



November

Friday 14th

Prep Transition Day #3

Monday 17th

2026 Grade 5/6 Camp
Information Session

Tuesday 18th

School Council Meeting

Thursday 20th
Thursday 27th

Grade 5/6 - Elephant Ed
Incursion

Friday 28th

- Prep Transition Day #4
- Book Club Orders Close

December

Tuesday 2nd

Christmas Concert

Tuesday 9th

Year 7 Transition

Thursday 11th

Grade 6 Graduation
Evening 6pm - 8pm

Tuesday 16th

Grade 1/2 Curbside Coaching

Wednesday 17th

Grade 3/4 Curbside Coaching

Friday 19th

End of Term 4 - **1:30pm
finish**

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From the Principal's Desk...



Christmas Concert

Just a reminder that we will have our Christmas Concert on the synthetic grass on Tuesday 2nd December from 5:30pm-7:00pm (5:45pm start time). This concert is always a happy occasion, where we get together as a whole school community to share in the children's success, have a break after a very busy year, and hopefully see a friend or two who we haven't caught up with for a while.

Parents are invited to bring along picnic rugs, chairs and their picnic dinner and drinks.

A reminder that smoking and the consumption of alcohol on the school property is against the law and therefore not permitted.

Whole School Transition

Our students and staff will spend time on Monday 8th (9am-3:20pm) and Monday 15th (2:00pm to 3:20pm) stepping up into their 2026 year levels, familiarizing themselves with the teachers in the new year level and friends that might have been in other classes.

On Tuesday 9th of December, the state-wide transition day for Year 6 to Year 7. More details will be shared with our Year 6 families closer to the date.

From the Principal's Desk...

Gr 6 Graduation

We are looking forward to celebrating our Grade 6 students as they complete their primary school journey and prepare for the next exciting chapter in their education.

Date: Thursday, 11th December

Time: 6:00pm – Dinner for students and staff

Ceremony: 7:00pm – Graduation ceremony for students and family

Location: Clarinda Primary School

Families are warmly invited to join us for the graduation ceremony as we recognise our students' achievements and wish them every success for the future.

Celebrating Our Specialist Programs

In my very humble opinion specialist programs can be underrated in primary school, but this would not be what our students say. In fact, when you ask them students about their favourite parts of school life, they often mention one of these programs. At Clarinda PS we are fortunate to run a fantastic range of specialist programs that include Physical Education, Art, Greek Language, Performing Arts and STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Maths). We are proud to offer a range of specialist learning programs which broaden the educational experience for each child. It is also an important confidence builder and enables students to shine in an area in which they have special talents.

Our specialist programs are also complemented by lots of extra-curricular programs such as; Inter-school Sport, Camps, Art Club, Rock Band, Clarinda Singas Mathematics Extension, School Production, and so on.

I'm inviting everyone in our community to join me in celebrating our wonderful specialist learning and extra-curricular programs, and hope that you can see the value of this important learning for children. I also want to acknowledge our dedicated specialist teachers who make it all possible, we are most fortunate to have your expertise and skills in our school community.

From the Principal's Desk...

School reports– Friday, 17th December

Our December Student Reports will be 'live' from 3:30pm on Wednesday 17th 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.

End of term dismissal and bell times for Friday 19th December

- 9.10am – 9:50am – Students in their classrooms or assembly
- 10:40am – 11am – Recess
- 11.00am – 1:15pm – Students will be in their classrooms (no lunch provided)
- 1.15pm – 1:30pm – Guard of Honour in the middle of the school for students who are leaving.
- 1:30pm – Students will be dismissed from their respective classrooms

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.

Classes for all students will conclude at 1.30pm on Friday 19th December.

CHILDREN'S GREEK FILM FESTIVAL

With deep appreciation, we recognize the incredible group of students who willingly gave up part of their lunchtime to attend rehearsals and help bring the democracy film to life. A special round of applause goes to Abigail, Swara, Sanvi, Nisha, Varsha, Mario Z, Kosta, Efsevia, Katerina F, Harry, Sofia, Katerina M, Vasiliki, Michaela, and Maya, along with their wonderfully supportive families, for their outstanding contribution to this year's Greek Film Festival. Your passion, dedication, and team spirit were the driving force behind its success!

Thank you to Mr Mallett and Ms Aggelidakis for attending and showing their support

Ms Meny Zapantis and Ms Rosey Xenofontos
Greek Language Department



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Chaplains Corner

I am always delighted when I hear students talk about positive times they spend with extended family members, often grandparents, and aunts and uncles and cousins. It makes me think of the phrase "It takes a village to raise a child." Children benefit from participating in positive activities with extended family, creating important traditions. Children can learn unique skills from older relatives, for example cooking, and hear childhood stories from another generation and possibly another country.

I encourage parents to interact regularly with extended family and support the building of relationships between your children and other family as much as possible. This allows children to grow up being able to relate to people of different ages and to feel part of a secure family community. I know that some students at our school are lucky enough to have a grandparent living with them at least for a few months of each year when they visit from overseas!

If you don't have extended family nearby, or don't have a positive relationship with extended family, perhaps intentionally develop relationships with another family, for example trusted neighbours or another school family, as this also creates community for you and your children. Let's invest in spending time with others who will support our children and enrich their lives.

Rose Cook
School Chaplain



Final Book Club for 2025!

Hurry! Don't miss out!

Lots of genuine bargains to add to Christmas stockings.

Books really do make wonderful gifts.

Thank you so much for your support throughout 2025. All books purchased earn extra points for our school to enable us to buy more new library books.

All orders are processed online through [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the LOOP app.

Orders will close on Friday 28th November.

Sorry no late orders will be processed due to delivery timeline before Christmas.

Hope you all have a wonderful, safe Christmas holidays.

Carol McKinley (Mrs. Mac)

Library Technician.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep W	Archer	For consistently being an outstanding role model for his peers, demonstrating kindness, respect, and responsibility.
Prep Y	Rael	For getting his times tables license!
1/2 M	Lanna Jasjot Markus	For demonstrating great teamwork and kindness by helping others at swimming. For working hard during Reading and applying the strategies he has learnt! For Writing incredibly detailed Reader's Notebook entries. Well done!
1/2 P	Riya Emilia	For pursuing her best in our 'Writing' sessions. For a detailed 'Reader's Notebook' entry about our class novel.
1/2T	Clara	For working so carefully and consistently on improving her handwriting and presentation of all her work.
1/2 W	Whole Class Olivia	For being wonderfully behaved while Miss Watts was away. For doing your very best at Swimming!
3/4 D	Zephyr Kalmia	For his amazing participation on camp. Well done! For putting so much effort into her publishing. Well done!
5/6 K	Henry	For really trying his best on all of his assessments!
5/6 N	Dot	For working hard on improving her mathematics each day.

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



13/11/25

Clarinda Primary School

Your
OSHC.



International Unique Talent Day in After School Care



24 November

Book now

Dear Families,

Hope you're doing well!

Our children in OSHC have been busy participating in a big art competition, showcasing their imagination through beautiful drawings and sketches. Please take a moment to check out the wonderful photos below!

Next week, OSHC will be giving children an exciting opportunity to showcase their unique talents whether it's magic tricks, comedy, singing, dancing, or any other special skill. We can't wait to see their creativity shine!

We're also excited to announce that bookings for our upcoming Summer Rocketeer Holiday Program are now open! Please go to <https://campaustralia.com.au/school-holiday-program/> for bookings.

Please walk into our OSHC space or call at 0402353192 for enquiries.



Activities coming up

- Talent show
- Flower garden craft
- Healthy salad sandwiches

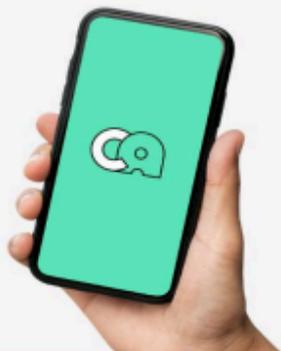
Make a booking

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

Book now

Register and book via the app

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- Simple booking calendar overview
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Find out more and book now

www.campaustralia.com.au

Community Advertising



Course Details

- Dates:** 4 & 11 December 2025
- Time:** 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
- Venue:** St James Lutheran, 416 South Road, Moorabbin, 3189
- Fee:** \$385
- Morning tea provided

Register by 26 November 2025

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- ✓ Guide a person towards professional help

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Ages 5-13

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Drop In Junk Craft Storytime - National Recycling Week

Next date: Saturday, 15 November 2025 | 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM

Using recycled materials, scraps, and odd bits and bobs, you'll create your own unique masterpiece while learning about the power of reusing and reducing waste.



No booking needed—just drop in, get creative, and see what you can make from what others throw away. Great for kids of all ages and perfect for families!

Drop into Highett, Patterson Lakes or Clarinda Library on Saturday 15 November between 11am to 1pm.