

Prep Newsletter

Term 1, 2019



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Clarinda Primary School! We are delighted to be teaching your child and look forward to a productive and fun year. The children have had a wonderful start to their schooling and are beginning to settle into the routines of school. We have been on a tour of the school where the Preps meet all the staff and saw our facilities, such as the library, Music Room and Art Room. The children have enjoyed spending time in the playground playing on the equipment with their new Prep friends and Grade 5 buddies.

Each term we will send home a Prep Newsletter outlining events and any changes to our routines.

Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday 13th February:** No School for Preps
- **Friday 15th February:** Parent Literacy Workshop with Karen Mackay in the Staffroom at 9:00am
- **Monday 18th February:** After School Greek commences
- **Wednesday 20th February:** No School for Preps
- **Friday 22nd February:** Dozen Days of Prep – Open for Learning in Prep Classrooms at 2:30pm, followed by afternoon tea at 3:00pm
- **Monday 25th February:** Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Tuesday 26th February:** Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Wednesday 27th February:** No School for Preps
- **Wednesday 27th February:** Parent and Community Club Meeting – In the Staffroom at 2:30pm
- **Thursday 7th March:** First PMP session in the School Hall at 2:00pm
- **Friday 8th March:** Curriculum Day – No School for Students
- **Monday 11th March:** Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Friday 15th March:** Harmony Fiesta Evening
- **Monday 25th March:** School Photo Day
- **Friday 5th April:** Last Day of Term 1 – Assembly @1:45pm and Early dismissal @ 2:30pm
- **Tuesday 23rd April:** First Day of Term 2
- **Thursday 25th April:** Anzac Day Public Holiday

Morning Routine:

Our first school bell rings at **8:45am** each morning. At this time, you can bring your child to their line on the netball courts with their school bag and their teacher will collect them from there. If you need to drop your child off earlier than 8:45am, please access the Before School Care service as it is important that your child is adequately supervised.

It is wonderful to see the Preps beginning to organise themselves more throughout the day. To further develop greater independence and a sense of responsibility, we would like to see all the Preps carrying their own bags into the building and unpacking their belongings by themselves.

On Tuesday 19th February, we will commence Reading Circles each morning. A note with further details regarding Reading Circles will be sent home. We ask all Parents and Guardians who are not assisting with Reading Circles to say your goodbyes outside. If you are assisting with Reading Circles, please enter the classroom and sign in so that you are ready to read with the children when they have unpacked their bags. Please be aware that any adults assisting with Reading Circles will be required to provide a copy of their valid **Working With Children Check** to the office before reading with the students.

Welcome Ms Anne Ziogos:

We are pleased to welcome Ms Anne Ziogos to the Prep team! On Thursdays, Mrs Erin Beissel will be at school but out of the classroom as she will be working within the school as our Literacy Learning Specialist.

ClassDojo:

All families will have received an invitation to join your child's class on ClassDojo. ClassDojo is a free app that we will use to share photos, updates and reminders of what is happening in Prep. We encourage all families to join their child's class on Classdojo as we find that it is a wonderful communication tool between teachers and families, however, please be aware any urgent matters or absences from school should be communicated in person or via the office.

Early bedtime:

A regular early bed time (before 8pm) is essential for all children, particularly Prep children. A good sleep will improve the children's ability to focus on their learning throughout the school day.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th February. These will be 'get to know you' interviews and we look forward to learning more about your child and their family. Please refer to the notice that will be sent home for information on how to book a time. online



Tissues: We ask all children to bring along one box of tissues every term to share with the class.

Purple Communication Folders:



As you are now aware, the children are bringing home a Purple Communication Folder. We will send home all notices in your child's Purple Folder and expect notices to be returned via the Purple Folder too. Please check the folder **every night** and return to school **every morning**. Please ensure that you empty the Purple Folder each night, and send it to school the next day with any completed notices, forms or payments inside. Any money should be sent in a **named envelope**. This helps to minimise any confusion or loss of money.

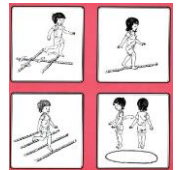
NO NUTS at school:

As we have children in Prep who are severely allergic (anaphylactic) to peanuts and other nuts, we strongly recommend you do not pack any nuts in your child's lunch. This includes spreads, **such as Nutella and Peanut Butter**, and any other products that may contain nuts. We appreciate your assistance with keeping our school a safe place for these students. Please also talk to your children about not sharing any food.



PMP:

Our Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) is scheduled to commence on Thursday 8th March in the school hall (Grade 1 students will commence PMP in the week prior to this). The children will undertake a range of activities designed to develop their gross motor skills, balance and coordination. To operate the program we require assistance from parents and guardians. A notice with further information will be sent home shortly.



Library: Library books will be borrowed each week. The children will bring home their book in their library bag. Please take time to read the book with your child. All books must be returned to school in the library bag by your child's library day. If you haven't yet provided a library bag for your child, please do so as soon as possible. Children without library bags will be unable to borrow. Please be aware that lost books will incur a \$20 replacement fee.







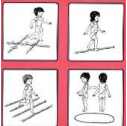


Hats: The children are required to wear navy school hats in Terms 1 and 4 as part of our SunSmart Policy. Any child without a hat will be required to sit in the shaded area during outside play times. 'No hat, no play' is our school policy.

Morning Tea: To minimise litter in the schoolyard we would like all children to have their morning tea and lunch in containers. It is also important to remember to make your child's lunch as healthy as possible – please limit treats to one per day! A healthy lunch box will give your child the energy they need to concentrate throughout the long school day. We would love to see food such as cheese, yoghurt, sandwiches, fruit and vegetables in your child's lunchbox every day.



Below is a timetable of [Prep M Specialist Classes](#) for Term 1. Please be aware that days and times of specialist classes may change.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| <p>Art Ms Joelle Ferre</p>  | <p>Physical Education (PE) Mrs Justine Leopold</p>  | <p>Music Mr Kyle Wells (until 27th February)</p>  | <p>Library (from 14th February)</p>  |
| | <p>Greek Ms Maria Stella</p>  | | <p>Music Mr Kyle Wells (from 7th March)</p>  |
| | | | <p>PMP 2:00 – 2:40pm In the School Hall (from 7th March)</p>  |

We know there is a great deal of information to read and absorb. We are happy to answer any questions so please do make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support,
The Prep Team – Cheryl See, Erin Beissel, Nicole Henderson and Anne Ziogos