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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parents, Students & School Community,

Final newsletter for 2018

The 2018 school year is coming to a close and Christmas is just around the corner and this is the last newsletter for the year.

Congratulations to our wonderful community for an outstanding year full of learning. We have had a focus on developing targeted teaching and promoting student voice at CPS in 2018. We have introduced the 6 + 1 Traits of Writing into the classroom to build the capacity of students to achieve higher outcomes this year.

It is fantastic to work in a community where education is the focus and development of every student is paramount. I would like to thank the wonderful parents and families we have at CPS who work closely with the school to develop the opportunities for all. Whether you assisted in the classroom, on camps or excursions, School Council, Parent and Community Club or assisting on Working bees, I thank you very much and look forward to your support in 2019.

Lastly, I would like to thank the wonderful staff. Each day, it is a joy to be part of the Clarinda Primary School community. In education, the goal posts are constantly moving and CPS is no exception.

Please be safe over the break and enjoy the time you will share with family and friends. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Reports

Student reports will be sent home on Thursday 20th December. Mrs Mackay and I have read the reports and there has certainly been some terrific progress in 2018.



Teaching Staff 2019

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Henderson, Mrs Pilakis, Miss Pearce, Ms Papageorgiou, Ms Grivas, and Ms Lolas who will be joining our team next year.

Prep: Mrs Marikar, Mrs Beissel & Miss Henderson

Year 1/2: Mrs Moriani, Mrs Young, Mr Kokkalis, Miss Mooney & Mrs Pilakis

Year 3/4: Mrs Trumble, Ms Pashos, Miss Delany & Miss Ziebell Year 5/6: Mrs Hedger, Miss Borland, Miss Brockman & Miss Pearce Mr Wells (STEM & Music), Miss Ferre (Art), Mrs Leopold (PE), Specialists:

Ms Papageorgiou (LOTE-MTE) Ms Xenofontis (LOTE) Ms Grivas (LOTE),

TBC (EAL), Mrs Candy (LIP) & Mrs Ziogos (Literacy Support Prep & 1/2)

Learning Specialist Mrs Beissel and Miss Mooney (Literacy)

Chaplain (Welfare) Ms Alison Hardaker

Links/Stepping Up: Ms Lolas

ES Office: Mrs Irwing, Mrs Morrison & Mrs Robinson

Mrs Mckinley, Mrs Schache, Mrs Lianos, Mrs Pouki, Mrs McLeod & ES Teaching:

Mrs Ranganathan

ICT: Mr Mangukiya

Principal Class: Mr Mallett and Mrs Mackay

Thank You

On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Miss Turner and Miss Koumi for their contribution to Clarinda PS. Both staff members have been influential in assisting to shape the lives of children within our classrooms. We wish you all the best for 2019 and beyond.

We also wish Mrs Zapantis, Mrs Hallowell, Mrs Vrahliotis and Mrs Williams all the best for their time while on leave during 2019. We hope they have a safe and prosperous time!

Congratulations Mrs Marikar (nee See)

Congratulations to Miss See and Mr Shazan Marikar who were married on Saturday. From all the reports, they had a beautiful day celebrating with family and friends.

2019 grades

On Monday, the children went to their 2019 classrooms to meet their new teachers. I would like to acknowledge the work of all the class teachers in forming these classes. Many hours are put into making sure that each child is set-up for a successful 2019. Much goes into the planning of these classes including:

- Student academic needs
- Friendship preferences
- Relevant parent requests
- Class numbers, gender and distribution of ability
- Classroom mix

Christmas Hamper

Thank you to the many families that contributed to the Christmas Hampers. We raised a total of \$1121.25 for the PACC.

2019 Curriculum Days

School Council has approved the following days for 2019:
• Friday 8th March

- Tuesday 11th June
- Monday 4th November

Extended Vacations

If your child will be absent at the start of the 2019 school year, Wednesday 30th January 2019, please contact the office to complete a Student Absence form.

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Graduation

It is also this time of the year that we say goodbye to our graduating Year 6's. I want to personally congratulate these children as exceptional role models, setting high standards for their peers. I have appreciated their efforts as remarkable student leaders, who have risen to every challenge they have been given. I wish the Grade 6's a wonderful journey through secondary school.

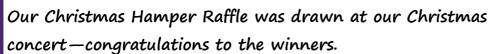
Uniform

I would like to take this opportunity to remind people about the requirement of compliance to the school Uniform Policy. Our main issue regarding lack of compliancy is directly related to choice of footwear. While most children wear the required black shoes, many wear partly black or completely different coloured shoes which do not fit in with uniform policy. Many of you will need to consider 'new' uniforms for growing children before the start of the next school year. Most of you would probably need to upgrade your child's footwear before next year. I kindly remind you that the shoes must be fully black in colour. Any student not wearing the required uniform will be required to have a written note by their parent explaining why they are out of uniform.

We understand that there will be times that clothes are in the wash and we also understand that the current pair of shoes may have been bought recently. We ask that the very next purchase of shoes be black to comply with our school uniform.

PACC

Hamper Raffle—Term 4



We had many prizes to offer thanks to the generosity of many businesses.

Thankyou to all families who bought tickets we raised an impressive \$1,121.25.

Wishing you a very happy holiday season and happy and healthy 2019.

Parent And Community Club



From the President's Pen...

We have reached the end of the year and what a huge one it's been with so many highlights, including two now classrooms, a running track, soccer goals, fences, a playground and landscaping. We had a beautiful Christmas concert last week, a spectacular time-travelling concert in term 3 and have hosted several visits from local politicians and two from the mayor. We enjoyed our best ever sporting success this year and our students excelled in NAPLAN, ICAS and the Premier's Reading Challenge. It's been a truly fantastic year all round.

On Tuesday evening we said farewell to our grade 6s at their wonderful graduation evening organised by Miss Borland. They are an exceptional group of children and it has been a real pleasure to have been involved in their primary school journey which began way back on 37 february 2012. How strange it will be next year not to see them around the school. We wish them all the very best for their high school days.

Of course we will be welcoming about 60 new prep students and their families in 2019 and we look forward to getting to know them all. They've had their four transition sessions, met their buddies and their teachers so they're raring to go.

For those of you thinking about potential new year's resolutions, here's a suggestion. Consider getting (more) involved at your child's school. You can get in on the action in so may different ways, depending on your availability. Daily reading with prepsgrade 2s is a great way to get to know lots of children; termly working bees are immensely satisfying and good team-building exercises; weekly fruit-chopping makes you super-popular with all the grades and helping on excursions is always a fun time.

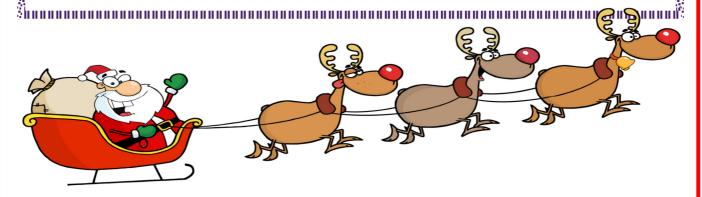
Then there's fund-raising activities and special lunch days, and even school council is very rewarding. Just remember though, if you commit to something, do your utmost to be diligent and follow through on your commitment, especially the Friday fruit chopping.

Whilst many hands do indeed make light work and every

that might otherwise be closed to you. As the parent of a departing grade 6, 1 m so very glad I got on board early and didn't miss a minute of his fabulous seven years at this school. Those memories are real treasures for me to keep long after he's gone off into the big, wide world.

I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season and look forward to working with and for you in 2019.

Lindsay Armata School Council President



DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4 - Monday 8 October to Friday 21 December 2018 December Thursday 20 School reports go home Friday 21 Last Day Term 4 Assembly—12.30

TERM 1 2019	Wednesday 30 January to Friday 5th April
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Dismissal—1.30

January	Wednesday 30	Students Years 1 to 6 begin school
February	Monday 4	Students in prep begin school



FOOD FOR FAMILIES APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Food For Families appeal for Uniting Care. We have four large boxes that are ready to be collected.

Even though we asked for a contribution of one item per family, I was amazed to see that many families sent along a bagful of items.

There was a large variety of different goods donated.

I am sure that your generosity will be appreciated by many people in the community.

Kerry Candy

Term Dates 2019

Term 1 - Tuesday 29th January to Friday 5th April Wednesday 30th January - Years 1 - 6 students start Monday 4th February - Foundation (Prep) students start

Term 2 - Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 28th June

Term 3 - Monday 15th July to Friday 20th September

Term 4 - Monday 7th October to Friday 20th December
All dates are inclusive





Wishing all our year 6
students the best of luck with
their studies in
secondary school.
Have a wonderful break and
may the years ahead be full of

adventures.

CHOLK NEWS

I would like to say a big thank you to all of our beautiful choir children this year for all of your hard work.

I am so proud of you all.

Thank you to Mrs. Candy and Mrs Williams for everything you have done to assist me throughout the years.

I could never have done it without your help.

Also, a huge thank you to our lovely, dedicated parents for all you help and support with our choir.

Hope you all have a very MERRY Christmas and all the very best for 2019.

Carol McKinley.











NEW TO BASKETBALL

Register for AUSSIE HOOPS



MCKINNON

Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia's official junior development program Aimed at 5 – 8 year old's.

Saturday at GESAC - 8AM & 9AM Tuesday at HUGHESDALE – 4PM Tuesday at BRIGHTON - 4PM Friday at GESAC - 4:30PM Sunday at GESAC - 9AM locations at:

8x Weekly Sessions for 1 hour per with

Wednesday at Valkstone - 4PM

Suitable for all skill levels. Aimed at 7 - 14 years old.

Dates: 22/1, 23/1, 24/1

Time: 9AM - 3PM

Location: McKinnon Secondary College

\$60 per day or \$150 for all 3 days.

Ready to join a team?

or 9579 1200 for more

Ready for Modified Games?

Register for SLAM JAM

Modified games to help prepare them for full competition (5 vs 5). Aimed at 7-10 year old's.

locations at:

8x Weekly sessions for 1 hour per with

Saturday at GESAC - 9AM & 10AM





