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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends,

What a big year it has been yet again at Clarinda Primary School. The 2020 school year is coming to a close and Christmas is just around the corner. It has been a year like no other and collectively we need to take stock and reflect on what has been achieved this year. The 'unknowns' of this year made planning hard and we have become increasingly flexible and adaptable.

This year more than ever the partnership between home and school has been so vital in providing educational opportunities to our students. You have been placed in a position that you and we never expected to ever be in and together we have got through this with a range of new skills. I thank you for all of your efforts in supporting the students throughout the year and also for your support of the school as we have navigated through the year.

We would also like to thank the wonderful staff. The challenge of educating our students is something which we take seriously and the passion that our staff have to make a difference to each and every student is inspiring. This year they have delivered something that none of us could have imagined at the beginning of the year and I know that they are proud of what the students have achieved this year.

Our goal remains to ensure that all of our students are achieving their best possible outcomes and we have already started working towards 2021, with class to class transition completing on Monday. Early in the new school year, we will offer our 'Getting to Know You Interviews' where parents and teachers can discuss their goals for the year ahead. Given the success of this year's WebEx interviews, we will most likely offer both an online and an in person option next year.

Farewell to the Class of 2020!

Our 2020 Year Six students are now in their final week of primary school next week. It is an exciting time for any young person to move from the sanctuary of their primary school and take the challenge of entering secondary school. We would like to wish them all a very fond farewell from Clarinda Primary School.

This year, unlike any other, has meant that they have missed out on far too many milestones, but we are so proud of their resilience and their recognition that the sacrifice was for the greater good. We know our school has provided these students with the skills and confidence to take on any challenge they face in the coming years.

I would also like to farewell all of the families that are departing Clarinda Primary School for a variety of reasons. We hope that wherever you go you will look back fondly at your time at CPS.



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Staffing announcements

We have great pleasure (touched with sadness) in announcing our Staff profile for 2021. This time of the year is always challenging for staff as they await for confirmed student enrolment numbers, contract extensions or retirements.

The following staff changes will take place at the end of the year:

Mrs Karen Mackay	- Retiring
Mrs Kerry Candy	- Retiring
Mrs Anne Hedger	- Retiring
Mrs Jeanette Irwing	- Retiring
Mrs Fiona Natsioulas	- Retiring
Mrs Vicky Hallowell	- Retiring
Ms Elley Borland	- Maternity Leave
Mrs Cristina Amalfitano	- End of Contract
Ms Dee Mooney	- Gr 5/6 (part time)
Mrs Cheryl Marikar	- Art (part time)
Ms Athena Vrahliotis	- Returning (Literacy support)
Ms Katelyn Joyce	- Assistant Principal

As you can see, we have many years of experience retiring at the end of the year. The careers of these staff will be celebrated at assembly and a special lunch on the final day of Term 4. School Council will make a small presentation to each retiree on behalf of the school community or feel free to acknowledge staff

I would like to welcome Cristina Amalfitano and Sarah Matti as Tutors for 2021. Mrs A and Mrs Matti will support students who have been severely impact by COVID-19.

More information will be available in 2021 with an outline of what the Tutoring model will look like for CPS.

Parent Survey – School Review

As part of the Self Evaluation process for our School Review, we would like to invite parents to a short survey about the school. Results from the survey will help generate a discussion about the future direction of the school.

The link for the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T3STMVG>

End of Year assembly

The End of Year assembly will be held on Friday, 18th December from **12:40pm-1:15pm** via WebEx. The link for the meeting is:

<https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/j.php?MTID=m2f8ccc1c031eafa194c2d978e27bfcca>

At the end of each school year we present our School Captain leadership roles.

This will be celebrated during the WebEx meeting. Parents have been notified by a Grades 5 & 6 teacher if their child is receiving a leadership position.

School Council – Thank You

Our final School Council meeting for 2020 was held on December 8th. I would like to express my sincere thanks to our School Council members for their commitment to our school. The time and effort dedicated to this role often goes unrecognised and whilst rewarding, can also be challenging.

At Clarinda Primary School, we are fortunate to have group of people led superbly by our School Council President, Mrs Victoria Koutsoubos.

Each of our councillors have performed a very important role to support our school purpose and in doing so has made an extremely valuable contribution to the educational outcomes of each of our students. The broad scope of work by School Council this year has included:

- communicating the broad direction and vision of the school within our community
- approving the annual budget and monitoring expenditure
- acquiring feedback from the school community to inform decision making
- developing, reviewing and updating school policies
- overseeing the maintenance of the school's grounds and facilities
- reporting annually to the school community and to the DET
- creating interest in our school in the wider community
- enhancing communication within our school community
- outsourcing the OSHC program
- working through policies and ensuring we are strictly adhering to its principles

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End of term dismissal and bell times for Friday, 18th December

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| ◇ 9.00am – 11.00am | - Students in their classroom |
| ◇ 11.00am – 11:30am | - Recess time |
| ◇ 11:30am – 12:40pm | - Students will be in their classrooms |
| ◇ 12:40pm – 1:15pm | - Assembly via WebEx |
| ◇ 1:20pm – 1:25pm | - Farewell to Grade 6 students on the netball court |
| ◇ 1:25pm | - All students back to their class |

Classes for all students will conclude at 1.30pm

As per COVID -19 protocols, students must be collected by parents and guardians at 1:30 and with parents on site for no longer than 15 minutes.

Teachers will be on Yard Duty until 1.45pm.

The Kingston Council (OSHC) Program will commence from 1.30pm on this day.

School Report

- Sent home Thursday 17th December via COMPASS

Final Assembly

- Friday 18th December @ 12:40pm via WebEx

School Dismissal

- Friday 18th December @ 1:30pm

School Resumes

- Thursday 28th January (Grades 1-6)
- Monday 1st February (Prep)

Have a wonderful holiday!

We would like to wish all students, parents and staff a wonderful Christmas and holiday season with their families. We would like to thank everyone who works so hard to make Clarinda Primary School such a fantastic school.

We appreciate the opportunity to work alongside you in your efforts to continue building schools that are great places to work and that make a real difference to students' learning outcomes. We look forward to this continuing in 2021.

If you and your family use our school grounds during the holidays and see any suspicious activity, please call DET Emergency Management 9589 6266 or 000.

See you in 2021

Robbie Mallett
Principal

From the School Council President

What a year! I am just like the rest of the world, cannot wait to see the back of 2020!

Having said that, I take huge pride with just how well we as a community has dealt with all the challenges and tribulations. No better example are the educators, staff and students of our school. The hard work out in by everyone has well and truly paid off – our children are flourishing – they are working hard and achieving their own goals. They are more independent and resilient.

The end of the school year is bittersweet this year however – some of our longest serving staff and educators are retiring and moving on. Their contribution to CPS cannot be easily measured and I would like to pay tribute to their work, dedication and love.

I am however very excited to welcome Ms Katelyn Joyce as the new Assistant Principal – welcome to the CPS family!

I would like to thank Mr Mallet and Mrs Mackay for their incredible work on getting our new building into fruition. To have our Preps already in their new is an amazing achievement.

I would like to thank all the parents for their work this year – it hasn't been easy to juggle everything!!

I would like to wish everyone to have a safe and an enjoyable holiday break and see you all in 2021!

Victoria Koutsoubos



DOLLARMITE BANKING 2021

From Term 1, 2021 the Victorian Government has ceased school banking programs in Victorian government schools.

As a result, the CommBank School Banking program will no longer operate at our school after the end of this term. If you are unsure of other methods of depositing to your child's account, please feel free to contact the Bank's general enquiries hotline on 13 2221 or alternatively visit your local CommBank branch.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep W	Wanyi	For being helpful to her classmates.
	Thong	For trying hard to do his personal best.
	Lasya	For following the classroom rules.
Prep Y	Maggie	For using reading strategies to decode new words
	Vasiliki	For working hard in writing to publish numerous books this term
	Mirabelle	For working hard in writing to publish numerous books this term
	Aaron	For working hard in writing to publish numerous books this term
Prep D	Ioanna	For her positive attitude towards learning and always trying her personal best
	Michael	For publishing his narrative by drawing pictures to match each page
1/2M	Victor	For trying his best when working independently and with others
	Max	For having a positive attitude and trying his best in all his work
1/2P	Filip	For detailed reading responses in his Reader's Notebook
	Evi	For her great word choice in her writing
3/4D	Konstantinos	For being a kind and caring friend and always putting a smile on everyone's face
	Kevin	For working hard to create an interesting and engaging picture story book



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3/4Z	Mia	For bettering yourself by being able to work with others
	Nitin	For bettering yourself by being able to work with others
	Wilson	For seeking to understand people who are different to you
3/4K	Sarah	For having a positive attitude towards learning and always trying her very best!
	Jainil	For showing good sportsmanship while playing outside
3/4H	Lavinia	For demonstrating persistence when faced with challenges
	Lucas	For striving to always do your best work.
	Antonio	Demonstrating the Golden Rule by using his manners when talking to his peers
	Matthew	For always pursuing his personal best
	Angelina	For pursuing her personal best and showing kindness to her classmates
	Andy	For always displaying a friendly attitude in the classroom
	Jamie	Showing courage by never giving up with reading his story
	Madhu	For her enthusiasm and persistence in her learning.
	Lexi	For being a strong friend and helpful member of 3/4A
	Brody	Participating more in group discussions
5/6E	Victoria K	For always being willing to help her classmates and her teachers
5/6S	Kat	For always being a friendly and polite class member.
	Mehran	For using his initiative to make the right choices and being a helpful class member to all

Athletics Champion

Congratulations to Filip in 1/2P for achieving Runners Up in his age group at the Oakleigh Little Athletics Club for 2019/20!

Filip is an inspiration to all of our students, especially those in Grades 3-6 who will be learning all of the athletics events in Term 1 in preparation for our District competition later next year.

Well done, Filip!



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4 2020

Monday 5th October to Friday 18 December

	Thursday 17	Reports home via Compass
	Friday 18	Last day term 4 12.40 ~ Assembly via Webex 1.30 ~ Students dismissed
January 2021	Thursday 28	School Resumes Years 1 to 6
February	Monday 1st	School Begins Prep

TERM DATES

TERM 4

Monday 5 October to Friday 18 December

TERM 1 2021

Thursday 28 January to Thursday 1st April



Beat school holiday boredom

School holidays are a great chance for families to relax, take some time out from their busy schedules, and enjoy some extra time together – if working commitments allow. But they can also bring that dreaded refrain, "I'm bored". Here are some boredom busting techniques.

BORED

When children use this word – use this acronym and ask them to do each letter of their' BORED' list and then report back to you.

- Been creative?
- Outside play?
- Read a book?
- Exercised for 10 minutes?
- Done something helpful?

2. Have a 'fridge list'

This is the list posted on the fridge that has at least 10 good ideas for your children to do when they don't know what to do. Things like; Lego, Pleistocene modeling, chalk murals, card games, trampoline, construction work, puzzles, drawing, craft or baking.

3. Listen before you solve

Instead of interpreting "I'm bored" literally- parents can just agree with children and listen patiently to their feelings. Being bored is okay, it won't damage children and a cuddle and a listening ear, is often all that is needed. Parents need to resist the temptation to growl, advise, remind or lecture. Just listen and nod.

4. The boredom jar

When your children aren't feeling tired, or grumpy or bored, get them to write on a piece of paper the kinds of things they like to do – have a treasure hunt outside, make cupcakes, script and film a short movie – all the ideas go in a jar, then when the dreaded 'I'm bored' words come up, they pick something out of the jar. They can't say the ideas are boring, because they came up with them.

5. Develop children's imagination and resourcefulness

Fewer and less sophisticated toys develop greater creativity in children. For instance, when a child doesn't have a 'shop bought item' like a pretend oven, use a cardboard box, some milk tops and make your very own. The valuable lesson you impart to a child, is that you can create your own fun and you don't always need to buy the 'right' equipment. Limit how many toys are out at once as children play better with less clutter. Invent stories as well as reading books. Children develop a great imagination when they are required to create their own pictures in their mind. It all helps towards solving the boredom issue.

ENJOY

ENJOY SCHOOL OF DANCE

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE CLASSES INCLUDE:

JANUARY 11

Ages

3-4: 9am-12pm

5-7: 1pm-4pm

*Children must be toilet trained

JANUARY 12

Ages

8-10: 9am-12pm

11-14: 1pm-4pm

JANUARY 13

Ages

15-18: 1pm-4pm

18+: 6:30-9pm

Dance styles include Jazz, Hip
Hop, Ballet, Contemporary,
Musical Theatre.

ENJOY CHURCH

610 Heatherton Road, Clayton South <https://s.surveyplanet.com/W-2ZhyZs9N>

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STUDENTS MUST REGISTER
ONLINE:



Noble Park Football Club Juniors

COVID 19



SAFE

Kick Goals in 2021

Yes

AFL Junior Footy is

Back

Come and play

Boy's & Girls

Fielding teams in

all age groups

Ages from

5 - 17

FREE FEES

for new players



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