

Grade 1/2 Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!

The year has gone by quickly and students should be proud of all their achievements! It has been a pleasure teaching your children. We look forward to a positive final term of school in 2023. Feel free to contact us if you have any concerns.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

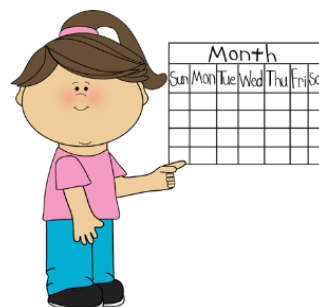
With the warmer weather approaching it is important that children are dressed appropriately for comfort.

Sunhats are compulsory for any outside activities during Term 4 otherwise the "No Hat, No Play" rule will be enforced.

SEMESTER 2 ASSESSMENT

End of year assessment is being conducted throughout Term 4, therefore if your child is going to be absent for more than 2-3 days **please advise us so that alternative arrangements can be organised.**

IMPORTANT DATES



OCTOBER

Student Free Day – 10th Oct

Art Show – 11th Oct

Swimming Safety Program – 31st Oct

NOVEMBER

Swimming Safety Program – 1st & 2nd Nov

Student Free Day – 6th Nov

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – 7th Nov

Science Incursion – 23rd Nov

DECEMBER

CPS Xmas Concert – 7th Dec

Junior School House Athletics

Carnival – 12th Dec

Last day of term (Early Dismissal at 1.30pm) – 20th Dec



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. Please make sure to **name all containers** for their safe return.

NO NUTS PLEASE

Thank you for assisting us by avoiding nut products, including Nutella and taking care when preparing your child's snacks and lunches.

TISSUES

We would appreciate your donation of a tissue box for the class.

PURPLE FOLDERS

Please check communication folders and empty the contents on a daily basis, so that the notices from school are dealt with promptly.

STUDYLADDER & READING EGGS

As additional home activities, students are encouraged to log on to both platforms, using their individual login details.

WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

The Water Safety Program in Term 4 is a good opportunity for students to learn about water safety and improve their skills in the water.

SCIENCE

The Term 4 Physical Science Unit is 'Push and Pull!'

The students will be introduced to different types of transport and why we need them. They will also classify and sort the different modes of transportation. One of our investigations will be on what objects sink or float.



LITERACY

In reading, students will be doing an Author's Study on Aaron Blabey. They will read and view a range of texts by this author and explore the way he uses language in his books. They will also use comprehension strategies to think deeply about the messages and themes when reading Aaron Blabey's books. Students will then explore a range of simple persuasive texts, understand the author's purpose is to persuade someone to do or think something, and identify the intended audience of a persuasive text.

In writing, students will explore the language and writing craft used by the author Aaron Blabey and model sentences using his writing style, to create, revise, edit and publish a narrative. Student will then write persuasive texts such as letters and advertisements with a focus on audience and purpose, using the Traits to make their writing more persuasive.

NUMERACY

Students will focus on: measurement, place value, operations, number patterns and sequences, time and calendar. We continue to provide students with opportunities to engage in real-world experiences and scenarios that involve mathematics that will help strengthen their understanding of mathematical concepts.

Each week students will continue to participate in the Clarinda Calculators program to further support their automatic recall of addition and subtraction facts as well as multiplication and division.

CROSS-LEVEL TRANSITION DAYS

Towards the end of this term, students will visit their classrooms for 2024 and meet their teachers for next year.

Thanks for your continued support,

The 1/2 Team

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