Diary Dates:

Mar 11  Last day of swimming
Mar 14  Labour Day Holiday – student free day
Mar 21  School Council AGM
Mar 22  Pizza Lunch
Mar 23  Harmony Day
Mar 24  Last Day of Term – 2:30pm finish
Friday March 25th – Good Friday

2016 School Term Dates
Term One
Jan 27th—March 24th
Term Two
April 11th—June 24th
Term Three
July 11th—September 16th
Term Four
October 3rd—December 20th

Principal’s Report

Working Bee
Thank you to all our parents students and staff who worked hard during our recent working bee. Together we worked to make our school look clean, tidy and a wonderful place to be.

Professional Learning
The staff at Clayton South are constantly updating their skills and learning how best to cater for the learning needs of our students. On Tuesday after school, Nune Jordaan from Noble Park English Language School came helped us expand our knowledge on how best to help students with English as an Additional Language background succeed at school. We pride ourselves on the academic excellence of all our students and recognise how they can experience difficulties when they first learn English and start at an Australian school.

Alex in Year 3 reading at his level and learning food names. Alex came from India just this year and has already learnt so much English.
International Day
Save the date- Wednesday 23rd March. Exciting activities are planned and more details will be out soon.

I regularly attend Principal briefings and local Network meetings and this week I will be attending the Kingston Network Principal’s conference in Lorne for three days. While I do not like being away from school, these days are essential for me as a leader to help manage the school into a prosperous and successful future. I work with other Principals to learn about what strategies enable a school to be future ready and most likely to succeed. It is a great opportunity to mix with other professionals and listen to speakers from the Department of Education and expert educationalist in this area.

Monash Health Dental Services have been at CSPS this week and over 80 students have taken the opportunity to have a free dental check-up which involves screening the children and providing them a report to take home to the parent/carer. The report includes whether or not the child needs any further assessment/treatment and contact details of where they can get services from. The students received a ‘goodie’ bag after their visit which included a new toothbrush and information on caring for your teeth.

Swimming
Our intensive swimming program concludes tomorrow. This year the program was well attended and we once again thank Life Saving Victoria for sponsoring this program. Thank you to the teachers and staff for helping this program run so smoothly and assisting the students to make the most of this opportunity. To those parents who have been coming to help we give you an extra special thank you as well, we appreciate the assistance.
**Student of the Week Awards**

**Presented at Assembly – Thursday February 25\(^{th}\) & March 3\(^{rd}\)**

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<td>Jenny</td>
<td>For working hard and showing creative colourful work</td>
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<td>Aishveer</td>
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<td>Nikki M</td>
<td>For showing great improvement in reading – Well Done</td>
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<td>Abhinay</td>
<td>For his positive attitude to learning and working hard in all classroom tasks</td>
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<td>Les</td>
<td>For having a positive attitude and working hard while completing your inquiry project</td>
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<td>Hayley</td>
<td>For pushing yourself to try solve more difficult mathematics problems</td>
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<td>For always having a positive attitude and being helpful to all students</td>
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<td>Asher</td>
<td>For making an excellent effort on his family crest</td>
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<td>Arthur</td>
<td>For making a fantastic effort with his story writing Keep It Up!</td>
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<td>For working hard to edit her writing and include more interesting words</td>
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<td>For using emotive language when writing his thriller</td>
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<td>Iliana</td>
<td>For a remarkable improvement in understanding division</td>
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**Congratulations**
AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!

Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!

VIC & QLD booking deadline: Friday 18 March
NSW & SA booking deadline: Friday 1 April

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Create a diorama of the Amazon jungle, mould an autumn leaf dish out of clay, and participate in lots of group games including a time challenge and secret agent maze! Join in on all this and more at Extend’s Autumn Holiday Program.

To check out what’s on and where your local program is, visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

Weekly Recap

Hi Everyone,

The last two weeks at Extend we have welcomed two new students Flinn & Will. This term the focus has been team work and getting to know each other. We have been doing lots of fun crafts and everyone loves the cooking. We play sports to keep active and have a lot of fun. We had lots of fun decorating our snake cakes & sports ball cupcakes. We played cricket and soccer and even crab soccer. Some of the craft has been Butterfly circles, Footballs and our own placemats to use while we are eating our yummy snacks. Our paper plane contest was a very exciting time with the kids racing their planes. We have been having a lot of fun experimenting with science. We got to see how cabbages take a drink of water.

Sam Walker, Team Leader

Our Extend Superstars are:
Charlotte, Teija and Flinn.

Next week’s activities:

Monday 14 March:
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 8 March:
Cricket
Wednesday 9 March:
Bookworm Bookmarks
Thursday 10 March
Mood Faces
Friday 11 March:
Hacky Sacks
This term, 5/6A has been learning about mould, bacteria and fungus in science.

5/6A have worked really hard on creating informative posters about mould. Mould needs moisture, nutrients and warmth to grow. This is some of postsers 5/6A students have created.

By Marcus and Aryan
### Birthdays

#### January
- **10** Harjot 34B
- **16** Jeevitha 12B
- **22** Edward P1A

#### February
- **6** Manaf 34A
- **11** Gunveen 56B
- **17** Jiyaa 34B
- **18** Vivian P1A
- **24** Les 34A
- **28** Parneet P1A

#### March
- **3** Julee 56B
- **4** Panos 12B
- **9** Luca 56A
- **12** Ritia 12B
- **17** Alex 34B
- **19** Jessica 12B
- **25** Maria 12B
- **29** Andrew 56B
- **30** Sarah 34B