

Prep Newsletter

Term 1, 2018



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Clarinda Primary School! We are delighted to be teaching your child and look forward to a productive and fun year. The children have had a wonderful start to their schooling and are beginning to settle into the routines of school. We have been on a tour of the school where the Preps met all the staff and saw our facilities, such as the library, Music Room and Art Room. The children have enjoyed spending time in the playground playing on the equipment with their new Prep friends and Grade 5 buddies.

Each term we will send home a Prep Newsletter outlining events and any changes to our routines.

Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday 14th February:** No school for Preps & Parent and Community Club Meeting @ 2:30pm
- **Tuesday 20th February:** Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Wednesday 21st February:** No school for Preps & Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Monday 26th February:** Preps attend school full time & Junior School Council Presentation Assembly at 9am (this week only)
- **Tuesday 27th February:** Reading Circles commence
- **Friday 2nd March:** First PMP session
- **Monday 12th March:** Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Wednesday 14th March:** Parent and Community Club (PACC) meeting @ 2:30pm
- **Friday 23rd March:** Harmony Fiesta
- **Thursday 29th March:** Last Day of Term 1 – Early dismissal @ 2:30pm
- **Monday 16th April:** First Day of Term 2

Morning Routine: We will be lining up the Preps up at the beginning of the day on the netball courts with the other grades in the school. When the first bell rings at **8:45am**, students need to be in line with their bags. We will collect the Preps at this time beginning Monday 12th February. Please be aware that if your child arrives at school after 9am, you are required to sign them in at the office before bringing them to their classroom.

It is wonderful to see the Preps beginning to organise themselves in the morning by unpacking their bags. We ask all Parents and Guardians who are not assisting with Reading Circles to say your goodbyes outside. If you are assisting with Reading Circles please enter the classroom and sign in so that you are ready to read when the children have unpacked their bags. To further develop greater independence and a sense of responsibility, we would like to see the children carrying their own bags into the building and unpacking their belongings by themselves.

Reminders: It is very important for the children to arrive before **8.45am**. As our day is very busy we commence learning immediately in order to complete all school activities.

A regular **early bed time** (before 8pm) is essential for all children, particularly Prep children. A good sleep will improve the children's ability to focus on their learning throughout the school day.

Parent Teacher Interviews: Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February. Please refer to the notice sent home for information on how to book a time.

Purple Communication Folders: As you are now aware, the children are bringing home a Purple Communication Folder. We will send home all notices in your child's Purple Folder and expect notices to be returned via the Purple Folder too. Please check the folder **every night** and return to school **every morning**. Please ensure that you empty the Purple Folder each night, and send it to school the next day with only the Communication Book and any completed notices, forms or payments inside. Any money should be sent in a **named envelope**. This helps to minimise any confusion or loss of money.

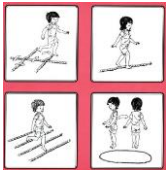


NO NUTS at school: As we have children at Clarinda who are severely allergic (anaphylactic) to peanuts and other nuts, we strongly recommend you do not pack any nuts in your child's lunch. This includes spreads, **such as Nutella and Peanut Butter**, and any other products that may contain nuts. We appreciate your assistance with keeping our school a safe place for these students. Please also talk to your children about not sharing any food.



Reading in Prep: Your child will receive a Reader Cover to bring a book home in each night. We will send home a note regarding *Reading Circles*, please keep an eye out for it in your child's Purple Folder.

PMP: Our Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) is scheduled to commence on Friday 2nd March in the school hall. The children will undertake a range of activities designed to develop their gross motor skills, balance and coordination. To operate the program we required assistance from parents and guardians. A notice with further information will be sent home shortly.

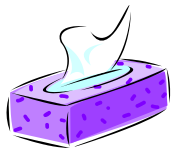


Library: Library books will be borrowed each week. The children will bring home their book in their library bag. Please take time to read the book with your child. All books must be returned to school in the library bag before your child's library day. If you haven't yet provided a library bag for your child, please do so as soon as possible. Children without library bags will be unable to borrow. Please be aware that lost books will incur a \$20 replacement fee.



Hats: The children are required to wear navy school hats in Terms 1 and 4 as part of our SunSmart Policy. Any child without a hat will be required to sit in the shady area during outside play times.

Morning Tea: To minimise litter in the schoolyard we would like all children to have their morning tea and lunch in containers. It is also important to remember to make your child’s lunch as healthy as possible – please limit treats to one per day! We would love to see food such as cheese, yoghurt, sandwiches, fruit and vegetables in your child’s lunchbox every day.



Tissues: We ask all children to bring along one box of tissues every term to share with the class.

Below is a timetable of **Specialist Classes** for Term 1. Please be aware that days and times of specialist classes may change.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assembly 2:50pm – Parents are welcome to attend in the school hall (from week 5)	Library (Prep T & Z) 	Art (from week 5) 	Music 	Art (week 2 - 4) 
Library (Prep S) 	Physical Education (PE) 	Greek (from week 5) 		Greek (week 2-4) 
				PMP 1:50 – 2:40pm (in the school hall) 

We know there is a great deal of information to read and absorb. We are happy to answer any questions you have via the Communication Book in your child’s Purple Folder. Alternatively, please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher.

Thank you for your support,
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