

Grade 1/2 Newsletter

2023 Term 1

Welcome Back!



We hope you have all had a relaxing summer break and we warmly welcome you back to the 2023 school year. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the information in this newsletter or if you have any concerns throughout the year.

Kind Regards,
Effie Pilakis, Jo Moriani, Pam Pashos & Theo Kokkalis

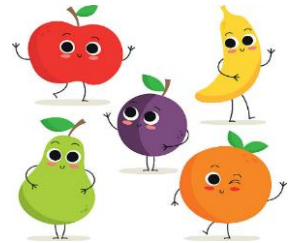
Attendance

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.

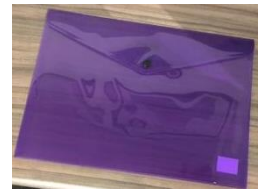


Important Dates

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Tuesday 21st - Getting to know you interviews	Monday 13th - Labour Day Holiday Tuesday 14th - Curriculum Day (Student Free Day) Thursday 16th - Colour Run	Wednesday 5th - Harmony Day Thursday 6th - Last day of term

Purple Folders

In your children's bags, you should have already seen the purple Communication 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 PLEASE

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.

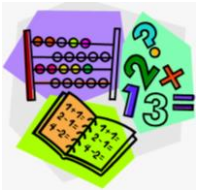
Reading

It is vital that the children read daily at home and are encouraged for their efforts. Remember to ask them to tell you about the book 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 'Bend it, Stretch it (Chemical Sciences).' The focus of this topic explores physical changes to objects and how everyday materials can be physically changed in a variety of ways.



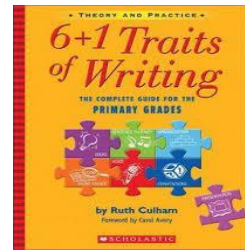
Mathematics

This term we will explore several concepts including place value, counting by ones, twos, fives and tens, addition, subtraction, probability, 2D and 3D shapes.



Writing

This term, the students will develop their knowledge of the '6+1 Traits of Writing' through the Writer's Workshop. We will be writing a variety of text types with a focus on recounts and narratives.



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 as follows:

Take home readers – **Grade 1 and 2** – 13th of February

Maths – **Grade 2** – 13th of February

Spelling – **Grade 1 and 2** – 20th of February

Maths – **Grade 1** – 6th of March

Wellbeing: Play is the Way and Respectful Relationships

Children will explore 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. In addition, we will also continue to engage in 'Respectful Relationships Education' which includes promoting respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. It teaches children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

