

1/2 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 3!



We hope you have all had a nice break and we welcome you back to Term 3 of the school year. Please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions about the information in this newsletter or if you have any concerns throughout the term.

Kind Regards,

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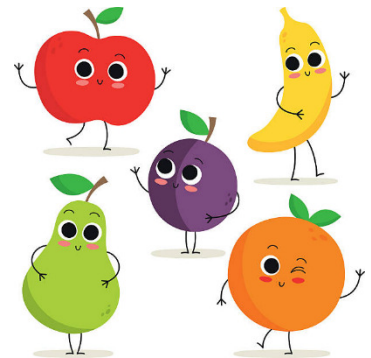
Attendance

Our school day begins at 8.50am, so it is vital that your child arrives at class on time. All student absences must be documented in the class roll, so if your child is sick, please phone the school or record it on Compass on the morning of the absence.

Please do not use Class Dojo to notify staff of student absences.

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.



Important Dates

AUGUST	AUGUST	AUGUST
Wednesday 6 th – Library Excursion	Wednesday 20 th – Book Week Performance Incursion Thursday 21 st – Book Week Parade and Dress Up Day	Thursday 28 th – Grade 1/2 Disco & Grade 2 Sleepover Friday 29 th – Grade 1/2 Camp Clarinda Fun Day



Purple Folders

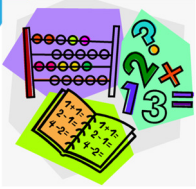
These folders contain all the important information that is sent home to parents. It is necessary for you to check these folders daily so that the notices from school are dealt with promptly.



NO NUTS SCHOOL

As we have children at Clarinda who are **highly allergic to nuts** (anaphylactic), we strongly recommend **no nuts** including all spreads, for example, Nutella, and any other products that may contain nuts. We know you will assist us and take care when preparing your child's snacks and lunches. Please continue to remind your children about not sharing any food.





Labels

Please label **ALL** your children's clothing if you haven't already done so.



Tissues

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



Reading and Comprehension

It is vital that the children read daily at home and are encouraged for their efforts. Remember to ask them to retell the story after they read to develop their comprehension skills. Please regularly practise reading!

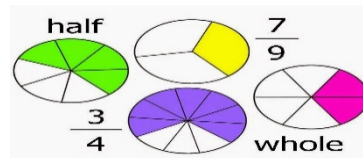


Excursion

For our excursion this term we will be walking to the Clarinda Library to foster the love of reading and literature.

Mathematics

This term we will explore several concepts including Fractions, Statistics and Money.



Reading

This term will see a focus on reading a variety of fantasy genres teaching specific reading strategies to improve levels of comprehension. There will be a focus on visualising fantasy worlds, identifying characters, setting and the main problem and solution. The students will also be able to understand and explain the message or lesson learnt in the fantasy text. We will also explore the features of a variety of poems including acrostic, cinquain, onomatopoeia, and shape poems.



Writing

This term, the students will extend their knowledge of the '6+1 Traits of Writing' through the Clarinda Instructional Model. We will be focusing on writing a variety of fantasy texts and different styles of poetry.

Homework

Number facts should continue to be practised each night, and the homework sheets must be brought to school every Friday. The spelling homework should also be practised on a regular basis. Homework will commence Week 2.

Wellbeing

The children will continue to participate in our programs 'Play is the Way' and 'Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships'. This is a practical methodology for teaching social and emotional skills using guided play, classroom activities and an empowering self-reflective language.

