

Clayton South

Primary School

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EARLY FINISH 2:30

DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

- * Finance Meeting
- * School Council
- * Fundraiser

Good morning Clayton South families,

I'd like to start by welcoming our new Prep students and their families. By the end of next week, we will have had 24 Preps making their way into their classroom. Some part time, most full time. All excited. Due to the increasing number of Prep students joining us quite late, we have made the decision to hire an assistant in the room, Mrs Georgia Jones. She will be available to take small groups of students for intervention based teaching away from the main group several days per week. We also have Miss Agatha, Miss Felicia, and new staff member, Miss Olga, assisting in the room. Our Prep students are certainly in good hands with their teacher, Miss Kyla Golledge, and her many, many helpers.

We also welcomed Miss Taylah Sloggett to our 3/4A classroom and Miss Kayla Farrugia to 5/6A. Both teachers have settled in very quickly and seem to be a hit with the staff and students. Staff roles for 2022 have changed slightly

Principal – Greg Clement

Acting Assistant Principal – Lana Nuske

Learning Specialist – Larry Hay

Business Manager – Keah Hickleton (Mon/Thurs)

Prep A – Kyla Golledge

1A – Leesa Warman

2A – Irene Dornau

3/4A – Taylah Sloggett

4/5A – Lana Nuske & Heather Douglass

5/6A – Kayla Farrugia

Spanish & Art – Valeska Castillo

Phys Ed and ICT – Larry Hay

Education Support Staff – Miss Agatha Vougas,

Miss Anna Cardamone, Miss Felicia Zinas, Miss

Aimee Lau and Miss Olga Yunaeva

Prep support – Mrs Georgia Jones

Speech Pathologist– Jo Gimás



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PRINCIPAL REPORT CONT.

Unfortunately, as my emails have suggested, we have had quite a bit of COVID spread throughout our small community. From what I have noticed, some students have tested negative at night, and then positive by the morning. So it has become a situation that is quite difficult to manage. The best advice I can give from the experience we have had, is to test in the morning if there has been COVID in your child's class, or they have symptoms. For those students who are isolating, we will be providing work packs for the week. This week I emailed them to families, but in future we will drop a physical pack to your home.

The bell times during the school day have also changed this year. Please see below.

9.00am – Start of day

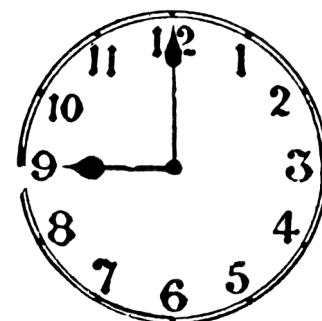
10.40am – Eating and Recess

11.10am – Return to Class

12.50pm – Lunch Eating and Outside Time

1.50pm – Return to Class

3.30pm – Home Time Bell



We have made some improvements to our policies when students arrive late that have been working well so far. When a student arrives after 9.00am and classes have begun, they are to make their way to the front office, where they will be marked as late and given a 'late pass' to show their teacher. This saves the classroom teacher from stopping teaching each time a student walks in late to update the roll. At 9.15am, someone from the office will make phone calls home to any family who has not informed the school a valid reason for their child's absence. This method is still new to us, so please excuse any errors, but so far it has been working really well in ensuring all students are accounted for each day, and late arrivals have been reduced from last year.

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The uniform shop remains open every Wednesday from 8.30am – 11am, but the preferred ordering option remains online, so that you can simply pick up any items on the Wednesday. Students can try on any uniform for size in the Uniform shop and there will be limited stock on hand for purchase. Students need to wear a hat during Term 1 and these can be purchased from the uniform shop also. COVID safe protocols remain the same as 2021. Parents must check in using the QR codes provided outside each building before entering, and show their 'tick' or exception to a staff member. At this stage we will not be holding any indoor assemblies until further notice, but there will be outdoor assemblies beginning in Week 4. Keep an eye out for dates on the newsletter calendar. Ventilators have been placed in all high-risk areas of the school, and windows remain open in all learning spaces. We have provided hand sanitiser in all classrooms and ask that parents provide masks for all students in Years 3 and up. We do have masks in each classroom for students who misplace theirs.

We were going to have an Open Classroom afternoon this coming Friday, but due to the number of students and families isolating, we will postpone this and host it at a later date. This will be a great chance for you to see your child's classroom and meet their teacher. The students would also love to show you some of the work they have already completed.

Swimming lessons are coming up in March and a note seeking permission will come home shortly requesting a payment of \$65, which includes 8 lessons and a bus to and from the venue each day. We are lucky enough to get part of the costs subsidised by Life Saving Victoria, making it extremely affordable for families. I know I normally pay \$20+ per lesson for my son! Thank you to Life Saving Victoria for your continued support. We will only be able to take the first 50 students to pay in Grades Prep to Year 2, and the first 50 students to pay in Years 3 – 6. If you require financial assistance but would like your child to attend swimming lessons, please come and speak to myself, Larry Hay, Lana Nuske or Keah Hickleton and we can arrange something for you. Don't let that be a reason for your child to miss out. We are here to help.

Miss Anna will be angry at me if I don't end with the fact that we are starting up our Breakfast Club again every Tuesday – Friday morning. There is lots of food and you will also get to hang out with the amazing cook that is Miss Anna. Breakfast Club starts at 8.40am and all are welcome. Breakfast Club is completely FREE. See you all there!

For those that are isolating, continue to take care and reach out if you need any food or assistance from the school. For those who are not, enjoy the weekend and we will see you many more of our students next week as they return from isolation.

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Annual privacy reminder for 2022

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For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

- * Amharic
- * Arabic
- * Dari
- * Gujarati
- * Mandarin
- * Somali
- * Sudanese
- * Turkish
- * Urdu
- * Vietnamese

CLAYTON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMIN NEWS

Welcome back everyone, it has been lovely to start the year back with everyone.

If you haven't returned the photo permission slip, walking slip, CSEF, or the change of details form and you need one, or more information on them please let me know.

Thank you to all the families who have already paid the contributions for 2022. If you would like to organise a payment plan please come and see me

If any of the students have updated medical conditions / asthma plans etc could you please bring them up to the office, or send to school with the child please.

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What a success Monday was for our brand new class of Prep students. So many eager learners, smiling and excited to be at school. A big thank you to all our brave and hardworking family members for getting their children set up and ready to go for their first big day!

For our first week, we took many toilet pit stops, eating breaks to recharge, and even a few little play sessions to wind down from all our new learning and information processing. The children in Prep A experienced lots of opportunity for social play and learning through activity rotations to support their new school friendships.



FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL FOR PREP A

A big thank you to everyone in the CSPS school community for supporting our new Preps as they become more familiar with school!

We also completed many fine motor and sensory activities to build up the muscles in our hands for writing – especially since we learnt the Letter Name and Sounds for: Mm, Ss, Ff & Aa.

The Preps have done an excellent job settling into school and we're so excited to see all the progress they'll make this year.

Also a very special shout out to the excellent team working in Prep A – Miss Agatha and Felicia have been such a huge help to what has been a really big transition for many.

We are all so grateful!





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