

Issue 20**12 December 2024**

December

Friday 13th

Spelling Bee Finale!
(See attached flyer)

2025 Grade 5/6 -
Camp deposit due

Wednesday 18th

Grade 6 Graduation
Presentation Evening
(see attached invitation)

Thursday 19th

Grade 6
Celebration Day!

Friday 20th

Last day of School year -
1:30pm finish

Important Dates - 2025!

- 28th January - Curriculum day
- 29th January - Grade 1-6 School Start
- 30th January - Prep's First Day!
- 12th February - After School Greek Begins
- 14th February - Stepping Up Begins
- 24-26th February - Grade 5/6 Camp
- 4th March - Parent Teacher Interview
- 31st March - School Photos
- 28th April - Curriculum Day
- 3rd June - Professional Practice Day
- 13th October - Curriculum Day
- 3rd November - Curriculum Day
- 19 - 21st November - 3/4 Camp

From the Principal's Desk...

Farewell to the Class of 2024!

Our 2024 Year 6 students are now in their final weeks of primary school. We are very much looking forward to the Year 6 Graduation and Awards night that will be held on Wednesday 18th December.

It is an exciting time for any young person to move from the sanctuary of their primary school and take the challenge of entering secondary school. We would like to wish them all a very fond farewell from Clarinda Primary School. We know our school has provided these students with the skills and confidence to take on any challenge they face in the coming years.

I would also like to farewell all the families that are departing Clarinda Primary School for a variety of reasons.

We hope that wherever you go you will look back fondly at your time at Clarinda Primary School.



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Our Fantastic Assistant Principal

Working as a Principal class team with Ms Backhouse is great and together, we would like to think we lead and manage the school well. Ms Backhouse is a very gifted educator with a dedication that is admired by all who know her.

The consummate relationship builder, Ms Backhouse is a person of great integrity and passion, who is respected by students and staff. It's great to have someone with the qualities that she demonstrates every day.

I want to thank Ms Backhouse not only for her great support of myself but for the generous contribution she makes to Clarinda PS and all our students, staff, parents and carers. It's very much appreciated.

**Teaching and Support Staff**

I feel privileged to be the principal of a school that has such a wonderful staff. Our teaching and support staff are extremely dedicated to our students, always showing great care and compassion.

Their attention to detail is fantastic, and they always go that 'extra mile' in supporting our students and our school.

Our staff are committed to continuously improving all aspects of learning and education at our school, and they work

tirelessly to ensure that all students reach their full learning potential.

Our staff has a highly effective and experience team that includes our Learning Specialists; Miss Ziebell and Mrs Borland, Professional Learning Community Leaders; Mrs Young, Mrs Moriani, Miss Delany, Mrs Trumble and recently, Mrs Matti. Together our teacher leaders make sure we continue to meet the standards we have set for our students.

**Administration Team 2024**

Business Manager, Gab Robinson and our Admin team, Lynn Morrison, Rachael Marc and Jeanette Irwing have had a very busy year. Managing a range of changes with careful planning and dedication, I want to highlight how important our admin team is to Clarinda PS. As the first point of contact for parents and a key support for our students, our admin team is always helpful and thorough, with an attention to detail.

On behalf of our community, I want to say sincere thanks to Gab, Lynn, Rachael and Jeanette for their continuing hard work and dedication to our school. We really appreciate it!

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School reports– Friday 20th December

Our December Student Reports will be 'live' from 1:30pm on Friday 20th December. Please take time to read though your child's report and discuss with them their achievements, their attitudes towards their learning and the future learning goals.

A final reminder to parents of Year 6 students as well as families who are leaving the school to please download all the reports from Compass before the last day of term. Once the term finishes, those families will no longer have access to Compass.

Thanks to the teaching staff that spend many hours preparing and producing these reports.

School Leadership positions for 2025

2025 Student Leadership Positions will be announced at the final assembly at 9:15am on Friday 20th December. This is a very detailed process involving students preparing and presenting speeches to their peers and teachers, students and finally the students that were shortlisted for the roles of School Captain also had to present to our staff during a staff meeting.

End of term dismissal and bell times for Friday 20th December.

- 9:15am – 10:00am – Assembly
- 10:00am – 10:50am – Students in class
- 10:50am – 11:00am – Recess
- 11.00am – 12:40pm – Students in class
- 12:40am – 1:10pm – Lunch break for students
- 1:15pm – 1:30pm – Guard of honour in the quadrangle

Classes for all students will conclude at 1.30pm on Friday 20th December. Students must be collected by parents and guardians by 1.40pm. Teachers will be on Yard Duty until 1.40pm.

The Camp Australia Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) Program will commence from 1.30pm on this day.

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Important dates for 2024 and 2025:

The end to the school year is always busy, this year is no different. The following dates are of importance as we begin to work towards the end of the 2024 school year.

Clarinda Primary School

REMINDERS

FINAL ASSEMBLY	SCHOOL OFFICE	2025 GRADE 1-6	2025 PREP
<p>Friday 20th December</p> <p>Start @ 9:15am</p> <p>Announcement of 2025 Captains</p> <p>1:15pm</p> <p>We say goodbye to the Gr. 6 Graduating Class of 2024</p> <p>1:30pm</p> <p>Whole school dismissed (Please note the early finish time)</p>	<p>Closes @ 1:45pm on Friday 20th December</p> <p>Re-opens on 22nd and 23rd January from 10am-4pm for uniforms and payments</p> <p>School Fees due by end of February</p>	<p>School resumes on Wednesday 29th January from 8:40am</p> <p>Classes from 9am</p>	<p>School starts on Friday 31st January from 9am (or as advised)</p> <p>Wednesday is a day off with full-time school resuming from Monday 17th February</p>

2025 Curriculum Days (CD) and Professional Practice Days (PPD)***Approved by school council***

CD Day 1 – January 28th (first day of school for all staff)

CD Day 2 – April 28th (Protective Intervention Training for all staff)

CD Day 3 – October 13th (First Aid Training for all staff)

CD Day 4 – November 3rd (Assessment and Reporting) day before Melb Cup Day. Pre-acquittal of TIL for ES staff

PPD 1 – June 3rd – Report Writing Day Semester 1. Pre-acquittal of TIL for ES

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2025 Staffing Profile

2025 Teacher Allocation

Prep

Katie Young
Kellie Williams
Grace Bridges

Grade 1/2

Sarah Matti
Susie Trumble
Effie Pilakis
Cat Watts

Grade 3/4

Kate Jones M,T, W / Elena
Ziebell Th/F
Pam Pashos
Georgi Evans
Despina Doubakis

Grade 5/6

Nicole Delany
Theo Kokkalis
Tess Neaves

Specialist

Music / Stem – Kyle Wells
PE – Justine Leopold
Greek – Meny Zapantis &
Rosey Xenofontos
Art – Stacey Lolos
Tutor – Cally Richardson
(MiniLit Gr 1)
Stepping Up – Meny
Zapantis

Administration

Business Manager – Gab
Robinson
Office Admin – Lynn
Morrison & Rachael Marc

Education Support

Chaplain – Rose Cook
Speech Pathologist –
Indra Kreismanis
Carol McKinley
Jan Schache
Ann Pouki
Rias Grivas
Joanna Argyropoulos
Libby McLeod
Michelle Wall
Rachael Marc

School Improvement
Team

Principal – Robbie Mallett
A/Principal – Dearnne
Backhouse
Curriculum Learning
Specialist – Elena Ziebell
Data and Assessment
Learning Specialist – Elley
Borland

As we approach the end of the 2024 school year, I am delighted to introduce the staff who will lead and support our Clarinda Primary School community in 2025. Together, we remain committed to fostering our core values of **Care, Achieve, Respect, and Excel.**

First, I want to express sincere gratitude to a few staff members who are departing:

- **Mrs. Moriani** and **Miss Loveday**, who will pursue other interests while on leave without pay. We thank you for your invaluable contributions to the school and wish you all the best in your new endeavours.
- **Miss Hall**, who has completed two years of dedicated service at Clarinda Primary School. Thank you for your commitment to our students and community during your time with us.
- **Mrs Suttie**, for implementing the MiniLit Sage literacy intervention program. Thank you for fostering a rich learning environment and being a valued member of staff.

Additionally, it is with great respect and appreciation that we acknowledge the **retirements of Jeanette Irwing** and **Les McLeod**, two long-serving and deeply valued members of the Clarinda PS family. Your years of dedication have left an indelible mark on our school community, and we wish you both health and happiness in this next chapter of your lives.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome **Despina Doubakis** to the teaching team as a first-year graduate teacher. Many of you may already know Despina from her time as a valued member of our Education Support Staff, and we are thrilled to see her step into this new teaching role.

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As we transition to the new school year, the 2025 Clarinda Primary School staff will meet their class on the Step Up Transition Days on:

- Monday 9th December from 1:50pm-3:20pm (completed), and
- Monday 16th December from 1:50pm-3:20pm.

On this day, students will meet their new teacher and student cohort.

Our regards for the holidays...

We would like to wish you every happiness during the festive season and holidays that follow. Be safe and enjoy time with family and friends. Let's hope for some sunshine so we can enjoy some long, lazy summer days of relaxation and fun.



One last thing... **Reading**

With the school holidays looming, I thought now was a good time to remind families of the benefits of regular reading habits. Whilst we expect students to read every night as part of their homework routine, we truly want them to want to read every night for enjoyment. We hope this continues over the holidays and that our students can continue to keep up their reading habits. Research shows that the summer break leads to approximately a two-week drop-in literacy skill for some students. For those that read regularly, they go the other way and can gain more than a month in terms of learning growth, simply by enjoying a book here and there and reading before bedtime.



Take Care!
Robbie Mallett

School Policies

In 2025 Clarinda Primary School will be going through their school review, which is a requirement for all schools in Victoria to do every four years. As part of this process, we are sharing our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policies through our school newsletter. This is an opportunity for our community to provide feedback on their understanding of the policy and any questions they may have.

Child safety and wellbeing at Clarinda Primary School: Information for families and the school community

Clarinda Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe. We have a zero tolerance for child abuse and are committed to protecting children from harm.

Our comprehensive child safety framework outlines our school's strategies to support student safety and wellbeing. The framework includes the following policies, codes and procedures:

- [Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy](#)
- [Child Safety Code of Conduct](#)
- [Child safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Policy](#)
- [Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)
- [Bullying Prevention Policy](#)
- [Volunteers Policy](#)
- [Visitors Policy](#)

Our students and their families are important partners in keeping our students safe. We value feedback and ideas on how we can continuously strengthen our child safety framework.

If you have any suggestions or comments please contact Robbie Mallett on 95443231 or at clarinda.ps@education.vic.gov.au

News Around the School!

Chaplaincy corner

It has been wonderful spending time with students regularly throughout the year and I look forward to meeting more families next year.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas with family and friends, and a safe holiday period.



Thanks to those students who thought of a name for my giant teddy bear, and today Ms Backhouse drew the name **Frankie** from the hat. Frankie is available for friendship and hugs in my office next year!

Take care of each other,



Rose



Library News!

I'd like to say a massive thank you to Bec Mandile for her constant support in the library this year.

Congratulations to all my library monitors for 2024.

The winner of my special library monitor award goes to Kiana Persi for her outstanding assistance in the library this year.

My new Library monitors for 2025 are:

Cindy Ouzounis, Alexia Mandile, Olivia Karvounis, Natasha Babb, Nina Prvulj, Anika Bhagat, Emma Christensen, Myria Gialos, Michaela Asmanis and Donna Dimian.

Congratulations girls!

I'd like to wish you all a very Happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

(Mrs. Mac)

Carol McKinley

Library Technician





Clarinda
Primary School

Spelling Bee 2024



CLASS TRIALS

In each class Week 7 and 8
To find the **TOP 2 SPELLERS**

SPELLING BEE FINALS

Friday 13th December

In the school hall

Families welcome to join the audience

PREP-2

11:10 - 12:40

GR 3-6

2:00 - 3:30



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

GRADE 6 GRADUATION

Class Of 2024

DECEMBER

18

6:00pm

6:00pm - Students and staff
dinner in the Eulinga Building

7:00pm - Graduation presentation
begins on the synthetic grass



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep W	Ethan Grace	For his enthusiastic contribution to our Phonics lessons. For her effort presenting her writing with care and attention.
Prep Y	Cara	For beautiful presentation of written work this week.
1/2 M	Zac Shyna Dante Joel	For trying his best with his persuasive letter. For trying her best with her persuasive letter. For his willingness to answer questions during whole class discussions For pursuing his best in all class activities
1/2 P	Iylaa	For a well written persuasive letter.
1/2 S	Dheerav George Taggiris	For being responsible and looking after our school.
3/4 N	Lena	For working hard to find themes within a text and supporting it with evidence in her Reader's Notebook.
3/4 T	Kai Aria	For always contributing his great ideas and a thoughtful perspective while reading our class novel, Blueback. For her great sense of humour and terrific attitude towards her learning.
5/6 K	Isla Mali	For always contributing great ideas and thoughts for the book War Horse! For a very confident and enthusiastic delivery of her speech when running for Mayor!
5/6 A	Alexandra	For being a kind, considerate and encouraging SEPEP couch.

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



12/12/24

School Name

**Your
OSHC.**



Christmas in After School Care



December

Book now

Dear Parents and Families, It's almost Christmas time and we are having amazing activities like cinnamon cookie bake, secret Santa games and fun arts and crafts in OSHC. Our children are already writing Wishlist letters to Santa and excitement is in full swing. So please book in your children for exciting Christmas activities as well as for upcoming summer rocketeers holiday program. Please call at 0402353192 for any further enquiries.



Activities coming up

- Cinnamon cookie bake
- Secret Santa games
- Snowflake origami

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.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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Phone: 0402 353 192 Program Times: 07:00 am - 06:00 pm

Mon 13 Jan Mission Takeoff: Time Travel Adventures

Get ready for the ultimate adventure to launch your holidays! Build a time machine, train as a time traveler, and create a clock to mark your journey. This is the thrilling start to an unforgettable season!

Full Fee \$94.21 | After Max. CCS* \$9.42



Project Incursion

Tue 14 Jan Adventure: Rockstars in the Making at The Sound Lab

Get ready to rock! In the Lil' Rockstar Program, you'll play electric guitars, electronic drums, and even try karaoke with a wireless mic. Let's unleash your inner rockstar and explore the world of music!

Full Fee \$126.21 | After Max. CCS* \$12.62



Excursion

Wed 15 Jan Project: Hawaiian Luau & Culinary Fun

Get ready for a Hawaiian adventure! Make a yummy Haupia with pineapple, design your own surfboard door sign, and create a colourful lei to take home. It's a day packed with tropical fun!

Full Fee \$97.21 | After Max. CCS* \$9.72



Project Incursion

Thu 16 Jan Experience Takeover: Video Magic

Get ready to rewind reality! Join StarTime's Reverse Video Workshop and make sandcastles build themselves, watch objects zoom back up, and create backwards stories that'll blow your mind. It's movie magic—your way!

Full Fee \$105.71 | After Max. CCS* \$10.57



Experience Takeover Incursion

Fri 17 Jan BIG Art's BIG LEGO Challenge!

Are you ready for the ultimate LEGO challenge? Let's kickoff the holidays with a BANG! Join us for Big Art's ultimate LEGO Showdown with a range of fun challenges to complete!

Full Fee \$84.71 | After Max. CCS* \$8.47



Base Camp Day

Mon 20 Jan Operation: Wheelie Awesome

Ready, set, roll! It's all about wheels today! Whether you're crafting wheel-inspired inventions or exploring other fun activities on wheels, there's no limit to the fun. Get ready for a wheelie good time!

Full Fee \$73.71 | After Max. CCS* \$7.37



Base Camp Day

Tue 21 Jan Project: Knights of the Realm

Step into the medieval world and become a knight! Try bouncy jousting, build your own catapult, and create your own shield to take home. It's a day packed with epic medieval adventures!

Full Fee \$98.21 | After Max. CCS* \$9.82



Project Incursion

Wed 22 Jan Adventure: Pin-Smash! at Zone Bowling

Roll on in as we head to tenpin bowling. Leave nothing to spare, as you aim for as many strikes as possible! How will your pins fall?

Full Fee \$121.11 | After Max. CCS* \$12.11



Excursion

Thu 23 Jan Operation: Animal Planet

Let's celebrate all things furry, feathered, and scaly! Dive into the world of animals with fun science experiments and creative art projects. It's a special day to express our love for our animal companions!

Full Fee \$73.71 | After Max. CCS* \$7.37



Base Camp Day

Fri 24 Jan Providoor: Sweet Treats with Anna Polyviou

Ready for a sweet adventure? Join culinary star Anna Polyviou for a dessert-making tutorial, snap pics in our photobooth, and take home a recipe card for more fun at home!

Full Fee \$98.21 | After Max. CCS* \$9.82



Project Incursion

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by Camp Australia

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Clarinda Primary School

Address: 1166 Centre Rd CLAYTON SOUTH VIC 3169

Phone: 0402 353 192 Program Times: 07:00 am - 06:00 pm

Tue
28 Jan

Operation: Bubble Bounce
Bonanza

Get ready for a day of bubbles, bounces, and games! Dive into giant bubbles, hop around with fun bouncy activities, and play all your favourite games. It's going to be a blast—are you ready to bounce?



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Base Camp Day

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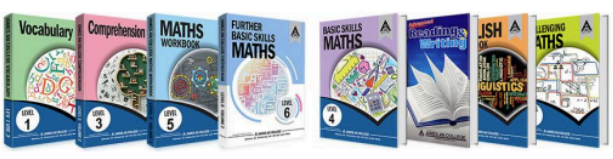
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 **Creative Music**
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JOIN US FOR
FUN FRIDAY
NETBALL 2025



Calling all kids born after 2017! Join us in Term 1 & 2 to learn ball skills, teamwork and play netball with friends against local teams at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve after school. Find out more. Tap or scan the QR code to redirect you to our info page or email osnc2011@gmail.com

