



# Clarinda

Primary School

## May

Friday 30th

Grade 1/2 Excursion –  
Aquarium



## June

Tuesday 3rd

Teachers Professional  
Practice Day NO STUDENTS

Friday 6th

Grade 5/6 Interschool  
Sport

Monday 9th

Kings Birthday  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
– NO STUDENTS

Tuesday 10th

School Council –  
Finance Meeting 2.30pm

Tuesday 17th

School Council Meeting  
6pm

Friday 20th

Grade 5/6 Winter Gala Day

Friday 27th

Whole School Disco

## July

Friday 4th

Last Day of Term 2  
2:30pm Finish

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### 29 May 2025

From the Principal's Desk...

### National Simultaneous Storytime

All students and staff at Clarinda Primary School recently participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA).

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 25<sup>th</sup> successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6. This year's book was 'The Truck Cat'

### Teachers Professional Practice Day- Student Free Day Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Camp Australia currently has bookings 'open' for a full day of care during our upcoming Curriculum Day on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Any parents who are intending to use this service are urged to BOOK NOW to avoid the program being cancelled.

## From the Principal's Desk...

### Illnesses

We are experiencing a significant rise in flu/cold for both students and staff this term. We ask that any student showing signs of illness do not attend school. As per department guidelines, any student presenting with compatible symptoms sore throat, cough, fever, or cold-like symptoms a parent/guardian will be required to collect the student as soon as possible. Your ongoing support in minimising the spread of respiratory illnesses and viruses is appreciated.

### Foundation 2026 Enrolments

Enrolments for Foundation 2026 are now open. If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021, now is the time to enrol, using our online system from our school website.



<https://www.clarindaps.vic.edu.au/enrolments/>

If you have any questions pertaining to enrolment, please call the office.

Ph (03) 95443231

### King's Birthday Public Holiday

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

A reminder to all families that the school will be closed due to the King's Birthday Public Holiday on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June.

### 2025 Government Schools Principal Conference

Ms Backhouse and I will be attending the Government Schools Principal Conference on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The theme for this year's conference is: Excellence in Every Classroom.

This is an excellent opportunity for Victorian government school principals and assistant principals to:

- hear from renowned thought leaders in education
- discover new ways of thinking about leadership excellence
- learn and reflect from one another.

## From the Principal's Desk...

### The Annual Report for 2024

Earlier in the year we completed the annual general meeting for 2024 as part of annual reporting process to the school community and the Department of Education. Our 2024 Annual Report is now posted on our school website for anyone who would like to read it. There is a lot to celebrate in our annual report and the results are once again testament to students, teachers and parents working together to provide wonderful learning experience and environment for all. The annual report format is set by the Department of Education and all schools report on the same data sets. As you will see we compare very favourably.

### Student Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

Our student reports will be 'live' on Compass on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June from 3.30pm. Our Parent - Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July between 2:10pm and 6:20pm.

Information about when the 'booking site' is live will be communicated with families via Compass over the coming weeks.

Parents will have the option to either attend 'in person or online'.

WebEx addresses will be sent via Compass so all families can 'log on' to the link for their interview time if the Webex online option is suitable.

### Attendance via Compass

It is important to note that if your child/children will be absent, you must notify the school via Compass. Compass Education provides a Parent Portal, which includes marking your child/children absent if you know your child/children will be absent from school.

Steps to add an absence:

1. Open the Compass App
2. Click on your child's photo at the top of the Home screen
3. Click on Attendance
4. Click the blue + icon
5. Type in the information required for the absence, including dates, times and the reason.

Please note that if parents do not enter their child's absence, you will receive a text message informing them that the child's absence is unexplained.

## National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27th May and 3rd June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to the national reconciliation effort.



### Discontinued School Uniform For Sale

The following items are able to be worn at school, although they have been discontinued. If interested, please come to the school office to purchase these.

#### Winter Tunic

Size 8 – 2 available  
Size 12 – 4 available  
Size 14 – 2 available  
Size 16 – 2 available

#### Windcheater with Straight Hem

Size 16 – 2 available

#### Winter Bootleg Pants

Size 18 – 4 available

#### Cargo Pants

Size 16 – 2 available



## A BIG Thank you!

On behalf of the Language Department, we would like to thank all the students and parents who attended Open Night both supporting and participating in all the activities. We would like to congratulate the following students who won the 'Turn and Learn' competition. The winners of the competition were **Nina** in grade 5/6, **Abigail** in grade 3/4 and **Armin** in grade 1/2.

We also take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Christos Kontos, father of **Mario** in grade 3/4 for donating vouchers to our community. Christos kindly donated three \$50.00 vouchers from Pita Wrap it, Sapphirus Café and Sweetheart Cakes. For all the parents who have dined at these premises I am certain your experience has been positive. These businesses are located on Huntingdale Road in Huntingdale. Thank you once again Christos for your support.

A big thank you also to our LOTE Captains Maya & Annika, your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Meny Zapantis and Rosey Xenofontos  
Language Department



### Important Reminder: Phone Sign-In/Sign-Out Procedure



To help maintain a focused and distraction-free learning environment, all students are required to sign in their phones & smart watches at the front office upon arrival each morning. At the end of the school day, students must sign out their phones & smart watches before leaving. We appreciate your cooperation in supporting this procedure and thank you for helping us create the best possible environment for learning.

# The Birthday Bucket



*Are you searching for a fun and memorable way to celebrate your child's birthday at school?*

Look no further than... "***The Birthday Bucket***"!

This PACC (Parent and Community Club) innovative idea ensures that your child's special day is marked with excitement and joy, right in their classroom.

The concept is simple: order a ***Birthday Bucket*** and watch as a festive bucket filled with delicious treats arrives at your child's classroom. You have the choice between two classic goodies: Zooper Doopers or Killer Pythons.

But why should you consider ***The Birthday Bucket*** for your child's celebration? Here are a few compelling reasons:

**Inclusivity:** ***The Birthday Bucket*** ensures that every child in the classroom gets to participate in celebrating your child's birthday. Instead of singling out one child, this approach creates a sense of unity and inclusivity among classmates.

**Convenience:** Planning birthday celebrations for your child can be time-consuming and stressful. ***The Birthday Bucket*** takes the hassle out of organising classroom festivities like cakes and lolly bags. With just a simple order, you can ensure that your child's birthday doesn't go unnoticed, without the need for elaborate planning or coordination.

**Memorable Experience:** Imagine the delight on your child's face as their classmates gather around to enjoy the treats from ***The Birthday Bucket***. It's a memorable experience, creating lasting memories of their school birthdays.

**Supporting the Classroom:** By opting for ***The Birthday Bucket***, you're not only treating your child and their classmates but also supporting the classroom environment. These small gestures contribute to a positive and joyful atmosphere in the school, enhancing the overall learning experience for everyone involved.

In conclusion, ***The Birthday Bucket*** offers a simple yet effective way to celebrate your child's special day in school. It promotes inclusivity, convenience, and memorable experiences for your child and their classmates.

So why not make your child's next birthday one to remember with ***The Birthday Bucket***?

**Cost:** \$15.....Payable to the administration office in person **1 week before date hand out.**

***Birthday Bucket forms are not available online.***

***Please come to the school office to complete a form and arrange payment.***

Regards,

Shaun

Parent and Community Club  
President

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Jonathon Yu Zhe	For always lending a helping hand in the classroom! For excellent focus and effort in writing this week!
Prep W	Grace Twisha	For listening carefully and responding positively to directions during learning time. For always trying her best during learning tasks.
Prep Y	Shania Andreas Eleanor Bhanavi	For excellent work in addition this week. For excellent focus and concentration in Maths this week. For making fantastic progress in phonics this week. For using her knowledge of letters and sounds to spell words.
1/2 M	Jasjot Lewis Chang James Selma	For his amazing focus during Reading and Writing time. For pursuing his personal best in all areas of learning this week. For excelling in Maths and Reading this week and his insightful contributions! For being a thoughtful and responsible helper – keeping our school tidy and looking after our Indigenous garden with care and pride
1/2 P	Logan Maria	For writing a details 'Narrative' during Writing time. For pursuing her best during learning time.
1/2 T	Angelo Isaac Zayan Indi	For his superb listening skills during all our mini lessons. For his outstanding kindness to his classmates. For his fantastic hard work and progress in our phonics lessons. For excellent participation - you're always willing to have a go and contribute enthusiastically in the classroom
1/2 W	Tommy Alexis Max Amalea	For always trying your very best in the classroom. For her amazing writing using her spelling and instructional structure. For supporting your peers in the classroom and being a wonderful role model. For always being an amazing helper in class.
3/4 A	Savannah	For always having a positive attitude and being kind and helpful to her teachers and classmates!
3/4 D	Mason	For being a reliable helping hand in class! Well done.
3/4 E	Abigail	For excellent participation in class and always contributing her ideas in discussions.
5/6 D	Bella	For consistently following the school values, challenging herself in the classroom and being a respectful member of our class.
5/6 N	Donna Oscar	For excellent participation - you're always willing to have a go and contribute to class. For working hard to engage his audience with his narrative writing.





29/05/2025

Clarinda primary school

Your  
OSHC.

  
**ROCKETEERS**

## Your path to wellbeing

Celebrating Healthy Eating  
Week in After School Care



9 - 13 June

**Book now**

Dear parents and families,

We are delighted to inform you that our children have been very active in Lego masters week participation and were selected for special winners for the competition that was held last week. We are so proud of their creative thinking and building skills. Please check out some great snapshots below. We are now looking forward to celebrating Healthy eating week where children will foster healthy eating habits and we will be experimenting with lots of food and flavors that would excite them to learn some great baking and culinary skills in OSJHC kitchen under our supervision. **Please walk into Our Oshc space or call us at 0402353192 for any booking enquiries**



### Activities coming up

- Artistic food creations
- Banana chocolate smoothies
- Design healthy food chart

### 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](http://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.





Newsletter

# Pupil Free Day



Date: 03-Jun-2025



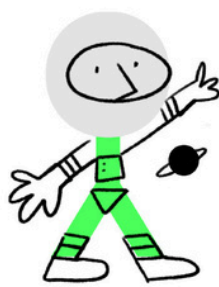
Time: 07:00 to 18:00



Fees: \$73.29 (\$7.33 after max. CCS\*)



Location: The Before and After School Care Room at Clarinda Primary School



## Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now

**Child Care Subsidy (CCS)** The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 90% off your fees. Your eligibility is based on your income, care type, and activity level. Call Centrelink on 13 61 50 to find out more.



Your  
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# Bigger. Bolder. Artier.

Your feedback has been overwhelming - you love Big Art, we all love Big Art!

We're proud to bring you a month of wonderful Big Art experiences, at no extra cost - right here at Your OSHC Before and After School Care.

## Featuring



### Weekly Creative Experiences



**Friday 30 May**

DIY Affirmation Cards



**Friday 6 June**

Creepy Moving Spiders



**Friday 13 June**

Play with your food



### Big Art Fridays Showcase

**Friday 20 June**

Stop by for a cup of tea, some biscuits and a wander around the incredible gallery of children's artwork.

There's no better way to kick off your weekend!



### Big Art Week returns!

**Monday 16 to Friday 20 June**

A whole week of paint, sculpture, design and performance - designed at your service, for your children!



Limited time event

**Secure your child's spot now!**

Simply book into Before or After School Care on the dates listed above!

[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)





# Community Advertising

## Holiday camps on sale now!



**MINECRAFT • ROBLOX**  
Coding • Animation • Craft & much more

Book now at [codecamp.com.au/flyer](http://codecamp.com.au/flyer)

**SAVES \$25** Use coupon code **FLYER25** at checkout

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## Give Your Child the Gift of Music

### Learn a Musical Instrument here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, drums, here at Clarinda Primary School.


Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

Interested parents should call Nicholas during office hours on 9818 2333 or via email: [nicholas@creativemusic.com.au](mailto:nicholas@creativemusic.com.au)

**Creative Music**  
[www.creativemusic.com.au](http://www.creativemusic.com.au)




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## KINDER AUSKICK

### OAKLEIGH KINDER AUSKICK CENTRE

**4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM**  
**OAKLEIGH RECREATION CENTRE**

WEDNESDAYS 9AM - 10AM OR 10AM - 11AM  
STARTING WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE  
4 WEEK PROGRAM FOR \$55



**AFL PLAY**

## SOCCER PROGRAM 2025

**We Offer A FULLY FUNDED Program! DO YOU QUALIFY?**

- Is your child looking to play soccer in Term's 2, 3 or 4?
- Do you live in the City of Greater Dandenong or City of Kingston?
- Do you have a Health Care Card or reside in Government housing?
- Do you or your family have Asylum Seeker status?

If any of the above applies to your family and your children would like to play soccer in Term's 2, 3 & 4, please reach out to us! We are excited to launch a **NEW COLLABORATION** with **Team Sports 4 All** where our aim is to support AS MANY children in playing soccer as possible. Team Sports 4 All is a **NOT FOR PROFIT** organisation helping assist families cover the costs of sports for their children, **SO EVERY CHILD HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY!**




**Program Schedule**  
Thursday afternoon (5:15pm-6:15pm)  
Sunday morning (9:30am-10:30am)

Running weekly at Springvale Indoor Sports  
546 Springvale Rd, Springvale South VIC 3172

**Contact Information**  
Ash Good Kick4life : 0409955165  
[ash@kick4lifesoccer.com.au](mailto:ash@kick4lifesoccer.com.au)  
Cindy TS4A : 0435 860 516

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**KICK 4 LIFE**





**MENTAL HEALTH  
FIRST AID®**  
Australia

# Standard Mental Health First Aid

The Standard Mental Health First Aid® (MHFA®) course teaches participants how to provide initial support to another adult who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis, until professional help is received, or the crisis resolves.

Course participants learn about the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems in adults, how to recognise and respond to an emerging or worsening mental health problem and the treatments and supports available.



## **Intervene early**

Recognise the warning signs of mental health problems in other adults.



## **Respond in a crisis**

Respond across a range of crisis situations where an adult may be at risk of harm.



## **Offer support**

Learn the skills to speak openly and accurately about mental health.



## **Reduce stigma**

Reduce stigma and increase support for adults experiencing and living with mental health problems.



## **Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Recognise the signs and symptoms of mental health problems in adults
- Use an evidence-based action plan to initiate a mental health first aid conversation
- Assess for a range of crisis situations and provide initial support
- Understand the prevalence and impact of mental illnesses, risk factors and treatments and supports available
- Apply self-care practices as a Mental Health First Aider.

Adults who complete a Standard MHFA course become Mental Health First Aiders (MHFAiders), equipped with the knowledge, confidence, and skills to provide mental health information and support when it matters most.

The Standard Mental Health First Aid course is based on guidelines that are informed by people with lived experience, their caregivers and health professionals.

**Dates** 19th and 26th June 2025

**Times** 9.30am-4.30pm

**Cost** \$380 Per Person.

**Facilitator/s** Sally Fountas/Fotini Hatzis

**Venue / Delivery Method** Face to Face Moorabbin- Contact On Track Training on 9764 2758



\*Costs include course participation and all relevant teaching materials.

To learn more about MHFA training and becoming an MHFAider visit [mhfa.com.au](https://mhfa.com.au)

**Anyone can have a conversation that may save a life. Everyone should know how.**

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