



Clarinda
Primary School



Issue #3

3 March 2026

Important Dates

March

Tuesday 3rd

Getting to know you parent/teacher interviews
2pm - 6:30pm

Wednesday 4th

Division Swimming (select students only)



Monday 9th

Labour Day Public Holiday - No students

Tuesday 10th

Curriculum Day - No students

Wednesday 11th - Thursday 19th

Grade 3 & Grade 5 - NAPLAN

Tuesday 31st

School Photos



April

Wednesday 1st

Harmony Night 5:15pm - 7pm



Last Day of Term 1 - Thursday 2nd of April

First Day of Term 2 - Monday 20th of April

From the Principal's Desk...

Understanding How Children Learn at Clarinda PS

At Clarinda Primary School, we are committed to ensuring every child experiences high-quality teaching based on the best available research about how learning happens. Across Victoria, schools are implementing the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0 (VTLM 2.0), which reflects decades of research in cognitive science, neuroscience, and education.

([Education Victoria](#))

This model provides clear guidance to teachers about the practices that have the strongest evidence for improving student learning outcomes.

Key finding 1: Attention and engagement are essential for learning

Research shows that learning begins when students are actively focused and engaged. For new learning to occur, information must move from a student's **working memory into their long-term memory**, which requires attention, clear routines, and supportive classroom environments. ([Education Victoria](#))

At Clarinda PS, this means our classrooms are calm, structured, and supportive, allowing students to feel safe, valued, and ready to learn.



From the Principal's Desk...

Key finding 2: Knowledge builds learning

One of the most important findings in learning research is that knowledge is the foundation for thinking, problem-solving, and creativity. New learning connects to what students already know, helping them build stronger mental models over time. ([Education Victoria](#))

This is why our teachers carefully sequence learning, ensuring students develop strong foundations before moving to more complex concepts.

Key finding 3: Practice and recall strengthen memory

Learning is strengthened through practice, repetition, and recall. Research shows that when students practise and retrieve knowledge over time, it becomes more permanent and easier to apply. ([Education Victoria](#))

You may notice your child revisiting concepts regularly – this is intentional and helps deepen understanding.

Key finding 4: Explicit teaching is highly effective

VTLM 2.0 places explicit teaching at the centre of effective learning. Explicit teaching involves teachers clearly explaining new learning, modelling skills, guiding students through practice, and providing feedback. This approach helps manage cognitive load and supports success for all learners. ([Education Victoria](#))

Research across Australia has also shown that structured, explicit teaching approaches significantly improve student outcomes, particularly in reading and mathematics. ([Herald Sun](#))

Key finding 5: Students benefit from understanding their own learning

The model also highlights the importance of helping students develop **metacognition** – understanding how they learn, recognising challenges, and developing strategies to improve. This builds confidence, independence, and resilience. ([Department of Education Victoria](#))

From the Principal's Desk...

What this means for Clarinda PS students

At Clarinda Primary School, these research-based practices mean:

- Clear learning goals in every lesson
- Teachers modelling and explaining learning explicitly
- Students practising and revisiting knowledge regularly
- Strong foundations in literacy and numeracy
- Supportive, structured classroom environments
- Students developing confidence and independence

Our commitment

By aligning our teaching with the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0, we are ensuring that every student at Clarinda Primary School receives teaching informed by the best research available.

This work supports our core values for every child to:

Care. Achieve. Respect. Excel.

NAPLAN

You child will be participating in NAPLAN from Wednesday 11th March to Thursday 19th March (Test Window).

The schedule for Grade 3 students will be:

- Wednesday 11th March – Writing
- Thursday 12th March – Reading
- Friday 13th March – Language Conventions
- Monday 16th March – Numeracy

The schedule for Grade 5 students will be:

- Wednesday 11th March – Writing
- Thursday 12th March – Reading
- Monday 16th March – Language Conventions
- Tuesday 17th March – Numeracy

Catch-up days are scheduled for:

- Wednesday 18th March
- Thursday 19th March

If you would like to discuss your child's participation (exemption or withdrawal), please contact their teacher asap.

From the Principal's Desk...



**STUDENT
FREE DAY**

Parents are reminded that there is a Labour Day holiday on Monday 9th March and a Curriculum Day on Tuesday 10th March.

Extreme Weather Events



In February 2024 we experienced an unprecedented weather event at Clarinda PS which the campus sustained significant damage to trees and playgrounds. Whilst we hope this was a once only event, it appears that extreme weather is on the rise. After this storm in 2024 we reviewed the actions that contributed to community safety at this time and came up with the following action plan that we will follow in any similar emergency.

- In the case of extreme weather students will not be dismissed until it is safe to do so and will remain in classrooms as a shelter in place. This could mean students remain indoors after the dismissal bell.
- If any parents or carers find themselves in our school yard during an event such as this they should find shelter indoors. The foyer of the Administration Building, Library Foyer, Gallery (Grade 1/2 & 3/4) and the Prep area deck are all places that parents and carers can shelter in place. You do not need to ask permission to shelter in place during an emergency.
- Do not shelter under trees in high winds or rain.

It might reassure you to know that we do regularly check the weather reports and have the Vic Emergency App set for notifications. We take a conservative approach to the weather, and we bring students indoors on days of extreme heat or wind.

See you around the school
Robbie Mallett

CLARINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL

HARMONY FIESTA FAMILY FUN NIGHT

'Where Everyone Belongs'

Wednesday 1st April 2026 – 5.15pm to 7.00pm

Multicultural Dinner – From 5:15pm onwards

Team Games - Begins 6:00pm – 6.50pm. Win points for your House Team!

WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE BRING A SWEET OR SAVOURY DISH FROM YOUR CULTURE TO SHARE WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

On arrival:

- Please deliver your platter of food (hot and ready to eat) to the serving tables on the synthetic grass.
- Please label your platter of food with the country of origin of your dish and the ingredients included.

☆ **Due to food allergies, please do not prepare food containing any type of nut, peanut oil, satay sauce or peanut butter.**

Optional: Students and families are invited to wear your cultural dress or the colour orange.

Please remember that children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all times!

ON SALE

Soft Drinks
Juice
Icy Poles



HARMONY FIESTA FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Wednesday 1st April 2026 – 5.15pm to 7.00pm

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please tick an option and then return this page to school by **Monday 16th of March 2026**

Please tick where you can help		
Preparation Setting up shade tents Setting up tables and chairs	2:30pm to 3:00pm	
Preparation Setting up shade tents Setting up tables and chairs	3:00pm to 3:30pm	
Wash platters, serving ware and redistribute food etc	6:00pm – 6:30pm	
Wash platters, serving ware and redistribute food etc	6:30pm – 7:00pm	
Event Pack Up Pack up shade tents Pack up tables and chairs	7:00pm – 7:30pm	

Your Name: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Eldest child's name: _____ Grade: _____



Prep – Grade 2 Decodable Books

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the parents who were so generous with their time in helping to cover our new decodable books for Prep–Grade 2 students. Your willingness to give up your time to support our school is truly appreciated. Thanks to your support, these important reading resources are now ready for use in the classroom and for take home reading.

We are incredibly grateful to all the parents that took time out of their day and were able to assist including:

- Amanda Emmanuelli
- Katherina Athanasopoulos
- Sharni Doherty
- Ellie Ziaei



Illness Advice



As we head further into the school year, we ask all families to be mindful of the Victorian school exclusion requirements for certain illnesses. These guidelines help protect the health and wellbeing of all students and staff.

If your child has been unwell, please be aware that exclusion periods vary depending on symptoms and diagnosis. In many cases, children should remain at home for 24 to 48 hours after symptoms (such as vomiting) have resolved, but some conditions require longer exclusion.

For further information please see Victorian Department of Health School exclusion table for primary school and children's services -

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/infectious-diseases/school-exclusion-table>

Chaplains corner

It is important to have a healthy sleep routine

Sleep [supports brain development](#), consolidates learning, processes emotions and allows the body to recover.

When sleep routines are disrupted, children may struggle with concentration and memory, have mood swings and behavioural difficulties, and find it harder to regulate emotions. All these factors can affect [school performance and social relationships](#).

Here's how to get back into a sleep routine.

1. Have regular bed and wake times

Start by setting a regular bedtime and wake time every day, including weekends, to ensure children get the right amount of sleep for their age. For primary school children, this means around [nine to eleven hours](#) a night.

If your child has been staying up later over the holidays, [gradually bring bedtime earlier](#) by 15-30 minutes every few nights until it's back in line with their regular schedule. Do the same for wake time if your child has been sleeping in. Earlier wakings [can be encouraged](#) with exposure to daylight in the bedroom and a healthy breakfast to help realign their bodily rhythms.

2. Have a wind-down routine

Going to bed earlier may be challenging for some children. A calming bedtime routine of relaxing activities may help some children sleep more easily. A warm bath or shower, soft music, reading a book or cuddling with a caregiver may provide comfort.

If they find it difficult to fall asleep, suggest they come out of their bedroom for a short time (such as 15 to 20 minutes) to do a quiet activity (such as reading or drawing – no screens!). This may help them feel sleepy before returning to bed.

3. Make bedrooms quiet and dark

The [sleep environment](#) matters too. A quiet, dark, comfortable space where children feel safe helps tell the brain it's time to sleep.

Simple [reward systems](#), such as sticker charts, can reinforce routines for younger children. This can show kids sleep is a positive and predictable part of their day.

Re-establishing healthy sleep patterns may take a week or two.

Rose Cook
School Chaplain



P.E. Update

On Thursday 19th February, these amazing and dedicated athletes woke up really early to represent Clarinda at the District Swimming Carnival. The 6:30am start didn't phase this group as they arrived full of energy and ready to compete! Big congratulations to **Harley, Veer, Thea, Isaac, Yugvart, Isabelle, Nicholas, Ava** and **Oliver** for your tremendous effort, Clarinda is very proud of you all!

Best of luck to **Nicholas, Isabelle, Yugvart, Thea** and **Harley** who placed in the top 2 of their events and will now compete at the Division Swimming Competition to be held on Wednesday 4th March.



Anita Woon
P.E. Teacher

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Saifan Marianna	For being a great role model by always following the rules! For trying hard things in writing!
Prep W	Beyanca	For always sharing her ideas during learning time.
Prep Y	Josephine Atticus	For being a fabulous helper in class this week. Being a responsible member of the class.
1/2 M	Grace Hiruja	For settling into grade 1 and being a respectful class member. For always working hard and willing to take on a challenge.
1/2 T	Evelyn	For being such a hard working and thoughtful student
3/4 A	Denvar Ethan	For being a responsible and sensible “helping hand” for our class this week. Great work! For consistently remembering important details and thoughtfully helping to remind the teacher and classmates.
3/4 D	Devon	For his hard work and effort on practising his phonics. Well done!
3/4 E	Leo K Yugvart	For consistently applying himself to improve across all areas of learning. Well done! For demonstrating excellent work habits by completing all tasks on time, maintaining strong focus during learning and a caring attitude to his classmates.
3/4 M	Ilyaa San	For asking for help when she needs it and showing great responsibility for her learning. For being a calm and respectful learner.
5/6 D	Ava Vedhika	For showing leadership during every activity at camp by encouraging others, working out strategies and making sure everyone was included. For challenging herself to write a variety of entries in her Reader’s Notebook.
5/6 N	Louie Amjaad	For being polite and showing his manners to all teachers and Summit staff during camp. For applying a growth mindset to challenging maths concepts.

Program spotlight

Your
OSHC.

Clarinda Primary school

Your OSHC by Camp Australia provides enriching experiences for children during term – before school, after school and on pupil free days. At Your OSHC we give children a supportive space to continue their development, build confidence and socialise with their friends.

What's coming up at Your OSHC this week:

2/3/2026 - 6/3/2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p> Adaptability 4.1</p> <p>Big Art: Birds Nest Collage Create a bird in its nest – An easy colourful collage that is great for doing on cardboard, paper or cards, today we will make a gift card!</p>	<p> Confidence 1.2</p> <p>Spider Web salt art Watch the colours run around the spider web</p>	<p> Persistence 2.3</p> <p>Red Light, Green Light You sprint and freeze on signals. If you budge on red, you retreat. First to the Leader wins.</p>	<p> Creative Thinki.. 3.2</p> <p>Build your own Lego Tower When building a LEGO® tower there are endless possibilities – you can build a castle, a skyscraper.</p>	<p> Adaptability 4.1</p> <p>Hula Hoops Race It is a fun and engaging activity where children race while spinning a hula hoop around their waist.</p>
<p> Communication 4.1</p> <p>Our Magical Worlds This activity promotes imagination, collaboration and storytelling. Encouraging future independent child led play.</p>	<p> Communication 1.1</p> <p>Quiet Reading Lats relax with a good book. Reading and storytelling with babies and children promotes brain development and imagination.</p>	<p> Cooperation 2.3</p> <p>Lego castle build Work with your peers to build a Lego copy of your house design. Once completed, make a street with all your lego houses</p>	<p> Communication 1.2</p> <p>This OR That Movement-based group activity where children choose between two options by moving to different sides of the room.</p>	<p> Adaptability 2.1</p> <p>Big Art: OSHC Display Students spend their Big Art Day thinking and creating a fun display for their OSHC service</p>



Register for Your OSHC

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

[Register now](#)



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OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2026



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OPEN NIGHT

March 18, 5:30pm-7:30pm | 4 Ward Avenue, Oakleigh South

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