



Important Dates

May

Tuesday 26th

Curriculum Day - No school for students
Camp Australia (OSHC) available

Friday 29th

Prep - Fire Education Incursion - Visit 2
Grade 5/6 - Interschool Sport @
Amsleigh Park

June

Tuesday 2nd

Division Cross Country - Select Students

Monday 8th

Kings Birthday
Public Holiday - No school for students

Friday 12th

Grade 5/6 - Interschool Sports

Thursday 18th

Grade 1/2 MOPA Excursion

Friday 19th

Grade 5/6 Winter Galal Day
School Disco

Tuesday 23rd

Parent Teacher Interviews - 2pm - 6:30pm

Friday 26th

Last Day of Term 2 - 2:30pm finish.

July

Monday 13th

First Day of Term 3

Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th

Whole School Swimming Program

From the Principal's Desk...

Student Attendance - Every Day Counts

The following extract comes from the DET website: <https://www.vic.gov.au/attendance-and-missing-school>

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 teamwork
- 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 keep family holidays to outside term time.

From the Principal's Desk...

Winter Wellness Reminder

As we move further into the winter season, we are beginning to see an increase in colds, flu-like illnesses and a small number of stomach-related bugs across the school community. To help keep everyone healthy and well, we ask families to reinforce some important hygiene habits with children at home.

Simple steps can make a big difference in reducing the spread of illness, including:

- Sneezing or coughing into your elbow
- Washing hands thoroughly with soap after using the toilet
- Washing hands before eating
- Washing hands after blowing noses, coughing or sneezing
- Using tissues and placing them straight into the bin
- Avoiding sharing drink bottles or food

Students are encouraged to bring a named water bottle each day and dress warmly for the colder weather. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a healthy school environment for everyone.

The Annual Report for 2025

Earlier in the year we completed the annual general meeting for 2025 as part of annual reporting process to the school community and the Department of Education. Our 2025 Annual Report is now posted on our school website for anyone who would like to read it. There is a lot to celebrate in our annual report and the results are once again testament to students, teachers and parents working together to provide wonderful learning experience and environment for all. The annual report format is set by the Department of Education and all schools report on the same data sets.

From the Principal's Desk...

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year from 27th May to 3rd June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to the national reconciliation effort.



King's Birthday Public Holiday June 8th

A reminder to all families that the school will be closed due to the King's Birthday Public Holiday on Monday, 8th June.

Student Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

Our student reports will be 'live' on Compass from 3:30pm on Friday 19th June. Our Parent - Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 23rd July between 2:00pm and 6:20pm.

Information about when the 'booking site' is live will be communicated with families via Compass over the coming weeks.

Parents will have the option to either attend 'in person or online'.

WebEx addresses will be sent via Compass so all families can 'log on' to the link for their interview time if the Webex online option is suitable.

2026 Government Schools Principal Conference

Ms Backhouse and I will be attending the Government Schools Principal Conference on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th May.

This is an excellent opportunity for Victorian government school principals and assistant principals to:

- hear from renowned leaders in education
- discover new ways of thinking about leadership excellence
- learn and reflect from one another.

From the Principal's Desk...

ATTENDANCE *via* COMPASS:

It is important to note that if your child/children will be absent, you must **notify the school via Compass**.

Compass Education provides a **Parent Portal**, which includes marking your child/children absent if you know your child/children will be absent from school.

STEPS TO ADD AN ABSENCE:

- 1 Open the **Compass App**.
- 2 Click on your **child's photo** at the top of the Home screen.
- 3 Click on **Attendance**.
- 4 Click the **blue + icon**.
- 5 Type in the information required for the absence, including **dates, times and the reason**.

Please note that if parents do not enter their child's absence, you will receive a text message informing them that the child's **absence is unexplained**.

See you around the school
Robbie Mallett

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS TERM 2 UPDATE



Clarinda



FOUNDATION

Topic 4: Problem Solving:

Students explored the question, 'What do people do when they are being friendly and respectful at playtime?'

Students worked in groups of 3 to perform a friendly pose that shows how they are being kind in the playground. Then each student drew a picture that shows them being friendly and respectful to another student.



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

Foundation

Topic 4- Problem Solving
Topic 5- Stress Management

Year 1 and 2

Topic 4- Problem Solving
Topic 5- Stress Management
Topic 2- Personal and Cultural Strengths



YEAR 1/2

Topic 2: Personal and Cultural Strengths

The children have been learning about how they can respect and value difference and how we each have unique interests, families and cultures.

They then drew a portrait of themselves to celebrate how 'diversity is delightful'.



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS TERM 2 UPDATE



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YEAR 3/4

Topic 1: Emotional Literacy

Students brainstormed comfortable and uncomfortable emotions that they may feel at school and what experiences may lead to these emotions.

They then worked in pairs to create a playtime strategy that would positively contribute to their experiences at school. These strategies were shared with the class through drawings and discussions.



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

Year 3 and 4

Topic 1- Emotional Literacy

Topic 2: Personal and Cultural Strengths

Topic 4- Problem Solving

Year 5 and 6

Topic 3- Positive Coping

Topic 4: Problem Solving

Topic 5- Stress Management



YEAR 5/6

Topic 2: Personal and Cultural Strengths

Students have been exploring the concept of character strengths.

They worked in small groups to discuss a scenario and what character strengths they would use to problem solve.

Finally, the children used strength spotting to discuss 'role models' that they admire in their lives and why.



What Matters? – Celebrating Our Young Writers

Plastic Plants and Rubber Dolls

The world's looking a bit different, and I'd like to say,
The planet is starting to heavily weigh.
It's because of our overuse of plastic,
We need to stop it before it gets too drastic.

The planet burns in a radiant hue,
Like something destructive is beginning to brew.
Plastic scatters around our sphere of life,
It's cutting our world like a master chef's knife.

Many are occupied in their everyday jobs,
Too busy to notice the world's sobs.
Then by the time we scornfully glance,
Its revolution would be our last stance.

Staring into our blinding phones,
Until we become nothing but bones.
Trash on the ground, no one cares.
The atmosphere burns on par with solar flares.

There may never be a "later",
Because there will be rubbish as big as a crater.
What will be of our future generations?
Droughts will cover entire nations.

Nothing may happen now,
But how can we let the world suffer, how?
What will be of our arctic hares?
What about the survival of polar bears?

Beloved penguins are losing their homes,
They frantically waddle as they lose their domes.
Antarctic fur seals now we barely see,
For our wrongdoings they pay the fee.

Fish struggle in the open sea,
And bush fires burn as cockatoos flee.
Heat will slowly engulf us whole,
And we'll be burned to dust like charcoal.

Some plead for sustainability,
They only beg for common civility.
But we all just blatantly ignore,
Wasting time that's more important than ever before.

Maybe Marshall McLuhan was right,
He somehow gave a clear insight.
"We shape our tools, and thereafter our tools shape us.",
Plastic has made us lazy, thus....

Let's all stop our bad habits!
Let's start thinking about our rabbits!
The future's shaped by our choices!
Our descendants will carry on our voices!

Plastic should be cleansed from this world!
Into recycling bins they should be hurled!
Plastic should stop being used!
Let's stop the planet from being bruised!

So the whole world shall together unite,
And against plastic we will fight!
Pick it off our beautiful soil
Let's stop producing such dreadful oil

With all this left to consider,
We need to all pick up our litter.
With this, the world can finally rest,
The will of all humans finally expressed.

Our future depends on us to decide,
For a moment we should put our lives aside.
Together we shall make the world a better place,
And together a brighter future we shall face.

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Elley Borland
Learning Specialist - Assessment & Data

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Shamiso	For being a great listener during learning time!
Prep W	Penelope	For being a hard worker and always trying her best.
Prep Y	Leo	For making great attempts to write independently in class.
1/2 M	Chryssie	For being a phonics superstar and working so hard!
1/2 P	Roman Madison	For contributing well during class discussions. For pursuing her best in our Writing lessons.
1/2 T	Spiro	For working hard in maths by learning his times tables and new strategies for his CC sheets.
1/2 W	Liam Emilia	For being focused and working hard in all areas. For working hard and giving her best in all areas.
3/4 A	Arjun Scarlett	For working hard in maths to explain his mathematical reasoning. Great work! For being an excellent representative of our class and attending Junior School Council meetings.
3/4 D	Logan	For showing great enthusiasm and excitement towards his learning!
3/4 E	Athena	For always working hard to produce work to a high standard and using feedback to continually improve.
3/4 M	Nanak Makenzie	For showing great enthusiasm, teamwork, and effort during our 3/4 sport program. For her excellent reading and for having courage to be the first person in our class to do their book talk.
5/6 D	Leni	For showing great resilience and sportsmanship during Sport! Very impressed!
5/6 N	Shoiab	For writing a powerful poem with a strong theme and message that encourages the reader to reflect what matters.



26/05/2026

Camp Australia Clarinda Primary School

Your OSHC.


ROCKETEERS

A message from your Service Leader Pushpa Dona

Please ensure your child's medical details are up to date. It's important to ensure that your child has updated Action plan and medication for us to accept your child into our program as your child's safety is our priority. Additionally for last minute After Care casual bookings please ensure you are making your bookings minimum of 2-3 hours prior to the session time as this will allow us to find adequate staff to accommodate our legal ratios to run our services safely. Walk-ins may not be accepted should we don't have adequate staff in the service and your child will be sent to school office and you will be contacted to notify. We welcome Menu ideas (Nuts and eggs free) from parents to accommodate your child's dietary requirements; we often explore Healthy and nutritious options to provide for children at our service and would appreciate your feedback. **Don't forget to Book your Child to upcoming Winter Rocketeers!**

Activities coming up

- National Reconciliation Week
- Tie Dye Art
- Cooking Club



Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

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ROCKETEERS



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
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Programs vary by location and are subject to change. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

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**Mon
29 Jun**

Operation: Opening Ceremony

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Full Fee \$76.81 | After Max. CCS* \$7.68



 Base Camp Day


**Tue
30 Jun**

Big Art Day: Monster Mash

Grab your boldest ideas! A special guest from Star Time is coming to help you draw, craft and build a giant monster mural, then show it off with a fun monster dance. Let's mash it up!

Full Fee \$112.13 | After Max. CCS* \$11.21



 Experience Takeover

**Wed
01 Jul**

Project: Striker Showdown

Kick off the holiday with your awesome soccer skills! Build your own Soccer Striker Kit, design your player, test epic kicks, and learn about motion while scoring goals. And the best part, you can take home your kit for more action-packed fun!

Full Fee \$115.31 | After Max. CCS* \$11.53



 Project

**Thu
02 Jul**

Adventure: Game On! at AFL Max

Kick, run, climb and bounce your way through an indoor footy playground packed with action, challenges and high-energy fun at AFL Max!

Full Fee \$140.21 | After Max. CCS* \$14.02



 Excursion

**Fri
03 Jul**

Operation: Winter Wonders

Step into a sparkling winter world! From frosty forests to twinkling lights, today is full of cosy fun, magical moments, and winter adventures.

Full Fee \$76.81 | After Max. CCS* \$7.68



 Base Camp Day

**Mon
06 Jul**

Operation: Asian Adventure

Pack your imagination and journey across Asia! Discover bustling cities, ancient wonders, and vibrant cultures in a day full of colour, stories, and adventure.

Full Fee \$76.81 | After Max. CCS* \$7.68



 Base Camp Day


**Tue
07 Jul**

Project: Stop, Play, Rewind

Dive into a full day of play inspired by the world's biggest sport – with creative LEGO® builds, high-energy outdoor games, and plenty of fun. Plus, build and take home your very own LEGO soccer boots!

Full Fee \$105.31 | After Max. CCS* \$10.53



 Project


**Wed
08 Jul**

Special Event: City in the Community with Melbourne City FC

Step onto the pitch for a high-energy soccer session, meet lively team mascots and take home your own Melbourne City water bottle. Plus, exciting match offers to look forward to!

Full Fee \$132.01 | After Max. CCS* \$13.20



 Excursion

**Thu
09 Jul**

Project: Festival of Flavour

Score big with global flavours! Cook pancakes from the USA, tacos from Mexico, and sweet Beaver Tails from Canada, then decorate your table. Eat, celebrate, and taste your way through the World Cup host nations!

Full Fee \$115.31 | After Max. CCS* \$11.53



 Project


**Fri
10 Jul**

Operation: European Explorer

Pack your imagination and explore Europe! From castles to cafés, today is all about discovering new places, stories, and cultures from across the continent.

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