

1/2 K Newsletter

Term 4

2017

Welcome to Term 4! We have a full packed schedule for the last 11 weeks of school including the swimming program, our science incursion and Junior School Athletics Day, just to name a few! It has truly been a pleasure teaching your children this year. They have grown so much as learners. Thank you for being a great group of parents who are committed to their child's education. Also, thank you for the ongoing support and for all the parents that come in daily to listen to the children read in the mornings.

Kind regards,

Theo Kokkalis

Hats & Water Bottles

Due to the hot weather, children should have a water bottle in class. Hats must be worn outside during recess and lunchtime, and also during sports lessons.



Brainy Bites & Wrapper Free Days



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

★17th, 24th, 31st Oct and 14th Nov –
Sporting Schools Gymnastics
(selected students in years 1 & 2)

★22nd of Oct. - Working Bee

★31st of Oct. - Andrew Wegener
Science Incursion

★6th of Nov. – Curriculum Day (No
students at school)

★7th of Nov. – Melbourne Cup
Public Holiday

★8th of Nov. – Swimming
commences and continues for 8
school days (Final swimming day
on 17th Nov)

★8th of Dec. – African Drumming
Incursion

★22nd of Dec. – End of Term (12:30 pm
Assembly. 1:30 pm dismissal.

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.

Literacy

This term, in reading, there will be a focus on making inferences, text-to-text connections, comparing and contrasting, answering hand questions by pointing to the answer in the text and summarising. In



writing, students will continue to

explore different genres, various text type structures and continue to explicitly learn techniques to make their writing interesting and grammatically correct.

Science & Stem

Schoolyard Safari

As humans, we share our wonderful planet with many other animals. Taking the time to really look at another species can provide a

window into the similarities and differences among living beings. We will look at features and behaviour of mini-beasts and learn how their features help them survive in their habitats.



Andrew Wegener Incursion

On 31st October, Andrew Wegener, a former zoo keeper, will share his knowledge on various mini-beasts including their external features and habitats.

Numeracy

Students will focus on a range of topics including: telling the time, multiplication & division, addition & subtraction, measuring mass, volume, capacity & length and chance. Allow opportunities for real life experiences with numeracy as it helps strengthen your child's understanding of mathematical concepts.



SWIMMING

The swimming program in Term 4 is a good opportunity for students to learn about water safety and improve their skills in the water. Further information will be sent home soon.

Junior Athletics Day

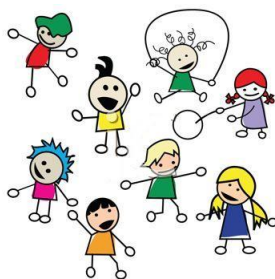
Later this term, the junior school will take part in their athletics day. We look forward to everyone participating in the various events.

Cross-level Transition Days

Towards the end of this term, students will visit their classrooms for 2018 and meet their teachers for next year.

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.

Thank you!



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