

1/2 K Newsletter

Term 2

2017

Welcome Back!

Welcome to another busy term! I hope that you and your child(ren) enjoyed the holidays. I am looking forward to another eventful term!

Student absences and late arrivals

continue to be of concern to our school. It is important that children are at school on time and ready to begin class at 8.50am. All children need to attend school unless ill.

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.

Mid-year assessments are being conducted throughout Term 2, therefore, if your child is going to be absent for more than 2-3 days, **please let me know so that alternative arrangements can be organised.**

Kind regards,

Theo Kokkalis

Brainy Bites



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

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- ★ Mon. 15th - Curriculum Day (No School)
- ★ Wed. 17th - Education Week Open Night

JUNE

- ★ Mon. 12th - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- ★ Parent Teacher Interviews Tues. 27th and Wed. 28th
- ★ Friday 30th Last day of Term 2. Children dismissed at 2:30 PM

REMINDERS

During Terms 2 and 3 we would like the children to bring a pair of **clearly named** slippers to school to wear during class time. This will help to keep our carpets clean. It is also a good idea to put a spare pair of socks in your child's bag so that, if their socks get wet, they are able to change them.



PURPLE FOLDERS

It is terrific to see that most children are remembering to bring their purple communication folders to school each day.

Please encourage your child to get into the habit of clearing out their purple communication folder each night and returning notices promptly to school.

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.

Reading and Comprehension



This term will see a continued focus on the teaching of specific reading strategies in order to improve levels of comprehension. There will be a focus on the main idea of a text, facts and details and predicting.

It is vital that the children read daily at home and are encouraged for their efforts. Please continue to regularly practise reading or spelling the words from the list inside the reader covers! All the students are doing a fantastic job with their word lists and it is wonderful to see the great progress they are making.

Science Inquiry Unit

This term, our Earth and Space Science Inquiry unit is **Water Works**. The children will investigate where water comes from, types of water, how we use water and how we should conserve our water.



Spelling

We have commenced **Words Their Way**, our new approach to spelling/word study. The children will be focusing on spelling patterns that they need improvement in.



Homework

The students now have a homework book!



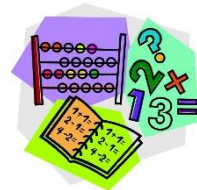
- ★ Each Monday your child will be sent home with spelling and number facts or an open ended number task homework.
- ★ The homework has been targeted at your child's specific needs and should be completed **independently** each night.
- ★ Children will be required to practise their weekly spelling words each night using the LOOK SAY COVER WRITE CHECK method. Feel free to also test their spelling by reading out their words to them as well.
- ★ Homework is to be returned to school on Friday.
- ★ Ensure your child has a quiet place to complete their homework, preferably at a table or desk.
- ★ Support your child to ensure they have read the question or task correctly and understand what they need to do.
- ★ Making errors is part of your child's development and allows us to understand what they need more practise with.
- ★ Encourage your child to speak to their teacher before Friday if they need help or support.
- ★ Daily reading of Take Home Books.
- ★ As extra homework, the children are encouraged to continue to log on to studyladder.com.au (using their individual login details)

and complete a few activities each week. This computer program is an entertaining way for the children to consolidate their language and numeracy skills.

Thanks to all of you for supporting your children in these very important areas of learning.

Mathematics

The children will focus on a range of aspects of Number including; using MAB to represent numbers, partitioning of numbers, for example $614 = 600 + 10 + 4$, basic operations (subtraction, revising addition) and money (recognising and ordering coins/notes according to their value). You can continue to explore maths with your child at home by asking your child to tell you the numbers 1 more or 1 less, 10 more or 10 less than a given number. Identify the numbers of the houses in your street that are odd or even and ask your child to explain how they can tell. Allow opportunities for real life experiences with money, including adding small amounts of coins. These real life maths experiences help to strengthen your child's understandings.



Fitness Club

Fitness club will continue this term. Hope to see more children at the far oval every Tuesday morning at 8:15am for some fun and fitness!

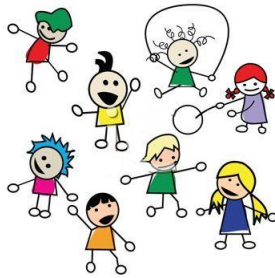


Term 2 Timetable

There will be no changes to our timetable this term.

PMP

PMP will continue every Thursday afternoon. I would like to thank all the parents who have been assisting in the sessions. We couldn't run the program without your support.



Tissues

If you could donate a box of tissues to the class supply, it will be greatly appreciated as tissues are in constant need throughout the year.



EXTRA, EXTRA

Please help your child learn their telephone number and address.

Thank you!



A big thank you once again to the parents who help with reading and Fruit Friday. We greatly appreciate your support.