

# Clayton South

Primary School

## Important Diary Dates



### 2021

#### FEBRUARY

- 17 NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS
- 18 ISEA iCARE Activity
- 19 ASSEMBLY
- 23 SCHOOL COUNCIL 6pm
- 24 NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS
- 26 NEWSLETTER

#### MARCH

- 2 SWIMMING PROG STARTS  
Tues to Fri for 2 weeks
- 3 PREPS FIRST WEDNESDAY
- 5 ASSEMBLY
- 6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
\* No School today \*
- 9 SCHOOL COUNCIL 6pm
- 12 NEWSLETTER
- 12 Swimming Prog Finishes
- 18 SEDA Basketball Clinic P-6
- 19 ASSEMBLY
- 22 HARMONY WEEK
- 26 NEWSLETTER

# Under the Gazebo



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Dear Clayton South Primary School families,

The most important skill our children need to learn during their time with us is the ability to read. Our brains don't naturally learn to read in the same way we learn to walk, talk and listen. As babies, our children can hear our voices and begin to interpret what we are saying, regardless of language, and by about the age of 2 years old, begin to converse with us. The brain is not wired to do this with reading.

Therefore, as educators, we need to explicitly and systematically, teach the foundational skills of reading to the students. The first element of this is called Phonological Awareness. This is the ability to hear the individual phonemes (sounds) in words, and isolate beginning, middle and ending phonemes, recognise and create rhyming words, delete individual phonemes and add individual phonemes. We use a program called Heggerty in our Prep – 2 classrooms, which takes as little as 8 minutes per day, and ensures the students are being exposed to Phoneme Awareness and 'having a go' as a class. Research suggests that students with little to no Phonological Awareness will struggle with reading in the later years. We are tackling that problem from day 1 of Prep.



The second important element for our young readers is phonics. We use a program called Little Learners Love Literacy (LLLL) from Prep – 2, where the students are taught the individual phonemes (sounds) matched to the graphemes (letters) in a sequential order, beginning with the sounds for s, a, p, t, i, m, f and c. From there, the students will practice blending these sounds together to make words such as cat, sat, Sam, cap and Tim. We use decodable readers across the whole school (LLLL in the Junior school, and chapter decodable books in the Senior school with those that need them). During Term 4 when our Preps returned on-site, we noticed a huge difference in their reading abilities once we began to implement this program, so we are excited to get a full year of teaching in this year and extend our 'little learners'.



The next elements to becoming skilled readers are improving fluency (expression, reading rate, accuracy), and comprehension. We will also be working on their language comprehension which includes vocabulary, background knowledge and language structures.

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**Term 1  
Icy Poles  
available for  
\$1.00  
On Fridays &  
other hot days ☺**

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**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (cont.)**

All staff (including myself, the teachers, and the Education Support staff) have been busy learning all about how children learn to read, and we have been modifying our practice to reflect the over 40 years of research that has gone into studying how the brain learns to read. So you can rest assured, we are doing all we can to improve the learning outcomes for your children in reading.

Our tutor, Kyla Golledge, will be working with all students deemed 'at risk' in reading from Year 1-6, from Monday. This will occur over Terms 1 and 2, where the students will see Miss Golledge for approximately 3 x 20 minute sessions each week. We are hopeful this extra tuition will benefit our readers who need it the most.

Next newsletter, I will discuss our writing program, followed by how we teach numeracy here at Clayton South Primary School.

Have a great weekend.

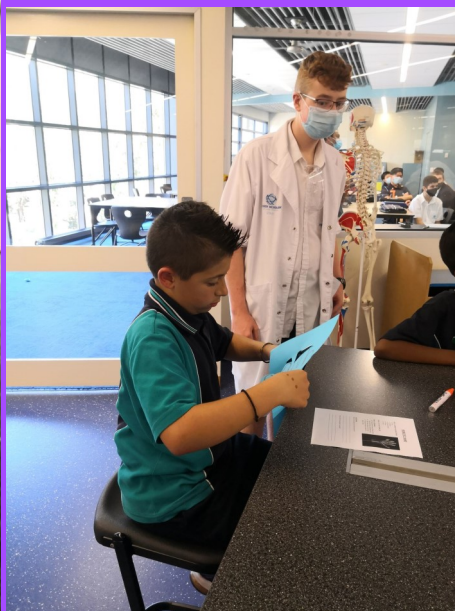
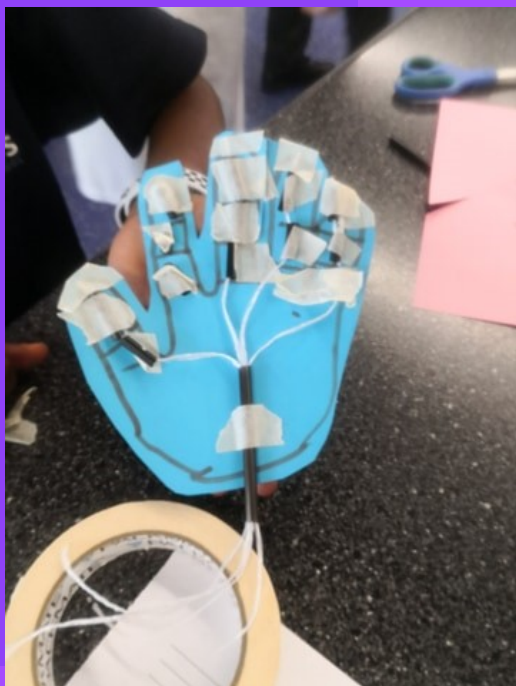
*Greg Clement*

Principal

**Year 5/6 SCIENCE INCURSION**

On Wednesday, David, Namanjot, Callum and Valantine went to Monash University to do some science experiments. First we learnt about biology and made a robotic human hand. Then we looked into a microscope to see an onion close up, and algae cells. Finally, we looked at the adaptations of snails and fish. Our favourite activity was the microscopes because the scientist showed an interest in us and we got to see onion cells really close up and it looked like squares and triangles together, kind of like a brick wall. We will be going again 3 more times this term. Thank you to Mr Clement for driving us to Monash University.

By Callum and Valantine



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## LUNCH ORDERS coming soon!



Later this Term, lunch orders will resume on Fridays. We will send home a new menu once we have a start date confirmed 😊



**Fridays & other HOT days during Term 1**  
**Icy Poles are available for \$1.00!**



## Youth Leadership Victoria

Would love to extend our warmest Greetings to all families of:

## Clayton South Primary School

**It's FREE to enrol and book with us.**

Pay only for the sessions you use!

We encourage ALL parents to enrol, as this allows quick and easy last minute care in times of need.

**Enrol at: [YLV.COM.AU](http://YLV.COM.AU)**



## Clayton South Primary School

539 Clayton Rd, Clayton South VIC 3189

Before School Care Hours: 8:45am - 8:45am

After School Care Hours: 3:30pm - 6:30pm



For more information and to ENROL ONLINE please visit [YLV.com.au](http://YLV.com.au)  
All Bookings via the Co-ordinator RITA [rita@YLV.com.au](mailto:rita@YLV.com.au) or 0412 958 601

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After school Care from as little as \$3.85\* (\$25 casual / \$20 permanent)

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### Before and After School Care

At YLV your children are our number one priority! That's why we work hard to ensure both you and your children have a fantastic experience with us. Our experienced staff and engaging, entertaining and educational programs ensure your children will have fun while they learn and develop in a safe, all inclusive environment.



#### Activities include:

- Outdoor activities
- Arts & Crafts
- Homework & quiet time
- Creative & Imaginative Play
- Cooking & Gardening
- Games

And more!



(water and fruit is always available)

You can relax knowing that your children will have a great start to the day as we offer breakfast in the morning and a healthy snack in the afternoon

## Term 4 - NO HAT = NO PLAY

All children must wear hats during Term 1. NO HAT = NO PLAY rule will be enforced! Please ensure your child has a hat, clearly marked with their name (so it can be returned if found)

Hats can be ordered online from [www.fcw.com.au](http://www.fcw.com.au) and will be delivered directly to school.

Thanks in advance 😊



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer



**FCW no longer have plastic bags. Please BYOB when buying from FCW.**

# FCW FASHION CLUBWEAR

Our **ONSITE** uniform shop is open  
**Wednesdays 8.30-11.00am**  
or you can order **ONLINE**

**[www.fcw.com.au](http://www.fcw.com.au)**

Christine will advise when orders are available for collection!

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2021 Community Seminar Series

REPEAT SESSION

ONLINE SEMINAR

# WORKING WITH PARENTS AROUND SCHOOL REFUSAL

DATE 25 March 2021

The workshop will be presented by: Staff from CYMHS Specialist Child Team

This workshop will focus on:

- Understanding school refusal
- Learning what can be done to prevent school refusal for primary aged children
- Understanding how to help a child who is refusing to attend school re-integrate back into school

Target audience: Staff working in a range of settings including education, child and family services and youth services

Time: 9.30 AM to 12.30 PM

Cost: \$40.00 (including GST, and seminar materials)

Bookings & Registration: Email to: [communityseminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au](mailto:communityseminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au) or complete the Registration Form and fax to 039870 7973

Contact: Marion Bernard Community Engagement Seminars on 9871 7710

Seminar Location: ONLINE DELIVERY

All prices and dates quoted are subject to change by CYMHS. Seminar fees are kept as low as possible. Enrolled participants will be notified of any changes to advertised programs when necessary. Participants are not entitled to a refund unless WRITTEN cancellation has been received at least 24 hours prior to the event. The department reserves the right to cancel any scheduled programs when necessary and course fees will be refunded if the course is cancelled. [www.easternhealth.org.au](http://www.easternhealth.org.au)

## INTRODUCTION

YMHFA course for 2021 is booked for:

Monday 1 &amp; Thursday 4 March 2021!

**Limited places ONLY.** Places available to the first 18 people who return their registration. Book early and secure a place!

## The 4th edition of the Youth Mental Health First Aid Course IS NOW AVAILABLE!

### Want to Learn How to Assist Young People Experiencing Mental Health Problems?

The Youth Mental Health First Aid course teaches first aid skills for adult members of the public to give initial help to adolescents experiencing mental health problems, in a mental health crisis situation, or in the early stages of a mental illness.

This two day, 14 hour course will cover mental health first aid in both crisis and non-crisis situations and will include such topics as adolescent development, eating disorders, depression, anxiety, psychosis, substance misuse and non-suicidal self injury.

The seminar will be presented by Melody Sutton and Sophie Tolich from Eastern Health, both registered mental health first aid instructors.

Please find attached a flyer outlining the event, and a course registration form should you wish to reserve a place.

<b>When:</b>	Monday 1 & Thursday 4 March 2021!
	9:00am – 5:30pm
<b>Where:</b>	Maroondah Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood
	Room: Federation Room
<b>Directions:</b>	Melways reference 49 H10
<b>Cost:</b>	\$200 per person (includes morning and afternoon tea, and lunch on both days)

Hurry, limited spaces available at this price

Kind regards

Marion Bernard  
Admin Assistant – Community Seminars

## SOUTH OAKLEIGH COLLEGE

# OPEN NIGHT

THURSDAY 29TH  
APRIL 2021

Doors Open at 6:00pm  
Information Session begins at 6:30pm

Applications for Year 7 Accelerated Program close on Friday 28 May 2021

SOUTH OAKLEIGH COLLEGE

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## ACCELERATED PROGRAM

At South Oakleigh College we are committed to providing a learning environment where every student can excel. We support individual student needs to achieve both academic and social success. The Accelerated Program is designed to challenge and extend high-achieving students. The aim of the program is to develop higher-order thinking skills so our students gain a deeper understanding of topics studies in Mathematics, English and Science. We cater for students who have displayed particular strengths in lateral thinking and problem-solving, while providing them with the opportunity to work with like-minded peers.

### Selection Process for Year 6 Students

Entry into the Accelerated Program is through a selection process which assesses student aptitude in Maths, English & Science.

### Important Dates for Year 6 Students

Open Night:  
Thursday 29 April 2021  
Doors Open at 6:00pm  
Information Session: 6:30pm  
Venue: South Oakleigh College

Accelerated Program Applications Due:  
Friday 28 May 2021

Test Date & Cost:  
Saturday 5 June 2021  
Venue: South Oakleigh College Cost: \$40

Scholarship Program Closing Date:  
Friday 28 May 2021

### Application Process

Applications for the accelerated program are to be submitted Online through the EduTest registration link found on the South Oakleigh College website.

### Accelerated Class Structure

Students are grouped in separate classes for Mathematics, English and Science. This allows students to interact with their peers without compromising their social development and friendships.

The Accelerated Mathematics, English and Science classes are blocked at the same time as mainstream classes. This provides an opportunity for high-achieving students performing exceptionally well to move across to the accelerated classes, based on the recommendation of their teacher and the results achieved in their assessments.

### Opportunities in Senior School

- Access to a diverse range of VCE subjects
- Access to University Extension programs
- Extensive support to ensure health and wellbeing

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## ADVERTISING



Join us, in our brand new custom built facility where we specialise in swimming and water safety programs for all. Offering small class sizes, with new creative swim ideas for parents and children. Our Magna pool is warm and cosy, making it easy to swim all year round.

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**HOURS**

Monday 10:00am-5:30pm  
 Tuesday 9:30am-6:30pm  
 Wednesday 10:00am-6:30pm  
 Thursday 4:00pm-6:30pm  
 Friday 10:00am-12:00pm  
 Saturday 8:00am-2:00pm  
 Sunday 8:00am- 12:00pm

Email [thelittleswimschool@gmail.com](mailto:thelittleswimschool@gmail.com)

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