

# 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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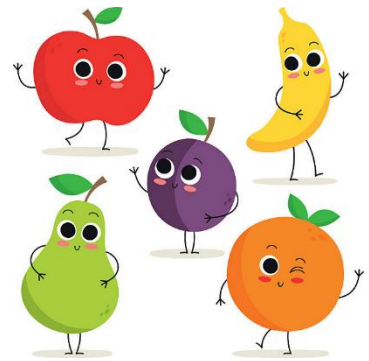
### Attendance

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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b><br>– Curriculum Day<br><b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b><br>– ANZAC Day Public Holiday | <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b><br>– Mini beast Incursion<br><b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b><br>– School Photos<br><b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b><br>– Mother's Day Stall<br><b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b><br>– Open Night<br><b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b><br>– Pupil Free Day (Staff Professional Practice Day) | <b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b><br>– Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Excursion<br><b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b><br>– King's Birthday Public Holiday<br><b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b><br>– Parent/Teacher Interviews<br><b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b><br>– Last day of Term 2 |

### 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.



## Socks

As the cold and wet weather is approaching, please keep an extra pair of socks in your child's bag in case they need to change.



## 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 'Schoolyard Safari' - Minibeasts (Biological Sciences). Students will explore the features, behaviours, habitats and life cycles of various minibeasts. They will also attend a Minibeast Incursion run by Andrew Wegener in Week 2.

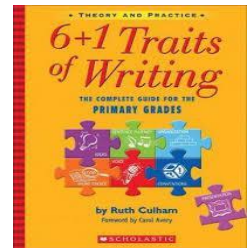


## Mathematics

This term we will explore the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication, division as well as time and calendar.

## 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 vocabulary inside the reader covers should also be practised on a regular basis. Homework will commence Week 2.

## Wellbeing

Children will participate in our programs 'Play is the Way' and 'Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships'. This is a practical methodology for teaching social and emotional skills using guided play, classroom activities and an empowering self-reflective language.

