

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Welcome to Paidi McNamee (Mooney)



Congratulations to Ms Mooney and her partner Steve on the arrival of a little boy, Paidi (Pawdee in Gaelic) Martin McNamee.

Paidi was eager to join the world and arrived about a month early.

We will send home some photos when available.

Mrs Julia Hutchinson will be the replacement teacher on 1/2D from Monday 11th November.

### Mrs Marikar - Maternity Leave

Mrs Marikar will begin Maternity Leave on Tuesday 12th November.

Mrs Marikar will be replaced by Mrs Kellie Williams who will be returning to school after taking leave throughout the year.

We wish Mrs Marikar all the best during her leave.

### School Christmas Concert

A whole school Christmas Concert has been schedule for Thursday 12th December.

The concert will start at 6.00pm and conclude at around 7.15pm.

Mr Wells will spend the term teaching students songs in preparation for the evening.

The school Rock Band will accompany all year levels; something that should be spectacular!

Students will sit with their classroom teachers during the concert.

We would encourage you to:

- \* Pack a picnic rug or camping chairs
- \* Bring some dinner and beverages - a BBQ will be available with soft drinks
- \* Purchase hamper tickets
- \* Dress in your festive colours
- \* Join in and have some fun celebrating the end of the 2019 year



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## EXCITING NEWS

### School Council approval installation of Synthetic Grass

School Council has approved the installation of new synthetic grass on the netball court (quadrangle where students line up) and the 4 square courts (where the Year 1/2 students line up).

School Council has committed \$45 000 toward the project. This figure has been topped up with money raised from the PACC and money from the Voluntary Building and Grounds Fund.

The Voluntary Building and Grounds Fund was set up for new fencing in 2019 on the Elder Street oval eastern fence, but thanks to a DET grant, we managed to complete the fencing.

Installation is planned for Monday 25th November and will take 5 days.

During this time we anticipate some minor inconvenience.

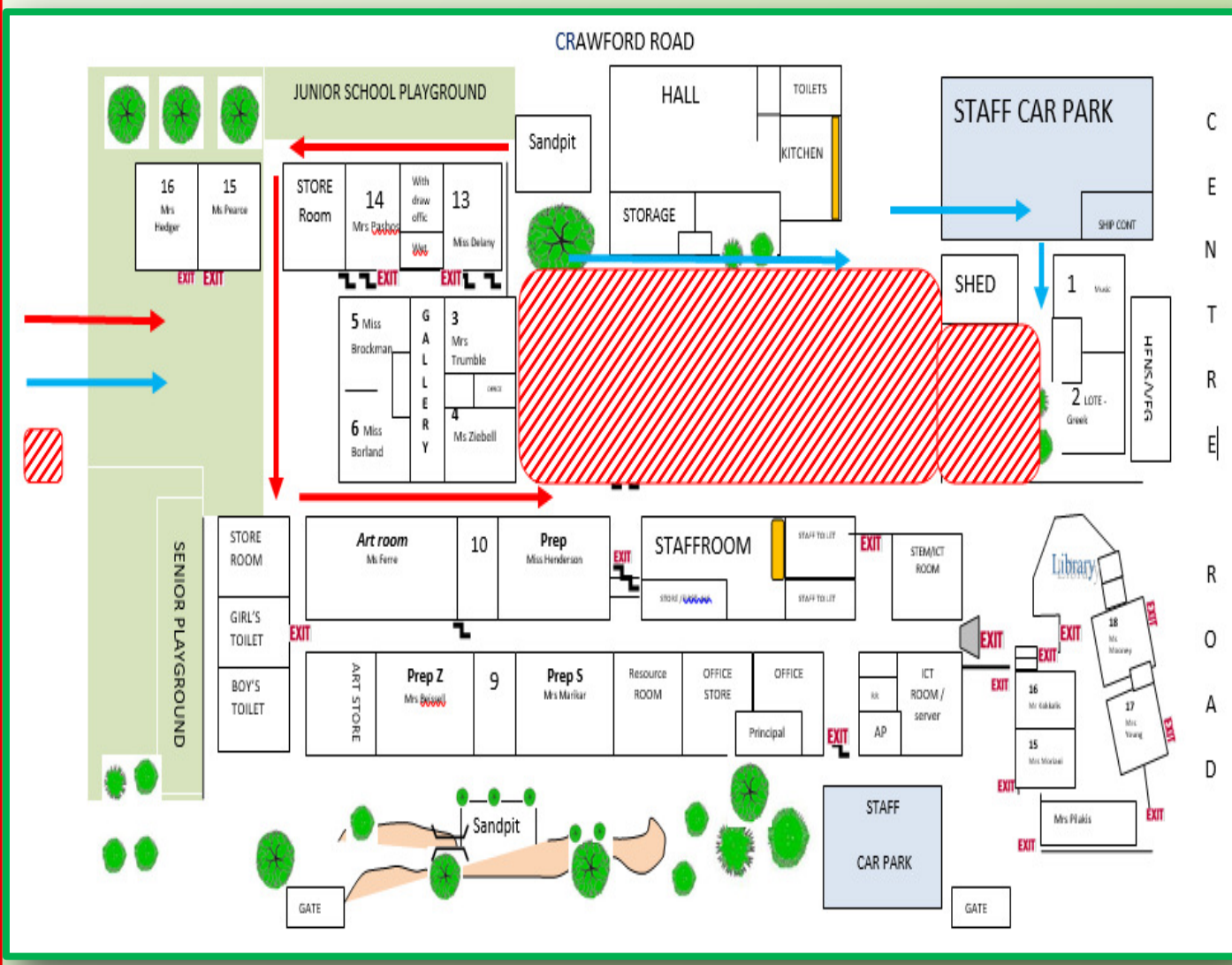
The map below outlines the affected area and how you can access the school grounds.

We apologise for the short term pain but we can only anticipate the long term gain!

**Red arrows** = student and pedestrian access.

**Blue arrows** = student and teacher access to Music and LOTE (car park to be closed and barricaded)

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### Emergency Management Practice Drill – Lock Down

This year, staff and students have participated in 3 drills including 2 evacuations and a lock down. The school will conduct its final Practice Drill on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

### Grade Six Graduation

Preparations have begun for our Grade six Graduation on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Information will be sent home on a regular basis and your children will be kept informed of developments as they occur.

The year six students are also preparing for the next phase of their education.

It is an exciting time for them with many changes occurring as they progress through to Secondary College. Discuss the transition with your child in a positive way to ensure that the transition is a smooth one.

Should you have any concerns please speak to your child's teacher at the school.



### Is Your Child Starting Secondary School Next Year?

Parents of our grade 6 students will tell you that it doesn't seem that long ago that their child was starting school. The primary years seem to fly by and our grade sixes are already two weeks into their final term of primary school.

Secondary school can be a daunting thought for not only our students but parents as well. There are many questions, which I'm sure you have, which are not fully answered at information nights and orientation days.

The Department of Education and Training have developed an informative site, which provides hints and tips on how to support your child through the transition to secondary school. The site is <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/tips-starting-school.aspx>

### First Aid Training



All of our teaching staff and some Education Support staff will participate in First Aid training on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Staff will complete CPR, Asthma management, Anaphylaxis and Level 2 First Aid. Staff undertake this training to support and assist students at Camps, Excursions, Sports Days and First Aid Duty.

I would like to thank the staff for giving up their time after school to complete the training.

### Classroom Planning for 2020

Thank you to the parents who took the time to share information with me recently, regarding their child's class/group placement for next year.

I was impressed with how well each submission had been presented and that parents/guardians understood that the process of making grades up each year was complex, and that all children's needs must be carefully considered. As the process of setting up grades for next year has now commenced, letters can no longer be submitted.



I was really pleased to see that collectively, this process was not seen as an opportunity to choose particular teachers or write a list of 'my child's best friends that they just HAVE to be with'. This has occurred in different forms in the past, and doesn't help in setting up balanced, fair and productive classes across the whole school.

As staff continue with the thorough process of allocating children to class groups, many meetings occur and all children will be placed into a class group for next year, with at least one friend of their choosing.

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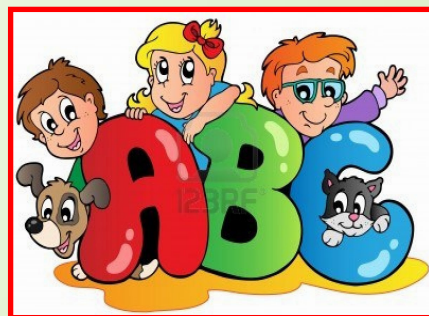
## 2020 Prep Transition

Welcoming new students and their families to Clarinda PS is always a great pleasure so I look forward to commencing Prep orientations each year.

Last Friday, a group of very excited and happy children came along for their first Prep orientation in preparation for 2020.

The session included activities in classrooms designed to familiarise children with our school environment. Children then transitioned into a session of PMP in the hall.

The orientation also coincided with an information session to introduce parents to our school and provide lots of information to support their child in starting prep.



Our next transition session is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, and this will coincide with a special Literacy information session for parents with Mrs Mackay.

## Parent Information Evening

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30 to 7.30pm in the school hall, where staff will discuss many important issues around starting school next year and preparing your child for the experience.

## World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day was another successful event co-ordinated by the Parent and Community Club.

The day is a great opportunity to acknowledge the collective contribution that our staff make to your child.

Staff were most appreciative of the generous and abundant variety of food offered for morning tea.

*Thank you parents/carers!*



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



## Remembrance Day – Change of Date

On Monday 11 November students and staff will commemorate Remembrance Day which is a significant day in Australia. Remembrance Day commemorates the noble sacrifices of armed forces and civilians during times of war.

At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, one minutes silence is observed across the country to mark the end of hostilities on the Western front during WW1 after four years of warfare.

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Donna	For pursuing her best by using strong Word Choice in her writing
	Di	For pursuing his best by using strong Word Choice in his story
Prep H	Donita	For pursuing her best by using strong Word Choice in her writing
	Natasha	For following the "Golden rule" by being kind to her peers
Prep M	Warif	For always being a sensible and kind member of Prep M
	Dylan	For following the "Golden Rule" and always being a kind friend
1/2D	Elina	For being sensible and always working towards her goals in Reading and Writing
1/2M	Victoria	For staying strong and making sensible choices
	Anushka	For being brave and participating with her fellow Rookie Reporters with a positive attitude!
1/2P	Kattleya	For working towards her goal in writing
	Ibrahim	For working towards her goal in reading
1/2Y	Johnny	For putting maximum effort into his writing goal
	William Z.	For showing care and concern for his classmates

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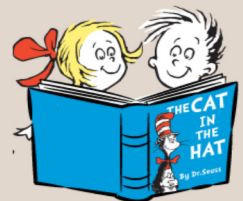
3/4D	Felicity	For being inclusive of others and a reliable, friendly peer
	Daniel	For showing great strength to behave in a sensible manner in the classroom
3/4T	Ishaan	For following the "Golden Rule" by always being a kind friend
	Alicia S.	For following the "Golden Rule" by always being a kind friend
3/4Z	Jamie	For not being distracted by others
	Emilia	For dealing with challenges in a positive way
5/6B	Paige	For always doing the right thing and being a positive role model to her peers
5/6J	Alexa	For showing bravery by reciting her poems at the Poetry Café with confidence and optimism
5/6P	Emmanuel	For the excellent word choice in your imaginative text
	Kaitlin	For always demonstrating the "Golden Rule" by treating others with kindness and respect

## BOOK CLUB

The last book club order form for 2019 has just been sent home—there are some great gift ideas in this issue

Please return all orders to school by  
25 November—Happy reading!

Carol McKinley.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 4 2019

Monday 7 October to Friday 20 December

November	Monday 11	Prep 2020 6.30—Parent Information Night
	Tuesday 12	7.00 School council meeting
	Thursday 14	Years 5 & 6 AFL Gala Day
	Friday 15	Prep 2020 Transition day 2
	Tuesday 19	Excursion Years 3 & 4 Cricket Gala Day @ Huntingdale
	Thursday 21	Incursion—Years 1 & 2 Mini beasts
	Friday 22	Incursion—Prep RACV
	Thursday 28	Excursion—Prep Woolworths
	Friday 29	Prep 2020 Transition day 3
December	Wednesday 4	Incursion—Prep Fire Ed.
	Friday 6	Excursion—Prep Melbourne Zoo
	Tuesday 10	Prep 2020 Transition day 4
	Thursday 12	Christmas Concert 6.00 to 7.00
	Friday 13	Junior School Athletics Carnival  Excursion—Years 5 & 6

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2019 - 2020

### TERM 4

Monday 7 October to Friday 20 December

### TERM 1—2020

Thursday 30 January to Friday 27 March

## FRUITY FRIDAY

Extra helpers are needed this term ~  
if you can spare half an hour on  
Friday morning at 9.00am your  
help would be very welcome.

Thank you Susie Trumble



**Hats are compulsory from the  
start of Term 4.**

**No hat = No play**

Our SunSmart policy states that  
hats need to be brought to school  
and worn in Term 4 at recess,  
lunchtime and during Physical  
Education/Sport.

Please re-visit the home routines  
and arrangements of your child/ren  
ensuring they have their hat at  
school every day from the start of  
Term 4 until the end of the year.

A reminder that caps and sun visors  
are not SunSmart approved hats.

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