


**Issue #4**
**17 March 2026**

## Important Dates

### March

**Wednesday 11th - Thursday 19th**

Grade 3 &amp; Grade 5 - NAPLAN

**Tuesday 17th**

School Council AGM 6pm

**Wednesday 18th**

PACC AGM 9am

Friday 20th March

Grade 5/6 Summer Sport Gala Day

**Friday 27th**

 Senior School House Cross Country -  
11am

**Tuesday 31st**

 School Photos  
Refer to Flyer


### April

**Wednesday 1st**

 Grade 1 & 2 Baldhill Park Excursion  
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...

School tours for 2027 enrolments have commenced, and something we take for granted that is noticed by our visitors is the calm classrooms and orderly environments.

Reflecting on Attitude to School Survey data from the 2025 Cohort of Gr 4-6 students, it was noted:

Factor	Clarinda PS	Similar Schools	State
<i>Attitude to Attendance</i>	98%	85%	85%
<i>Sense of Confidence</i>	96%	80%	78%
<i>Sense of Connectedness</i>	98%	79%	77%
<i>Stimulated Learning</i>	94%	77%	78%
<i>Effective Classroom Behaviour</i>	97%	77%	78%
<i>Differentiate Learning Challenges</i>	98%	86%	85%

Good classroom management is a strong skill of the teachers at CPS and is critical for success. One thing all teachers (and adults) want is for our children to learn to manage their own behaviour. By teaching thinking tools and organisational strategies, the students learn to take control and responsibility for their learning.

As stated in our Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy: 'All members of our school community have a right to experience a safe and supportive school environment. We expect that all students, staff, parents and carers treat each other with respect and dignity. Our school's Statement of Values highlights the rights and responsibilities of members of our community.'

## From the Principal's Desk...

Students have the right to:

- participate fully in their education
- feel safe, secure and happy at school
- learn in an environment free from bullying, harassment, violence, discrimination or intimidation
- express their ideas, feelings and concerns.

Students have the responsibility to:

- participate fully in their educational program
- display positive behaviours that demonstrate respect for themselves, their peers, their teachers and members of the school community
- respect the right of others to learn.

Students who may have a complaint or concern about something that has happened at school are encouraged to speak to their parents or carers and approach a trusted teacher or a member of the school leadership team. Our protocols represent a great amount of work conducted by both staff and students over the past couple of years to document our practices, as we strive to make our school a safer, happier and more engaging environment for everyone to study, work and play in.

### **School Council Annual Report-Annual General Meeting**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, at 6pm the Clarinda Primary School Council will be presenting the 2025 Annual Report to the community discussing Student Achievement, Student Engagement and Student Wellbeing. Following the report, we will hold our first meeting of the 2026 School Council. At this meeting we will welcome newly elected, re-elected and continuing members to the School Council.

All office bearing positions will be spilled and nominations invited for office bearing positions for the new committee. You are all welcome to attend the Annual Report and also sit in on the School Council meeting as a visitor. Please be advised that this report will also be made available on the school website and will be accessible at a later date on the VRQA State register.

## From the Principal's Desk...

### Parent and Community Club (PACC) AGM

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, at 9am the PACC will hold their AGM in the staffroom.

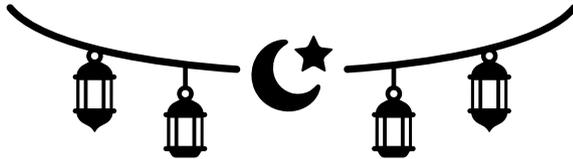
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### Holi



Many of our Hindu community celebrated Holi last Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. To all of our Hindu community members, we wish you a Happy Holi!

### Ramadan



Members of our Muslim community are currently observing Ramadan, which will conclude on 19<sup>th</sup> March, next Thursday. Wishing all of our Muslim community a Happy Ramadan – Eid Mubarak!

### Emergency Evacuation Drill

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March the school will be undertaking an emergency evacuation drill. Throughout the year we undertake regular evacuation and lockdown drills on different days of the week and at different times. This ensures that in the event of an emergency all students and staff know exactly what to do.

## From the Principal's Desk...

**Confirmed Strike Action – March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Based on indicative numbers of striking staff, relevant care should be arranged for Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. More information will be provided by the weekend.**

As parents and carers may be aware, staff at our school who are Australian Education Union (AEU) members have been negotiating, alongside teachers, education support staff, assistant principals, and principals from public schools around Victoria, with the state government and Department of Education for improvements to pay and employment conditions. Negotiations have been occurring over the last seven months, and the state government has not made any offer at all to this point in time.

Currently, Victorian public schools are the lowest funded in Australia and there are significant staffing shortages across Victoria. Victorian public school teachers are also the lowest paid teachers in Australia, with many education support employees and school leaders paid less than their colleagues in other state and territories who do the same role.

AEU members are seeking pay increases and reductions to excessive workloads, with the aim of ensuring the retention of existing employees and the attraction of the next generation to enable the ongoing provision of a high-quality education to students.

The AEU has written to our school council outlining some of the issues that school staff need resolved, including school funding and staffing shortages, as well as pay and conditions. The union acknowledges that a decision to stop work is not one to be taken lightly and regrets the impact it has on students and their families, with the state government able to avoid such action if a fair and decent offer is made to employees. If the industrial action goes ahead, we will provide our school community with all the information needed to manage the situation.

It goes without saying that as a school we support all of our staff and expect them to be paid reasonably and have fair conditions of work.

## From the Principal's Desk...

### End Term 1 – Thursday 2nd April

Assembly will be held on the synthetic grassed area from 9:10am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. If the weather is inclement, a WebEx link will be sent via Compass on the morning.

### End of term dismissal and bell times:

**9.00am – 10.40am** – Students in their classrooms or assembly

**10.40am – 11.00am** – Recess play

**11.00am – 12.40pm** – Students will be in their classrooms

**12.40pm – 12.50pm** – Students eat lunch

**12.50pm – 1.50pm** – Lunch play

**1.50pm – 2.30pm** – Students will be in class.

**2.30pm** – Dismissal

### Term 2

Resumes on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

### ANZAC DAY Service



Clarinda PS will have a special ANZAC DAY ceremony on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April at 12:40pm. These are always very touching events and provide a great way to teach our children about the importance and significance of ANZAC Day.

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

## 5/6 Camp - The Summit

The lovely staff at The Summit Camp have written a post about our students experience on camp, if you are interested in reading about their experiences whilst on camp, please follow the link or QR - <https://thesummit.net.au/clarinda-primary-school/>



## Library News!

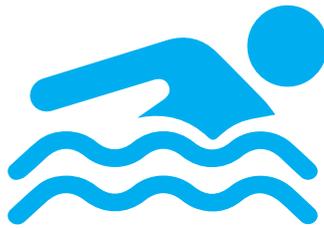
Congratulations to our new Library Monitors for 2026.



Zoey, Mirabelle, Vasiliki, Alex, Ioanna, Ava, Rose, Amelia, Tanaaz, Lisa.

Carol McKinley

# P.E. Update



## DIVISION SWIMMING NEWS.....

Our superfish team of **Harley, Yugvart, Thea, Nicholas & Isabelle** represented Clarinda and our District at the Monash Waverley Division Swimming Championships on Wednesday March 4th. The competition at this level is incredibly tough but our amazing swimmers did us proud once again!

Huge congratulations to Yugvart for his 2nd place in butterfly and Nicholas for his 1st place in both Freestyle & Butterfly. These two champs will now represent us at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Swimming Championships on Tuesday 31st March. Best of luck boys from all of us at Clarinda!!

## GRADE 5 & 6 SUMMER SPORT GALA DAY

Our grade 5/6 students are in teams for Softball, Cricket, Basketball and Rounders and we have spent this term practising and playing friendly matches with other schools in our District. This all leads to our big Summer Sport Gala Day which will be held on Friday 20th March where each team will play in a whole day tournament. Wishing all our teams the best of luck for this big day!

## HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY



### Senior School House Cross Country 2026

Compete in the Grade 3-6 Cross Country race and win points for your House. The House with the most points will win the Senior School House Cross Country Shield for 2026!

#### When is it?

Friday March 27th from 11:00am

11:10am - U12/13

11:25am - U11

11:40am - U8/9/10

#### Where is it?

The event takes place at school on both ovals.

#### How fast do I have to be?

Just do your best and finish the race!

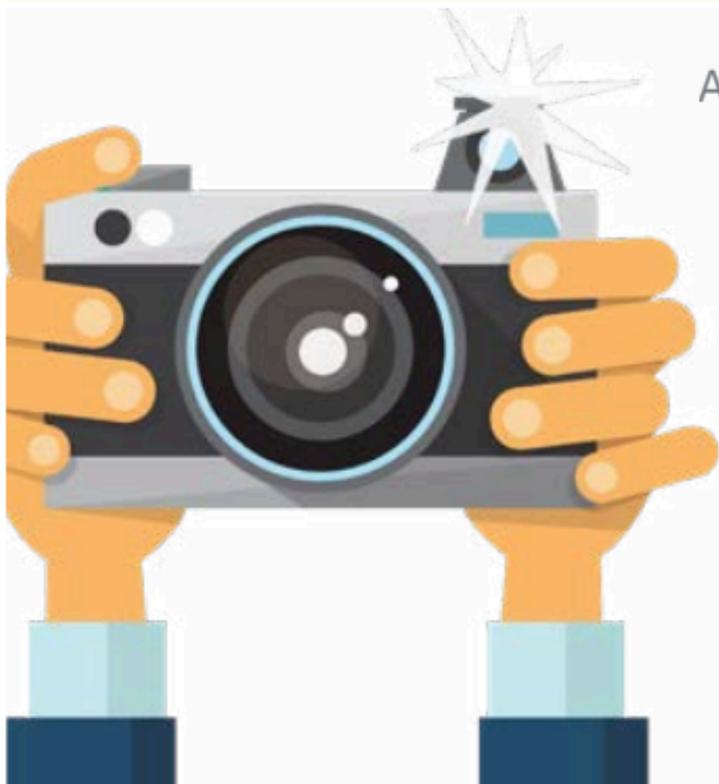
Every participant earns points for their House!



**Wear your House Colours, runners and a smile.  
Parents/guardians are very welcome to come  
along and support our runners.**



Anita Woon  
P.E. Teacher



Are you ready for 2026 school photos?

Clarinda Primary School

Tuesday 31st March

*There's no need to do anything before photo day unless you would like a sibling photo - see below for next steps.*

*Further details will be provided when portrait and group images are ready*

**Student access codes and order details will be provided to you when images are ready to view and purchase online**

Sibling/Family Photos will also be taken at your school



*If you would like your children to be photographed together, go online **BEFORE** photo day to request a sibling/family photograph*

1. Grab your phone and go to either link or QR - <https://arphotos.typeform.com/to/BtNj3qM8>



2. Enter the name and class of the eldest sibling

3. Enter the names and classes of all other siblings to be included in the photo

**Please NOTE - Sibling Photograph requests close at midnight the night BEFORE photo day**

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Avyansh	For excellent focus in the classroom!
Prep W	Brianna Ellery Aarav	For working conscientiously in the classroom. For being a responsible member of Prep W and always trying her best! For consistently being responsible and kind to others.
Prep Y	Ojasv Astrid	Making excellent attempts to spell words in writing this week. For applying herself to all tasks with enthusiasm.
1/2 M	Sehasa	For correctly applying his knowledge of consonant digraphs in his writing.
1/2 P	Harry T	For working well on all tasks set.
1/2 T	Rocco Willow	For his excellent work habits and his respectful behaviour in the classroom For her outstanding progress and excellent attitude in reading.
1/2 W	Noah Korina	For working hard to include his phonics sounds in his writing. For her perseverance in completing her maths assessment.
3/4 A	Indi	For demonstrating a positive attitude and trying her best during NAPLAN testing, showing perseverance and focus throughout the week.
3/4 D	Maria Datev	For her fantastic effort and focus in her work this week. Well done! For working hard to overcome her stress about NAPLAN, Well done!
3/4 E	Aalia	For challenging herself to improve in all her work. Well done!
3/4 M	Amalea Charlie	For being a kind and respectful learner who always tries her best. For always being a kind and respectful member of 3/4M.
5/6 A	Jordan Zeke D Diana	For taking ownership of his learning and seeking help when needed. For bringing great energy and enthusiasm to our daily Wordle. For trying her best in Rounders and stepping out of her comfort zone & supporting her team.
5/6 D	Isaac Dyuthi	For always listening and following instructions. For creating and preparing a very detailed and engaging presentation.
5/6 N	Andrea Lasya	For being a superstar on Camp and giving everything her full effort! For applying herself in all aspects of her learning and continuously wanting to improve. Keep it up!

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:

16/3/2026 - 20/3/2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Confidence   1.2</b></p> <p><b>Autumn Craft Time</b> Make autumn crafts with leaves, pinecones, paper. Use glue, paint, and string to create fun things like wreaths or jars.</p>	<p><b>Creative Thinki...   1.4</b></p> <p><b>Superhero cards</b> Children will make superhero DIY cards for our community heroes</p>	<p><b>Communication   1.3</b></p> <p><b>Design Your Own Superhero</b> Children create their own superhero character, complete with a name, powers, costume, and short backstory.</p>	<p><b>Adaptability   1.3</b></p> <p><b>Big Art: Earth Poster</b> Students created mind map-inspired poster to effectively communicate with their peers about sustain practices at the service</p>	<p><b>Creative Thinki...   4.4</b></p> <p><b>OSHC Zoo</b> Let's work together to create our own OSHC zoo</p>
<p><b>Creative Thinki...   1.3</b></p> <p><b>PlusPlus BeyBlade Battle</b> Children will build Beyblades out of Plus Plus building blocks and battle each other</p>	<p><b>Confidence   1.2</b></p> <p><b>Lego Challenges-WPW</b> Try all our Lego challenges and see which you can achieve</p>	<p><b>Communication   4.1</b></p> <p><b>Mini Makers Café (Role Play Restaurant)</b> Children design and run a pop-up café—creating menus, setting tables, taking orders, and role-playing baristas, chefs, and customers.</p>	<p><b>Social   2.1</b></p> <p><b>Eleven</b> Children take turns in saying numbers (only up to 3 at a time) and whoever says 11 is out until there is a final winner.</p>	<p><b>Confidence   1.2</b></p> <p><b>Painting by numbers</b> An upgrade to an old classic - choose your own draw by numbers but decorate with paint!</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



## Stop by and say hi!

Please feel free to visit the program with your children to meet the team and see what happens in our great program each school day.



## Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

Visit our blog

To register and book visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

by Camp Australia

Welcome to the family



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[clarindaps.vic.edu.au](http://clarindaps.vic.edu.au)

1166 Centre Road Clarinda 3169 T: 9544 3231

# Community Advertising



**SOUTH OAKLEIGH COLLEGE**  
**OPEN NIGHT**  
**WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2026**

Doors open at 6.00pm  
Formal Presentation at 6.15pm  
in the Christine Strachan Theatre

Scholarship Program Applications close Friday 16 October 2026  
Year 7 Acceleration and Enhancement Program Applications close Friday 16 October 2026  
All applications accepted via [sosvc.vic.edu.au](http://sosvc.vic.edu.au)

(03) 95792322 | [south.oakleigh.co@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:south.oakleigh.co@education.vic.gov.au) | Bakers Road Oakleigh South VIC 3167



**Cheltenham Secondary College**  
**OPEN NIGHT**  
Monday 30th March  
4pm - 6.30pm

73-75 Bernard Street, Cheltenham  
[cheltsec.vic.edu.au](http://cheltsec.vic.edu.au)  
9555 5955

CONTACT: 0409 196 662

JOIN US THIS EASTER AS WE COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

**Easter Celebration**

MARCH

SATURDAY	<b>28</b>	11:30AM - 2PM
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CLARINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:  
9 EULINGA RD CLARINDA

FREE BBQ + Drinks, Fairy Floss, Face Painting, Crafts for Children, Chocolate Egg Huunting, ALL ARE WELCOME

**DRAGONS ARE ALL FIRED UP FOR 2026**

**PLAYERS WANTED**

BOYS & GIRLS TEAMS FROM U8s-U18s  
Check [oakleighdragons.com.au/training](http://oakleighdragons.com.au/training) for training dates and locations

**PLAYERS OF ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**  
**GREAT FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB**

ENQUIRIES & TO REGISTER  
Registration Manager - Kane Leopold 0400 039 412

GENERAL ENQUIRIES  
President - Justine Leopold 0404 843 040  
[oakleighdragons.com.au](http://oakleighdragons.com.au)

# Community Advertising



**WESTALL**  
Secondary College

## Open Night

Tuesday 31st March, 6pm

Come and see what makes Westall Secondary College unique.

School Tours weekly:  
- Mondays 9:30am  
- Wednesdays 12:30pm

88 Rosebank Avenue, Clayton South VIC 3169  
P: 9546 3233 [www.westallsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.westallsc.vic.edu.au)

Aim High  
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Scan to register for the Open Night or a School tour



A government school for everygirl from everywhere

## 'Show & Tell'

7pm, Tuesday 28 April, 2026

A student-led information night  
Registration not required

Visit on a typical day  
Book a Tour



mentone girls'  
secondary college

175 Balcombe Road, Mentone Vic 3194 [mgsc.vic.edu.au](http://mgsc.vic.edu.au)



## OAKLEIGH AUSKICK PRESEASON

FRIDAYS @ 4:30PM  
SCAMMELL RESERVE  **PLAY**

MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 20<sup>TH</sup>, 27<sup>TH</sup>



All Welcome - no experience needed!

FREE sausage sizzle!



Want to check out footy at a Club that's family-friendly, inclusive and everyone feels at home?

[www.oakleighdragons.com.au](http://www.oakleighdragons.com.au)

16-20 MARCH  
IN AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Your OSHC.

# SUPERHERO WEEK

See the hero. Be the hero.

Friday 20 March  
**SUPERHERO PARTY DAY**

**ACTIVITIES**

- ★ Make your own masks and capes
- ★ Create a superhero comic book
- ★ Cooking experiences
- ★ Community hero guest visits

**BOOK NOW**



Event/activities will vary by service. Speak to your Service Leader to find out more.