

Grade 5/ 6 M Class Newsletter – Term 1, 2017



Clarinda
Primary School

Dear Parents of 5/6M students,

I am very pleased with the way all the students have settled in and I am looking forward to an action-packed term.

Important dates Term 1

Monday 6th March - Clarinda library to visit our school

Monday 13th March - **LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY**

Thursday 16th March – Mini Concert and Harmony Fiesta Night

Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd March - Camp Gundiwindi



Mindfulness

Each morning is greeted with a meditation session in the Eulinga building. It is expected that all students be at school by 8:40 a.m. to take full advantage of this time and begin the day with a positive outlook.

School Uniform

The students all look fantastic in their school uniforms. I was particularly pleased to see all the students in this class wearing their lovely black shoes.

Sun hats are also an important part of the school uniform. All students are expected to wear their school hat in the playground, for P. E and sport activities and while attending outdoor excursions. To avoid forgetting their hat at home, I encourage all my students to put their hat in their school bag as soon as they get home.



Sports Shirts are a part of the senior school uniform. Students are encouraged to wear these brightly coloured, lightweight shirts on their

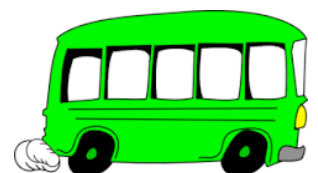
P. E days and for Friday Sport. These shirts are easy to wash and quick to dry. These can be purchased at the school office for \$19.00.

Classroom Supplies

Coughs, sneezes and colds are unavoidable at any time of the year. As you can imagine, we go through many boxes of tissues. It is requested that each student contribute a family size box of tissues to add to our class supply. Your assistance in this would be greatly appreciated.



Interschool Summer Sport has begun. We have already met with Huntingdale Primary School and Clayton North and look forward to meeting Mary Magdalene Primary School for practice matches and complete the season with a Gala Day in Term 2 on Friday, 28th April. A permission note and bus costs for the Gala Day will be sent home closer to the date.



This semester, as part of our **Inquiry Learning**, we are investigating the topic 'Government'. The students will have the chance to form political parties and develop their own values and visions for how to run the classroom for a day. The students will work collaboratively to prepare advertising material such as flyers and posters. They will plan and create persuasive arguments and participate in debates to argue the strengths of their party's political ideals and reasons they should be elected.

Homework

I am pleased with the enthusiasm the students have shown for their first homework projects. It has been a great way for them to introduce themselves to other members of the class they might not have known before this year. They have enjoyed celebrating their achievements while sharing their work with their peers.

All students should be reading for at least 20 minutes each night and recording their reading in the Reading Log provided.

Maths homework tasks will focus on the areas of maths that each individual student needs to practise.



I understand there are sometimes reasons for your child to bring a mobile phone to school. However, we ask that students take their phones to the office as soon as they arrive at school to ensure the devices are kept safe during the day. They can be collected again at 3:30 p.m.
Students are responsible for their phones if brought to school.

I am looking forward to a productive year full of challenges and discovery that will be the learning journey ahead for all of us.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or would just like to pop in and have a chat. Do not hesitate to bring to my attention any problems your child is having. It is important that these are addressed as they occur to ensure your child is able to achieve the most from their school experiences.

Kind Regards, Deirdre Mooney

5/6M Timetable

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| Monday | Homework Due |
| Tuesday 12.00 | Homework distributed P. E – Students should wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions and sturdy, non- slip shoes. Hats and water bottles are essential for P.E. |
| Wednesday 11.10 2.40 | Music Art |
| Thursday 9:00 9.50 | Mother Tongue and LOTE Library – Students are expected to have a sturdy bag in which to protect library books. All students are expected to borrow each week. |
| Friday 9:15-10:40 | Sport Practice and Interschool Sport |