

# Term 1 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Clarinda Primary School! We are delighted to be teaching your child this year and look forward to a productive year. The children have had a wonderful start to their schooling and are beginning to settle into the routines of school. We have been on a tour of the school meeting all the staff and are becoming familiar with the facilities such as the library, music room, Art and LOTE rooms. The children have enjoyed spending time in the playground, playing on the equipment and making new friends.

Each term we will send home a class newsletter outlining events and any changes to our routines.

The children are beginning to organise themselves, unpacking their bags in the morning and this is helping them to get into class quickly and begin our day.

From next week, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, we will begin to line the students up at the beginning of the day, before they enter the building, on the netball courts with all grades in the school. Before the first bell goes in the morning students need to be in line with their bags and we will collect them at 8:45am, as the first bell rings.

Thank you to all parents for assisting us by saying your goodbyes at the door. To further develop greater independence and responsibility, we expect all children to carry their own bags into the building and to unpack and pack their belongings by themselves. Unless you will be taking part in our morning 'Reading Circles' please say your goodbyes when the children line up as this will assist them to become more independent.

## The following is a rundown of expectations and activities:



It is very important for the children to arrive before 8.45am. As our day is very busy we commence learning straight away in order to complete all activities.

A regular **early bed time** (preferably before 8pm) is essential for all children, particularly Prep children. A good sleep will assist the children to concentrate better during the day.



## Communication Folder (Purple Folder)

As you are now aware, the children are bringing home a purple communication folder. This is for any notices that come home for you, and for you to return notices, money or letters. Please check the folder **each night** and return to school **each morning**. Please send any money in a **named envelope**. This helps to minimise any confusion or loss of money.



Please ensure that you empty the Purple Folder each night, and send it to school the next day with only the Communication Book and any completed notices, forms or payments inside.

## No nuts at school

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



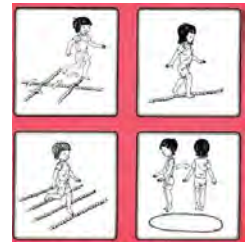
## Reading in Prep

By now your child will have received their own Reader Cover, and will soon be bringing home a book each night. Your child will also begin learning the M100 words. We will send home more information regarding how this process will work before we begin. Please keep an eye out for your child's reader cover and the information in their bag and Purple Folder.

## PMP

Our Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) will commence next week. This is a program run in our school hall where children work in small groups and undertake a variety of activities to develop their gross motor skills.

A notice has been sent home regarding the program, and any assistance parents could provide would be very much appreciated. The timetable for parent helps will be sent out shortly.



## Hats

The children are required to wear navy school hats in Terms 1 and 4 as part of our SunSmart Policy. Any child without a hat will be asked to sit in the shady area during play times.

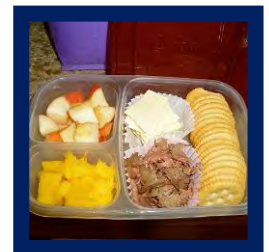


## Library

Library books will be borrowed each week. The children will bring home their book in their library bag. Please take time to read the book with your child. All books must be returned to school in the library bag before your child's library day. If you haven't yet provided a library bag for your child, please do so as soon as possible. Children without library bags will be unable to borrow.

## Morning Tea/Lunch

To help minimise rubbish outside we would like all children to have their morning tea and lunch in containers. It is also important to remember to make your child's lunch as healthy as possible – please limit treats to one per day! We would love to see food such cheese, yoghurt, sandwiches, fruit and vegetables in your child's lunchbox every day.









## Tissues

We are asking all children to bring along one box of tissues every term for the whole class to use.



Here is a timetable of **Specialist Classes** for Term 1. As you can appreciate, sometimes days and times of specialist classes may change. This term the children will be participating in the following specialist classes: Physical Education, Music, Art, Greek, Computer, Library and PMP.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assembly 2:50pm (in the school hall)	Music 	Greek LOTE 	Physical Education (PE) 	Art 
	Computers 		PMP 1:50 – 2:40pm (in the school hall)	
			Library 	

## Dates to Remember

- **Monday 20th February:** Preps attend school full time
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** First PMP session
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Clarinda Library visit
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** After School Greek commences
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Harmony Fiesta night
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Last day of Term 1
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April:** First Day of Term 2

We know there is a great deal of information to read and absorb. We can answer any questions you may have, please remember if you have any questions send a note along in the communication book and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Thank you for your support,  
Elena Ziebell, Nicole Delany and Cheryl See