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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

No.1 Tuesday 6th February 2019

Dear Parents, Students & School Community,

Welcome for 2019

Welcome back to another exciting year at Clarinda Primary School. I hope that you had a great summer holiday and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. My family and I headed off to Warrnambool, Port Fairy, Anglesea, Cape Patterson and Phillip Island and enjoyed the great summer weather at the beach.

I would like to welcome Mrs Pilakis (1/2P), Miss Pearce (5/6P), Miss Henderson (PH), Ms Papageorgiou (LOTE Mother Tongue Enrichment), Ms Grivas (LOTE) and Mrs Ziogos (1/2D and PB) to our teaching staff in 2019. We are thrilled to have them join our staff team.



New Timetable and Assembly Schedule

A new timetable has been approved by the school consultative committee for the 2019.

To maximise teaching and learning, the recess break has been pushed back to 11am to allow for a 2 hour morning block of teaching. All specialist sessions will be for 45 minutes. Please view the times below.

8:45am	First Bell - students line up and teachers collect the students. Prep-2 Reading & 3-6 Mindfulness
9:00am	School day begins
11:00am	Recess
11:30am	Students line up and teachers collect the students for classes
1:00pm	Lunch
1:10pm	Students outside for play
2:00pm	Students line up and teachers collect the students for classes
3:30pm	End of school day and students dismissed
3:45pm	Final bell - students still in the school will be taken to the school office and parents notified.



Please remember that school finishes at 3.30pm.

Our playground is supervised until 3.45pm to allow for any parents that may be running late.

After 3.45pm staff are attending meetings and preparing lessons for the following day.

If you are unable to collect your child before 3.45pm please contact the City of Kingston 9581 4867 to make a booking for After School Care.

Assembly

First and last week of every term - special assemblies will be held when required.

Student of the Week awards will be presented within the class on a Friday.

House points and other special announcements will be made via the PA system during lunch eating time on a Friday.



Open to Learning 22nd February

On 22nd February - Teachers will open up their classrooms from 3pm for parents grandparents to visit.

More information will come home soon.



Prep 2019

A special welcome to all of our 57 new preps who commenced school on Monday.

We have three Prep classes in 2019 and we are all looking forward to getting to know our new students and their families. Welcome also to the students who have joined us at other year levels, we hope you are all settling in well and enjoying making new friends.

Creating Our Learning Community at CPS

Our teaching and support staff are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure all students can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

As partners, we share the responsibility for our student's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time ready for the day's learning program
- 2) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 3) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life

Students spent the first three days developing friendships within the school through a variety of activities. They participated in Zaidee's Rainbow foundation incursion, 16 Hands incursion, a BBQ lunch and many team building challenges in the classroom.

Please visit www.facebook.com/clarindaprimaryschool to view some photos.

Getting to Know You Interviews

We have set aside very important times for 'Getting to Know You Interviews' on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th February. These meetings provide a timely opportunity for our teaching staff to form an effective partnership with each child's family.

Working in partnership and having consistent expectations between home and school leads to better outcomes for our students. The Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and to ensure we run on time each teacher will be using their smart phone or a timer to keep track. If families need a longer time then a follow up time should be organised. The bookings for interviews are completed online and a notice will be distributed shortly with all the necessary information.

Parent contributions 2019

Charges to parents for the supply of Essential Education Items including student supplies as well as Voluntary Payments were sent home last year. The school purchases all student supplies in good faith for the new school year in one bulk order. This is done to minimise costs for everyone. Thank you to the many families who have already made their payments. This is much appreciated.



Please note that all parents are requested to pay for Essential Education Items. Parents are reminded to contact the office early in the new school year to make an appointment with me if a payment plan is required to support the payment of charges.

All meetings are strictly confidential.

School Council AGM

Information regarding School Council nominations will be sent out shortly.

If you are thinking of taking on a role within our school and using your expertise to ensure the continued development of our school, please consider talking to me about the possibility of joining our School council. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information regarding our School Council.

After School Greek Program

The After School Greek Program will begin on Monday 18th February at 3:30pm.

Ms Maria-Stella Papageorgiou will be the educator for the 1 hour session. A notice outlining the program will be distributed to families this week.

Student Insurance - Reminder from DET

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not offer any form of 'student accident insurance'. If families are concerned about this they are advised to make their own arrangements. Ambulance cover could be one consideration as the school will not hesitate to call an ambulance if we are concerned for a child's wellbeing.

Personal Goods brought to school at the 'Owners' risk

The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools. All schools are requested to remind students and parents/guardians of this at the beginning of each academic year and to discourage parents/students from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. Please avoid bringing these items as it can be most upsetting for all concerned if items go missing or are damaged.

School Uniform

As I visited classes this week I was pleased to see that our students were looking smart in their school uniforms. Students should be wearing the correct school uniform every day including footwear. Our policy states that students should wear **black shoes**. Fluorescent shoes should not be worn as part of the school uniform, and we ask for community support to meet the school policy in this regard.

Arriving at School on-time

Thank-you to the many families who ensure their child arrives on time to school every day. Punctuality is an important life skill and a great habit to form early in life. Students ideally should arrive at school around 8.35am, which allows enough time to enjoy a quick catch up with friends before entering the classroom at 8:45am for Reading (P-2) or Mindfulness (Yr. 3-6). School officially starts at 9.00am when the role is marked.

We are asking that children do not arrive at school early unless they remain in the care of an adult until 8.45am to ensure they are supervised adequately.

Parent and Community Club PACC - next meeting Wednesday 27th February @ 2:30pm in the staffroom

The PACC extend a warm welcome to our new and existing families. Please join us to help set the calendar of events for 2019.

How can we continue to improve Clarinda Primary School?

At all times staff are working to improve the education we provide for the students of Clarinda Primary School. We value hearing from members of the school community in relation to what we can do to improve our wonderful school. Karen and I are always available to speak to parents in relation to any feedback you can provide us that will ultimately benefit the students at Clarinda Primary School. Please feel free to drop in at any time or contact us to arrange a suitable meeting time.

Have a great year...
Robbie Mallett



Parent and Community Club (PACC)

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Parent Teacher Interviews

Our start of the year 'getting to know you' interviews with classroom teachers are being held on;

Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th February 3.45 to 6.30

The on line booking information coming home soon

2019 ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS PAYMENT

TERM ONE IS DUE NOW

Payments can be made to the office or by direct deposit

Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 063-126 Account: 1006 1911

Please add your family name and fees in the description field

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1 2019

Wednesday 30th January to Friday 5th April

February	Tuesday 14	2.30 ~ School council finance meeting
	Monday 18	After School Greek begins
	Tuesday 19	6.00 Education sub committee 6.30 Buildings and grounds sub committee 7.00 School council meeting
	Wednesday 20	9.00~10.30 LINKS begins
	Thursday 21	District Swimming
	Friday 22	9.00~11.00 Stepping Up begins
	Monday 25	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Tuesday 26	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Wednesday 27	2.30 PACC meeting Parent & Community Club
March	Wednesday 6	Preps first Wednesday
	Friday 8	Curriculum day No children required at school
	Monday 11	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 12	2.30~School council finance meeting
	Tuesday 19	6.00 Education sub committee 6.30 Buildings and grounds sub committee 7.00 School council AGM 7.30 School council meeting

WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED READING OUR NEWSLETTER.

Our Newsletter is produced on a Wednesday each fortnight and contains many interesting articles, making you aware of happenings within the school and local community.

We send our newsletter electronically, so you will need to subscribe to it via the link within our website www.clarindaps.vic.edu.au or call into the school office and we will subscribe for you.

Once you have subscribed you will be able to receive classroom newsletters, excursion notices and up to the minute reminders via your smart phone / email.

Drop into the school office for further information.

Further information is also attached to this newsletter.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Food For Families appeal for Uniting Care at the end of last year. We were able to fill five large boxes and these were delivered to the charity before the end of the 2018 school year.

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 such a large variety of different goods donated.

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

Thank you again,
Kerry Candy



DOLLAR MITE STUDENT BANKING

**DON'T FORGET
TO BRING YOUR BANK BOOK
TO SCHOOL
EVERY TUESDAY**

It's a great way to learn about saving money for something special!

Application forms for new accounts are available from the school office.



LUNCH ORDERS - SUBWAY

Students are able to purchase a SUBWAY lunch every TUESDAY and FRIDAY. The cost is \$5.00 for a 6" roll with various fillings and an Apple Juice.

Order forms are available at the school office

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR ORDER IS
DELIVERED THE SCHOOL OFFICE THE DAY BEFORE 3.45 FOR DELIVERY
THE FOLLOWING DAY**

PIT STOP



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NEXT COURSE STARTS APRIL / MAY/ JUNE 2019

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Parenting Tune-Up



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NEXT LAP

TIME TO
REFUEL!

ONLY
\$2
A LAP!

NEXT COURSE

April – May~June 2019

VENUE: City of Kingston Council
Westall Community Hub
Fairbank Room
35 Fairbank Road
Clayton South

DATE 6 x Tuesday night sessions
& TIME: April 30th
May 7, 14, 21, 28 &
June 04th
7.00pm – 9.00pm

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

Registrations close Wednesday 17 April
Enquires:
Kingston Family Support Service 9581 4860
Ranka Trisc 8551 1202
Email: cf2fs@kingston.vic.gov.au

GET THE FACTS ON FATHERHOOD

- Why dads matter to children
- Developing a healthy parenting style
- Improving family communication and closeness
- Steering your children through stressful stages
- Disciplining children without losing it... or them!
- Balancing life work and family
- Working as a team (partners night)
- Identifying and implementing change (graduation)

PLACES LIMITED TO 30 DADS

- Entertaining multi-media presentation and interaction
- Practical insights and strategies
- Relevant for dads of babies to high-schoolers
- Dads attend without children, partners attend week 6
- Comprehensive practical manual included
- Highly visual – good for all levels of literacy. No exams
- Relevant for guys just wanting a refuel, tune-up, right through to men in desperate need of a complete rebuild!

WHAT MEN ARE SAYING:

- "It was great to get together just with blokes. The guys up front are down to earth. I'm now on track to creating a better future for my kids."
- "I'd be the last bloke to do a parenting course 'cause I didn't like the idea of someone telling me how to parent. But I soon discovered Pit Stop is different... I look forward to it every week!"
- "The bond I have with my wife and son since I started Pit Stop has been amazing... She is telling all her friends about it!"
- "What a great course! ...many simple tools ... I would strongly recommend it to every dad."

Blokes - do this! Our kids are worth it.



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Welcome back!

TERM 1 ★ 2019

Don't forget to enrol in Outside School Hours Program for 2019

Even if you were enrolled last year, we still
require a new enrolment for all children.

Give us a call or check out our website
kingston.vic.gov.au/beforeandafterschoolprogram

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Kingston Before & After School Program