Diary Dates:

Mar 24  Last Day of Term – 2:30pm finish

Friday March 25th – Good Friday

Apr 3  Daylight Savings finishes clocks backwards one hour

Term Two—Monday April 11th

Apr 21  ISS Rd 1 Home to Noble Park
        School Photo Day

Apr 25  ANZAC Day – student free day

Apr 26  School Council meeting

Apr 28  ISS Rd 2 Away to Mt Hira

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

International Day
Much fun was had by all students celebrating all our different cultures. This is an important day of celebration for our school with the student’s performances a highlight of the day’s events. A photo spread of the fun is in later pages. A big thank you to all the staff for their hard work in organising this special day and to Valeska Castillo for all the organisation and practising that went on behind the scenes.

Have you seen the gorgeous art work displayed in our office area? This rainbow canvas has every student’s self-portrait on it. Just an example of our fantastic Art program run by Valeska Castillo and a program that is enjoyed immensely by our students.
Hard work of teachers during the term
A big thank you to all our staff and students for their work during first term. Have a safe and restful holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone’s happy faces back next term. Please keep an eye on our school over the holiday period and please report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. More works are being undertaken over the holiday period including new carpet in the 3/4 area and more painting of our internal buildings as well as bag tubs for the Junior and Senior students.

School Council AGM and new School Council Members
Our School Council AGM was held last Monday night. I would like to thank our retiring School Council Vice President Louise Dorr who has worked tirelessly for the school and helped towards the positive management of our school. I would also like to thank retiring DET staff member Annie Tayleur who is currently on Family Leave.

Our new School Council for 2015 is:
Hulya Canpolat - President
Sallenna Moutis - School Council Vice President
Sue McSweeney – School Council Secretary
Hulya Canpolat – School Council Treasurer
Maria Pagomenos – Assistant School Council Treasurer
DET staff members
Nerina Deathridge, Fairlie Halligan and Eve Ting. I would like to also acknowledge Gay Kuzmiuk who attends every School Council meeting to take the minutes. Thank you Gay.

Other Parent Representatives
Effie Darmos and Chetan Dutta.

During this meeting I presented the information from CSPS’s Annual Report to the School Community. This document is available from our school office and will be uploaded to our school website next term. There has been a delay in the formatting of this document by DET so the whole report has been delayed. I will let you know when the published version is available.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Once again the Victorian Premiers’ Reading challenge is on and we would like to invite our students to participate in this challenge.

The challenge invites children and young people to read a set numbers of books and record their efforts online. This is a great way to get involve with supporting your child to read. A notice with more information will be sent home next term.

Cricket Team and Girls Basketball team
CSPS Interschool Girls Basketball and cricket team made it through to Noble Park District finals. They are being played today and we wish our students the best luck. It is a fantastic effort for a school of our size. We thank the staff and parent helpers who have transported our students to play.

Emergency Text messaging
All Victorian state schools, including Clayton South Primary School, will be able to send mass text messages to parent contacts in emergencies. We are currently working our way through setting this up. It is important the details we have in our system are up to date. If you have changed mobile phone numbers, home contact details or emergency contact details since enrolling your child please let the office know so we can amend our records.

Photo Day is in week two next term on Thursday 21st April.
Forms on how to order photos will be going home first day back, next term.
International Day

A day of celebration and showcasing our cultures
Student of the Week Awards

Presented at Assembly – Thursday March 10th & March 17th

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<td>For presenting his V.I.P very confidently</td>
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<td>Ritia</td>
<td>For her great effort and fantastic work this term – Well Done</td>
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<td>Faith</td>
<td>For working hard to complete her swimming recount - Well Done</td>
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<td>For writing an excellent narrative and pushing yourself to use a wider vocabulary</td>
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<td>For a well presented and informative poster about mould. Well Done!</td>
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<td>For consistently working hard in class and seeking advice on how to improve</td>
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<td>Jennifer</td>
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CONGRATULATIONS

SUNDOWNER KINDERGARTEN 2016 OPEN DAY

Saturday 16th April

9.30am to 12.00pm

19/21 Jacobs Drive, Clarinda

Ph: 9551 7851 sundowner@try.org.au

All children and families are welcome. Please come along and find out more information about the kindergarten, meet the Teachers and Educators and discover the learning environment and pick up an application form.
Weekly Recap

Well it feels like only two weeks ago we were welcoming in the new term and now we are in our last week and about to say goodbye for two weeks! Over the last fortnight we have played some soccer and cricket and even basketball. We also made some bookworm bookmarks and hacky sacks that we spent the rest of Friday afternoon playing games with. We have also had some fun exploring with science. We made rocket balloons to race off and we had some fun experimenting with water.

We are looking forward to next term and having a lot more fun and excitement. Some things we are looking at doing is making some gooey slime, making some yummy Marie Balls and playing some more sports and more experimenting with crafts and science.

Thankyou everyone for making me feel so welcome this term and I can’t wait to be back with you all next term. Please everyone stay safe these holidays and have fun. I look forward to seeing all the smiling faces next term.

Sam Walker, Team Leader

Our Extend Superstars are:
Jordan for great listening and packing up when asked.
Zoe for being a great helper with the Hacky Sacks.

Next term’s activities:

Monday 11 April: Lizards & Fingers
Tuesday 12 April: Cricket
Wednesday 13 April: Textured Painting
Thursday 14 April: Marie Balls
Friday 15 April: Tandem Tennis

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au
A Supported Playgroup is now running on **Mondays from 9.30am – 11.30am at Clayton South Primary School** for pre-school aged children. The smalltalk Supported Playgroup is funded by the Department of Education and Training and is available for families who have a Health Care Card or equivalent. For more information on eligibility phone 9581-4863 or email smalltalk@kingston.vic.gov.au

By participating in the smalltalk program you will:

- Have access to a free facilitated playgroup delivered by trained professionals
- Get tips and strategies to support your child’s learning and development
- Interact in fun and engaging activities
- Meet other families with young children who live in your local area
- Have access to one-on-one support through optional home visits