



Important Dates

April

Wednesday 29th

Grade 3/4 - Melbourne Museum Excursion

May

Friday 1st

Grade 3-6 - House Athletics Carnival @ Davies Reserve

Monday & Tuesday 4th & 5th

Teeth on Wheels (dental van) visit

Monday 11th

District Cross Country (select students)

Thursday 14th

Teeth on Wheels (dental van) visit

Friday 15th

Grade 5/6 - Interschool Sport @ CPS

Tuesday 19th

CPS Showcase Night 5:30pm - 7pm

Wednesday 20th

Consent for Whole School Swimming on Compass - Final Day

Friday 22nd

Prep - Fire Education Incursion
Grade 3/4 - STEM Incursion
Grade 5/6 - InterSchool Sport @ CPS

Tuesday 26th

Curriculum Day - No school for students

Friday 29th

Prep - Fire Education Incursion
Grade 5/6 - Interschool Sport @ Amsleigh Park

From the Principal's Desk...

Term Two

Welcome back to Term Two and fantastic weather! We hope everyone enjoyed some quality time with family and friends over the break.

We are looking forward to many exciting events this term including:

- Future Prep kinder visits
- Athletics Day for Grade 3-6
- Museum Excursion Grade 3/4
- School Dental Van
- District Cross Country for Grade 3-6
- Interschool Sport Grade 5/6
- Fire Education Prep
- Lockdown Drill
- Incursion for Prep
- Excursion to MOPA for Grade 1/2
- Parent Teacher Interviews and Student Reports

Student Reports

There is a ban on writing individual comments for student reports.

Students will still receive a report at the end of Term 2, which will include a subject descriptor and your child's progression point for each subject. However, personalised comments reflecting your child's academic and social/emotional development will not be included.

Parent Teacher Interviews will proceed as planned at the end of the term and will provide an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress in more detail.

From the Principal's Desk...

Half Day Strike Action – 21st May

On Thursday 21st May, teachers will participate in a half-day stop work action. We are sharing this date early so families can begin to plan alternative arrangements if needed. On this day, the school will operate a limited supervisory program, and the delivery of the usual teaching and learning program will be significantly impacted.

We will provide further details about school attendance as they become available.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

**Athletics Day for Gr 3-6 students – Friday 1st May**

Our annual House Athletics Day is scheduled for this Friday at Davies Reserve off Huntingdale Road. This event is a fantastic opportunity for student to compete for their House. There will be a coffee van available from 10am. Please come down to cheer on your child.

CPS Showcase Night – Tuesday 19th May**OPEN**

Clarinda PS students and staff would like to welcome all members and friends of our community to visit on Tuesday 19th May. From 5:30pm-7pm, we will Showcase our school. Every classroom will be set up with student work and activities that show what we can do at CPS.

Refreshments and a BBQ will be available from 5:30pm.

More information will be provided at a later date.



From the Principal's Desk...

Student Free Day

School Council has approved a change of date for a staff Professional Practice Day (PPD). The PPD for staff is provided to assist with the management of assessment, planning and administration tasks.

The new date will be on Tuesday 26th May instead of Tuesday 2nd June.

Tuesday 26th May will be student free day. Camp Australia will provide a program on this day to support our community.

Foundation enrolments for 2027

The Department of Education has a timeline for children starting Foundation (Prep) in 2027.

This timeline advises families when and how to enrol their child into Foundation (Prep) at a Victorian government school and seeks to make the enrolment process simpler, clearer, and fairer for families.

You can read about the guidelines at Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) | Victorian Government | www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep

You will be able to apply to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) 2027 from Monday 20 April.

- Interested families are encouraged to book a tour directly through the school website at www.clarindaps.vic.edu.au and select the 'Book a Tour' button on the front the page from 10th February.
- Download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information <https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep> from Monday 20 April 2026.
- Submit an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) by Friday 31 July 2026
- You will be notified of the outcome of your application between Monday 3 August and Friday 14 August 2026
- Accept the placement offer by contacting us by Friday 28 August 2026
- Take part in Enrolment information and transition sessions, commencing in Term Four.

From the Principal's Desk...

Breakfast Club

Last Friday, our Breakfast Club resumed at 8:25am in the staffroom., and it was a wonderful success. Students are offered a variety of breakfast foods and drinks. We also have a few fun activities that the children can do too. All children must remain in the staffroom until 8:40am.

Mother's Day Stall Helpers Needed

To Set Up Mother's Day Stall

Wednesday 6th May, 2026

3.30pm to 4.00pm

To Serve on Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 7th May, 2026

8.30am to 1.00pm



If you are able to help for an hour or two that would be terrific. Please call the office on 9544 3231, so we can add you to the list. Please note that you will require a Working with Children Check.

Hats

Please be advised that as per our SunSmart Policy, students are not required to wear Hats from May to August. We still encourage students to wear hats during times when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast UV levels to reach 3 or higher. At these levels, sun protection (sunscreen, long sleeve clothing, shade, hats and sunglasses) is recommended for all skin types.



From the Principal's Desk...

Education Support Staff Appreciation Day

Our staff will celebrate Education Support Day on Tuesday 12th May. We encourage the CPS community to join in and acknowledge the wonderful work our ES staff do in the classroom and administration. Thank you so much to **Jan, Rachael, Ria, Joanna, Libby, Michelle, Hema, Carol, Ann, Surabhi, Chelsea, Mia, Gab, Lynn** and **Shannen** for keeping our school running and by supporting our students to learn, our teachers to teach and engaging our community in our influencing school. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

Education Support staff have a range of roles and responsibilities across the school that should be acknowledged and appreciated.

These include:

- Daily classroom and targeted supports in the classroom for individuals and groups of students
- Managing lost property, donated foods, sickbay
- Maintaining the running of the office and managing all school business transactions
- Supporting families with state school relief
- Training and overseeing anaphylaxis needs for students & staff
- Facilities and grounds maintenance
- Resource Smart Schools program facilitation and garden club supports
- Supporting and running community events, such as the Bookfair, and so much more!

We literally could not run the school without them! Please be sure to say a big 'Thank you' to our ES staff this week, for all that they do for our students and our school.

Mr Mallett on Leave

I will be on leave from Tuesday 5th May until Friday 8th May with a return to school scheduled for Monday 11th May. In my absence, Ms Backhouse will be the acting Principal.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of our school. We're looking forward to a fantastic term working together as a community. See you around the school!

Robbie Mallett

From the Assistant Principal's Desk...

Welcome back to Term 2, I feel incredibly privileged to work alongside our students, families and staff to nurture a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment where every child can thrive.

Student wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do. When children feel safe, valued and connected, they are better able to engage in learning, build positive relationships and develop confidence in themselves. My role is to support the social, emotional and behavioural wellbeing of all students, while working closely with teachers, education support staff and families to ensure each child is known, understood and supported.

At our school, wellbeing is embedded in everyday practice. Through our Respectful Relationships approach, the Play is the Way program, and our School Values, we explicitly teach students the skills they need to manage emotions, solve problems, build resilience and show empathy towards others. We are committed to fostering a culture of kindness, inclusion and high expectations for all.

I also work closely with families and external agencies to provide additional support when needed. We know that strong partnerships between home and school are vital to student success, and I warmly encourage you to reach out if you have any concerns or would simply like to connect. Open communication helps us work together in the best interests of your child.

Together, we can continue building a community where every child feels a strong sense of belonging and is empowered to flourish.

Allied Health Team 2026:

We are delighted to highlight Clarinda Primary School's Allied Health Team for 2026, who work collaboratively with students, families and staff to support and foster wellbeing, inclusion and learning across our school community. Each newsletter throughout Term 2 we will be introducing you to one of the team. In this newsletter we will be highlighting **Rose our School Chaplain**. She works with students who need support with developing strategies to navigate challenges they may be experiencing in their lives.

From the Assistant Principal's Desk...



My name is Rose Cook, and I started at Clarinda Primary 2 years ago as the School Chaplain.

I work Mondays and Tuesdays and mainly spend time supporting students individually. I provide proactive and preventative support to improve student well-being, having a background in Social Work.

I am also available to offer pastoral care to parents and staff.

I live with my husband and dog (a cavoodle called Jazzy), and my adult children have all left the family home. I enjoy reading, movies, walking along the beach and spending time with family and friends. I support St Kilda in the AFL ...Go Saints!



If you feel your child may benefit from sessions with Rose, please come and have a conversation with me.

Please don't hesitate to say hello if you see me in the yard or contact the school office to arrange a time to speak.

Warm Regards,

Dearnne Backhouse

Acting Assistant Principal

SPORTS NEWS.....



Clarinda House Athletics

This Friday, May 1st, we will be holding our House Athletics Carnival at Davies Reserve.

It involves all students from Grade 3-6 and is a fantastic opportunity to put into practise the skills we learnt in Term 1!

It is a whole day event and children are welcome to come dressed in their house colours. Please do ensure that students are dressed appropriately to compete and are wearing their runners. Don't forget a healthy lunch with lots of snacks and water bottle.

There will also be hot chocolate available to purchase for \$3.

District Cross Country

Our Cross Country Team has been training hard for our upcoming District event which will be held on Monday 11th May at Bald Hill Park. At this event we will be competing against all the other top runners from schools in our District.

Due to the athletics event being held this Friday, there will be no Cross Country training in the morning. Wednesday morning training will go ahead.

Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport

The Grade 5/6s have a busy term with interschool sport. Here are some dates for the diary:

- Friday May 15th - Clarinda vs COHR (home match)
- Friday May 22nd - Clarinda vs HPS (home match)
- Friday May 29th - APPS vs Clarinda (away match)
- Friday June 12th - Clarinda vs OPS (home match)
- Friday June 19th - Winter Sport Gala Day (to be held at various venues)

Anita Woon
P.E. Teacher

Office News – Water Safety Program

Clarinda Primary School will be offering a fully subsidized 3-day Water Safety Program for all students in Term 3. The school will subsidise the tuition/instruction fees & transport costs for every child and every session.

Program Dates:

Wednesday 15th July – Finishes Friday 17th July.

Parent Action Items:

- Complete the Monash Questionnaire (paper copy sent home) regarding your child's swimming experience and return the form to school by **Wednesday 20th May**.
- Consent on Compass by **Wednesday 20th May**.
- All students attending the program in 2026 will be supplied with a free blue swimming cap with the Clarinda Primary School logo. These caps will be distributed by class teachers on **Monday 13th July**.
- As attendance numbers need to be reported to the pool and the bus company, late enrolments are unable to be accepted.

Parent help at the Pool

Due to Child Safety Standards, only Prep parents will be permitted to assist with drying and changing their own child after the session. Parents of students in other year levels can attend as spectators but must not enter the change areas.

Prep parents assisting their student in the change rooms must hold a current Working with Children Check. Please present your card to the school office prior to the program commencing and ensure you carry it with you while attending the swimming program.

Every day during the program your child will need to bring to school their swimming clothes in a named waterproof bag along with a towel, blue swimming cap, thongs and swimming goggles. Please spend some time with your child prior to the swimming days, practicing how to pack their swimming bag.

Book Club News!

The Book-club magazine have gone home last week.

Just a reminder to place your order **online** before 11th May.

Orders will close on the 12th of May, and unfortunately no late orders can be processed.

Thank you,

Carol McKinley

Book Club Organiser.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Axel Zach	For working hard on his segmenting and blending of words! For working hard on his handwriting and letter sounds in writing!
Prep W	Kron	For trying his best to stay focused on the task at hand.
Prep Y	Finnegan	For organising his ideas in writing.
1/2 M	Kylee	For her outstanding progress in Phonics. Well done!
1/2 P	Lanna Audrey	For listening well during 'Explicit Learning Time'. For a detailed and colourful front cover for her narrative story.
1/2 T	Twisha	A big improvement in her concentration and organisation, when working independently.
1/2 W	Eleanor Rola	For her wonderful work and persistence in maths. For her excellent behaviour during our excursion.
3/4 A	Dante Jian	Making strong decisions by choosing a good spot to concentrate during maths and working hard on your subtraction skills. Great work! For building confidence and courage and contributing more in class. Great work!
3/4 D	Haru	For building his confidence and contributing positively in class. Well done!
3/4 E	Mankirat	For working hard in class and making sure that he always challenges himself.
3/4 M	Shyna	For being a kind and compassionate member of our class.
5/6 A	Dorothy	For showing initiative, always offering help, and consistently doing her best.
5/6 D	Vaibavi	For working efficiently, following directions and asking for help to improve her understanding.
5/6 N	Dean Efsevia	For contributing to discussions about how language creates imagery and the importance of word choice. For getting 100% on Level 26 in Clarinda Calculators! Congratulations!

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