

# 1/2 Newsletter

## Welcome to Term 2!



We hope you have all had a relaxing break and we welcome you back to Term 2 of the 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 term.

Kind Regards,

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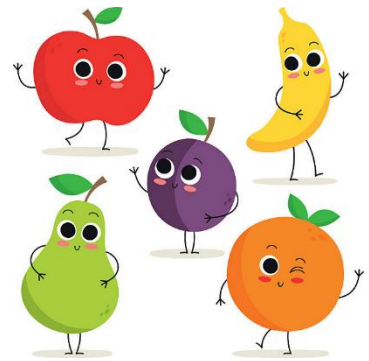
### Attendance

Our school day begins at 8.50am, so it is vital that your child arrives at class on time. All student absences must be documented in the class roll, so if your child is sick, please phone the school or record it on Compass 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 food rather than packaged food.



## Important Dates

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b> – ANZAC Day Public Holiday <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b> – Dental Van Visit	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> – School Photos <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b> – Curriculum Day	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b> – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b> – Melbourne Museum Excursion <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> – Parent/Teacher Interviews <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b> – Last day of term

### Purple 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!



## SCIENCE

Our topic for Science this term is 'Dinosaurs and more (Biological Sciences)'. Students will draw and annotate what dinosaurs might have looked like. They will observe and discuss teeth types and which teeth are used to bite and chew. Towards the end of the term there will be an excursion to the Melbourne Museum.



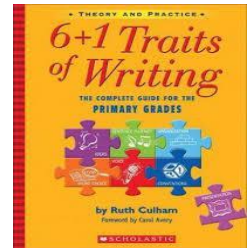


## Mathematics

This term we will explore several concepts including time and calendar, statistics and probability and fractions.

## Writing

This term, the students will extend their knowledge of the '6+1 Traits of Writing' through the Writer's Workshop. We will be using a log to ensure a range of different text types are used and create published pieces of writing, incorporating a non-fiction unit of writing.



## 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 Week 2.

## Play is the Way

Children will participate in 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.

