

# Prep Newsletter Term 4 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is amazing that we are already in Term 4! The children have been working hard, learning new things and reading lots of books.

## Important Dates:

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Sporting Schools Gymnastics 3:30- 4:30
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parent Club 2:30
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Working Bee 9:30 - 11:30
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Sporting Schools Gymnastics 3:30- 4:30
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Sporting Schools Gymnastics 3:30- 4:30
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Prep Transition 2018 (no reading circles)
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Curriculum Day (no students at school)
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (no school)
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov - Swimming lessons
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Sporting Schools Gymnastics 3:30- 4:30
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Prep 2018 Transition (no reading circles)
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Prep 2018 Transition (no reading circles)
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Choir Excursion
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - African Drumming Incursion
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Transition into 2018 classrooms
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Prep 2018 Transition (no reading circles)
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Junior School Athletics Day
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Zoo Excursion
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Transition into 2018 classrooms
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Reports sent home
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Last Day Term 4, 12:00pm Assembly and 1:00pm dismissal



## Swimming

Swimming will commence on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. Children are required to be able to independently dress and undress themselves, so please prepare them for this. Parents are welcome to meet us at the pool to watch your child swim.

Participation in the program is highly recommended, particularly for those children who do not take part in private lessons. For children who participate in a swimming program outside of school, the experience of travelling to the pool by bus with their peers, changing themselves, looking after their belongings and of course consolidating the water skills they are already working on, makes their involvement very worthwhile.



## School arrival time

Please remember to arrive by 8:45am to be ready to commence reading circles. As you can appreciate, our days are very busy and the day is timetabled to maximise teaching and learning time. As part of our reading program, all children need to be in line by 8:45 am. Please make every effort to arrive and have your child in the class line on time.

## Science

The Biology unit of study for this term is "Staying Alive" and students will be given a talk to work on at home, which they will present at school between weeks 5 and 8. Please read the Show and Tell roster so you know when your child is due to present in front of the class.



## Melbourne Zoo Excursion



We are very excited to have our first excursion on the Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of December. Forms will be sent home shortly. Please ensure that you have finalised payments by Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November. We will be sending a reminder notice home closer to the date to remind you of what you need to bring on the day.

## M100Words

As the children are progressing there are many students who are being tested in spelling the M100 and M200 words. The following is a timetable for when the children will be tested on spelling or reading the M100 and M200 words.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Violet, Lemon and Lime Spelling Tests	Orange, Indigo and Aqua Spelling Tests	Blue, Green and Purple Spelling Tests	Golden, Red and Pink Spelling Tests	<b><u>ALL READING TESTS</u></b>



## Show and Tell

Show and Tell will continue on Friday afternoons. We have sent home a schedule of when students will have their turn to present their item and what they should bring in that week. As a part of our science unit, students will be presenting a talk "all about a pet". Please see the Show and Tell schedule for your child's presentation date. We are looking forward to hearing all about different pets!



## Hats

The children are required to wear a hat in Term 4. Children who do not have a hat at school will be required to play in the shade. Please assist your child so they have a hat at school every day.

## No nuts

As we have children at Clarinda PS who are highly allergic to peanuts (anaphylactic) and other nuts, we strongly recommend no nuts including all spreads **such as Nutella** and **Peanut butter** and any other products that may contain nuts. We appreciate your assistance when preparing your child's snacks and lunches. Please talk to your children about not sharing any food.



Remember that we are very willing to help and answer any queries you may have but the mornings are very busy preparing for the day. Please make a time to see us after school and we can sit down with you and have a chat.

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

