

1/2 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 3!



We hope you have all had a lovely break and we welcome you back to Term 3 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,

Effie Pilakis, Jo Moriani, Sophie Loveday & Pam Pashos

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

| AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
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| 8 TH – Pupil Free Day | 9 th – Grade 1&2 Disco |
| 23 rd – Book Week Parade & Performance | Grade 2 Sleepover |
| 22 nd – 26 th – Book Fair in Library all week | 9 th – Author Visit |



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 'Spot the Difference (Natural and Processed Materials)'. Students will investigate changes to different materials. They will predict the changes that can happen to everyday materials and the best way to manage things such as, food handling and cooking, construction and packaging.



Mathematics

This term we will explore several concepts including multiplication and division, statistics and probability and measurement.



Number Fluency at Clarinda Primary School

Number fluency is critical to student's success in Mathematics. Number fluency is the ability to understand the concept of numbers and then use this conceptual understanding to recall and apply number knowledge efficiently and accurately.

At Clarinda Primary School this term, we have introduced a whole school, systematic approach to building every students' number fluency. Each week students in all year levels will participate in the **Clarinda Calculators** program to further support their automatic recall of addition and subtraction facts as well as multiplication and division. The program is differentiated, meaning that students will participate at their own level, and progress through the levels at their own pace. Students will be encouraged to continually strive to beat the clock and reach the next level.

Make sure to ask your child how they are enjoying the Clarinda Calculators program!

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 visualising, inferring, identifying the genre, making text-to-text connections and identifying similarities and differences between texts through a focus on Poetry and Multi-genre Units.

Writing

This term, the students will extend their knowledge of the '6+1 Traits of Writing' through the Writer's Workshop. We will be exploring different forms of poetry and different genres of text. We will continue to use a log to ensure the students are writing a range of different forms of poetry and different text types.



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.

Wellbeing: Play is the Way and Respectful Relationships

Children will continue to 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.

