

1/2 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 2!

We are looking forward to another busy and eventful term filled with lots of learning! One of the many highlights of the term is our excursion to the Melbourne Museum where the children will get to view an IMAX movie on dinosaurs and explore parts of the museum. The approximate cost of the excursion will be \$25. The children will also have the chance to visit the Life Education Van (approximate cost of \$9). We will also have an incursion called 'The Power of One' (approximate cost \$3.50).

Mid-year assessments will be conducted throughout Term 2, therefore, if your child is going to be absent for more than 2-3 days, please let us know so that alternative arrangements can be organised.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards,

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



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

April

Start of Term 2- Monday 16th

PMP commences- Friday 20th

Anzac Day Commemoration- Tuesday
24th

Anzac Day –Wednesday 25th (No
school)

June

Curriculum Day- Friday 8th

Queen’s Birthday- Monday 11th

Excursion to the Melbourne

Museum & iMax - Monday 18th

Mini-concert - Wednesday 20th

Parent Teacher Interviews - Tuesday
26th and Wednesday 27th

May

Choir to visit Clarinda Manor- Wed. 2nd

Working Bee – Sunday 6th

Sporting Schools- Monday 7th

Life Education Van - Tuesday 8th - 15th

Kelly Sports Afterschool Program commences –
Wednesday 9th

Mother’s Day Stall & Whole School Incurion:

‘Power of One’ - Thursday 10th

Sporting Schools- Monday 14th

Blue House Fundraiser- Friday 18th

Sporting Schools - Monday 21st

Open Night (6-7: 30 pm) - Tuesday 22nd

Grandparent’s Day (9:15 – 11:10 am) – Thursday 24th



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

This term will see a continued focus on the teaching of specific reading strategies in order to improve levels of comprehension. There will be a focus on predicting, hand and heart questions, finding the main idea and summarizing.

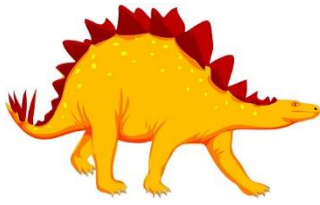


It is vital that the children read daily at home and are encouraged for their efforts. Please continue to regularly practise reading or spelling the words from the list inside the reader covers! All the students are doing a fantastic job with their word lists and it is wonderful to see the great progress they are making.

Inquiry Unit

This term students will continue to study the topic 'Present and Past Family Life.' During the course of this unit students study present and past family life within the context of their own world. Students learn about similarities and differences in family life by comparing the present with the past. They begin to explore the links, and the changes that occur, over time.



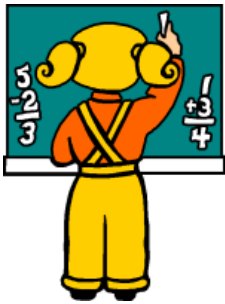
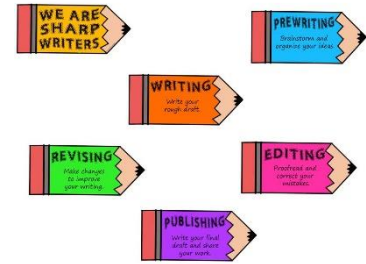


Science

Our topic for Science this term is 'Dinosaurs.' The focus of this topic is to think creatively about dinosaurs, applying knowledge through various activities. The children will look closely at their own teeth and observe which teeth are used to bite and chew by looking at the jaws of prehistoric animals.

Writing

During term 2, the children will continue to use the Writer's process during our writing sessions. The children will learn the importance of using description, powerful verbs and adverbs and connectives in their writing to make it more interesting. The last few weeks of the term the children will write a narrative and go through all the steps of the Writer's process.



Mathematics

This term we will cover a range of topics in mathematics. Some of topics will include subtraction, addition, money, 2 and 3 dimensional shapes, place value, fraction, time, capacity and probability. It is vital the students revisit these topics throughout the year as they need to consolidate on their learning.

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.



PMP

Grade 1 children will be involved in the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) every Friday. 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. 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 continue this term every Tuesday morning, weather permitting. We hope to see lots of children on the school oval. This is a great way to start the day!

Term 2 Timetable

Tuesday	MUSIC	2:40 – 3:30
Wednesday	PE	9:50 – 10:40
	LIBRARY	12:00 – 12:50
Thursday	LOTE	9.00 – 9.50
	ART	1:50- 2:40
Friday	PMP	1.50 – 3.30

Regards,

Katie Young

