

1/2 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Term 3 has begun and we are looking forward to a full term's work. Thank you parents and students for all your efforts during Remote Learning! We are excited to be back at school this week!



We have lots of things happening this term including the Grade 1 Disco and Dinner, Grade 2 Disco, Dinner and Sleepover, our Art show and our Brickworks incursion.

If you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to contact us.



Kind Regards,

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and Theo Kokkalis





Important Dates

July

Little Scribe's Writing Festival- 26th-
30th

Brickworks Incursion (TBC)

September

**Grade 1 Disco and Dinner (More information to
come soon) – Friday 10th**

**Grade 2 Dinner, Disco and Sleepover (More
information to come soon) – Friday 10th**

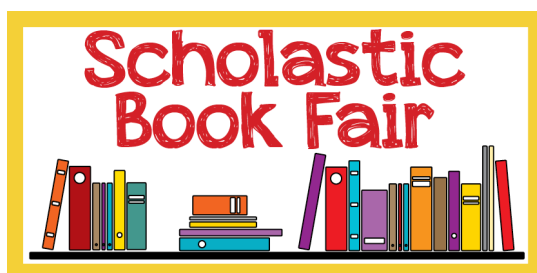
End of Term 3- Friday 17th 2:30 pm Early Finish

August

Scholastic Book Fair- Monday 23rd

Book Week Performance – Tuesday 31st

Art Show – Wednesday, 25th



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.



NO NUTS SCHOOL VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

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.

Purple Folders

Please remember to check the Purple Communication Folder every day and remove notices as they arrive. This ensures that you are always up-to-date with current school events and aware of any permission notes that must be returned. Purple folders must be brought to school every day.



Tissues

We would appreciate your donation of a tissue box for the class. Many thanks to the families who have already done so.

Labels

Please label ALL of your children's clothing and containers.

Homework

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



Reading



This term will see a continued focus on the teaching of specific reading strategies in order to improve levels of comprehension. There will be a focus on Author's Purpose (Persuade, Inform & Entertain) and making text-to-self and text-to-text connections.

Furthermore, the children will be immersed in our Poetry Unit. They will be reading and writing various poems that include acrostic, shape, cinquain and free verse/rhyme.

It is vital that the children read daily at home and are encouraged for their efforts. We would also like to encourage all families to visit their local library and borrow books regularly to support literacy development.

STEM

In Term 3 students will be exploring the topic 'Push and Pull' and 'Transport'.

Students will be exposed to the processes of push and pull and will be constructing their own transport to demonstrate the concepts and skills learnt throughout the term. There will be a note going home for the collection of cardboard containers and plastic bottle tops. **Students will prepare for and rehearse their talks at school this term; they will present their transport creation to the class towards the end of term.**



Writing



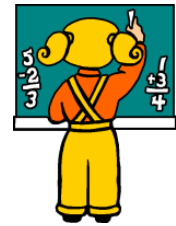
The Grade 1s and 2s have been very fortunate to take part in the Little Scribe's Writing Festival. They have been listening and working with authors and learning how to improve their writing.

Students will continue to develop their knowledge of the '6+1 Traits of Writing' through the Writer's Workshop. Students will be writing a fiction text and poetry by using the writing process (planning, drafting, revising, editing and publishing.)



Mathematics

This term we will cover a range of topics in Mathematics. Some of the topics will include money, time, calendar, mass, 3D shapes, transformation (flip, slide and turn), multiplication, division, fractions and graphs.



PMP

Grade 1 children will be involved in the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) every other Thursday. 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 if you would like to assist. We couldn't run the program without your support.



Grade 2 children will be involved in Sport during this time.

However, due to current restrictions, this is to be confirmed.

Play is the Way

Children will continue exploring 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.

