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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

No.19 Tuesday 24th October 2017

Dear Parents, Students & School Community,

Requests and planning for 2018

This term we are making plans for teacher assignments and student placements in 2018. Class placement is a complex process involving a range of factors and allocations will not be finalised until later in the school year.

We do not accept requests for placement with individual teachers, however, we do take into consideration relevant information, based on educational needs, which can help us with the placement process and we try to place students with at least one known friend, if possible.

If parents have any particular request for the child / children for 2018 we need this to be put in writing or via email, to the Principal, by 4 pm on Friday, 3rd November.

In addition to information provided by parents, we also need to consider the gender balance, age composition, academic, social and special needs of each class group.

What are the criteria that we use to make up class lists?

Factors influencing class structure are:

- the educational needs of the students;
- the projected number of students in each year level;
- the ratio of girls to boys;
- the number of teachers employed at the school; and
- resources and facilities.

Factors which are considered in the placement of students include:

- academic performance - judgments over time
- work habits e.g. ability to work independently
- behaviour
- gender
- social network /friendships
- social maturity
- special needs e.g. twins, siblings.

What is the process for placing students into classes?

Based on the criteria **listed** above, teaching staff and administration meet mid-term 4 to establish classes for the following school year.

Teachers ensure each new class has:

- a balance of academic ability
- gender balance
- socially balanced groups

During this process, changes and adjustments are made over several weeks. Each change may trigger a chain reaction of other changes. Therefore, it is important for all stakeholders to be patient and understanding during this time.

Swimming Program @ Clarinda PS

Swimming is the only sport which can save your child's life. Drowning is still one of the most common causes of accidental death in children, so being able to swim is an essential life-saving skill.

Swimming is lots of fun for students at Clarinda PS, especially for some who love getting in the water and enjoying themselves.

But it is not just fun, swimming also provides loads of health benefits which can help to keep your children healthy and happy at the same time:

Swimming keeps your child's heart and lungs healthy, improves strength and flexibility, increases stamina and even improves balance and posture.

Another great thing about swimming is that children of any age or ability can take part and it is more accessible for children with additional needs than almost any other sport.

Swimming provides challenges and rewards accomplishments, which helps children to become self-confident and believe in their abilities.

Your child will have plenty of opportunities to make friends and grow in confidence.

Please complete the Swimming notice and return to school by Monday 30th October.

PACC

PACC had their first meeting for the term on Wednesday 18th October.

It was agreed that the following events would take place this term.

Wednesday 1st November World Teachers Day morning tea.

Friday 24th November Fundraising drive to raise money Tan Running Track

Thursday 7th December Pop Corn Day

The next coffee and cake meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8th November at 2:30pm in the staffroom.

Working Bee

The working bee was another success. It was a great opportunity to relocate our existing library from the eastern side of the Eulinga building to the western side.

A lot of mulching, weeding, sweeping, planting and painting was completed on the Sunday morning.

Thank you to the 41 students, parents and staff that attended. Take a look at www.facebook.com/clarindaprimarieschool to view some photos.

2018 Prep Transition

The first Prep transition morning is scheduled for Friday 3rd November from 9.00-10:30am. During this session, students will complete a PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) activity in the school hall.

We look forward to welcoming our new Prep students and their family to our school.

The Prep 2018 parent information evening is scheduled for Monday 13th November from 6:30-7:30pm.

Curriculum Day

Our next curriculum day is scheduled for Monday 6th November.

On this day, students are not required to attend school.

The OSHC program **will not be open**.

Staff will spend the day working with Dr Kathy Smith from Monash University.

Kathy will provide professional learning for all teaching and support staff on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths).

See you around the school.....

Robbie Mallett



Term 4—Monday 9 October to Friday 22 December 2017

October	Friday 27	1.00—2.40—Years 3 & 4 Tennis Hot shots
		Year 3 sleepover
	Tuesday 31	Years 1 & 2 incursion—animals and their habitats
November	Wednesday 1	World Teachers Day Celebration
	Friday 3	Prep 2018 Transition Day 1
	Monday 6	Curriculum Day No children required at school
	Tuesday 7	Cup Day Holiday No children required at school
	Wednesday 8	<u>Swimming program begins</u> Every day until 17 November
	Monday 13	6.30 Prep 2018 Parent Information Evening
	Friday 17	Prep 2018 Transition Day 2
		Swimming program last day

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

Don't forget Monday 6th November. (Cup Eve) is a Pupil Free Day.

OSHC will be closed on that Monday and will re-open on Wednesday 8th as normal.

If your child is attending After Care on Halloween, they can bring along their Halloween costume for a spooky afternoon!!

Just a reminder to collect your child by 6pm to avoid a Late Collection Fee of \$1 per minute.

Lesley, Ann, Maxine, Rita & Axelle

OSHC ACTIVITY PROGRAM

October	THIS WEEK WE ARE CELEBRATING DIWALI WITH RITA'S YUMMY FOOD AND CRAFT
Monday 23	Art / Indoor games
Tuesday 24	Cooking with Rita
Wednesday 25	Craft—Celebration Candles
Thursday 26	Rangoli art
Friday 27	Games outside
WEEKEND	
Monday 30	Kick the tin
Tuesday 31	HALLOWEEN
November	
Wednesday 1	Art with Ann
Thursday 2	Craft make a mini beast
Friday 3	Fun with music
REMEMBER YOUR HAT FOR OUTSIDE PLAY	

TERM DATES FOR 2018

Term 1—Wednesday 31 January - Thursday 29 March

Wednesday 31 January Grades 1-6 commence
Thursday 1 February Preps commence

Term 2—Monday 16 April - Friday 29 June

Term 3—Monday 16 July - Friday 21 September

Term 4—Monday 8 October - Friday 21 December

**SCHOOL COUNCIL and
SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
DATE CHANGES!

Wednesday 22 November
6.00 Education sub committee

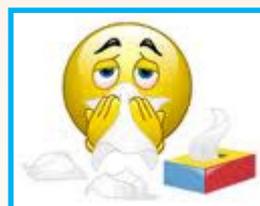
Tuesday 28 November
5.00 Finance sub committee
6.30 Buildings & Grounds

Tuesday 5 December
7.00 School council meeting

HAYFEVER SEASON

It is that time of year again when hay fever is with us.

If your child suffers from hay fever and/or allergies please remember to give them their allergy medication before they come to school in the morning.



Regional Athletics



Last week 5 of our students competed with huge excitement at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Athletics competition.

These students had run their way from House, District and Division races to get to this extraordinary level. Their results were absolutely fantastic, as listed below:

- ◇ Yanni 200m race: 5th in heat, 9th overall with a time of 32.39 seconds (less than 3 seconds behind the winner!)
- ◇ Ryan 200m race: 4th in heat, 10th overall with a time of 31.33 seconds (less than 3 seconds behind the winner!)
- ◇ Boys 11yo 4x100m relay race: 4th in heat, 5th overall with a time of 59.65 seconds. Well done Yianni, Xander, Virone & Ryan!

We are super proud of these students and look forward to many more of these results in the future. Congratulations boys! Justine Leopold, PE Teacher



ART ROOM

This semester has seen some marvellous artwork coming out of the Clarinda Primary School Visual Arts

program.

Students from all grade levels have been producing artwork that is expressive, unique and that showcases each student's personality.

Children in both Grade 1/2 and 3/4 have been working hard completing mixed media self-portraits using oil pastel and food dye. The results of these are striking and some of the Grade 3/4 students' completed work can be seen on display outside the office.

Grade 3/4 students have also been learning about the work of Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky and have created their own collaborative artwork inspired by his work 'Colour Study: Squares with Concentric circles'.

In Grade 1/2, students have used the book *Mr Horizontal and Miss Vertical* by Noémie Révah as inspiration for their work exploring shape and line.

Grade 5/6 students have been exploring a range of drawing styles and techniques and they will soon be completing portraits of our very own Clarinda Staff. In Prep, children have been exploring pattern, colour mixing and have enjoyed using picture storybooks as inspiration for a range of art.

Look out around the school for some of the new exciting artwork being created by our talented students!

Joelle Ferre, Art Teacher



**CLARINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL
TRANSITION PROGRAM FOUNDATION (PREP) 2018**

**Transition Day 1 - Friday 3rd November
9.00 – 10.30am**



For the children - Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) in the school hall

For the parents – Parent And Community Club (PACC) and School council meet and greet session

**Parent information evening - Monday 13th November
6.30 – 7.30pm**

For the parents - All parents are encouraged to attend this session. Staff will discuss many important issues about starting school next year and preparing your child for the experience

**Transition/Workshop Day 2 - Friday 17th November
9.00 – 10.30am**

For the children – Literacy activities

For the parents – How will my child learn to read?
Information session



**Transition/Workshop Day 3 – Friday 1st December
9.00 – 10.30am**

For the children – Numeracy activities

For the parents – How is mathematics taught?
Information session

**Transition/Workshop Day 4 – Tuesday 12th December
9.00 – 10.30am**

For the children - Activities with Grade 5 “Buddies”

For the parents - Developing oral language /
Questions & Answers

10:00 – 10:30 Sausage Sizzle BBQ outside,
parents / guardians encouraged to join

Children receive booklets with 2018 starting times



2017 ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS PAYMENT

TERM FOUR IS DUE NOW—\$87.50

Payments can be made to the office or by direct deposit
in to the school account:

Commonwealth Bank—BSB: 063-126 Account: 1006 1911

Please add your family name and 'fees' in the description field



SUNSMART POLICY

Students are required to wear a

NAVY BLUE HAT

at all times when outdoors



DURING TERM 4

"NO HAT, NO PLAY!"



Choir News Term 4

Dates for your diary.

Our school choir will be performing on the
following dates;

Wednesday 6th December;

BUPA aged care, Clayton

Clarinda Manor, Clarinda

We will be hiring a bus for this excursion.

Thursday 7th December;

6pm Bunnings South Oakleigh

Family night

Carol McKinley

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