

1/2 Newsletter

Welcome Back!



We hope you have all had a relaxing summer break and we warmly welcome you back to the 2021 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.



Important Dates



February

Readers to go home on

March

Grade 1/2 Mindful Monkey Incursion –
4th & 5th

Labour Day - 8th

Harmony Night –TBC

April - Whole school assembly – 1st

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!

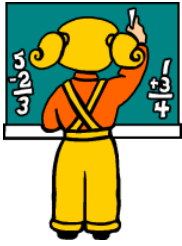
Inquiry Unit

This term students will focus on 'Getting to know me, Getting to know you.' The students will celebrate their individuality while exploring the similarities and differences between themselves and others. This unit builds those important beginning of the year skills and a sense of family in the classroom.

Science

Our topic for Science this term is 'Bend it, stretch it, (chemical sciences).' The focus of this topic explores physical changes to objects and how everyday materials can be physically changed in a variety of ways.



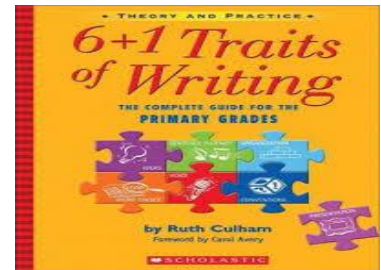


Mathematics

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 8th February

Spelling – Grade 2 Monday 22nd February

Spelling - Grade 1 Monday 22nd February

Maths – Grade 1 Monday 1st March

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.

