

1/2 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome you to a new school year, and hope that you and your family had a great summer. It is important that children are at school on time and ready to begin class at 8.50am. 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. Please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any concerns throughout the year, and we look forward to a very happy and productive year with your children.

Kind Regards,

Theo Kokkalis, Katie Young, Dee Mooney, Jo Moriani and Vicki Hallowell



Brainy Bites

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



Important Dates

February

Dental Van at school - Monday 12th

Readers to go home on - Monday 19th

Reading Circles will commence - Tuesday 20th

Parent Teacher Interviews - Tuesday 20th and

Wednesday 21st

Bunnings BBQ – 24th

March

Red House Fundraiser – 2nd

Working Bee – 4th at 9:30am

Labour Day - Monday 12th

Harmony Fiesta - Friday 23rd

End of Term - Thursday 29th

Purple Folders

In your children's bags, you will have already seen the purple Communication Folders. These folders contain all the important information that is sent home to parents. It is necessary for you to check these folders on a daily basis so that the notices from school are dealt with promptly.

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. We 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.

Labels

Please label ALL of your children's clothing, if you haven't already done so.

Reading and Comprehension

It is vital that the children read daily at home and are encouraged for their efforts. Please regularly practise reading and the spelling of the words from the list inside the reader covers!

Inquiry Unit

This term students will learn about the similarities and differences in family life by comparing the present with the past. This topic will commence later this term.

Science

Our topic for Science this term is 'Up, Down and All Around.' The focus of this topic explores the ways that the sky and garden change over time.

Writing

This term, during the Writer's Workshop, the children will be focusing on writing recounts and narratives. They will also be learning the process of writing. Below you will see the 5 steps of the writing process



Homework



Number facts should continue to be practised each night, and the sheets must be brought to school every Friday. The sight vocabulary at the back of the reader covers should also be practised on a regular basis. Homework will commence as follows:

Maths – Grade 2 Monday 12th February

Maths - Grade 1 Monday 26th February

Spelling - Grade 1 and 2, Monday 26th February

PMP

Grade 1 children will be involved in the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) every Friday (commencement date will be Friday 2nd of March at 2.40pm). The aim of the Perceptual Motor Program is to enhance the co-ordination of the students through their participation in a variety of appropriate physical activities. Parental support is essential. Please ensure you have a current Working with Children's Check. It is possible to apply for it before the Program begins and it is free of charge. Please see us if you would like more information.



We couldn't run the program without your support.

Grade 2 children will be involved in Sport during this time.

Fitness Club

Fitness club will commence this term. We hope to see lots of children on the school oval. This is a great way to start the day! Fitness Club will start on Tuesday 13th February.

Term 1 Timetable 1/2M

Monday	Library Assembly
Wednesday	Music PE
Thursday	Art LOTE
Friday	PMP 2.40 – 3.30 (Starting week 5 – 2nd March)



Classroom Rules 1/2M

- Use kind words and actions.
- Take care of the classroom.
- Walk when inside and use an inside voice.
- Be honest.
- Respect self and others. Respect personal space.
- Listen when others are speaking and wait for your turn.
- Try your best!

