

Clayton South

Primary School

Important Diary Dates

TERM 1 2026— DATES

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ming Session 1

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bly 3:10pm

27th – School Swim-
ming Session 2

March

5th - Yrs 4-6 Inter-
school Sport (Away
game vs Westall)

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9th – Labour Day Pub-
lic Holiday (no
school)

Under the Gazebo



Friday 20th February 2026

Our brilliant start to the year has continued over the past fortnight. It is great to see our students happy and engaged in their learning, challenging themselves and proudly showing their achievements.

It was great to see many families in attendance at our Information After-noon last week. We thank you for making the time to attend and appreciate your support for our school.

Curriculum Focuses

Naturally in schools, literacy and numeracy form the major curriculum focusses for the school year. Over the past years at CSPA we have had a very strong focus on our teaching approaches, which we continue to develop and refine – we are very proud of the extremely positive outcomes that we have achieved, demonstrating excellent academic growth. We continue to use evidence-based practices, following the Principles of the Science of Learning.



This year for CSPA, we are further developing our literacy and numeracy programs, ensuring consistency with lesson delivery and classroom routines across the school. Our staff work together in PLC (professional learning communities) to develop cycles of continued improvement for student learning, focussing on all individual student abilities. Our learning teams are led by our Learning Specialists - Miss Farrugia and Miss Hoeta, who work hard behind the scenes to support our staff and the development of our educational programs.

Student Mobile Phones

We understand that some families prefer their children to carry a mobile phone with them when travelling to and from school. A reminder that it is Department of Education policy that students are not to have their phones during the school day. All student phones are to be handed into the school office at the beginning of the day and can be collected at 3:30pm. Students wearing smart watches must ensure that messaging and phone capabilities are turned off during the school day, otherwise they will be considered a communication device and will be required to be stored at the front office.



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Student Absences

Over the past week in particular, we have experienced a large amount of student illnesses within our school. If your child is unwell, please ensure that they stay home until they have recovered, particularly with ailments that may be contagious. Whilst we do prefer to have students at school, if they are presenting as unwell during the day, we will call home and often having them collected from school is the best option.

For any student absences, please ensure that you record these on the Sentral app or call the school to inform us, so that we can ensure that our attendance records are up to date.

Please contact the front office if you are having trouble in accessing the Sentral portal.

Building Progress

It is very exciting to see the progress occurring with our building development! Over the past weeks the slab has been poured, and the steel framing has been erected. The students have particularly loved watching the large crane lifting the huge steel beams into place and the bobcats digging various trenches for plumbing works!

We are extremely proud of our students negotiating any logistical changes that need to occur for these works and for productively going about their learning despite the construction noise occurring in the back-ground.

Thank you also to our families. We understand that the drop off and pick up zones can be extra busy with the building process occurring and we appreciate your patience and understanding.



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School Swimming Program

Today we begin our School Swimming Program at the Clayton Aquatic Centre. This is the first of six sessions that will occur each Friday until the end of this term. Students will need to remember their bathers, towel (goggles and swim cap if they need them) and a bag for their wet belongings. Please ensure that all items are named, for the easy return of any misplaced items. The school swimming program is an important part of the Health and PE curriculum and we look forward to the success of this program over the coming weeks.



2026 NAPLAN

Each year, students in Years 3 and 5 take part in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) assessment. The information collected from these assessments help to provide students, parents and the school with data on individual and whole group achievement and help us to direct our work towards further improvement. The results provide a snapshot of student achievement and are used in alignment with the ongoing achievement data collected by teachers. This year NAPLAN will be held during Weeks 7 and 8 of this term. Teachers and students have been busy preparing for the assessments. All components of this assessment are conducted online, except for the Year 3 writing assessment. Reports containing individual results are sent home to families later in the year.

Weather Conditions

We all know that living in Melbourne that we experience ever changing weather conditions. Generally, we are able to navigate the weather and make some alterations to our programs to suit the weather conditions. On wet weather days, we keep the students indoors at recess and lunch breaks with indoor activities for them to do. Likewise, on the extreme heat days, we offer an indoor alternative at lunchtime (generally a movie) so that the students can be away from the heat and in the air-conditioning. We also encourage students to make sensible choices regarding their play in differing weather conditions.





**\$245 for 3
days! 30%
Offer ends
March 15!**



PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 01** 9-3pm each day
- 02** AFL, Basketball, Netball and Soccer on offer
- 03** Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- 04** Guest appearances at selected programs

THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!

LOCATIONS

- Brighton Grammar School, Brighton - 8, 9, 10 and 13, 14, 15 April 2026
- Firbank Grammar, Brighton - 8, 9, 10 and 13, 14, 15 April 2026



It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants

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