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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parents, Students & School Community,

Grand Parents Day

Following the success of last year's Grand Parents Day, we have organised another day for Wednesday 22nd May from 9am-11am. Rose from Bunnings will offer a gardening stall during this time. At 11am will have a morning tea in the Hall to raise funds for the Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council. Tea, Coffee and scones with jam and cream will be available.

Dress-up Day

To celebrate Education Week, student are encouraged to dress in the theme that is *Celebrating Careers*. Students will be presented at an Assembly at 9:10am and then move into multi-age rotations.



Open Night - please join us!

Open Night is scheduled for Thursday 23rd May from 6.00pm-7:30pm. The school will be open for parents, students and friends to visit. Students from Prep, Years 1/2, Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 will perform on the night. Students will be allocated a Passport to visit each classroom to collect a sticker/stamp. Once completed the Passport can be entered into a draw to win one of 4 Scholastic vouchers valued at \$20.

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to our PACC who have organized the annual Mother's Day stall. Student are encouraged to bring a few dollars to school on Thursday morning to make a special purchase. If you are able to assist the PACC, they would appreciate your support from 8:50am.

Yr. 3-6 Athletics Day

We were greeted with a beautiful day at Davies Reserve yesterday. Students participated in a variety of events in preparation of selecting an Athletics Team to compete at the Davison Athletics later this year. We had many parents join us to assist on the day. I would like to thank our staff, who were led by Mrs Leopold, for their support in running a fantastic event!

Curriculum Day

School Council has approved a Curriculum Day for Tuesday 11th June, the day after the Queen's Birthday holiday.

Students do not attend school on these days.

Staff will be working with our Literacy consultant on developing the Readers Workshop model.

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PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE:

The Challenge encourages students to develop a lifelong love of reading as well as developing important literacy skills. Students in Prep to Year 2 are challenged to read or 'experience' 30 books and students in Years 3 to 6 are challenged to read 15 books.

If children are just learning to read, you can help them to 'experience' books by reading to, or with, them and talking about the story, text and pictures.

For more information about the Challenge, visit the website at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/>



NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAPLAN):

The next round of the annual National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted in May 2019. The NAPLAN tests will involve all students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from all states and territories across Government, Catholic and Independent Schools. The NAPLAN tests will be conducted on Tuesday May 14, Wednesday May 15 and Thursday May 16.

As mentioned, data from this test is used to make public judgements on a schools performance via the MYSCHOOLS website. We do however get a very good picture internally of how our children are performing and assist in both planning and then reporting of student performance along with many other forms of assessment teachers carry out.

Year	Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May
Year 3	Language conventions: 45 minutes	Reading: 45 minutes	Numeracy: 45 minutes
Year 5	Language conventions:45 minutes	Reading: 50 minutes	Numeracy: 50 minutes

NAPLAN assesses skills in Literacy and Numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in Numeracy and Literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students (in Years 3 & 5) are expected to participate in these tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/>

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that **NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.**

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au

Helping students get ready for the NAPLAN tests—By Michael Grose-

www.parentingideas.com.au

The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it's best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

During the third week of May Australian children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The stated purpose of this testing program is to gain an overall picture of educational attainment levels to assist education policy and decision-making. The program, first implemented in 2008, has drawn some criticism from a number of different quarters, particularly in regard to the use of the information gained through the NAPLAN tests. You've probably heard a number of different viewpoints expressed in the media over the last few weeks.

One view commonly put forward is that the NAPLAN tests put undue pressure on children to perform in test situations. If so, then perhaps the best approach for parents and teachers is to help them handle the pressure rather than avoid it. The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it's best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

Children and young people take their cues from their parents about how to handle many situations. American psychologist Martin Seligman discovered more than a decade ago, through his research into children's thinking styles, how closely a child's explanatory style mimics that of the parent they spend most time around. Optimistic parents beget optimistic kids, just as anxious parents can beget anxious kids. The impact of a parent's explanatory style seems to be magnified somehow in small families where there are fewer voices to be heard.

As a parent it helps your child, if you take a positive view of the NAPLAN tests. It's better to see them as learning opportunities for kids as well as opportunities to overcome any anxieties or nerves that these tests may bring on. It's also worth remembering that many children don't stress over these tests. The vast majority take them in their stride, wondering what all the fuss is about.

Whether your child stresses or takes them in his stride here are some tips to help prepare for the NAPLAN tests:

1 Take your cues from your child: If your child doesn't worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn't exist by incessantly talking about, or worse, worrying about the test.

2 Focus on doing their best and trying hard: Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results. The only pressure on kids should be to try hard rather than to do well.

3 Listen to any concerns they have: If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings, rather than shut them down with a 'get over it' response. "Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them." Use this as an opportunity to develop some emotional smarts, which starts with recognising how kids feel.

4 Give them some relaxation ideas: Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.

5 Help them retain their perspective: One way to help children who become excessively anxious about an event is to ask what's the worst thing that could happen?

Okay, they may not do as well as they would like but the sun will still rise tomorrow, regardless of how well they do. Keeping perspective is a life skill that we all need to practise.

A positive, caring parent attitude is one of the best gifts you can give a child when they are apprehensive or nervous about approaching any different situation whether it's going on school camp, joining a new club or sitting a NAPLAN test.

See you around the school, Robbie Mallett

Senior School House Athletics Carnival

Yesterday we held our annual Senior School House Athletics Carnival for all students in Grades 3-6. The sun was shining and the children all participated in a variety of athletic and novelty events in order to gain points for their House.

The focus of the day is on participation, sportsmanship, teamwork and fun!

The children embraced this focus and demonstrated fantastic behaviour and athletic performance.

A massive thank you to Domina, Lindsay & Sam (parents of our students) for your assistance on the day – I cannot run an event like this without this support.

We also received wonderful support in the form of student helpers from South Oakleigh Secondary College (10 of our ex students) and Westall Secondary College (4 students from Year 12). Thank you to these schools for your support!

I would like to extend a big thank you to our extraordinary teaching and education support staff for their very hard work on the day!

The final results were as follows:

1st place: Green Tree Frogs

2nd place: Yellow Tiger Snakes

3rd place: Blue Tongue Lizards

4th place: Red Backed Spiders

The ***CPS District Athletics Team*** will be established as a result of yesterday's carnival and the team notice will be on the Sports Noticeboard next week.

District Cross Country

On Tuesday the 21st of May, 60 of our students in Grades 3-6 will represent Clarinda PS in the Oakleigh District Cross Country Competition.

The Cross Country team has been training very hard 3 times per week and are almost ready for the big day! Any extra training they do at home will have huge benefits to their fitness and mental stamina, and will no doubt affect their results on competition day.



Good luck to the team!

Justine Leopold
PE Teacher





DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2 2019

Tuesday 23 April to Friday 28 June

Wednesday 8	50 Days of Prep half party
Thursday 9	Mothers Day Stall
Friday 10	Prep—Responsible Pet Incursion
	Interschool sport v Sacred Heart (away)
Tuesday 14	NAPLAN
	2.30 School council finance sub committee meeting
Wednesday 15	NAPLAN
Thursday 16	NAPLAN
	Year 6 excursion to Parliament house
Friday 17	Interschool sport v Huntingdale (away)
Tuesday 21	District Cross Country
	School council & sub committee meetings 6.00 Education 6.30 Buildings & Grounds 7.00 School Council
Wednesday 22	GRAND PARENTS DAY 9.00 TO 11.00
Thursday 23	EDUCATION WEEK OPEN NIGHT 6.00 TO 7.30
FRIDAY 24	CERES Excursion Years 1 & 2

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2019

TERM 2

Tuesday 23 April to Friday 28 June

TERM 3

Monday 15 July to Friday 20 September

TERM 4

Monday 7 October to Friday 20 December

EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 22nd May
GRANDPARENTS DAY
9:00am~11:00am
followed by morning tea

Thursday 23rd May
FAMILY OPEN NIGHT
6:00pm~7:30pm

PARENT AND COMMUNITY CLUB (PACC)

Helpers needed:

Mothers Day Stall

Thursday 9 May 9.00am till 12.30pm

Pizza Day

Thursday 13 June



Happy Mother's Day !

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Claire	For using Conventions (capital letters, finger spaces and full stops) in her writing
	Annie	For trying her best to use sounds to write her ideas
Prep H	Nina	For choosing strong ideas to write about and using conventions independently in her writing
	Natasha	For choosing strong 'ideas' in her writing and demonstrating an understanding of 'word choice' by using interesting words
Prep M	Jaymin	For using ; ' chunky monkey' to decode tricky words in Reader's Workshop
	Avni	For focussing in Maths and demonstrating a good understanding of addition
1/2M	Wilson	For having a great start at CPS and showing an understanding of the Golden Rule!
	Scarlett	For putting in her best effort in all work this week!
1/2Y	Mali	Excellent writing about Dumbo the Elephant, using finger spaces!
1/2P	Sofia	For being a great contributor in class discussions
5/6B	Olia	For working hard to improve her writing and using emotive word choice in her introduction
	Raph	For showing determination to make positive choices and be a positive role model






From 1 May to 25 June 2019 you can collect Earn & Learn stickers at Woolworth Supermarkets. You will receive one sticker for every \$10 you spend.

Bring your stickers and /or completed sheets to school and deposit them in the collection box outside the office.

Also look for our collection boxes at Woolworths Clarinda and Oakleigh Links.





DO YOU NEED A TUTOR FOR YOUR CHILD?

HOMEWORK CLUB is providing free tutoring

open applications for **years 4-8**



We are providing extra support for enhancing their educational performance






Wednesdays 3:50-5.30pm (during school term)

Dixon House - 2 Dixon Street, Clayton

Online application: www.dixonhouse.org.au
(eligibility criteria apply)

Inquiries: hwclub@dixonhouse.org.au

Clarinda Primary Movie Fundraiser



If you love going to the movies and want to save money then you may be interested in the Clarinda Primary School Movie Fundraiser.

Simply click on this link to visit our Clarinda Primary School Movie Portal
Click on the **\$9.00** tickets link to visit the **Clarinda Primary School** Movie Page where you will find session times for the current films on offer.

As a supporter of **Clarinda Primary School** you will only pay **\$9.00** (or less!) for any film at any session.

At the same time **Clarinda Primary School** receives a fundraising donation of **\$1.00** per admission.

<http://waverleycinema.com/mobile/ClaBQM.php>

It offers the latest movies for family and friends at only \$9.00 each at Waverley Cinema.

Selected sessions as low as \$7.00

At the same time Clarinda Primary School receives \$1.00 donation per admission.

You can also win Movie Passes with Popcorn and Pepsi in Regular competitions as well as Facebook Like-Share-Tag Promotions!

This weeks films include:

- ♦ POMS
- ♦ TOP END WEDDING
- ♦ THE CHAPERONE
- ♦ LONG SHOT
- ♦ THE AFTERMATH

Coming soon:

- ♦ ALADDIN - MAY 23
- ♦ TOY STORY 4 - JUNE 20
- ♦ SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 - JUNE 20
- ♦ LION KING - JULY

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