



**Clarinda**  
Primary School

At Clarinda we -

**Care**  
**Achieve**  
**Respect**  
**Excel**

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

No. 1 Thursday 2nd February 2017

Welcome to our new principal Robert (Robbie) Mallett



Dear Parents, Students & School Community,  
I would like to welcome you to the start of the 2017 school year.  
It is a great pleasure for me to address the community with my first Principal newsletter.  
Thank you to the many parents and students who have welcomed me into the school.  
I look forward to continuing to build on the achievements that the school has made over the past.

It has been wonderful visiting all the classrooms and strolling through the playground hearing about the exciting adventures the students were involved with during the break.

Thank you to all the dedicated staff that spent many days at school over the holidays preparing their resources and classrooms in preparation for the students. We are most fortunate to have such dedicated, professional staff who work collaboratively to ensure the best learning environment for our students.

On behalf of the staff, would like to welcome all of our new families to Clarinda Primary School and we trust that you will enjoy working with us to provide your child with the best possible education.

### **Productive Partnerships**

Clarinda Primary School staff are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure all children can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school, knowing that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities, asking that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring:

- 1) ***Attendance at school daily and arrival on time, ready for the day's learning experience***
- 2) ***Supporting the school values***
- 3) ***Daily reading to develop a love for literature and to improve critical language skills***
- 4) ***Sharing school experiences with you so that you are aware of his / her school life***

*Working and 'learning together' we can achieve great results.*

### **Ready to learn at 9.00am!**

To ensure that we maximise learning time for all students at Clarinda Primary School there is an expectation that all students are seated ready to learn at 9.00am. Our music starts playing at 8.50am and this is the time when students will be putting their bags on hooks and preparing for the day ahead. Parents who are helping in the classroom as a 'Parent Helper' will be encouraged to stay in the class and assist when requested by the classroom teacher.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent teacher interviews will be held on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February** in your child's classroom.

Information about how to make a booking will be sent home shortly.

The purpose of these interviews is twofold. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend to:

- Meet their child's teacher to begin an effective home/school partnership.
- Provide information to teachers regarding their child's strengths, talents, issues or concerns.

Information shared by parents to teachers will assist us to plan for and work as effectively as possible with you and your child throughout the year.

### **Student Leadership badge presentations**

On **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 2:50pm** we will be holding our official badge presentation to recognise all of our 2017 student leaders (**School Captains and House Captains**). Badges will be presented to recognise and acknowledge the role of our student leaders at Clarinda Primary School. Letters have been sent home to these parents reminding them of this important event.

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### **Welcome to our new Foundation (Prep) students**

We are thrilled with the way our 2017 Foundation (Prep) students have settled into schooling life. It was a pleasure to see so many smiling faces. I would like to thank Elena Ziebell, Nicole Delany and Cheryl See who have created wonderfully attractive classrooms for these students and the look of excitement on the faces was priceless.



We look forward to watching these students grow and develop over the next seven years.

Parents may be interested in subscribing to the Department's on line site *Prep for Parents*.

This free subscription has been specifically designed for parents with children in their first year of school.

Articles posted cover a wide range of topics and links to resources.

Articles include: The First Weeks of School; What Prep's Learn; Making Friends and Every Little Bit Helps.

The articles might also be of interest to parents with children in other levels, particularly P-2.

Website: [www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/p4p.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/p4p.aspx)

### **Accident Insurance**

The Department of Education and Training do not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. The Department of Education Training states that reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector. For those parents who seek personal cover, details of an insurer who offers individual accident insurance is:

EBM INSURANCE BROKERS and their website is [www.studentcover.com.au](http://www.studentcover.com.au)

### **Personal goods brought to school at owner's risk**

The Department of Education and Training do not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools. Principals are requested to remind students and parents/guardians of this at the beginning of each academic year and to discourage parents/students from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. Please, try and avoid bringing these items as it can be most upsetting for all concerned when items do go missing.

### **2017 Parent Payments Reminder**

Parent payments are an essential source of funds for a school to operate effectively. Without student fees schools would not be able to provide the many programs and resources we provide for the students at Clarinda Primary School. Term 1 fees are due now.

### **Working with Children Checks (WWC)**

We encourage and value parental and community support at Clarinda Primary School. There are many ways that parents, grandparents and friends can assist at our school. We encourage all parents to obtain a Working with Children's Check that will allow you to be very involved in your child's education. These checks are free for volunteers. Once you have your WWC please come to the office so we can photocopy this and we will add your name to our list of parents who have a current WWC check.

### **School Camp**

Students from Yr. 4-6 will have an opportunity to attend Gundiwindi Camp at Wandin from the 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March. The camp offers adventure based activities including: 150m flying fox, giant swing, low ropes course and many more activities. I ask that parents speak to the office staff about securing a position for your child as spots are limited.

### **The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Parents or legal guardians are required to complete a CSEF application form and lodge it with their child's school for processing. Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools as soon as possible in term one, as payments are made from March onwards. Please refer to the document attached to the newsletter.

### **Clarinda OSHC**

I have been fortunate to 'drop in' to the OSHC program over the past few days to observe the wonderful program being offered to our students. The care provided by Lesley, Ann, Maxine and Rita highlights the great passion our staff have for your child. If before or after school care is an option for you, please contact the office staff for assistance.

All the best for a prosperous 2017.

Cheers, Robbie Mallett

**Class, Specialist and Education Support model for 2017**

We officially welcome Jo Moriani, Susie Trumble and Elley Borland to the classroom.

Justine Leopold also returns to Physical Education after a year travelling overseas.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Principal	Robbie Mallett
Assistant Principal	Karen Mackay
Business manager	Jeanette Irwing
5/6H	Anne Hedger
5/6M	Deirdre Mooney
5/6B	Elley Borland
3/4T	Susie Trumble
3/4P	Pam Pashos
3/4L	Janet Lai
3/4B	Erin Beissel
1/2V	Vicki Hallowell
1/2K	Theo Kokkalis
1/2C	Katrin Christofidis
1/2M	Jyoti Moriani
PREP D	Nicole Delany
PREP Z	Elena Ziebell
PREP C	Cheryl See
Literacy support	Kerry Candy
Literacy support	Katie Young
Music and PE	Kyle Wells
Art	Beth Murphy
Phys. Ed.	Justine Leopold
Greek Mother Tongue & Transition Programs	Meny Zapantis
LOTE	Rosey Xenofontos
EAL	Athena Vrahliotis
Administration	Lynn Morrison
Speech Pathologist	Indra Kreismanis
Education Support Staff	Carol McKinley
Education Support Staff	Jan Schache
Education Support Staff	Arg Lianos
Education Support Staff	Tina Koumi
Education Support Staff	Effie Pilakis
Education Support Staff	Libby McLeod
Administration / Education Support Staff	Julie Fildes
Education Support Staff / OSHC coordinator	Lesley McLeod
Education Support Staff / OSHC assistant	Ann Pouki
OSHC assistant	Maxine Delany
Education Support Staff / OSHC assistant	Rita Rehal
Technical support ICT	Minh Truong Son Nguyen

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Term 1 2017 Tuesday January 31 to Monday March 31**

February	Wednesday 15	3.45 to 6.30 Parent Teacher Interviews
	Thursday 16	3.45 to 6.30 Parent Teacher Interviews
	Monday 20	Dental van arrives (3 days)
	Wednesday 22	Prep first Wednesday
		9.00 to 10.30 LINKS begins
	Friday 24	9.00 to 11.00 Step Up begins
March	Monday 13	Labour Day Holiday
	Thursday 16th	Harmony Day Fiesta
	Monday 20	Camp Gundiwindi depart
	Wednesday 22	Camp Gundiwindi return
	Friday 31	Last day term 1
April	Tuesday 18	First day term 2

## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

Welcome back everyone!! We have a fun-packed Program for you this year so join up and come along for the ride!!

Parents: we know it can be a pain completing a new Enrolment Form every year, however our Regulations require it and we cannot have a child at the Service without one, so pop into the Office or OSHC and collect one for this year.

Please also provide us with completed Asthma and/or Allergy Plans if your child has either medical condition.

Parents of new Prep children are very welcome to call in and visit.

We look forward to catching up with our OSHC families again this year.

## OSHC ACTIVITY PROGRAM

**February**      **COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN**

Monday 6	Cooking
Tuesday 7	Make a Ned Kelly mask
Wednesday 8	Outside Play Nature walk
Thursday 9	Chalk drawing Make a map of Oz
Friday 10	Dodge ball
Monday 13	Catch the donut Eat the donut
Tuesday 14	Cooking damper Bush dancing
Wednesday 15	Art Draw your favourite Aussie animal
Thursday 16	Create a jigsaw of Australia
Friday 17	Trivia game How much do you know about Australia?

**Lesley, Ann, Maxine & Rita**

**REMEMBER YOUR HAT FOR OUTSIDE PLAY**

## 2017 ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS PAYMENT

**TERM ONE IS DUE NOW-\$87.50**

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

CBA BSB 063 : 126

Account 10061911



THANK YOU

## New Uniform Policy for 2017



Thank you to all families who have supported the new policy.

All students are required to wear black leather  
school shoes only, as part of their uniform  
in 2017 and beyond.



Parents help their children from the moment they are born. Sometimes, a child will face problems that parents don't understand and have trouble helping them with. Many parents know the pain of being a parent and feeling unable to help their child. This can leave parents feeling powerless. Clarinda Primary School engages the support of a range of psychologists from onPsych.

***As a parent, you are never powerless.***

Children learn skills every day that help them succeed in life. At school, they learn many skills such as numeracy, literacy, artistic, physical and social skills. Some children learn at a fast rate and some at a slow rate. When a student falls behind, schools provide intensive teaching to remediate slow learning rates in literacy and numeracy. Children also learn social, cognitive and emotional skills. If children are not developing these vital skills, psychologists can help them with intensive skill development activities.

*Seeking help from onPsych in these situations can be of great benefit to parents and their child.*

**Frequently Asked Questions**

*How much is this going to cost us?*

Where students have a doctors referral onPsych staff bulk bill Medicare for their work. Parents will not have to pay for this support

*What are the benefits of my child seeing onPsych?*

onPsych staff are experts in their field. They offer professional help with simple problems like making friends to complex issues of mental health issues, such as:

<p><i>Dealing with bullying</i>  <i>Fears, phobias &amp; anxiety</i>  <i>Behaviour problems at home and at school</i>  <i>Self-harm</i>  <i>Depression</i>  <i>Managing anger</i>  <i>Attention deficit &amp; hyperactivity</i>  <i>Social skills</i></p>	<p><i>Grief and loss,</i>  <i>Divorce</i>  <i>Common disabilities such as:</i>  <i>Hearing impairment,</i>  <i>Autism.</i></p> <p><b><i>OnPsych also offers individual/group skills training:</i></b>  <i>Communication skills</i>  <i>Problem solving</i></p>	<p><i>Anxiety/Stress management</i>  <i>Anger management</i>  <i>Negotiation skills</i>  <i>Relaxation</i>  <i>Social skills training</i>  <i>Bully proofing</i>  <i>Motivation</i>  <i>Eating disorders</i></p>
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Contact details:

Parenting Phone 1300 659 350 Fax 1300 651 580 email [contact@onPsych.com.au](mailto:contact@onPsych.com.au) web site [www.onPsych.com.au](http://www.onPsych.com.au)

Please feel free to come and discuss this service at any time

Karen Mackay  
 Assistant Principal

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY  
EVERY MONDAY AFTERNOON  
AT 2.50pm  
IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

All parents welcome to come along  
Presentation of Principal Awards  
Notification of future events

**LINK Health and Community**

Address: Rear Lvl 1 Clayton Community Centre  
9-15 Cooke Street, Clayton 3168  
Phone: 1300 552 509

**KEEP KIDS SMILING  
FREE DENTAL  
CHECK UP**

Link Health and Community staff members will be attending Clarinda Primary School. If you would like your child to participate in *Keeping Kids Smiling* session and receive a FREE dental check up please complete the form sent home today and return it to the school office tomorrow.

**DOLLAR MITE STUDENT BANKING**

DON'T FORGET  
TO BRING YOUR BANK BOOK  
TO SCHOOL  
EVERY TUESDAY

It's a great way to learn about saving money for something special!

Application forms for new accounts are

**LUNCH ORDERS - SUBWAY**

Students are able to purchase a SUBWAY lunch every FRIDAY. The cost is \$5 for a 6" roll with various fillings and an Apple Juice.

Order forms are available at the school office

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR ORDER IS DELIVERED THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE 11AM ON THURSDAY FOR DELIVERY ON FRIDAY

**SUNSMART POLICY**

Please remember to wear your **NAVY BLUE HAT** at all times when outdoors **DURING TERM 1**

**WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED READING OUR NEWSLETTER.**

Our Newsletter will be produced on a Tuesday each fortnight and will contain many interesting articles, making you aware of happenings within the school and local community.

We send our newsletter electronically, so from this issue on you will need to subscribe to it via the link within our website [www.clarindaps.vic.edu.au](http://www.clarindaps.vic.edu.au). or complete the attached form and return it to school and we will subscribe for you.

Once you have subscribed you will be able to receive classroom newsletters, excursion notices and up to the minute reminders via your smart phone / email.

Drop into the school office for further information.

