

Prep Newsletter

Term 1, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Clarinda Primary and our first term of the year! Each term we will send home a Prep Newsletter outlining events and any changes to our routines. There is a lot of information to digest so please ask your classroom teacher if you are unsure of anything.

It has been a busy start to the term and already your child has been introduced to early Reading, Writing and Maths activities in class. We have also taken your child on a school tour to assist them to become familiar with their new environment, meet all the staff and learn where facilities such as the Library and the office are located.

Dates to Remember

- After School Greek Wednesday 16th February (3:30pm-4:30pm).
- Monday 21st February: Preps Commence School Full Time
- Parent Teacher Interviews via WebEx: Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd February.
- 2023 Open Morning Saturday 5th March (10am-12noon).
- Colour Run Thursday 10th March (time TBC).
- Monday 14th March: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Harmony Day Thursday 31st March.
- Friday 8th April: Last Day of Term 1 – Assembly @1:45pm and Early dismissal @ 2:30pm
- Wednesday 27th April: First Day of Term 2



Morning Routine:

Our first school bell rings at **8:50am** each morning. At this time, you can bring your child to their classroom door on the decking area, but you must wear a mask. If you need to drop your child off earlier than 8:45am, please access the Before School Care service as it is important that your child is adequately supervised. Unfortunately, at the moment, no parents/guardians can enter any buildings but this will be reviewed at the end of February.

Afternoon Routine:

Please remember to refrain from entering the Prep building and decking area in the afternoons. It is important that you wait outside the Prep building, near the white line off the decking area during the afternoon pick up. This area becomes too noisy, overwhelming and congested if parents wait on the decking or inside the building. Please encourage your child to raise their hand up high when they see you so they can be dismissed quickly and safely.

Brainy Bites: Brainy Bites are fruit or vegetable snacks that children may eat in class. Ideally the fruit or vegetable snacks should be **bite size** and easy to eat, to enable your child to continue with their work, for example cut up apple, strawberries, carrot etc. Please send Brainy Bites in a **small, separate container** with your child's name and grade on it.

Parent Teacher Interviews: These will be 'getting to know you' interviews on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd February and we look forward to learning more about your child and their family. Please ensure you book a time on Compass. We will be using WebEx to conduct these interviews remotely.

Health & Hygiene: We ask all children to bring along one box of tissues every term to share with the class, however, please keep your child at home when unwell.

Purple Communication Folders: As you are now aware, the children are bringing home a Purple Communication Folder. We will send home all notices inside this and expect notices to be returned via the Purple Folder too. Please ensure that you empty the Purple Folder each night, and send it to school the next day with any completed notices, forms or payments

inside. Any money should be sent in a named envelope. This helps to minimise any confusion or loss of money.

No NUTS at school: As we have students and staff who are severely allergic (anaphylactic) to peanuts and other nuts, we strongly recommend that you do not pack any nuts in your child's lunch. This includes spreads, such as Nutella and Peanut Butter, and any other products that may contain nuts. We appreciate your assistance with keeping our school a safe place for these students. Please also talk to your children about not sharing any food.



Hats: The children are required to wear navy school hats in Terms 1 and 4 as part of our SunSmart Policy. Any child without a hat will be required to sit in the shaded area during outside play times. 'No hat, no play' is our school policy.

Library: Library books can be borrowed each week and the children will bring home their book in their library bag. Please take time to read the book with your child. All books must be returned to school in the library bag by your child's library day. If you haven't yet provided a library bag for your child, please do so as soon as possible. Children without library bags will be unable to borrow. Please be aware that lost books will incur a \$20 replacement fee.

ClassDojo:

All families will have received an invitation to join your child's ClassDojo. This is a free app that we will use to share photos, updates and reminders of what is happening in Prep. We encourage all families to join their child's class on ClassDojo as we find that it is a wonderful communication tool between teachers and families, however, please be aware any urgent matters or absences from school should be communicated in person or via the office.

It has been lovely meeting you all in recent weeks and we are happy to clarify any of the information in this newsletter if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support,
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