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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

No.2 Wednesday 20th February 2019

Dear Parents, Students & School Community,

Congratulations to Mr K and his wife Afroditi on the safe arrival of Spiro. We hope Spiro is a great younger brother to Vasiliki and George. Welcome Spiro!



Harmony Night

Harmony Night is scheduled for Friday 15th March. Shortly, you will receive a notice about Harmony Day. We are seeking some assistance to set-up during the day. If you are available, please contact Jeanette in the office. The evening will run from 6pm-8pm. Each family is required to provide a traditional dish to share. Soft drinks, sausages and Two Mugs Coffee man will be available on the night.

Getting to Know You Interviews

We have set aside very important time 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 15 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 has been distributed with all the necessary information.

Extra-curricular Activities

This year, staff have kindly offered additional learning experiences for students to participate in during lunchtime.

These activities provide a safe, friendly and social environment.

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| Monday: | Clarinda Singas (choir for P-6) |
| Tuesday: | Drama Club (P-6) |
| Wednesday: | Coding and Art Club (P-6) |
| Thursday: | Clarinda Workshop (P-6) |
| Everyday: | Reading P-2, Mindfulness 3-6 and Library Club P-6 |
| Term 2: | Maths Olympiad (5-6) |

PREP - Dozen Days of Schooling

On Friday 22nd February, the Preps will have completed a Dozen Days of School and we would like to invite Parents and Guardians to join in our celebration.

At 2:30pm, we will have an Open to Learning afternoon where you are invited to spend some time in your child's classroom to see what they have been learning in their first few weeks of school.

Following this, at 3:00pm, we will hold an afternoon tea for the Preps and their Parents/Guardians. This will be a great opportunity for the Prep families to connect with each other and celebrate a Dozen Days of School together!!

New Timetable and Assembly Schedule

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

Assembly 1st 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 Friday 22nd February - teachers will open up their classroom from 3pm for parents/grandparents to visit.



**CLARINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL
HARMONY FIESTA
FAMILY FUN NIGHT
FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2019
6.00 TO 8.00PM**

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.

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 with parental supervision, 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.

Curriculum Day

A curriculum day has been scheduled for Friday 8th March. As this is a pupil free day, students are not required at school.

Staff will participate in further training for Play is the Way.

See you around the school....**Robbie Mallett**

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

1/2D	Ritvik	For achieving his goal in reading this week
1/2K	Konstantina	For being a great role model for her class
1/2M	Natalya	For trying her best to write a recount, a letter and a comic strip during free writing
1/2P	Angelica	For great ideas in writing
1/2Y	Paulina	For her positive and enthusiastic attitude in class
5/6B	Tarkan	For being an excellent role model and setting a high standard for his classmates
5/6J	Zoe V.	For consistently showing respect by listening to her peers and teachers
5/6P	Dimitri	For demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship and determination during interschool sport





Parents help their children from the moment they are born. Sometimes, a child will face problems that parents don't understand and have trouble helping them with. Many parents know the pain of being a parent and feeling unable to help their child. This can leave parents feeling powerless. Clarinda Primary School engages the support of a paediatric psychologist from onPsych.

As a parent, you are never powerless.

Children learn skills every day that help them succeed in life. At school, they learn many skills such as numeracy, literacy, artistic, physical and social skills. Some children learn at a fast rate and some at a slow rate. When a student falls behind, schools provide intensive teaching to remediate slow learning rates in literacy and numeracy. Children also learn social, cognitive and emotional skills. If children are not developing these vital skills, psychologists can help them with intensive skill development activities.

Seeking help from onPsych in these situations can be of great benefit to parents and their child.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much is this going to cost us?

Where students have a doctors referral onPsych staff bulk bill Medicare for their work. Parents will not have to pay for this support but you will require a Mental Health Plan from your GP.

What are the benefits of my child seeing onPsych?

onPsych staff are experts in their field. They offer professional help with simple problems like making friends to complex issues of mental health, such as:

<i>Dealing with bullying Fears, phobias & anxiety Behaviour problems at home and at school Self-harm Depression Managing anger Attention deficit & hyperactivity Social skills</i>	<i>Grief and loss, Divorce Common disabilities such as: Hearing impairment, Autism. OnPsych also offers individual/ group skills training: Communication skills Problem solving</i>	<i>Anxiety/Stress management Anger management Negotiation skills Relaxation Social skills training Bully proofing Motivation Eating disorders</i>
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Contact details:

1300 659 350 or email contact@onPsych.com.au web site www.onPsych.com.au for further information.

Please feel free to come and discuss this service at any time and I can talk you through the process of accessing the service.

Karen Mackay



**NO CHILDREN REQUIRED AT SCHOOL ON
THE FOLLOWING DAYS;**

FRIDAY 8 MARCH ~ CURRICULUM DAY

MONDAY 11 MARCH ~ LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

SCHOOL COUNCIL

From the President's pen

On behalf of the parent community and school council, I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new families both in prep and the other grades.

Already there's a buzz about the school. It's really great to see students and parents striking up new friendships. These connections and contacts will form a valuable lifeline for many of us well into the future.

This week sees the preps embark on their journey of learning to read as their take-home readers are issued. It's a very exciting time for them and a really lovely opportunity for the adults to join the morning reading circles and guide them in their efforts to decipher the mysteries of the written word! It's immensely satisfying to be a part of this crucial stage in the lives of our youngest students so do help them if you are able.

As our preps and their parents get to grips with their new routine (and large school bags!), it's not dissimilar to what year 7 children starting out at high school are also experiencing (also with very large school bags!) As the parent of a new year 7 student, I too am learning the ropes again and high school is a very different landscape. Yes the parents are encouraged to be active in school life but sadly the opportunity for direct interaction with the students is rather less, which is probably as it should be. So my recommendation is to get as involved as much as possible in your child's primary school days because before you know it, they'll be at "big school" and the chances to be in the thick of it will be fewer.

There will be many opportunities this term to get involved including harmony fiesta, reading circles, a working bee and hot cross buns day. Of course we will also be re-electing our school council so if that appeals, get your nomination in quick. Being a councillor is an interesting role that actually has few demands other than attending a couple of meetings each term. The bulk of the actions from a school council meeting actually don't usually fall on the shoulders of the parent members so don't be afraid to put up your hand and join.

Finally a note on finances. Thank you to all our families that have already either settled in full or paid their term one essential education fees. Your diligence in this matter means that our finances are kept well on track and that we are able to afford many of the things that we want and need for the school. Our fees go towards the many costs that are NOT covered by state or federal funding. When we are under budget in terms of fees payments received, this can have a negative impact in other areas. Our essential education fees are very reasonable compared to other primary schools in the area and are definitely more so in comparison to the costs associated with sending a child to a state high school so please do try and make your contribution.

I wish you all a fantastic 2019 and hope to meet many of you along the way.

Lindsay Armatas.



Parent and Community Club (PACC)

Please come along to our first meeting of the year

Wednesday 27th February @ 2:30pm in the staffroom

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School interviews - the easy way to book


Dear Parent,

Parent/teacher/student interviews will be held in the week of;

Monday 25th February and Friday 1st March 2019

To allow you to book school interview(s) for the times that suit your family best we are now using an online booking service via the internet.

To make parent/teacher interview booking(s) for your family please follow these easy steps:

Log into the school interview booking web-site. 	www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter this code in the box and press GO	p3jws
Enter your family details	
Select the teacher(s) you wish to see	
Select the appointment time(s) that Are best for your family	
Click into an Interpreter box if you require an interpreter during your interview	
Click FINISH	An email will be sent to you confirming your appointment(s)

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

If you do not receive your email immediately—check your junk mail folder and make sure that you have entered your email address correctly on the booking site.

NEED TO CHANGE YOUR INTERVIEW TIME?

You can return to the web site at any time and change your interview(s) until the day before when the bookings close.

INTERPRETERS

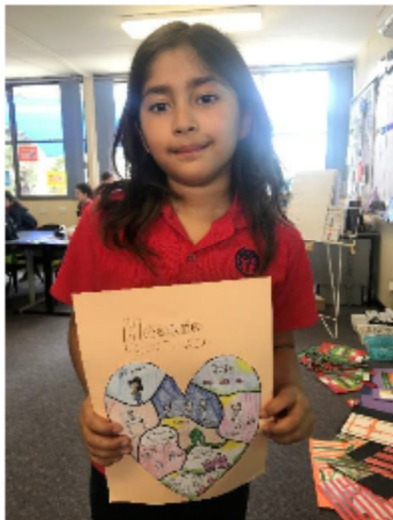
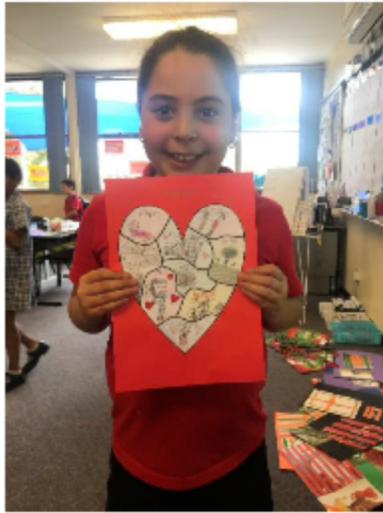
Interpreters will be available on Monday 25th February from 4.00pm.

If you need an interpreter please also tick the interpreter box and one will be arranged for you.

3/4D Classroom Corner

In writing, we have been thinking about ideas that we could use to create stories. We have used our Writer's Notebooks to note down our ideas, have had plenty of conversations with each other, as well as use our experiences for inspiration.

Last week we also used a heart map to write or draw things that meant something to us. These were used as ideas for our interesting and engaging writing pieces.



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SOUTH OAKLEIGH COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2019

Principal's Address at 6:30pm

Accelerated Program
Information Session at 7pm

Applications
for Year 7
Accelerated
Program close
Tuesday
30th April 2019



Tours every Friday by appointment

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COLLEGE



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1 2019

Wednesday 30th January to Friday 5th April

	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
	Friday 15	6.00 to 8.00pm Harmony Fiesta
	Monday 18	6.30 Camp Information Night
	Tuesday 19	6.00 Education sub committee 6.30 Buildings and grounds sub com- mittee 7.00 School council AGM 7.30 School council meeting
	Friday 22	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day
	Monday 25	School Photo Day