

Term 2 Prep Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is amazing how quickly time has flown by, we cannot believe we are almost half way through the year! The children have been working hard learning new sounds, reading new books and learning about a variety of Maths concepts. Term 2 has already been very busy and we have been assessing students' skills to write reports. The reports will come home later this term, followed by Parent/Teacher interviews.



The Biology unit of study for this term is "Staying Alive" and the students are learning all about what plants, people and animals need to stay alive. We will even have new pet chicks in our classrooms that we will help look after! This term is a very busy one, so we recommend that you stay in touch with your class teacher and up to date with all events via ClassDojo.

Important Dates:

- Tuesday 24th April – ANZAC Day ceremony 8:50-9am
- Tuesday 24th April – PACC meeting 2:30pm
- Wednesday 25th April – ANZAC Day (no school)
- Friday 27th April – Pet Education Incursion
- Wednesday 2nd May – Choir students' excursion to Clarinda Manor 1:00pm
- Friday 4th May – 50 days of school 'Half Party'
- Sunday 6th May – Working Bee
- 7th – 11th May – Life Education Incursion (\$9 to be paid)
- Wednesday 9th May – Ben and Molly Healthy Eating puppet show Incursion
- Thursday 10th May – Mother's Day stall
- Thursday 10th May – The Power of One Anti-Bullying Incursion (\$3.50 to be paid)
- Friday 18th May – Blue house fundraiser
- Tuesday 22nd May – Open Night 6:00-7:30pm
- Wednesday 23rd May – Multi-Age Rotations (dress up in 'a touch of fluro')
- Thursday 24th May – Grandparents' Day 9:15-11:10am
- Friday 8th June – Curriculum Day (no school for students)
- Monday 11th June – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday (no school)
- Friday 22nd June – Reports sent home
- Tuesday 26th June – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday 27th June – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Friday 29th June – Last Day of Term 2, early dismissal at 2:30pm





8:45am start time

Please remember to arrive on time. As you can appreciate our days are very busy and the day is timetabled to maximise teaching and learning time. The first bell rings at **8.45**, and this is the start of our day.

At home reading

Please continue to hear your child **read their take home book and the M100 words/alphabet every night**. The children are progressing through the M100 words and receiving certificates when they have achieved each list. Just a reminder that children will be tested on their words every Friday.



Show and Tell

This term we have begun Show and Tell on Friday afternoons. We have sent home a schedule of when students will have their turn to present their item and what they should bring in that week. Each week's show and tell topic is based off our science theme for the term in order to reinforce students' learning. We encourage all children to share something with their classmates on their Show and Tell day. Please help them to prepare for these sessions by discussing their item and what they will talk about. This helps them to become more confident when speaking in front of peers and adults.

Communication folders

Please continue to check and empty the communication folder each night and return to school each morning. Please revise any work brought home and display, and remember the importance of celebrating your child's work.



Hats

Students are not required to wear hats in Terms 2 and 3.



Tissues

We are asking all Prep S and Prep T students to bring along a box of tissues for the grade to use for Term 2.

No nuts

As we have children at Clarinda who are highly allergic to peanuts (anaphylactic) and other nuts, we strongly recommend no nuts including all spreads such as **Nutella** and **Peanut butter** 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 also talk to your children about not sharing any food.



Remember that we are willing to help and answer any queries you may have but the mornings are very busy preparing for the day. Please either write us a message on ClassDojo or make a time to see us after school and we can sit down with you and have a chat.

Thank you for your continued support,
Elena Ziebell, Cheryl See and Natalie Turner.