

1/2 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 2!

We are looking forward to another busy and eventful term filled with lots of learning!

Mid-year assessments will be conducted throughout Term 2, therefore, if your child is going to be absent for more than 2-3 days, please let us know so that alternative arrangements can be organised.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards,

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

Tissues

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



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. The school continues to encourage “wrapper- free” days on Wednesdays, with the focus on fresh rather than packaged food.



Important Dates

April

Start of Term 2- 19th

School Photos – 21st

Curriculum Day – 26th

Grade 1 PMP / Grade 2 Sport – 29th

May

Year 1/2 Science webinar- 7th

Grade 1 PMP / Grade 2 Sport - 13th

Life Education Van – 17th – 25th

Open Night – 18th

Grade 1 PMP / Grade 2 Sport – 27th

June

Grade 1/2 Incursion Brickworks STEM – 3rd

Curriculum Day – 4th

Grade 1 PMP / Grade 2 Sport – 10th

Queen's Birthday- 14th

Responsible Pet Ownership – 17th

Reports on COMPASS - 18th

Parent Teacher Interviews – 21st and 22nd

Last Day of Term- 25th



VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

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.

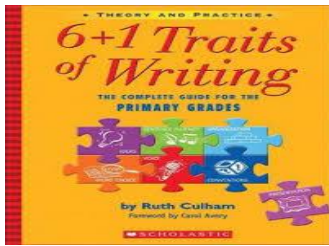
Reading and Comprehension

This term will see a continued focus on the teaching of specific reading strategies, such as visualising, predicting, author's purpose, summarising, and identifying the main idea and supporting details, in order to improve the children's levels of comprehension. We will also continue to focus on choosing just right books.



It is vital that the children read daily at home and are encouraged for their efforts. Please continue to regularly practise reading or spelling the words from the list inside the reader covers! All the students are doing a fantastic job with their word lists and it is wonderful to see the great progress they are making.



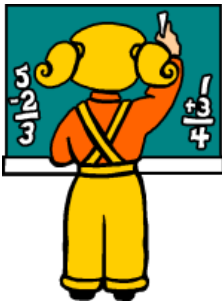


Writing

During Term 2, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of the '6+1 Traits of Writing' through the Writer's Workshop. They will be linking purpose of audience and text type. Also, the children will be writing several text types including a non-fiction text by using the Writing Process (planning, drafting, revising, editing and publishing).

Science

Our topic for Science this term is 'Water Works' (Earth and Space Sciences). The focus of this topic is to discuss the uses of water, the water cycle and the different forms of water (liquid, solid and gas). Students will present a talk on this topic to their classmates. Details will be sent home later in the term.



Mathematics

This term we will cover a range of topics in mathematics. Some of topics will include subtraction, addition, money, 3 dimensional shapes, place value, fraction, time and probability. It is vital the students revisit these topics throughout the year as they need to consolidate on their learning.

Homework

Number facts should continue to be practised each night, and the sheets must be brought to school every Friday. The sight vocabulary (reading and spelling) inside the reader covers should also be practised on a regular basis.



PMP and Sport

Grade 1 children will be involved in the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP). 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. 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 be involved in our program called '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. Our key concepts this term include Be Brave: Participate to Progress and Pursue your Personal Best no matter who you work with.

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.***

