jackets are compulsory.
- Check tide charts and weather for yachting, sea kayaking, kite boarding and other water sports at Marine Weather Conditions.
- Conduct a full safety check of your boat/watercraft before you leave.
- If you plan to kayak, check river levels before you leave and when you arrive.

Staying healthy and safe in pools

- Ensure children are actively supervised by an adult at all times when in the pool.
- Check and maintain pool and spa fences. Rust, missing bolts or screws and general wear and tear can make them less secure.
- Ensure there are no objects near the fence which make it easy for children to climb over.
- When kids aren’t feeling well, they can contaminate pool water, making others sick. Do not swim if you have diarrhoea.
- Avoid swallowing pool water.
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!