

1/2 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a relaxing summer break and we warmly welcome you back to the 2019 school year. Please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions about the information in this newsletter or if you have any concerns throughout the year.

Kind Regards,

Effie Pilakis, Theo Kokkalis, Katie Young, Jo Moriani & Dee Mooney (Anne Ziogos- 1/2DWednesday)

Attendance

Our school day now begins at 8.45am, so it is vital that your child arrives to class on time. All student absences must be documented in the class roll, so if your child is sick, please phone the school on the morning of the absence. *Please **do not** use Class Dojo to notify staff of student absences.*

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. This year we are encouraging "wrapper-free" days, EVERYDAY, with the focus on fresh rather than packaged food.



Important Dates

February

Readers to go home on - Monday 18th

Reading Circles commence -Tuesday 19th

Parent Teacher Interviews –Monday 25th and
Tuesday 26th

Open To Learning –3pm Friday 22nd (Parents are
invited to visit their child's classroom.)

March/April

Curriculum Day – Friday 8th March

Labour Day - Monday 11th

Harmony Fiesta - Friday 15th

End of Term Assembly – Friday 5th April

Purple Folders

In your children's bags, you will have already seen the purple Communication Folders. These folders contain all the important information that is sent home to parents. It is necessary for you to check these folders on a daily basis so that the notices from school are dealt with promptly.

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

It is vital that the children read daily at home and are encouraged for their efforts. Remember to ask them to retell the story after they read to develop their comprehension skills. Please regularly practise reading and the spelling of the words from the list inside the reader covers!

Inquiry Unit

The Inquiry Unit this term is called, 'Getting to Know Me, Getting to Know You'. Students will work on developing their understandings of the focus questions below:

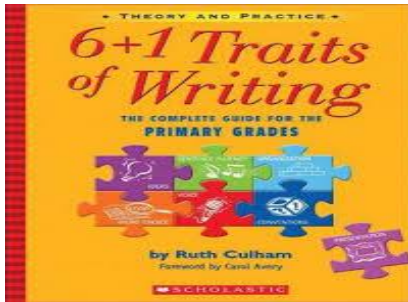
- What makes me an individual?
- Am I different from other people?
- How do I build relationships and why is this important?
- What are my roles and responsibilities in the classroom?

Science

Our topic for Science this term is 'Bend It, Stretch It.' Students will bend, stretch, scrunch, roll and fold a variety of materials. They will explore the properties of materials that enable it to change and discover if the changes are lasting.



Writing



This term, the students will continue to develop their knowledge of the '6+1 Traits of Writing' through the Writer's Workshop. We will be writing recounts and narratives and focus on the traits that support this style of writing, with particular emphasis on the traits of 'Ideas' and 'Organisation'.

Homework

Number facts should continue to be practised each night, and the homework 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. Homework will commence as follows:

Maths – Grade 2 Monday 11th February

Maths - Grade 1 Monday 4th March

Spelling - Grade 1 and 2, Monday 4th March

PMP

Grade 1 children will be involved in the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) every Thursday (commencement date will be Thursday 28th February at 2.45pm). 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. It is possible to apply for it before the Program begins and it is free of charge.

Please see us if you would like more information.

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 commence this term. We hope to see lots of children on the school oval. This is a great way to start the day! Fitness Club will start on Tuesday 13th February at 8:25am.



Term 1 Timetable

Monday	L.O.T.E 2:45pm – 3:30pm
Tuesday	Music 11:30am – 12:15pm PE 2:45pm – 3:30pm
Wednesday	Art 12:15pm – 1:00pm PMP 2:45pm – 3:30pm (From 28 th February)
Friday	Library 12:15pm – 1:00pm

