

Grade 56J Class



Clarinda

Newsletter



I am very pleased with the way all the students have settled in to our classroom. I am looking forward to a productive year full of challenges and discovery. 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.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 31 st January	First day of Term 1
Friday 16 th February	Interschool Sport vs Huntingdale
Tuesday 20 th Wednesday 21 st February	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 22 nd February	Swimming Trials
Saturday 24 th February	Bunnings BBQ
Friday 2 nd March	Interschool Sport vs Clayton North
Sunday 4 th March	Working Bee
Friday 9 th March	Interschool Sport vs. Mary Magdalene
Monday 12 th March	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 16 th March	Gala Day
Monday 19 th March - Wednesday 21 st March	CAMP
Friday 23 rd March	Harmony Fiesta
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of Term 1

- Fitness club is commencing Week 3 on Tuesday Mornings 8.25

Summer Sport



We are looking forward to some friendly competition this term with Huntingdale and Mary Magdalene in preparation for the Gala Day on Friday 16th of March. A permission note and bus costs will be sent home closer to the date.

The Gold Rush

The Inquiry Learning unit for this semester is an investigation of The Australian Gold Rush. We will be investigating how the Australian community changed after the discovery of gold. Students going to camp will have be visiting Sovereign Hill and Blood on the Southern Cross.

HOMEWORK



This term homework will be in the form of Projects. Students will have time to complete each project. The first project will be 'All About Me' and students will create a presentation about themselves including timelines and family trees. The second project will be about the Gold Rush and students will have a choice on which project they would like to complete. Students will then have an opportunity in class to share their projects with their peers and receive peer feedback.

In Term 1 the Maths homework will focus on learning their multiplication tables. They will receive different times table facts each week.

Students are expected to read for at least 20 minutes each night.



THE DIARY-

If you have any reason to communicate via the diary please make sure your child shows me the note which should be recorded in the relevant day of the weekly spreadsheet. You may also write absence notes directly into the diary. Absences must be covered by a phone call on the day. **Students who are late need to see the office for a late pass.**



Regular and punctual school attendance is extremely important for your child's learning!
Every day counts!

Mindfulness & Exercise

This year we will be continuing our Mindfulness sessions which will be enhanced with an exercise program. These will be on alternating days following a 10 day timetable.

The students have become more accustomed to this each morning. However, it is very important that all students be at school by 8:45a.m ready for a 8.50am start to the day. We are aware of the demands on time in the morning in a busy household and appreciate the efforts made to have our students arrive in time to take advantage of this important start to our day.



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.

Thank you to those families who have contributed to the class supply of tissues. If you have not already sent along a large box, your help in adding to our store would be appreciated.



Please remember that mobile phones are not allowed at school, however, if your child must have a phone, it needs to be handed in at the office in the morning to be collected at home time.

Term 1 5/6J Timetable

Monday 1:50-2:40	STEM
Tuesday 12:00-12:50	Music
Wednesday 1:50-2:40	Art
Wednesday 2:40-3:30	LOTE
Thursday 12:00-12:50	P.E
Friday 9:00-10:40	Senior Sport
Friday 1:50-2:40	Library

5/6J Code of Cooperation

Organisation:

- We will have all of our belongings ready for the next class.
- We keep our tables clean and tidy for the best learning experience.
- We use our time efficiently so that we can finish our tasks.
- We are tidy in all that we do.

Getting Along:

- We make sure that others feel happy and safe. We defend each other and give assistance.
- We are nice to other people at all times.
- We include people and make them feel welcome.
- We think about others and our actions.

Effort:

- We always try our best and we don't give up.
- We always participate so that we can extend and enhance our knowledge.
- We will give it a shot, even if it's difficult or we haven't done it before.
- We keep on trying.

Respect:

- We respect everyone and do not judge people just because they are different.
- We respect other people's opinions, even if we don't agree.
- We will always respect others for who they are and what they do.
- We take care of each other and respect their personal space.

Integrity:

- We do the right thing even when no one else is around.
- We do the right thing even if we don't get credit for it.
- We are responsible and set a good example for our peers.
- We do the right thing without anyone telling us to. We don't expect a reward.
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CLARINDA SCHOOL RULES

School Discipline Policy

Rationale

All children and staff have the right to work in a safe and orderly environment. Students have the right to work and play in an inclusive environment. Teachers have the right to teach in an orderly and cooperative environment. Parents have the right to expect that their children will be educated in a secure environment in which care, courtesy and respect for the rights of others are encouraged upheld.

Our school has classroom rules and school-wide rules and a Student Welfare policy which is designed to support these rules.

Each family will receive a copy of the rules, and they will be discussed regularly in each classroom.

Our Discipline Policy and Procedure is based on the Assertive Discipline Program.

General School-wide Rules

1. Treat others as you like to be treated.
2. Listen to and follow all teachers' directions.
3. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
4. Use sports and playground equipment correctly and safely.
5. Play in designated play areas. Out of bounds areas are: behind the sheds along the car park, in the car parks, behind the portables facing Centre Road, behind the Eulinga building and all ramps.
6. Do not leave the school grounds during school hours, except with a teacher's permission.
7. Place litter in the bins provided.
8. Respect the school's and other people's property: no graffiti or vandalism
9. Chewing gum and spitting are not allowed.
10. Follow school procedures for going to the toilet.
11. Be punctual at all times.
12. Don't play or run in the toilets or breezeway.
13. Use toilets and drinking fountains in an appropriate manner.
14. From January to March and September to December: No hats, no play (as per SunSmart Policy)
15. Trees and fences must not be climbed.
16. Bikes and scooters are to be walked on school grounds and a helmet must be worn if you ride or scoot to school.
17. Exit through the closest door to your classroom.
18. No games on the assembly area, except down ball and tennis.
19. Only children in Years 3 – 6 are allowed on the senior playground during school hours. Senior playground is not to be used after school.
20. All children are to be picked up from within the school boundaries.

