

Prep Newsletter

Term 2, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is amazing that we are already in Term 2! It has been wonderful to see how well our Prep students have settled back into school. This term our students will continue to consolidate their understanding of familiar school routines. It is important to remember to refrain from entering classrooms in the morning and encourage your child to carry and unpack their own bag to develop the level of independence required for this stage of the school year. You are most welcome to have a quick chat at the lining up area each morning with the classroom teacher.

As the weather gets colder, please ensure you dress your child in layers, so that they are comfortable. We are also asking all children to bring along a box of tissues for the class to use in Term 2. Please keep your child home from school if they are unwell.

We look forward to meeting with you later this term and discussing your child's progress at our parent teacher interviews.

Dates to Remember

- Tuesday 2nd May – HALF PARTY (50 days of Prep)
- Tuesday 9th May – School Photos
- Tuesday 30th May – Curriculum Day (no school)
- Tuesday 8th June – Science Incursion 'Taskworks'
- Monday 12th June – King's Birthday Holiday (no school)
- Tuesday 20th June - Parent Teacher Interviews
- Friday 23rd June - End of Term 2:30pm



Reading

Please continue to listen to your child **read their take home book and revise the M100 words/alphabet every night**. The children are progressing through the M100 words at their own pace and receive a certificate when they have achieved each list. In addition to this, we encourage you to make use of the Reading Eggs App at home, with particular emphasis on the Fast Phonics program. Please let us know if you need assistance accessing this program or if you need to be reissued with your child's login details.

Wellbeing

This term your child will continue to participate in the Play is the Way program each week. This school wide program assists your child to develop their social and emotional skills using guided play, classroom activities and an empowering language. The focus in Prep is on 'The Golden Rule: Treating Others As You Would Like to Be Treated.'



Science

The unit of study for this term is "On The Move" and our students will examine various ways that humans and toys can move. We will explore what parts help them move and introduce vocabulary such as push, pull, bounce, slide, roll and spin. On Thursday 8th June, the Prep students will apply this knowledge and participate in a 'Taskworks' Science Incursion. They will learn more about 'forces' through a series of practical and hands on activities.



Allergies: No nuts, Peanut Butter, Nutella or Kiwi Fruit!

As we have staff and children at Clarinda who are highly allergic (anaphylactic) to peanuts and other nuts, we strongly recommend no nuts including all spreads such as, Nutella and Peanut butter and any other products that may contain nuts.

We also have a student who is highly allergic (anaphylactic) to Kiwi Fruit. Please ensure you do not send these foods to school to keep our environment safe for our students.

As always, please speak to us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Katie Young, Kellie Williams and Sophie Loveday