

# 1/2 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Term 3 has begun and we are looking forward to a full term's work. We have lots of things happening this term including the Grade 1/2 Disco and Dinner, our school concert 'Roll the dice' and a STEM incursion later in the term.



If you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to contact us.  
Here's to a wonderful and successful Term 3!



Kind Regards,

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



## Important Dates

### July

**Start of Term 3**- Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

**Year 1/2 Disco and Dinner**- Friday  
27<sup>th</sup>

### August

**Working Bee** – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

**Green House Fundraiser** – Friday  
10<sup>th</sup>

**Book Week dress up and rotations** –  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

**School concert rehearsal in the hall**  
– Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Father's Day stall** – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

**Concert rehearsal at venue and**  
**CONCERT NIGHT** – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

### September

**PACC Footy Colours Day** – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

**Year 1/2 STEM incursion** – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

**End of Term 3** – Friday 21<sup>st</sup>



## 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.



## 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.

## Purple Folders

Please remember to check the Purple Communication Folder every day and remove notices as they arrive. This ensures that you are always up-to-date with current school events and aware of any permission notes that must be returned. Purple folders must be brought to school every day.



## Tissues

As we move into the colder months of the year we generally have a greater demand for tissues in class. We would appreciate your donation of a tissue box for the class. Many thanks to the families who have already done so.



## Labels

Please label ALL of your children's clothing and containers.

## Reading

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 making inferences and identifying author's purpose (to entertain, to inform and to persuade).



It is vital that the children read daily at home and are encouraged for their efforts. Please continue to regularly practise reading the words from the list inside the reader covers.

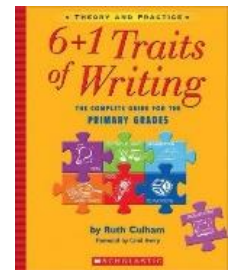


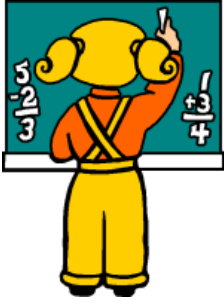
## Science & STEM

Our topic for Science this term is 'Spot the Difference'. The focus of this topic is Chemical Sciences and about how everyday materials can be physically changed in a variety of ways. The children will look closely at changes in food once heated or cooled. Children will also plan, design and construct their own spaghetti tower. We will also have a STEM incursion towards the end of term - stay tuned for more details.

## Writing

During term 3, the children will learn some new vocabulary based on the 6+1 Traits of Writing. The traits include ideas, organisation, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, conventions and presentation. During the term, we will also focus on persuasive writing. We will learn about persuasive ideas, structure and powerful word choice. During the last few weeks of the term, the children will write a persuasive text 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 money, time, mass, transformation (flip, slide and turn), multiplication, division, fractions and graphs. 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.

## Grade 1/2V Term 3 Timetable

Wednesday	PE 9.00 – 9.50 Library 2.40 – 3.30
Thursday	Music 1.50 – 2.40
Friday	Art 9.50 – 10.40 LOTE 12.00 – 12.50



## PARENT HELPERS

A huge thank you to the parents who help with the class reading program or/and Fruit Friday.

1/2 V and I are very appreciative of your time and support!

Vicki Hallowell

