

March

Monday 10th

Labour Day PUBLIC
HOLIDAY - NO STUDENTS

Tuesday 11th

School Council
Finance Meeting 3PM

Wednesday 12th
- Monday 24th

Grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Friday 14th

Grade 5/6
Summer Gala Day

Tuesday 18th

School Council AGM - 7PM

Tuesday 25th

Senior School House
Cross Country

Monday 31st

School Photos

April

Tuesday 1st

Harmony Night
Family Fiesta



Wednesday 2nd

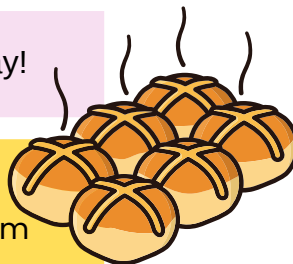
Grade 1/2 Bald Hill Park
Excursion - Writing
Celebration

Thursday 3rd

PACC Easter Bun Day!

Friday 4th

Last day of Term 1 -
Early Dismissal 2:30pm



Clarinda
Primary School

Issue 3

6 March 2025

From the Principal's Desk...

Behaviours and CARE Values

At Clarinda Primary School one of our main goals is to teach children to behave in a positive manner by showing them what the behaviours look like.

All our expected behaviours follow our school CARE values and most children follow them well. We work hard to maintain an environment in which children feel safe and supported, and focus on prevention. Similar to our no 'one size fits all' approach to teaching literacy and numeracy, our real work is based on building strong and positive relationships. Incidental links are regularly made to our start of year Creating our Learning Community, and we provide children with a number of prosocial frameworks to build resilience and agency.

Behaviour and Clarinda Values

What can you do? If your child experiences something at school that is cause for concern, we encourage you to empower them to 'tell their teacher' (please notice the terminology as we discourage the concept of 'dobbing' which is a very different concept to the right to 'tell' someone if they are not feeling safe).

If your child does not feel comfortable telling a trusted adult then we urge you to contact your child's teacher as a first step. If face-to-face, please remember that parents are welcome in the classrooms to chat to teachers between 8:50 – 9:00am but need to leave at the commencement of instruction to prevent distractions to our students and respect Child Safety Standards practices.

Not only do we strongly discourage parents contacting others (as this escalates any issues) it is never okay for a parent to approach other children in our community. A significant factor in teachers' ability to effectively respond to incidents is not only being neutral when investigating and following up concerns, but the specific training we have had.

We have a restorative practices approach which views incidences as an opportunity to mend relationships and learn from the wrongdoing. This is why teachers facilitate on-the-spot discussions with individuals concerned, as well as additional discussions.

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Working with Education Experts

We are continuing to engage with our education expert to guide our work and grow our staff capacity. This includes Danny Hyndman www.dannyhyndman.com in 2025. An outstanding education consultant whom we have forged significant partnerships - with a focus on Literacy and our Phonics approach Danny will continue to work with staff across the 2024 school year.

School Council Elections

Information regarding the 2025 School Council election process was sent home via Compass.

I would like to formally welcome the following parents to School Council:

- Brent Christensen (Emma Gr 5/6)
- Melissa Doolan (Patrick Gr 3/4)
- Lucy Reinhardt (Olivia Prep)

School Office

Our fantastic office team, Gab, Lynn, and Rachael, have had a very busy start to the school year. Many thanks to them for their dedication to our school. Office hours are 8.40am – 4.15pm, and you can contact us during this time. A voice mail option is provided out of those times to leave messages for us.

Our office staff would also like to remind parents/carers to avoid disruptions to learning time and office tasks by scheduling appointments outside of school hours. We understand that this can be challenging due to waiting times, availability and your child's needs, but please be mindful of the operations of our office too.

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Extreme Weather Events

We have reviewed the actions that happened during the recent extreme weather event that happened at Clarinda PS. Whilst this is an unprecedented situation, it does help to reflect on what actions were taken and if there is anything we can learn from this experience.

In the case of extreme weather students will not be dismissed until it is safe to do so. This could mean students remain indoors after the dismissal bell. (Fortunately, our staff did this anyway.)

- If any parents or carers find themselves in our school yard you should find shelter indoors. The foyer of the Gallery, Library Foyer, General Office and Prep area are all places that parent and carers can seek to shelter in place. You do not need to ask permission to shelter in an emergency.
- Do not shelter under trees in high winds or rain. We have several covered outdoor spaces such as the Sports Pavilion and covered walkway where you can seek to shelter.

It might reassure you to know that we do regularly check the weather reports and have the Vic Emergency App set for notifications. We take a conservative approach to the weather and we normally bring students indoors on days of extreme heat or wind.

Thumbs Up:

- **Gr 5/6 School Camp:** we had an amazing 3 days at Sovereign Hill and Log Cabin Camp. The activities and behaviour of our students was #1. Thank you to Miss Neaves for co-ordinating and being well supported by Miss Delany, Mr K, Mrs Leopold, Mrs Borland, Rose (Chaplain), Libby (ES) and Mr Mallett.
- **Open Morning:** what an amazing event to support 2026 Prep families. Thank you to the amazing staff:
Mrs Young, Mrs Williams, Miss Bridges, Mrs Matti, Ms Pilakis, Miss Watts, Miss, Mrs Schache, Miss Ziebell, Ms Backhouse, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Morrison, Mr Wells, Ms Lolas, Mrs Zepantis, Mrs Marc and Mr Mallett for supporting the lead up and the actual day.
- **Open Morning:** members of Junior School Council join us on Saturday to support staff and new parents. They did an amazing job of leading parents throughout the school. They also spent time speaking to many families to help them understand how CPS works!

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Principal Conference

Mrs Backhouse and I attended the Annual Bayside Peninsula Principal Conference last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The conference program included:

- Vic Zbar – Driving School Improvement
- Dr Nathaniel Swain – Cognitive Load Theory
- Lorrain Hammond AM – Explicit Teaching
- Todd McBeth (DE) – Teaching Behaviours as part of the Curriculum
- Emina McLean – Literacy Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction
- Dr Judi Newman – Evidence Based Learning

The program provided a great opportunity to learn and hear about the latest research that is helping to shape our young learners.

Leave on Thursday and Friday

I will be taking a short period of Long Service Leave on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th of March. During my absence, Ms Backhouse will be acting Principal.

Until next time.....

Robbie Mallet
Principal



Parents are reminded that there is a Labour Day Public holiday on Monday 10th March.

PE News!

Fitness Club

This term we will re-introduce CPS Fitness Club. This club is open to all students to join in and participate in regular exercise with their friends and family in a non competitive environment. It is also a training session for our District Cross Country team, who will be selected in the last week of Term 1.

HOW IT WORKS

- Students have the option of walking, running or a combination of both around the school's running track.
- Parents are invited and encouraged to join.
- Student attendance will no longer be recorded, this is an opportunity to simply come and exercise before school and make some new friends!

WHEN

- Wednesday mornings. Begins at 8:15am and Finishes at 8:35am.

Parents are not required to stay at school to supervise their child, however we encourage everyone to come & participate!

District Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 20th February, 9 of our students braved the early morning to compete in the Oakleigh District Swimming Carnival. **Ava, Isabelle, Shanaya, Thea, Nicholas, Jerry, Smit, Jugvart** and **Jeet** swam so well, and upheld the values of our school to do their best.

Nicholas placed 1st in both his events (freestyle & butterfly), Thea won both of her events (freestyle & backstroke), and Yugvart won both of his events (freestyle & breaststroke), so these 3 students all qualified to race in the Monash Waverley Division Swimming competition! Nicholas & Yugvart were fast enough at Division to qualify for the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Championships on Friday 21st March!

Good luck to Nicholas and Yugvart!



Justine Leopold
PE Teacher

CLARINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL

HARMONY FIESTA FAMILY FUN NIGHT

'Where Everyone Belongs'

TUESDAY 1st April 2025 – 5.15pm to 7.15pm

Multicultural Dinner – From 5:15pm onwards

Team Games - Begins 6:15pm – 7:00pm. Win points for your House Team!

WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE BRING A SWEET OR SAVORY DISH FROM YOUR CULTURE TO SHARE WITH THE

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

On arrival:

- Please deliver your platter of food (hot and ready to eat) to the serving tables on the synthetic grass.
- Please label your platter of food with the country of origin of your dish and the ingredients included.

Due to food allergies, please do not prepare food containing any type of nut, peanut oil, satay sauce or peanut butter.

Optional: Students and families are invited to wear your cultural dress or the colour orange.

Please remember that children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all times!

ON SALE
Soft Drinks
Juice
Icy Poles



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HARMONY FIESTA FAMILY FUN NIGHT

TUESDAY 1st April 2025 – 5.15pm to 7.15pm

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please tick an option and then return this page to school by Monday 17th of March 2025

Please tick where you can help		
Preparation Setting up shade tents Setting up tables and chairs	2:30pm to 3:00pm	
Preparation Setting up shade tents Setting up tables and chairs	3:00pm to 3:30pm	
Wash platters, serving ware and redistribute food etc	6:00pm – 6:30pm	
Wash platters, serving ware and redistribute food etc	6:30pm – 7:00pm	
Event Pack Up Pack up shade tents Pack up tables and chairs	7:15pm – 7:45pm	

Your Name: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Eldest child's name: _____ Grade: _____



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Declan	For showing confidence during our classroom discussions!
	Ava	For always having a go in her writing!
Prep W	Sehasa	For being a kind and respectful listener and trying his best during learning tasks.
	Archer	For trying his best to blend and segment words while reading.
Prep Y	Wilkie	For being a kind and helpful friend to others.
	Jovan	For being a kind and caring friend.
1/2 M	Natalie	For always being such a kind and respectful member of 1/2M.
	Sandro	For being brave and challenging himself in Writing this week!
1/2 P	Finn	For contributing to class discussions.
3/4 D	Efsevia	For being helpful and taking care of our laptops.
	Penelope	For asking questions and trying her best during challenging tasks.
	Ryland	For having the courage to achieve his goals even when they are challenging.
	Aria	For contributing to class discussions and turn and talks.
3/4 E	Haru	For always listening and following instructions in class.
5/6 D	Maya	For consistently trying to improve her work in all subjects and sharing her ideas with the class.
5/6N	Roji	For pushing herself out of her comfort zone during Camp.
	Tanaaz	For being a great role model and helper in 3/4E.
From all Staff!	Jerry	For helping Ms Backhouse and other staff, your helpful and caring nature is amazing!

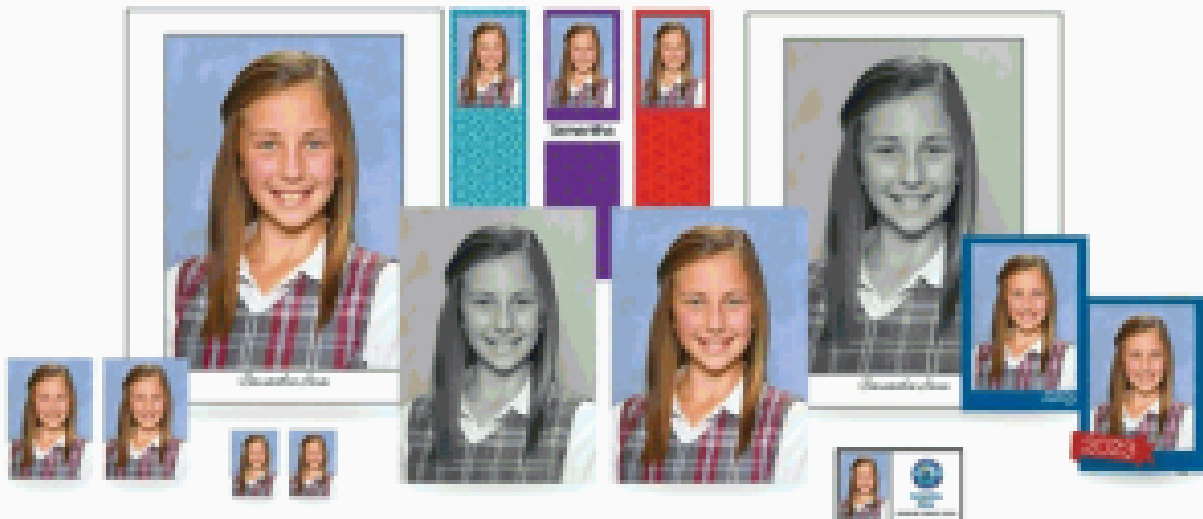
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06/03/2025

Clarinda Primary School

Your OSHC.



Special Olympics World Games in After School Care



10-14 March

Book now

Dear Family and friends,

Our children have been busy cooking away pancakes as we had a small cooking session to teach them to learn basic safe kitchen skills. We are excited to organize fun group games next week as we are celebrating special Olympics world games. Also, we would be celebrating Indian festival of colors, "HOLI", to teach children collaboration and cultural integrity as are making Indian sweet to celebrate the occasion with children and families. Kindly book your children or call at 0402353192 for any queries.

Activities coming up

- Outdoor group games
- Coconut burfi(cooking)
- Big art



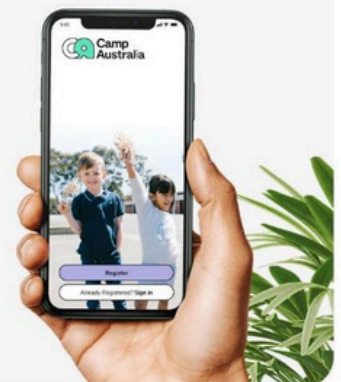
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Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

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Try your first class **FREE**

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Active Kids: Kid friendly activities focus on developing fundamental motor skills in a fun filled environment. (ages 6+)
Monash Aquatic & Recreation Centre: Monday | 4:40pm

Active Abilities Kids: This class welcomes children with disabilities. Focus is on fitness, strength, building confidence, making friends and having fun. (ages 6+)
Monash Aquatic & Recreation Centre: Wednesday | 4:40pm

Teen Fit: A class specifically for teens designed with gym and bodyweight exercises which increase fitness, strength and cardio. (ages 12+)
Monash Aquatic & Recreation Centre: Thursday | 4:40pm

Please note: Our classes run for 45 minutes and align with the school term schedule, making them easy to fit your routine.

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