

# 1/2 K Newsletter

Term 1

2017

## Welcome Back!

I would like to welcome you to a new school year, and hope that you and your family had a great summer.

It is important that children are at school on time and ready to begin class at 8.50am.

All student absences must be documented in the class roll, so if your child is sick, please phone the school on the morning of the absence, or write a note and have your child deliver it upon their return to class.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any concerns throughout the year, and I look forward to a very happy and productive year with your children.

Kind regards,

Mr. Theo Kokkalis

Brainy Bites are fresh fruit or vegetable snacks that the children eat in class between breakfast and morning tea. A healthy snack helps brain activity and concentration. The school continues to encourage "wrapper-free" days on Wednesdays, with the focus on fresh rather than packaged food.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### January

★ 31<sup>st</sup> - All children in grades 1-6 commence school

### February

★ Parent Teacher Interviews  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> (3:45-6:00 pm)

★ Dental Van at school

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

### March

★ Labour Day- Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

★ Harmony Fiesta- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

★ Library Visit- Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

★ Harmony Fiesta- Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup>

★ End of Term- Friday, 31<sup>st</sup>

PURPLE FOLDERS

In your children's bags, you will have already seen the purple Communication Folders. These folders contain all the important information that is sent home to parents. It is necessary for you to check these folders on a daily basis so that the notices from school are dealt with promptly.

## VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

### NO NUTS SCHOOL

As we have children at Clarinda who are highly allergic to nuts (**anaphylactic**), we strongly recommend ***no nuts*** including all spreads, for example, **Nutella**, and **any other products that may contain nuts**. I know you will assist us and take care when preparing your child's snacks and lunches. Please continue to remind your children about not sharing any food.

### ***Labels***

Please label ALL of your children's clothing, if you haven't already done so.

It is vital that the children read daily at home and are encouraged for their efforts. Please regularly practise reading and the spelling of the words from the list inside the reader covers!

### ***Inquiry Unit***

During the course of this unit students will celebrate their individuality while exploring the similarities and differences between themselves and others. This unit builds those important beginning of the year skills and a sense of family in the classroom.



### ***Science Inquiry***

Our topic for Science this term is 'Bend It, Stretch It.' This topic will commence later this term.

### ***Term 1 Timetable***

**Monday-** Music

**Thursday-**  
L.O.T.E/Mother  
Tongue Greek

Art

**Friday-** P.E

### ***Writing***

### ***Reading and Comprehension***



This term, during the writer's workshop, the children will be focusing on writing recounts and narratives. They will also be learning the process of writing. Below you will see the 5 steps of the writing process



## Homework

Number facts and spelling lists should continue to be practised each night, and the sheets must be brought to school every Friday. The sight vocabulary at the back of the reader covers should also be practised on a regular basis.



Grade 1 children will be involved in the Perceptual motor Program (PMP) every Thursday (commencement date to be confirmed). The aim of the perceptual motor program is to enhance the co-ordination of the students through their participation in a variety of appropriate physical activities. Parental support is essential. We couldn't run the program without your support.

Grade 2 children will be involved in Sport during this time.

## Fitness Club

Fitness club will commence this term. Hope to see lots of children at the far oval. This is a great way to start the day! Further notice on when Fitness Club will start.



PMP

