



## November

Friday 28th

- Prep Transition Day #4
- Book Club Orders Close

## December

Monday 1st

Junior School Athletics  
Carnival Prep - Grade 2

Tuesday 2nd

Christmas Concert  
5:30PM - 7PM

Monday 8th

2025 Prep - Grade 5  
Class Transition for 2026

Tuesday 9th

Year 7 Transition

Thursday 11th

Grade 6 Graduation  
Evening 6pm - 8pm

Friday 12th

Whole School Spelling Bee

Monday 15th

2025 Prep - Grade 5  
Class Transition for 2026

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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**27 November 2025**

From the Principal's Desk...

### Social Media Safety and Social Media Age Restrictions from December 10

From 10 December 2025, the Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024 will require social media platforms to:

- prevent children and young people under 16 from having a social media account
- deactivate or freeze existing accounts held by people under 16.

Delaying access to social media protects the health and wellbeing of young people and gives them extra time to build real world connections and digital literacy skills.

The responsibility will be on the social media platforms, not parents, carers, children or schools, to implement these new restrictions.

Most popular social media platforms will be age restricted. These include Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), Reddit and YouTube.

Messaging services and online games, as well as apps and platforms that support health and education, can still be used.

How to help under 16's prepare for the change:

- Parents and carers play an important role in supporting their children to be safe online.
- To help get under 16s ready for the social media minimum age requirements, you can go to the eSafety website to learn more about the social media age restrictions and find tips on how to talk about social media age restrictions with young people.

## From the Principal's Desk...

### **Social Media Safety and Social Media Age Restrictions from December 10 (contintued)**

What the change means for our school:

- At our school, all age-restricted social media platforms are blocked for student use on the school network.

To keep up to date about the new social media age restrictions, visit the [eSafety website](#) and subscribe to their newsletter.

### **Reminder to Families – Photographing & Filming on School Grounds**

We would like to remind everyone of our policy regarding photographs and videos on school grounds:

Please ensure that you or any family members do not take unsolicited photos or videos in the yard before school starts or after school finishes.

- Parents/carers are welcome and permitted to photograph or film their own children at special events such as assemblies, sporting events or performances — provided the images are for personal use only and are not distributed via social media channels, WhatsApp groups, or other public/uncontrolled platforms.
- We encourage all families to communicate this message to any relatives, grandparents or friends who pick up children or visit the school so that everyone is aware and respectful of our guidelines.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for all students and families.

### **Prep for 2026**

With our anticipation of the biggest ever cohort in Prep of 66, we welcome them for their final transition day tomorrow. I would like to acknowledge the work of:

- Prep Teacher: Mrs Young, Miss Bridges and Mrs Williams
- School Improvement Team: Ms Backhouse, Miss Ziebell and Mrs Borland
- Support Staff: Jan, Surabhi, Joanna, Libby, Ann, Michelle, Hema, Mrs Richardson and Ms Zapantis
- Office Staff: Gab, Lynn, Rachael and Shannen

From the Principal's Desk...

## Christmas Concert



*Clarinda Primary School Presents*

# SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

A Christmas Concert

Tuesday December 2nd, 2025 5:30 PM  
Clarinda Primary School

## From the Principal's Desk...

### School Council Meeting

Our final school council meeting of the year occurs on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. I acknowledge and thank our school council members for their support and time commitment throughout this year. Participating in regular sub-committee meetings and leading valuable discussion and influence throughout the year.

Our school council members will continue for our final meeting of our current School Council early in 2026 before our AGM towards the end of Term 1.

### Tuesday 9th December – Year 6–7 State Transition Day

All Year 6 students attending a government secondary school in 2026 will attend a transition day at their local Government school of choice. This is an exciting event for our students.

### Coloured Sand

As communicated earlier in the week, there has been a coloured sand recall.

- [Educational Colours – Rainbow Sand \(1.3kg\), Creatistics – Coloured Sand \(1kg\) and Kadink](#)
- [Coloured Decorative Sand \(1.3kg\) | ACCC Product Safety](#)
- [Kadink Decorative sand 10g 6 pack | ACCC Product Safety](#)

At CPS, we do not have any of the specified brands; however, to be safe, we are taking steps set out by the Department of Education to collect and dispose of any coloured sand where located. Current advice from national and Victorian health authorities is that there is a low risk to human health from these products.

If you have the product at home, however, the advice from the health authorities is that you should stop using it and follow the safety advice published here: [Safe disposal and health information for consumers with recalled sand products | ACCC Product](#)

**See you around the school**  
**Robbie Mallett**



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# Spelling Bee 2025



## SPELLING BEE FINALS

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
**In the school hall**

Families welcome to join the audience

**PREP - 2**

**11:00 - 12:30**

**GR 3 - 6**

**2:00 - 3:30**



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Victoria Shreeva Mashal	For always coming to school with a positive attitude, ready to try her best! For contributing to class discussions with great ideas! For using all of her reading strategies whilst independently reading.
Prep W	Olivia Maya	For her wonderful storytelling and the impressive picture book she produced, complete with her own beautiful illustrations. For demonstrating persistence when solving mathematical problems.
Prep Y	Penelope	For excellent persuasive writing.
1/2 M	Sandro George Niya	For consistently working hard on his CCs and achieving your Times Tables license. Well done! Working hard to improve his Reading! Well Done! For using her strategies and performing so well on her Maths assessments.
1/2 P	Harley	For always contributing to class discussions.
1/2T	Devon San Alexis	For working so hard on his picture story book and for feeling so proud of it. For working so hard and being such a great classroom community member. For working hard on her persuasive and narrative writing.
1/2 W	Ayaz	For working so hard to complete all your challenging Maths assessments.
3/4 A	Shanaya	For showing great encouragement and support to classmates during Play is The Way.
3/4 D	Oliver Leonidis	For working hard through his assessments that he missed when he was away. For working very hard on his multi genre writing pieces. Well done!
3/4 E	Aidan Precillah	For his hard work on his picture storybook. For her growth mindset when trying new things!
3/4 P	Noor Reyansh A	For working so diligently on her writing piece. Well done! For his efforts to do the right thing and lead by example.
5/6 D	Bella Hamish	For consistently working hard, following instructions, challenging herself and being a great role model for her peers. For working hard in maths to challenge himself and asking for help to further understand concepts.
5/6 N	Emma	For sharing her thinking during her Literature Circle. Keep it up!

# Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



27/11/25

Clarinda Primary School

Your  
OSHC.



## Christmas in After School Care



All December

Book now

Dear families,

As the festive season approaches, the children have been actively engaged in creating beautiful artworks using recycled materials to brighten and decorate our OSHC environment. We are pleased to share some of the highlights with our families.

Next week, we will continue the celebrations with a range of Christmas-inspired activities, including no-bake dessert making and festive arts and crafts sessions designed to encourage creativity and hands-on learning.

We invite families to secure their bookings for our upcoming Summer Holiday Program. This program offers a variety of interactive and enriching experiences aimed at fostering engagement, exploration, and memorable moments for all children.

We look forward to a joyful and inspiring season together.

Please call at 0402353192 for any booking enquiries.



### Activities coming up

- Christmas buntings
- Blueberry cheesecake
- Origami santa

### 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

To attend our program, you must register your child. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



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- SENIOR PROGRAM (AGES 12 - 15)**  
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**Clarinda Primary School Uniform Store**

Please be aware that uniform prices will be increasing in line with PSW.



We encourage families to visit the front office before the end of the year to purchase items at the current prices.