


DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1 Monday 30 January to
Thursday 6 April 2023

February Friday 17	Stepping Up (four year olds) begins
	Year 5 & 6 interschool sport v Sacred Heart (away)
Tuesday 21	Casual Dress Day Gold Coin Donation
Wednesday 22	Preps first Wednesday at school
Friday 24	Year 5 & 6 interschool sport v Mary Magdalene (home)
March Friday 3	Year 5 & 6 interschool sport v COHR (away)
Saturday 4	Prep Open Morning 10 to 12
Monday 13	Public Holiday
Tuesday 14	Curriculum Day Student free day

Curriculum Days -Student free days

A reminder that the 2023 Curriculum Days
are as follows:

Day 2 - March 14
(Professional development) day after Labour
Day.

Day 3 - April 24
(Professional development) day before
ANZAC Day.

Day 4 - November 6
(Assessment and Reporting) day before
Melbourne Cup Day.

Labour Day Public Holiday

Parents are reminded that there is a Labour
Day holiday on Monday 13th March.
There will be no school on this day.

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK
Senior Education Improvement Leader Visit

Tim Wilson, our Senior Education Improvement
Leader (SEIL) visited the school on Tuesday to
complete a termly visit.

During Tim's visit he completed a Learning Walk,
Observations and a Student Forum. This was a
great opportunity for myself, Miss Ziebell
(Numeracy Learning Specialist), Mrs Beissel
(Literacy learning Specialist) and Danny Hyndman
(Educational Consultant) to view the teaching and
learning in our school.

I had great pleasure 'showing off' our school to
Tim and Danny. Points of interest during the
morning included:

- ♦ The consistent Instructional Practice by
staff
- ♦ Student connectedness to their learning
- ♦ The smooth transition of our new Prep
students
- ♦ Stimulated working environments, and
- ♦ Outstanding behaviour and engagement

The group was certainly impressed by the level of
numeracy knowledge the Years 4/5/6 students
demonstrated during the Student Forum. They
clearly articulated the Instructional Model, how
they problem solve, the use of Clarinda Calculators
to improve number fluency and how they know
they are learning via Learning Intentions and
success Criteria.

I would like to congratulate all staff, students,
and parents/carers on your commitment to
supporting the school.

Parent Teacher Interviews ~

Tuesday 21st February

Please book via your Compass App.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK *continued from previous page***Lost Opportunities:**

Lateness and lost opportunities are a big focus for the Department of Education and our school this year, the accumulated absence or lateness does add up to significant lost learning time. Consider this:

- ♦ A student who is late by half an hour each day misses the equivalent of 16.6 days of learning each year.
- ♦ An 80% attendance rate is the equivalent of missing one day per week or 40 days of lost learning for the school year which could add up to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years from Prep - Year 12.
- ♦ 85% attendance equals 30 days of lost learning per year or 2 years from Prep - Year 12.
- ♦ 90% attendance equals 1 day per fortnight or 20 days per year equalling one year of absence from Prep - Year 12
- ♦ 95% attendance equals 10 days of lost learning and over half a year of lost opportunities from Prep - Year 12.

Research that the Department of Education is leaning on indicates that there is no safe threshold to missing school. They determined this using a combination of school enrolment figures, attendance records and NAPLAN results provided by the WA Education Department. They studied patterns of over 415,000 primary and high school students over a five-year time frame. In all analyses, average academic achievement on NAPLAN tests declined with any absence from school and continued to decline as absence rates increased.

Every day of absence made a difference, and this was particularly true for unauthorised absences. The effect of one day of absence was relatively small but added up quickly as more and more days were missed. The effect of missing days accumulated over time, so that school absence not only impacted achievement in the year in which the days were missed but in future years as well.

The message is straightforward and well supported, every day of school that is missed is a lost opportunity, please ensure your child is at school every day!


Student Leadership Assembly:

Thank you to our parents and families that joined us on Monday morning as we completed our Student Leadership Assembly and badge presentation.

It was lovely to formalise this occasion with the attendance of David Southwick (State Member for Caulfield) who presented a certificate of recognition to our student leaders and spoke about the importance of leadership within a community.

I have noticed the manner in which our leaders have begun the school year, demonstrating our school values and working as role models to support other students. They have also taken up the coordination of our whole school assemblies and are looking forward to influencing our school and our direction over the course of the year ahead.

Congratulations to our student leaders and we look forward to working closely with them throughout the year.



REMEMBER
Fitness club
Every Wednesday

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK *continued from previous page***2023 Colour Run Launch:**

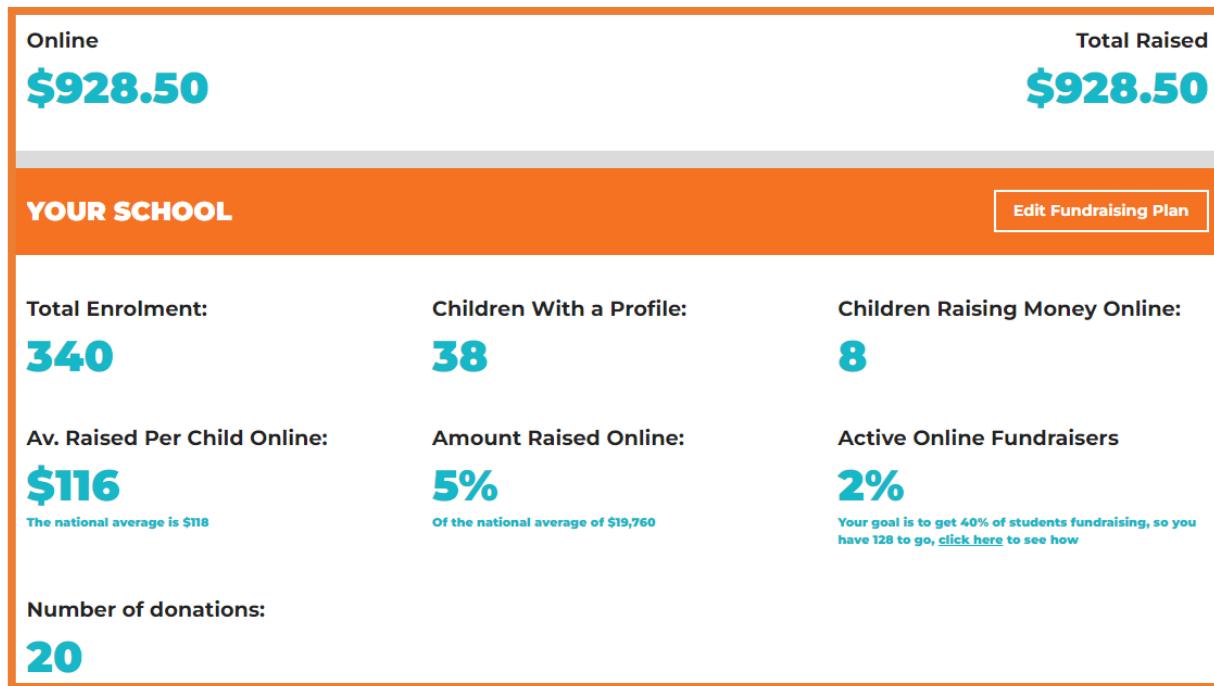
The 'Big Show' Colour Run was launched on Friday with student participating in an assembly via WebEx.

A pamphlet and colouring competition sheet were sent home to help promote and guide students/parents on fundraising for the event.

Money raised from the Colour run will be contributed to the 'Raise the Playground' fund.

We are aiming to raise money for the investment in a new playground on the Elder Street oval.

Wednesday update:

**2024 Enrolments:**

All schools continue to run on enrolment cycles and whilst it feels like we have just begun 2023 and welcomed our new students, we plan an approach for 2024 and new enrolments.

School Tours have started on Wednesday (2pm) and Friday (9:30am).

New families are encouraged to book in for a school tour to find out more about our school and Pre-Prep education program. In addition to this, the school has set up one Open Day for prospective parents and families.

These were well attended last year and provided a great opportunity for parents to learn more about our school from our teaching staff and students.

We look forward to hosting our **Open Day** on:

Saturday 4th March from 10am-12pm

Parents and families are able to submit completed 'applications to enrol in a Victorian Government School Form from Monday 24th April onwards.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK *continued from previous page***School Council**

Our School Council will conclude our 2022 representation on Tuesday 21 February at 7.00pm with the final meeting for this representative group.

I note and thank the significant contributions of Melissa Doolan, Annie McDougall, Victoria Koutsoubos & Nandani Singhal who have all provided long standing support to our school over many years.

Our parent body noted the importance of School Council representation but also importantly noted that meetings are coordinated in a very streamlined and efficient manner. There is an important opportunity for input and influence but meetings are conducted and concluded in a timely manner.

Our next school council meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 21st March with our Annual General Meeting scheduled for 7pm.

A reminder that nominations for 2023-2025 close this Friday at 4pm. So far we have 2 new member nominations and 1 existing member nomination.

**Compass - Logon at the Very Least Once a Week!**

All school information is forwarded to families via the Compass platform.

Put simply, if you are not logging onto Compass at least once a week you will not know what is happening with your child's education and what is happening around the school.

If you are unable to access Compass please contact the school office for assistance.

**Class Dojo**

All classes at Clarinda PS use Class Dojo as regular form of informal communication between parents and classroom teachers.

Dojo provides direct communication between home and school, including opportunities to share photos, achievements, reminders and special events.

Please look out for your class invitation for 2023, to join Dojo with your child's teacher.

Working with Children Checks (WWC)

We encourage and value parental and community support at Clarinda Primary School.

There are many ways that parents, grandparents and friends can assist at our school.

We encourage all parents to obtain a Working with Children's Check that will allow you to be very involved in your child's education.

These checks are free for volunteers. Once you have your WWC please come to the office so we can photocopy this, and we will add your name to our list of parents who have a current WWC check.

Thank you once again for your strong support over the last fortnight.
See you around the school.
Robbie Mallett, Principal.

From our School Council President;

Dear CPS Family

I can hardly believe that we are already into week 3 of the term! Looking at our Preps and seeing just how well they have settled in, it feels like they have been part of our school community forever.

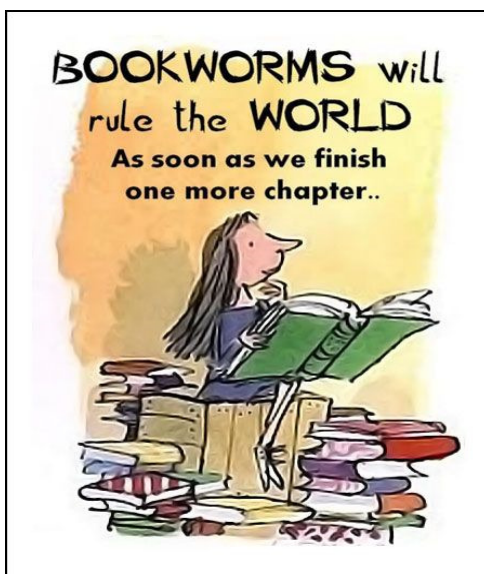
The calendar of events for CPS, this term is sure to be a busy one – from Getting to Know You interviews, to Colour Run, 5/6 Camp, interschool sports, district swimming, 2024 prep open morning etc. Our kids are surely not lacking the opportunities!

But as busy as our lives get between school, work, after school activities, homework, dinner and everything else in between, can I make a request of our community to please slow down around drop off and pick up times please. I have noticed the streets around the school getting busier and busier, so let's all work together to ensure our kids' safety and set an example of good driver behaviour.

I hope that everyone is able to enjoy these last few weeks of summer and the (sometime) glorious weather that Melbourne throws our way.

Kind regards

Victoria Koutsoubos



Clarinda Primary School

2024

Prep Open Morning





- OPEN CLASSROOMS
- MEET THE PREP TEAM
- RIDES
- BBQ & COFFEE VAN

FEEL THE DIFFERENCE @ CPS

Saturday 4th March

10am-12pm

#WELCOMETOTHEFAMILY



Welcome to the family



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School Chaplain—Ali Hardaker

STARTING BACK AT SCHOOL – Justin Coulson

If your kids are back at school, or about to be, these ideas can help ease the transition from holiday time to school time.

Build Relationships

One of the best predictors of children's wellbeing at school is the quality of their relationships. Put simply, kids typically like school when they've got good friends there. In the lead up to school starting and in the first few weeks of school make an effort to get your kids involved with other children in the holidays, on the weekend, and after school.

Get Routines Right

In my book, *21 Days to a Happier Family*, I highlight the way that routines make life easier because we free up cognitive space. When we have a routine (and a checklist!), we don't have to think. This means less anxiety and more efficiency. So focus on a morning, afternoon, and evening routine.

Mornings should be built around waking up at the right time (or even a bit early), eating good food, preparing good food for the day, and leaving on time.

Afternoons should be focused on rejuvenation and recovery from a long day. A bit of down time before extra-curricular activities, reading, or household chores (or homework for older kids) can go a long way to making the afternoon go well.

Evenings should emphasise relationships and nurture, reduced screen-time, and plenty of sleep. We also want to get things ready for the morning. Prepping uniforms, shoes, lunchboxes and so on can make mornings magic, rather than mayhem. Remember, your morning starts the night before.

Set Your Own Expectations Appropriately

One of the biggest issues for children in school is parent expectations. The increasing demands on students from well-meaning parents who want their kids to be A-students is often detrimental. Children are expected to do more "learning" and less playing at younger and younger ages. We submit them to all manner of tests, NAPLAN being the most famous, and apply pressure with ever-increasing expectations. **Instead, encourage reading, and read with your kids. Make it stuff they *want* to read.**

Finally, consider the amount of extra-curricular activities they're involved in. Childhood is certainly about development, learning, and extending talents and abilities. But it's also about play, freedom, and being allowed to be little.

About 7% of Aussie kids aged 4-17 years experience anxiety disorders each year. School can be a major contributor. By building strong relationships with peers and school staff, establishing calm, clear, predictable routines at home, and emphasising fair expectations that suit your child and his or her temperament, anxiety can be reduced, and going back to school can be easier for everyone.

Top tips for a smoother school start...

- Get kids involved in the organisation process
- Use positive language
- Add a personal touch (something they can take with them to school)
- Talk about how they are feeling
- Maintain a consistent routine at home
- Limit after school activities in Term 1

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep W	Jana	For her positive attitude towards learning
Prep Y	San	For focused listening skills!
Prep L	Selma	For starting each day with a smile and being brave when trying new things!
1/2M	Aria	For being a great role model
	Jatan	For being a responsible and respectful student
1/2P	Zak	For settling well into his new school
1/2K	Kosta	For excellent effort in working with large numbers during our Place Value unit
	Kalmia	For having a great work ethic and attitude towards learning
3/4T	Isla	For her positive contribution to our class community
3/4N	Claire	for being a good role model for others in the class
3/4A	Myria	For demonstrating the Golden Rule by being kind and using manners when talking to her peers
5/6C	Stacey	for being a kind, patient and thoughtful member of 5/6C
5/6B	Max	For being a kind and inclusive member of our class and ensuring everyone feels welcome
	Sean	For using his initiative in the classroom and always being prepared and organised

Do you have a health care card? That was valid on 30 January 2023 ?

If so then please call into the school office and collect an application form for an allowance to help you pay for school excursions.

The form must be submitted to our school office as soon as possible.

For more information please visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx



Newsletter

A message from your Coordinator- Rupali Bedi

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome Back to Term 1. We would like to share some of the amazing moments captured during Camp Australia's second week -Chinese New Year Celebrations here at Clarinda Primary school OSHC. This week Children celebrated Year of rabbit with lots of fun arts and crafts activities. They developed new friendships and enjoyed group games indoors and outdoors.



Upcoming Activities for next week includes lots of outdoor fun and play. We are setting up outdoor fun Meet and greet with parents next thursday ASC with special cookies giveaway baked by our lovely children. All the parents are welcome to please walk in and get their enquiries answered at OSHC Camp australia Clarinda primary school service. Please do not forget to book your children for upcoming Handball 2023 competetion and get the details or call at 0402353192 for the same.

Activities coming up

- International womens day celebrations
- Hand made cards and paintings.

What's on the menu

- Banana milk shake
- Cinnamon vanilla cornflake Cookies.



It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



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MELBOURNE MANAGER



Starting in Term 1, Soccer X will be running an **8-week Soccer program** at Clarinda Primary School every **Friday** from **3:40pm - 4:40pm** beginning **February 10th 2023**.

The program is available to students from **Prep - Year 6**.
On arrival children will be split into groups according to age.
All sessions will be run by **qualified coaches** who hold WWCC.
The sessions will be **fully inclusive & fun-based**, catering for all abilities.

Cost: \$130 / 8-weeks.

For more information and online registrations please visit www.soccer-x.com - Programs - School programs - Melbourne

Please contact us via email for further enquiries: dabr@soccer-x.com

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yoga FOR KIDS

Specifically designed for 8-12yr olds, Kids Yoga helps to improve posture and increase focus and concentration.

MONDAYS 4 - 4.45PM

\$5
per class



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We would love to hear from you
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VICTORIA TAEKWONDO

Taekwondo Forms(Poomsae), Sparring(Gyeonggi), Demonstration(Sibeom), Improve Physical / Fitness and Diet

Class 1
(Prep- Year2)
4:00-4:55

Class 2
(Year2- Year4)
5:00-5:55

Class 3
(Year3- Year9)
6:00-6:55

Class 4
(High school, Adult, Family)
7:00-8:00

YES! I WANT MY CHILD TO LEARN

☒ Self Defense
 ☒ Positive Attitude
 ☒ Develop Confidence

☒ Discipline
 ☒ Leadership
 ☒ Respect for others & yourself

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5:30pm-6:30pm

Mondays & Wednesdays

5-7 year olds | 8-11 year olds

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