

PREP NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We cannot quite believe it but here we are in Term 4, with only a few weeks left of the 2019 school year. We are so proud of every single one of our Preps, and the work and growth they have achieved. With the end of the school year fast approaching there is a lot of fun on the calendar, and a lot of learning to celebrate – don't forget to check out 'What's on in Term 4'!

Thank you for your continued support, and please speak to us if you have any questions!

Kind regards,

The Prep Team – Cheryl Marikar, Nicole Henderson, Erin Beissel and Anne Ziogos

What's on in Term 4?

- Wed 6th-Fri 8th Nov – Water Safety Program
- Friday 22nd November – RACV Incursion
Open to Learning, 3pm
- Thursday 28th November – Woolworths Excursion
- Wednesday 4th December – Fire Ed Incursion
- Friday 6th December – Melbourne Zoo Excursion
- Thursday 12th December – Christmas Concert
- Friday 13th December – Junior Athletics 9-11am
Prep End of Year Party
- Friday 20th December – Last Day of Term 4
12:45 assembly
1:30pm end of school



Congratulations to the Prep students who attended the Poetry Café on Thursday 17th October. What an amazing night, seeing those fabulous prep students reciting poems they wrote themselves.

A big thank you to the families who attended the night to support our budding poets!

Huge thanks as always to the parents who support our prep programs by volunteering for **Reading Circles** each morning, or **PMP** each Thursday afternoon. We couldn't run all our programs without your support!



8:50am start time

Please remember to arrive on time. As you can appreciate our days are very busy and the day is timetabled to maximise teaching and learning time. The first bell rings at **8:50am**, and this is the start of our day.



Purple Folders

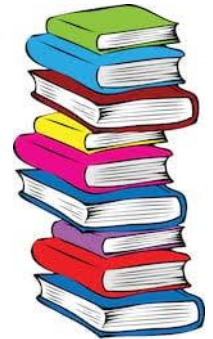
Please continue to check and empty the Purple Communication Folder each night and return to school each morning.

Don't forget that you are able to communicate with your child's teacher by sending a **message on ClassDojo** or **planning a time to meet** with your child's teacher. Also, a reminder that student absences from school must be reported directly to the school office (call 9544 3231) not sent via ClassDojo.

At home reading

Please continue to hear your child **read their take home book and practise the Magic 100 Words every night**. It is also important to revise the Magic Words that have already been learnt to ensure they are retained.

Just a reminder that your children can be tested once per week, when they bring their folder to school, but will be tested a minimum of once per fortnight.



Strategies your child can use to help them read new words are:

Eagle Eye (picture clues), **Lips the Fish** (look at the first sound of the word), **Stretchy Snake** (stretch and blend the sounds), **Chunky Monkey** (break big words up into smaller chunks).

It is also great to ask your child to **retell** the story after they read each day, trying to include as much detail as they can in order.

PLAY IS THE WAY

We have now learnt all of the key Life Rafts of our behaviour education program, and will continue to reflect on them throughout the term. The core Life Rafts are:

REMINDERS

Please bring a **box of tissues** to share with your classroom for Term 4.



No nuts are allowed at school. As we have children and staff at Clarinda who are highly allergic to peanuts (anaphylactic) and other nuts, we strongly recommend no nuts including all spreads such as **Nutella** and **Peanut butter** 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 also talk to your children about not sharing food with others when at school.



Hats

We are a SunSmart school, and every child is required to wear a sun smart (wide brimmed) navy school hat every day at school for outside play and PE lessons.

No Hat =

No Play



Treat others as you would like them to treat you

Be brave – participate to progress

Pursue your personal best, no matter who you work with

Have reasons for the things you say and do

It takes great strength to be sensible