

1/2P Newsletter

Welcome Back!



We hope you have all had a relaxing summer break and we warmly welcome you back to the 2020 school year. Please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions about the information in this newsletter or if you have any concerns throughout the year.

Kind Regards,

Effie Pilakis, Theo Kokkalis, Jo Moriani, Pam Pashos & Sophie Loveday

Attendance

Our school day begins at 8.50am, so it is vital that your child arrives to class on time. All student absences must be documented in the class roll, so if your child is sick, please phone the school on the morning of the absence. *Please **do not** use Class Dojo to notify staff of student absences.*

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. This year we are encouraging "wrapper-free" days, EVERYDAY, with the focus on fresh rather than packaged food.



If you would like to know more about our learning, please visit our building and look for this display.



Important Dates

February

Readers to go home on - 17th

Reading Circles commence - 18th

Parent Teacher Interviews - 17th

Open To Learning - 21st (Parents are invited to visit their child's classroom)

Grade 1/2 Waste Ed incursion - 27th

March

Labour Day - 9th

Curriculum Day - 10th

National Ride to School Day - 13th

Harmony Night - 13th

Grade 1/2 Healthy Snack Incursion - 20th

End of Term Assembly - 27th



Purple Folders

In your children's bags, you will have already seen the purple Communication Folders. These folders contain all the important information that is sent home to parents. It is necessary for you to check these folders on a daily basis so that the notices from school are dealt with promptly.

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.

Tissues

We would appreciate your donation of a tissue box for the class.



Reading and Comprehension

It is vital that the children read daily at home and are encouraged for their efforts.

Remember to ask them to retell the story after they read to develop their comprehension skills. Please regularly practise reading and the spelling of the words from the list inside the reader covers!

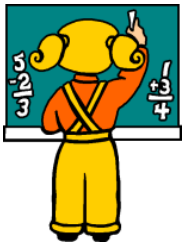
Inquiry Unit

This term students will learn about the similarities and differences in family life by comparing the present with the past. This topic will commence later this term.

Science

Our topic for Science this term is 'Up, Down and All Around.' The focus of this topic explores the ways that the sky and garden change over time.

Mathematics

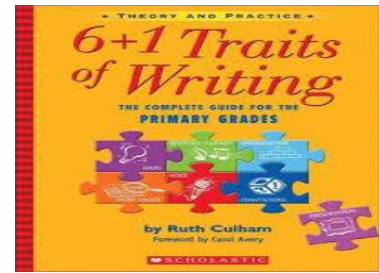


This term we will explore several concepts including counting by ones, twos, fives and tens, place value, addition, o'clock and half past time, length, 2D shapes and picture graphs.



Writing

This term, the students will develop their knowledge of the '6+1 Traits of Writing' through the Writer's Workshop. We will be writing a variety of text types with a focus on recounts and narratives.



Homework

Number facts should continue to be practised each night, and the homework sheets must be brought to school every Friday. The sight vocabulary inside the reader covers should also be practised on a regular basis. Homework will commence as follows:

Maths – Grade 2 Monday 10th February

Spelling – Grade 2 Monday 17th February

Spelling - Grade 1 Monday 24th February

Maths – Grade 1 Monday 2nd March

PMP

Grade 1 children will be involved in the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) every second Thursday (commencement date will be Thursday 20th February at 2.45pm). 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. It is possible to apply for it before the Program begins and it is free of charge. Please see us if you would like more information. 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 explore 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.

1/2P Term 1 Timetable

Monday	Library
Tuesday	Art LOTE
Wednesday	Music P.E
Thursday	PMP 2:45pm – 3:30pm (Every second week from 20 th February)
Friday	



