

1/2 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Term 3 has begun and we are looking forward to a full term's work. We have lots of things happening this term including the Grade 1 Disco and Dinner, Grade 2 Disco and Sleepover, our Art show, Life Education Van and two incursions with links to our STEM topic on transport.



If you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to contact us.



Kind Regards,

Effie Pilakis, Katie Young, Jo Moriani, Theo Kokkalis
and Dee Mooney (Anne Ziogos - 1/2D Wednesday)



Important Dates

July

Start of Term 3 – Monday 15th

Assembly 2:45pm – Friday 19th

Year 1/2 Metro incursion – Friday 26th

Green house fundraiser – Tuesday 30th

September

Grade 1 Disco and Dinner (5:00-6:30pm More information to come soon) – Friday 13th

Grade 2 Disco and Sleepover (More information to come soon) – Friday 13th

Poetry Cafe – Tuesday 17th

August

Life Education Van – 1st – 8th

Big Dreams Performance incursion

Grades 1-6 – Friday 2nd

Year 1/2 Kids Car Ed incursion – Friday 16th

Book Week dress up and rotations – Friday 23rd

Art Show – Thursday 29th



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.



NO NUTS SCHOOL VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

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.

Purple Folders

Please remember to check the Purple Communication Folder every day and remove notices as they arrive. This ensures that you are always up-to-date with current school events and aware of any permission notes that must be returned. Purple folders must be brought to school every day.



Tissues

We would appreciate your donation of a tissue box for the class. Many thanks to the families who have already done so.

Labels

Please label ALL of your children's clothing and containers.

Homework

Number facts should continue to be practised each night, and the sheets must be brought to school every Friday. The reading and spelling of the sight vocabulary in the reader covers should also be practised on a regular basis.



Reading



This term will see a continued focus on the teaching of specific reading strategies in order to improve levels of comprehension. There will be a focus on making inferences, making text-to-self, text-to-text and text-to-world connections and visualising. It is vital that the children read daily at home and are encouraged for their efforts. We would also like to encourage all families to visit their local library and borrow books regularly to support literacy development.

STEM

In Term 3 students will be exploring the topic 'Push and Pull' and Transport. Students will be exposed to the processes of push and pull and will be constructing their own transport to demonstrate the concepts and skills learnt throughout the term. There will be a note going home for the collection of cardboard containers and plastic bottle tops. **Students will prepare for and rehearse their talks at school this term; they will present their transport creation to the class towards the end of term.**



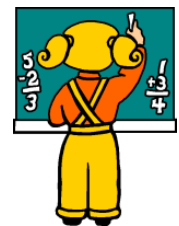
Writing



Students will continue to develop their knowledge of the '6+1 Traits of Writing' through the Writer's Workshop. Students will be writing a fiction text and poetry by using the writing process (planning, drafting, revising, editing and publishing.)

Mathematics

This term we will cover a range of topics in Mathematics. Some of the topics will include money, time, calendar, mass, 3D shapes, transformation (flip, slide and turn), multiplication, division, fractions and graphs.



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 if you would like to assist. We couldn't run the program without your support.

Grade 2 children will be involved in Sport during this time.

Play is the Way

Children will continue exploring our program '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.



Grade 1/2M Term 3 Timetable

Monday	LOTE	2:45 – 3.30
Tuesday	Music	9:30-10:15
	PE	12:15-1:00
Wednesday	ART	2:00-2:45
Thursday (Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10)	PMP	2.45 – 3.30
Friday	LIBRARY	11:30-12:15

