

GRADE 3/4

NEWSLETTER



Clarinda
Primary School

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Hello Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to term 1! We are excited to be back at school and are looking forward to the term ahead. If you have any questions or comments, please send a message to your child's teacher on Class Dojo and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

From the 3/4 teachers, Miss Ziebell, Ms Evans, Mrs Jones, Miss Doubakis and Mr McMahon

Important Dates

Thursday 19th February: District swimming 6-8am (selected students)

Tuesday 3rd March: Parent teacher interviews 2pm-6:30pm

Monday 9th March: Labour Day

Tuesday 10th March: Curriculum Day

Wednesday 11th March: NAPLAN (writing)

Thursday 12th March: NAPLAN (reading)

Friday 13th March: NAPLAN (language conventions)

Monday 16th March: NAPLAN (maths)

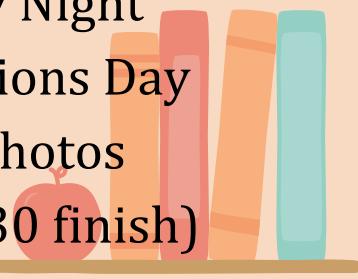
Tuesday 24th March: Harmony Night

Thursday 26th March: 3/4 Rotations Day

Tuesday 31st March: School Photos

Thursday 2nd April: Last Day (2:30 finish)

Friday 3rd April: Good Friday



Mornings

This year in 3/4 the students will be participating in morning mindfulness and fitness. We will do fitness on the running track on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and classroom mindfulness activities on the other days. The school gates open at 8:40am.

When students arrive at school they should go straight to their class line on the synthetic grass and wait for the teachers to collect them at 8:50am.

Homework

This year in 3/4 we will be encouraging students to continue to complete Reading, Spelling and Maths homework every week. Feel free to send a message on ClassDojo if you have any questions. Homework will be given to students in week 3.

Rotations

All grade 3/4 students will complete Rotation activities with each of the 3/4 teachers. This term Miss Ziebell and Mrs Jones will be teaching Dance, Mr McMahon will be teaching digital literacy, Ms Evans will teach Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures, and Miss Doubakis will be teaching Geography.

Why going to school is important

Going to school every day is an important part of your child's education. Children and young people learn new things at school every day, connect with friends, have fun and develop good habits that help them to succeed.

Attending and participating in school will help your child:

- develop important skills and knowledge to help them learn
- develop social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team-work
- establish friendships with peers which help develop self-esteem and a sense of belonging.

There is no good number of days for missing school. Being away from school for 1 day a fortnight adds up to missing 4 whole weeks of school a year. Where possible, you should avoid your child missing school, for example, make appointments for your child outside of school hours and if possible, keep family holidays to outside term time.

However, if your child is sick they should stay at home to stop the spread of the illness to other students and staff. If your child is away the reason needs to be added to Compass.

By attending school consistently when healthy, students give themselves the best chance to learn, grow, and succeed.

Reminders

Black Shoes: All students are required to wear black shoes as part of the uniform and can change into runners on PE and sport days.

Brainy Bites: Students may bring fruit or vegetables into class to snack on during the day. This is great for helping them to maintain healthy minds and bodies.

No Wrappers: We would like all students to bring minimal wrappers (preferably none!) to school everyday, and encourage you to send snacks and lunch in named containers.

SunSmart: It is school policy that a school – approved navy blue hat must be worn during play and sport activities in Term 1 & 4.

Tissues: We ask that all families please bring in a tissue box for your classroom.

Thank you for all of your support! We are looking forward to a great term ahead 😊