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Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our school community to the beginning of the 2024 school year. An extended welcome to those families who are new to our school this year. We trust that you will enjoy being part of our school community and seeing your children flourish at Clayton South Primary School. I hope to see many of our families in attendance at this afternoons Parent Information Sessions. We are looking forward to an excellent year ahead.



2024 Staff

We work hard at Clayton South Primary School to ensure that we only have the highest quality staff working with our students. I am very pleased to introduce our 2024 staff:

Principal – Craig Pauwels

Assistant Principal – Lana Nuske

Learning Specialist / Prep Teacher (0.6) – Kayla Farrugia

Prep Teacher (0.4) – Jacinta Drew

Grade 1/2 Teacher – Maria Williams

Grade 2/3 Teacher – Irene Dornau

Grade 3/4 Teacher – Misty Hoeta

Grade 5/6 A Teacher – Daniel Warden

Grade 5/6 B Teacher – Taylah Sloggett

P.E. Teacher / Tutor - Heather Douglass

Performing Arts Teacher / Tutor – Eve Angeles

Art / Spanish Teacher – Senorita Castello

Education Support Staff – Anna Cardamone, Felicia Zinas, Aimee Lau, Jaden Xavier, Georgia Jones

Business Manager – Keah Hickleton

Office Administration – Leilani Simpson

Speech Pathologist – Jo Gimmas

Psychologist – Hannah Yates

Great Start

Last Wednesday our students returned to school excited and ready for their new classes. I am extremely proud of the positive attitudes, efforts and behaviour that our students have displayed in their classes. This is also reflective of the time and effort that our teachers have put in over the holiday break to ensure that they are prepared for the term ahead. I have enjoyed visiting the classes seeing the learning taking place. Our Prep students are settling into their school routine well and have had a great start to their schooling at CSPS.

Sun Smart

Please remember that as a Sun Smart School, all students must wear a wide brimmed hat when outside during recess and lunch time during Terms 1 and 4. Please ensure that your child has a proper school hat and that it is clearly named. School hats are available for purchase through FCW, or plain navy blue wide brimmed hats can be purchased at stores such as Kmart.

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School Times

Through our school consultative process, this year we have decided to change our lesson times back to the one hour blocks. This does not alter the start or end of school times, but does push lunch time back a bit later. Our lesson times are as follows:

9am – School Starts / Lesson 1 begins

10am – Lesson 2 begins

11am – Recess Play Time

11:30am – Lesson 3 begins

12:30pm – Lesson 4 begins

1:30pm – Lunch Eating Time

1:40pm – Lunch Play Time

2:30pm – Lesson 5 begins

3:30pm – Home Time



With these altered times, teachers have been encouraging students to eat a larger snack at recess time and classes still have fruit / brain breaks during the day.

Altering these times has already demonstrated much greater productivity in classes!

School Swimming Program

Our 2024 School Swimming Program began on Tuesday. This year we are trilling having our Lessons at the Little Swim School which is across the road from school. The focusses of these lessons are on water safety and stroke technique. The benefits of utilising The Little Swim School are:

- High quality, professional swimming instructors
- No need for bus transport saves families money
- No need for bus transport saves time taken out of the school day
- Sole use of the facilities during our sessions
- One session per week creates a better routine and less disruption
- We are supporting a small local business

It was fantastic to see how successful the first lessons were on Tuesday. A reminder that school swimming sessions occur every Tuesday for Term 1. A huge thank you to Mrs Douglass for her time and efforts in organising and coordinating this program.

Attendance

An ongoing focus for schools in 2024 is ensuring that student attendance levels are as high as possible. Greater attendance gives students more exposure to learning opportunities and supports them in achieving the best possible results. Our intensive literacy sessions begin first thing in the morning and late arrivals disrupt these lessons. With the increased focus on school attendance, formal attendance notification letters will be sent home if absence levels reach certain thresholds.

Please ensure that you update absences on Sentral or contact the school should your child need to be absent from school. Reminder messages will be sent during the morning for any un-notified student absences (or absences that haven't updated in the system yet).

Please also note that if your child arrives at school after 9:00am or if they are being collected from school early, that they need to be signed in or out by an adult at the front office.



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Working with Children Check

We love having volunteers helping out in our school. Please be aware though that any volunteers working with the children at our school are required to have a current Working with Children check. Victorian Working with Children checks are valid for 5 years and are free of charge for volunteers. Application forms for Volunteer Working with Children checks are available on the Department of Justice and Regulation website. <https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwccu/onlineapplication.doj>

School Council Positions

All government schools in Victoria have School Councils. Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and bring a range of valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. No special experience is needed to stand for School Council. Meetings are held 8 times per year.

This March we have 5 positions that are up for renewal (4 parent positions and 1 community position). School Council nomination forms are currently available at the front office should you wish to self nominate or to nominate someone else. Nominations will close on Friday 23rd February at 4pm.

Lunch Orders

A reminder that we utilise the services of Classroom Cuisine for school lunch orders.

Lunch orders are available each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Please use the below link if you wish to set up an account and order a lunch order for your child.

All orders and payments must occur through the Classroom Cuisine website. <https://classroomcuisine.com.au/>



Breakfast Club

We are fortunate to have a Breakfast Club that operates at school every morning. Breakfast club operates from 8:30am – 9am in the Kitchen of the BER Building. The students enjoy being able to come in and have some breaky (a second round for some) and enjoy the chance to catch up with Miss Anna. The Breakfast Club supplies are generously donated by Foodbank.

Assembly

This year our School Assembly will continue to be held every second Friday afternoon at 3pm (beginning tomorrow). Assemblies are hosted by our student leaders and are an important opportunity for us to celebrate the achievements of our students. They are held in the BER building (Hall) or in the outside undercover area and families are most welcome to attend.

School Privacy Statement

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.

Welcome to a Wonderful Year of Learning in Prep!

Dear Families,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year from Miss Farrugia and Mrs Drew, your dedicated prep teachers! We are thrilled to share a snapshot of the exciting learning journey our prep students have embarked upon.



Settling In and Making Friends

In these initial weeks, our little students have been busy settling into the school routine and making new friends. The classroom buzzes with the laughter and excitement of new friendships being formed, creating a warm and supportive environment for everyone.

Classroom Rules Collaboration

One of the highlights has been the collaborative effort of our prep students in creating a list of classroom rules. Through group discussions and shared ideas, the children have been developing a set of guidelines that promote a positive and inclusive learning space for all. We are proud of their teamwork and enthusiasm for establishing a respectful community.



Numeracy Adventures

In the world of numeracy, our budding mathematicians have been hard at work identifying and continuing patterns of two and three parts. The excitement in the classroom is palpable as they explore the fascinating world of numbers and patterns.

Literacy Exploration

Literacy is a key focus, and our preps have been learning to recognise, write and hear the letters 'm,' 's,' and 'f,' laying the foundation for their reading and writing journey. Additionally, we've begun exploring high-frequency words such as 'the,' 'I,' and 'my'.



Swimming

Our busy preps loved their first swimming excursion, they were buzzing with excitement all morning in preparation and when we returned to school, many of them needed a well-earned rest, choosing to work quietly on the floor.

No doubt many of our Prep parents will notice how tired their children are this term, as the preps adapt to so many new things and longer days at school. Please be reassured that we take their energy levels into account when planning the curriculum so that there is plenty of down time and play as well as structured learning.

Reading at Home

To further support your child's literacy growth, we encourage parents to take just 5 minutes each day to read with their child. This simple act has a profound impact on their language skills and fosters a love for reading that will last a lifetime.

Call for Parent Helpers

We welcome parent involvement in our learning journey. If you have a valid Working With Children Check (free online) and can spare 30 minutes in the morning, we invite you to join us as a parent helper. Your assistance with reading sessions will enhance the learning experience for our prep students. Please let us know if you can help.

We look forward to a year filled with growth, laughter, and discovery.

Warm regards,
Miss Farrugia and Mrs Drew
Prep Teachers



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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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WEDNESDAY &
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4 - 6 pm

(During school term only)

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