



# CONNECT

## Growing - Caring - Achieving *TOGETHER*





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### Term 4 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			October 5 Zone Athletics	October 6
October 9	October 10	October 11	October 12	October 13 2007 Prep Transition program 9-9:50am
		3/4 Camp – Golden Valleys Lodge. Campers due back 3:00pm Friday		
October 16	October 17 Whole school – Michael Salmon visit. 	October 18 Swimming program commences 	October 19 Whole school – Marketfresh incursion 	October 20 2007 Prep Transition program 9-9:50am
October 23	October 24	October 25 Swimming – week 2	October 26	October 27 2007 Prep Transition program 9-9:50am
October 30	October 31	November 1 Swimming – week 3	November 2	November 3 2007 Prep Transition program 9-9:50am
November 6	November 7 <b>Melbourne Cup Day</b> <i>Public Holiday</i>	November 8 Swimming – week 4	November 9	November 10
November 13	November 14 2007 Prep Transition – PE – 1:50-2:40pm	November 15 Swimming – week 5	November 16 Junior School excursion – Botanic Gardens	November 17
		----- Book Fair -----		
November 20	November 21 2007 Prep Transition – Art – 1:50-2:40pm	November 22 Swimming – week 6	November 23	November 24
November 27	November 28	November 29 Swimming – week 7	November 30	December 1 Year 1/2 activity night - sleepover
December 4 Prep L and 5/6KS Musical production	December 5 Prep/1B and 5/6KM Musical production	December 6 Final week - Swimming  2/3G Musical production	December 7 1/2A and 3/4G Musical production	December 8 1/2L and 3/4H Musical production
December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15 School reports sent home
December 18	December 19 Year 6 Graduation	December 20	December 21 Last day – dismissal 1:00pm	

Dear Parents

My most heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome that I have received from everyone. It has made my transition a lot easier and strengthened my belief that working here will be a very positive experience. I look forward to getting to know everyone better and to working together with you to continue the wonderful learning environment at Clayton North Primary School. If the Wacky Wednesday costumes are any indication working here is also going to be lots of fun!

### AIM test results

The results of the AIM testing conducted last term will be posted out to the Grade 3 and Grade 5 parents this week. The teachers involved are delighted with the outcomes and have reported many positive achievements. Please remember that this is a 'snapshot' of your child's ability and needs to be considered only as a part of the student's assessment. Often, the assessments made by your child's teacher in the semester reports give a more complete overview of his/her progress.

### Year 3/4 camp

There is a buzz of excitement as the children in Grades 3 and 4 prepare for their camp next week. Camping is a very important part of the learning experiences in a child's schooling and one that I hope every student at Clayton North will participate in. I am looking forward to visiting the children at the camp next Thursday.

It has been a great start to the term, which I know is going to 'fly' by us. The calendar is filling up fast! I hope you all have a wonderful term - I know I will.

### Rukshana Verzijl Principal

#### Welcome Rukshana

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Rukshana to Clayton North. I know Rukshana well from Principal Network Meetings and look forward to working with her here at Clayton North. I have told her what a great school we have on a number of occasions. In discussing ideas for the future with her, I think Clayton North Primary School will be even better.

#### Wacky Wednesday

The children and the teachers enjoyed the light hearted fun of "dressing up" yesterday for Wacky Wednesday. The money raised goes directly towards reducing the cost to parents of the Year 3&4 camp. Thank you to all who participated.

#### Year 3/4 caamp - Golden Valleys Lodge, Flinders

The children are off to camp next week. This is a great experience for the children and something they will remember for a long time. Campers are due back around 3:00pm on the Friday - make sure you are here to help them carry their luggage home as they will be tired.

#### SunSmart

It is only the first week of Term 4 and the weather is already getting hotter. All children must wear a hat for outside activities during term 4.

Hats can be purchased from the Uniform Shop on Mondays and Wednesday 3:15 - 3:45pm. It would be a great help if you have the correct money - Legionnaires hat \$7, Bucket hat \$8, Slouch hat \$10.

Being "SunSmart" involves sensible measures to reduce exposure to the effects of the sun on the skin. By the simple wearing of a hat outside we can reduce the negative effects of the sun on young skin.



### Zone Athletics Sports

Congratulations to the following children who qualified for the Zone Athletics Sports held today at Duncan McKinnon Athletics Track -

Jonty  
Philip  
Elin  
Heshaya  
Jennifer  
Hannah



### Emergency Details

It is most important that the school has your current contact details - address, phone numbers and emergency contact numbers. These are needed for us to contact parents and nominated emergency contacts in the case of illness or accident at school.

### Greg Richards Assistant Principal

#### Michael Salmon visit

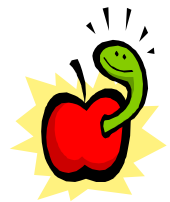


Unfortunately, due to illness, Michael Salmon was unable to visit us last week as planned. He has now re-scheduled his visit for **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. There will be an opportunity for children and families to purchase books written and illustrated by Michael from 3:15 until 3:45pm.

#### Marketfresh Schools Program

This will be a whole school incursion on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. This is a 1hour session managed and run by the Melbourne Market Authority and designed to educate children about the importance of fruit and vegetables in their diet and the processes involved in bringing the produce to their home. It will cover:

- seasonality of food
- the food pyramid
- how fruit and vegetables are grown
- uses of fruit and vegetables
- importance of eating fruit and vegetables daily
- tasting of fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables



There will be no cost for this program.

#### FRIENDS OF CLAYTON NORTH 'CONNECT'

This term our group aims to place a small article in each newsletter so that all families will know what we are doing. Please take note of the following term 4 events:

**Friends of Clayton North** meets every Thursday at 3:35 in Geraldine's portable classroom. We would love MORE people to come!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our **fundraiser** for this term will be the selling of sunblock. More details will come home in the next newsletter but at this stage we will probably sell 100ml bottles for around \$5.

FOCN will be hosting the **Book Fair**, which starts on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. This event will be held in the Media Centre.

The **uniform shop** will be open Mondays from 3:15-3:45 and Wednesdays 3:15-3:45. More volunteers are urgently required to help out during these times- if you are able to help please contact Geraldine O'Brien or Linda Crawley.

**Last term McDonalds kindly donated drinks to the school. Many of these were sold at the middle school cake stall but the remainder will be sold for \$1 each at the next Thursday afternoon fitness club.**

See you at our next meeting, Geraldine