

1/2 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 2!

We are looking forward to another busy and eventful term filled with lots of learning!

Mid-year assessments will be conducted throughout Term 2, therefore, if your child is going to be absent for more than 2-3 days, please let us know so that alternative arrangements can be organised.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards,

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

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. The school continues to encourage “wrapper- free” days on Wednesdays, with the focus on fresh rather than packaged food.



Important Dates

April

Start of Term 2- Tuesday 23rd

Anzac Day –Thursday 25th (No school)

Assembly - Friday 26th at 3:00 PM

June

Working Bee- Sunday 2nd

Open To Learning- Friday 7th

Queen's Birthday- Monday 10th

Curriculum Day - Tuesday 11th

Grade 1 PMP - Thursday 13th

Reports to go home- Friday 21st

Parent Teacher Interviews - Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th

Grade 1 PMP- Thursday 27th

May

Year 1/2 Incursion- Thursday 2nd (2 sessions)

Grade 1 PMP- Thursday 2nd

Year 1/2 Incursion – Friday 3rd (3 sessions)

Mother's Day Stall- Thursday 9th

Mother's Day- Sunday 12th

Grade 1 PMP - Thursday 16th

Education Week Rotations and Open Night – Thursday 23rd

Year 1/2 Excursion to CERES- Friday 24th

Grade 1 PMP- Thursday 30th



VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

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.

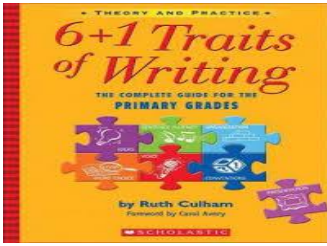
Reading and Comprehension

This term will see a continued focus on the teaching of specific reading strategies, such as visualising and finding the main idea, in order to improve the children's levels of comprehension. Furthermore, the children will learn about the Author's Purpose (Entertain and Inform).



It is vital that the children read daily at home and are encouraged for their efforts. Please continue to regularly practise reading or spelling the words from the list inside the reader covers! All the students are doing a fantastic job with their word lists and it is wonderful to see the great progress they are making.



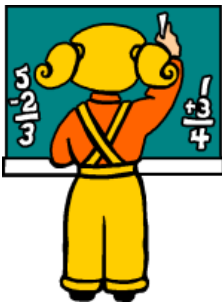


Writing

During Term 2, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of the '6+1 Traits of Writing' through the Writer's Workshop. They will be linking purpose of audience and text type. Also, the children will be writing a non-fiction text by using the Writing Process (planning, drafting, revising, editing and publishing).

Science

Our topic for Science this term is 'Water Works' (Earth and Space Sciences). The focus of this topic is to discuss the uses of water, the water cycle and the different forms of water (liquid, solid and gas). The 1/2 classes will go on an excursion to CERES (Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies). The program called 'Water Keepers' will focus on water conservation, quality, monitoring and aquatic ecosystems.



Mathematics

This term we will cover a range of topics in mathematics. Some of topics will include subtraction, addition, money, 2 and 3 dimensional shapes, place value, fraction, time, capacity and probability. It is vital the students revisit these topics throughout the year as they need to consolidate on their learning.



Homework

Number facts should continue to be practised each night, and the 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.

PMP

Grade 1 children will be involved in the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) every other Thursday. 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. 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 continue this term every Tuesday morning starting on the 30th of April, weather permitting. We hope to see lots of children on the school oval. This is a great way to start the day!



Play is the Way

Children will be involved in a new program called 'Play is the Way'. This is a practical methodology for teaching social and emotional skills using guided play, classroom activities and an empowering self-reflective language. These lessons will every week.

Term 2 Timetable

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| Monday | LOTE | 9:30-10:15 |
| | ART | 2:45 – 3:30 |
| Tuesday | MUSIC | 12:15 – 1:00 |
| Wednesday | PE | 10:15 – 11:00 |
| | LIBRARY | 11:30 – 12:15 |
| Thursday | PMP | 2.40 – 3.30 |

Regards,

Katie Young

