# **Clayton South**

**Primary School** 

**Important Diary Dates** 



2021

#### **SEPTEMBER**

**17 NEWSLETTER** 

17 Footy Dress-Up Day 17 Dental Van Form Due 17 LAST DAY TERM 3

Early finish 2:30pm

2 weeks holidays

4 Term 4 Starts
NO HAT NOT PLAY

#### **OCTEBER**

**8 NEWSLETTER** 

18 PREP INFO NIGHT 4PM 22 STEP INTO PREP 2.300M

# Under the Gazebo



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Friday 3rd September, 2021

Dear Clayton South Primary School families,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family as well as possible. The Premier made some new announcements yesterday. Regarding school impact, the critical points for us are that classes will remain in remote learning until at least the end of Term 3, focusing on consistency, routine and wellbeing for our students.

During Week 7, our children celebrated **Book Week** in their online classes. It was a fun week of learning through literature. Children across the school took part in various activities throughout the week. It was amazing to see some incredibly creative work being produced in every class and lots of fancy costumes on-screen, reflecting our children's love of reading! A big thank you to all involved!

On Friday, Mr Hay hosted a Curriculum Day for our staff around 'The Writing Revolution', which will be the basis for our new writing model. The staff created slide decks utilising the 10 principles of sentence writing and based this on a picture storybook. Although, it was exciting to see a few staff trialling this via remote learning. Our students will benefit from this new reading and writing model when we return to on-site education.

Our **NAPLAN** results came back this week, and they were better than ever before in 4 out of the 5 categories. All 4 categories related to literacy have been our primary focus on our Annual Implementation Plan for 2020-21. Our numeracy results stayed as they have been for the past 5 years. However, we will be putting a larger emphasis on numeracy in 2022. Some key highlights from the NAPLAN assessment were that 46% of our students achieved in the Top 2 bands for reading in Year 3 following 12 months of explicit phonics instruction, utilising the Big 6. 76% of our students performed in the Top 2 bands for writing in Year 3. We anticipate that by introducing the missing piece, The Writing Revolution, our results will only skyrocket next year. 65% of students achieved in the Top 2 bands for Spelling, following the introduction of our new Spelling Mastery program. 65% of students achieved in the Top 2 bands for Grammar and Punctuation, which our new writing program will also help to increase. Although we didn't focus on numeracy, and not as many students achieved in the Top 2 bands, remarkably, 88% (Year 3) and 91% (Year 5) performed in the Top 4 bands, indicating that we are not leaving any students behind. This improvement is what our new programs and methodologies intended to provide. Equity for all. Well done to all staff, students and parents!

Clayton South Primary School's Sun Smart Policy, **No Hat, No Play**, will commence in Term 4 from Monday, 4th October 2021. Students will be required to wear a hat whilst outside. The Sun Smart policy is on the school website.



Another reminder for all students, Little Learners Love Literacy currently have their online decodable books for free download from iTunes or the Google Play Store. These are highly recommended for your child to read during the lockdown. Ask your child's teacher for which stage your child is reading.

For a little bit of fun, I have organised a **special magic show** for the students on Friday at 12 pm. EN-JOY! Wishing all of our dad's, stepdad's, grandpa's and special people in our children's lives a very **hap-py Father's Day.'** 

Greg Clement
PRINCIPAL

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#### **WELLBEING AND WELFARE**

#### Mrs Smith's Wellbeing and Welfare Report

What Parents and Caregivers can Do and Say to help their Child/Children.

#### Choose your battlegrounds...

Focus on matters of health and safety (rather than tidy rooms etc).

#### Focus on Student Wellbeing...

Encourage children to concentrate on what they can control (sleep, diet, exercise).

#### See life as it is...

Encourage children to reflect on what went well for the day (focus on the good bits).

#### We can not choose what happens, but we can choose our response...

Help children change their thinking.

#### Don't be afraid to reach out for help..

Contact your child's teacher, your GP or myself to help your child get through any challenging time.

**REMINDER** The **Dental Health Van** is coming to Clayton South Primary School. It is a free service. Children will be seen in their school environment, allowing them to feel safe and comfortable. The dentists will check your child's teeth and mouth and show them how to keep their teeth healthy and strong. Would you please return the signed permission slip if you wish your child to attend ASAP. The van will visit during Term 4.

An important message to embrace as a community is: "It's Not OK, to be Away". Students with a high rate of absenteeism significantly reduce their immersion in the curriculum. Attending school (& online school) regularly is vital for all students from Prep to Grade 6. The 'fallout' of poor attendance is very real.

One day a fortnight is 20 days a year. Lessons start at 9am, and school finishes at 3.30pm.



Elizabeth Smith Leading Teacher . Welfare and







#### Grade 3/4B

# Mrs Monk's Grade 3/4B Lockdown Activities

#### Grade 3/4 B have been having fun during remote learning.



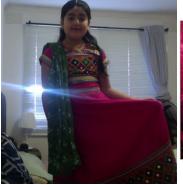


Clay master pieces and Cooking activity created by Alex and Callum during Remote Learning.



A special day today (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August) by Komal I am dressing as the girl in this photo and the boy is a god named Kirshna and the girl is Radha.







Truc Linh created a card board dinosaur.





Truc Linh also created masks with her father for our Book Week meeting.

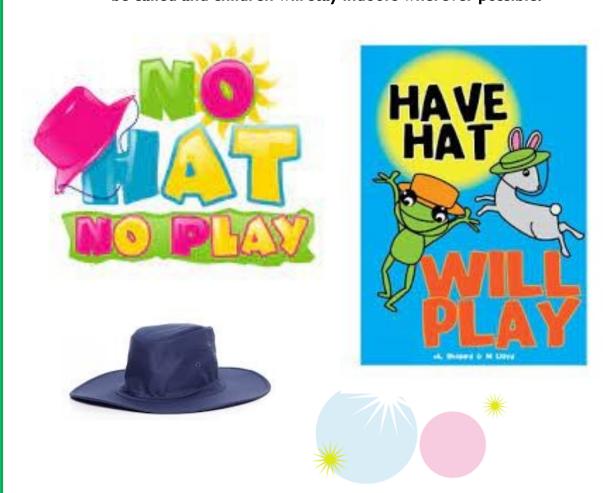


#### NO HAT, NO PLAY

# SUN SMART NO HAT NO PLAY Returns Term 4

- ✓ Children are required to wear hats next term, we encourage broad-rimmed school hats (no caps) which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside (e.g. play breaks, sport, and excursions; compulsory in Terms I & 4).
- ✔ Please consider providing your child/children with sunscreen.
- ✓ We suggest children apply daily sunscreen before school and prior to play breaks.
- ✓ We encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- ✓ Staff will act as role models by practising Sun Smart behaviours.

On days of extreme heat, the children will not be permitted to play outside for long periods of time. An Extreme Weather Program will be called and children will stay indoors wherever possible.



# ENROLMENT INFO

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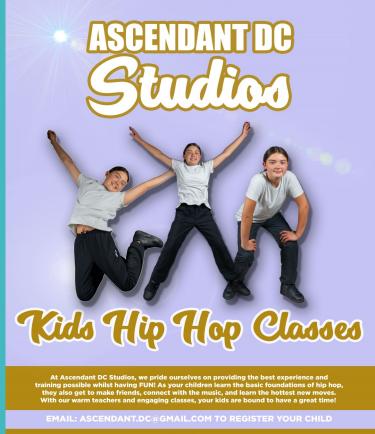
Come for a school tour and meet our Principal.

# ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS NOW!

To obtain an enrolment form, please contact our school office on 9558 0599, or at 539 Clayton Road Clayton South, by email clayton.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au or online at www.claytonsouthps.vic.edu.au



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