



Issue #12

4 August 2026

Important Dates

August

Wednesday 12th

Out of Uniform Day -
see attached information

Thursday 13th

Respectful Relationships
(Body Safety) Incursion
Grade 3 & 4

Monday 24th

District Athletics -
selected Grade 3-6

Wednesday 26th

Book Week Perform Education
Incursion & Author Talk - All Grades

Thursday 27th

Book Week Parade
9am

September

Thursday 3rd

Disco & Sleepover
Grade 1 & 2

Fathers Day Stall

Saturday 5th

Clarinda PS Bunnings BBQ -
Oakleigh

Friday 18th

Final Day of Term 3

November

Tuesday 17th

Whole School Production -
"Roll the Dice"

From the Principal's Desk...

Building a Safe, Supportive and Respectful School Community

At Clarinda Primary School, we are committed to maintaining a learning environment where every child feels safe, valued and supported. Our approach focuses on prevention rather than reaction, recognising that positive relationships are the foundation of both wellbeing and learning.

Just as there is no "one size fits all" approach to improving academic achievement, we understand that supporting students' social and emotional development requires a personalised approach. We intentionally provide our students with opportunities to build resilience, strengthen their mental health, and develop the confidence and skills needed to become the very best version of themselves.

One of our key priorities is explicitly teaching positive behaviour. Our students are taught what expected behaviours look like, why they matter, and how they contribute to a positive learning environment. These expectations are underpinned by our CARE Values, which guide everything we do at Clarinda Primary School.

In addition, students participate in evidence-informed wellbeing programs including:

- **Play is the Way**
- **Zones of Regulation**
- **Respectful Relationships** (Victorian Department of Education curriculum)

These programs help students develop emotional regulation, resilience, empathy, problem-solving skills and respectful relationships with others.

From the Principal's Desk...

Understanding Bullying and Conflict

Occasionally we are required to manage behaviours that may appear to be bullying. While these situations can be upsetting for those involved, it is important to understand that not all conflict is classified as bullying.

Bullying is characterised by behaviour that is deliberate, repeated over time and involves an imbalance of power. Our staff are trained to distinguish between conflict, friendship issues and bullying behaviours so that appropriate responses can be implemented.

Clarinda Primary School uses a Restorative Practices approach. Rather than focusing solely on consequences, we work with students to repair relationships, understand the impact of their actions and develop strategies for making positive choices in the future.

Families can further support this work by using common language at home around emotional regulation, growth mindset and the Play is the Way principles, helping children apply these important life skills both at school and beyond.

Literacy Excellence at Clarinda Primary School

At Clarinda Primary School, we are committed to ensuring every student becomes a confident and capable reader. As part of our evidence-informed literacy approach, we have strengthened our intervention programs through the implementation of MiniLit and MacqLit.

MiniLit – Supporting Our Year 1 Students

Recently we introduced MiniLit for selected Year 1 students requiring additional support in learning to read.

MiniLit is a structured, evidence-based intervention developed by MultiLit that focuses on:

- Phonemic awareness
- Letter-sound knowledge
- Decoding skills
- Reading fluency
- Spelling
- Vocabulary development

Students participate in small-group lessons several times each week with highly trained staff. The program provides explicit, systematic instruction that complements classroom teaching and ensures students develop the strong foundations needed for future reading success.

From the Principal's Desk...

MacqLit – Accelerating Reading Growth in Years 3 and 4

For selected students in Years 3 and 4, Clarinda Primary School has implemented MacqLit, an intensive literacy intervention designed specifically for older primary students who require additional support with reading.

MacqLit focuses on:

- Advanced phonics
- Reading accuracy
- Reading fluency
- Vocabulary
- Reading comprehension
- Spelling

Students work in small groups through carefully sequenced lessons that target the essential skills needed to become confident readers.

Both MiniLit and MacqLit are supported by ongoing assessment, allowing teachers to closely monitor student progress and adjust instruction to meet individual learning needs. These programs form an important part of our commitment to ensuring every child experiences success in literacy.

Defibrillator (AED) Located at Clarinda Primary School

The health and safety of our students, staff and wider community is extremely important.

Clarinda Primary School has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) located next to the staffroom and fish tank. While we sincerely hope it is never needed, it provides reassurance that life-saving equipment is readily available should an emergency occur.

Did You Know?

- Defibrillation within the first few minutes of a sudden cardiac arrest can increase survival rates to over 70%.
- Without early access to an AED, fewer than 5% of cardiac arrest victims survive.
- Every minute without defibrillation reduces the chance of survival by approximately 10%.
- Early CPR combined with the use of an AED provides the best possible chance of survival while waiting for emergency services to arrive.

Having this equipment available is another way we continue to support the health, safety and wellbeing of everyone within our school community.

From the Principal's Desk...

Whole School Production – Roll the Dice

Excitement continues to build as rehearsals for our whole-school production, Roll the Dice, gather momentum.

Across the school, classrooms are alive with the sounds of singing as students enthusiastically practise their songs, develop their acting skills and learn choreography. It has been wonderful to witness the confidence, teamwork and creativity our students are demonstrating throughout the rehearsal process. The production is providing every student with an opportunity to develop important skills including collaboration, communication, resilience and performance confidence, while creating lasting memories.

Ticket Sales

Families will receive full details about purchasing tickets and performance information via Compass in the coming weeks.

We cannot wait to welcome our school community to what promises to be a spectacular and memorable performance.



See you around the school
Robbie Mallett

Clarinda Primary Book Fair Information!

UPDATE

Dear Families,

Book Fair Wish List On-line payment are for parents that cannot attend our Book Fair the week of August 10th to 13th 2026.

Students will bring their wish list home after visiting our Book Fair with their teacher on Monday 10th or Tuesday 11th August.

If you would like to purchase any books , could you please order and pay online using the QR code or by visiting scholastic.com.au/book-fairs/payments/



Please return your prepaid order form to the school library with the items, receipt number and amount paid to Carol McKinley in our school library during Book Fair week.

Please be aware if we do not have any of the items you ordered online left in the Book Fair your child may purchase different books to the same value as the prepaid online order on the day of Book Fair.

We encourage Book Fair purchases to be paid by card if possible, rather than cash.

Looking forward to seeing you.

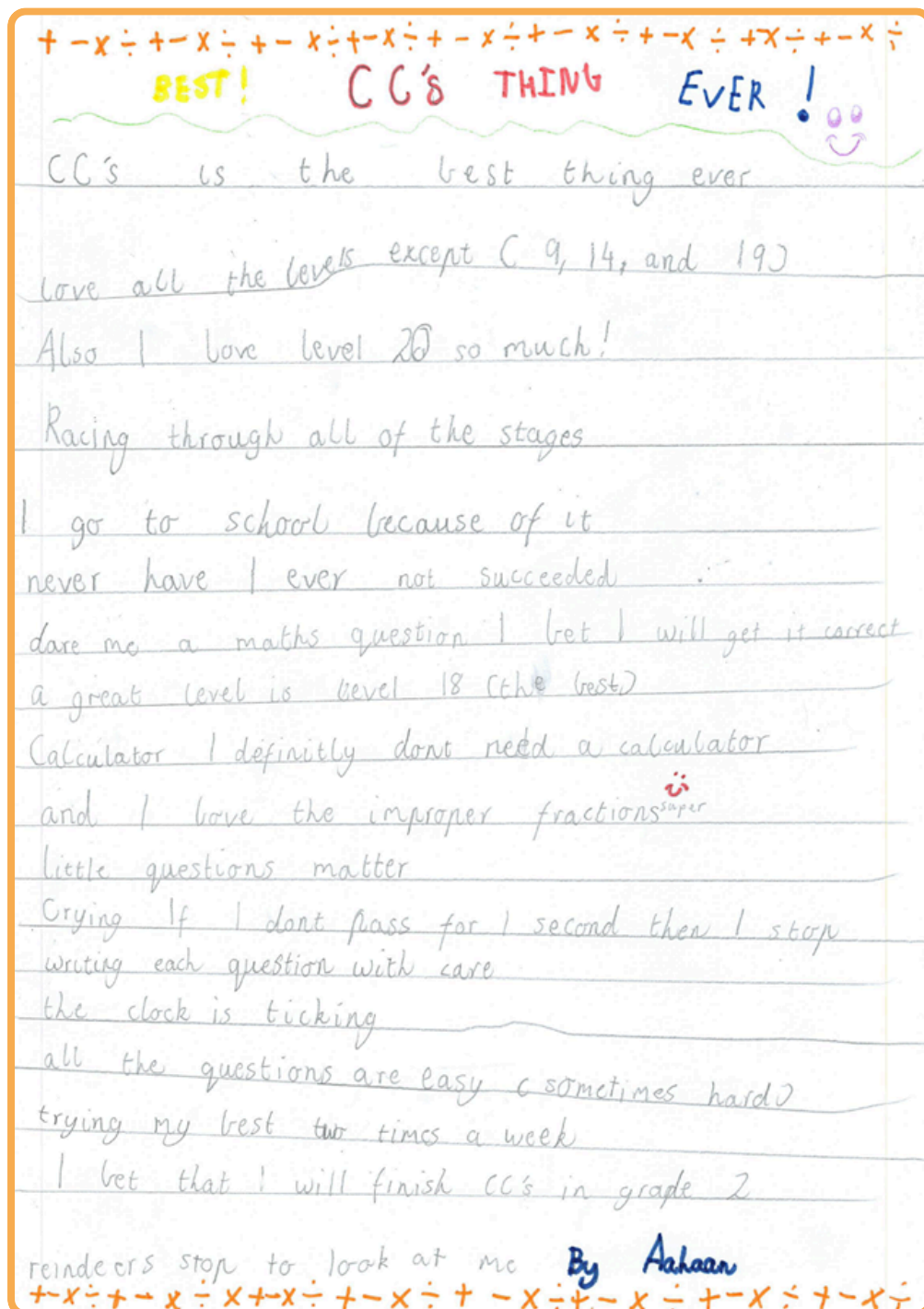
Carol McKinley
Library Technician.



GRADE 1 & 2 WRITING SPOTLIGHT

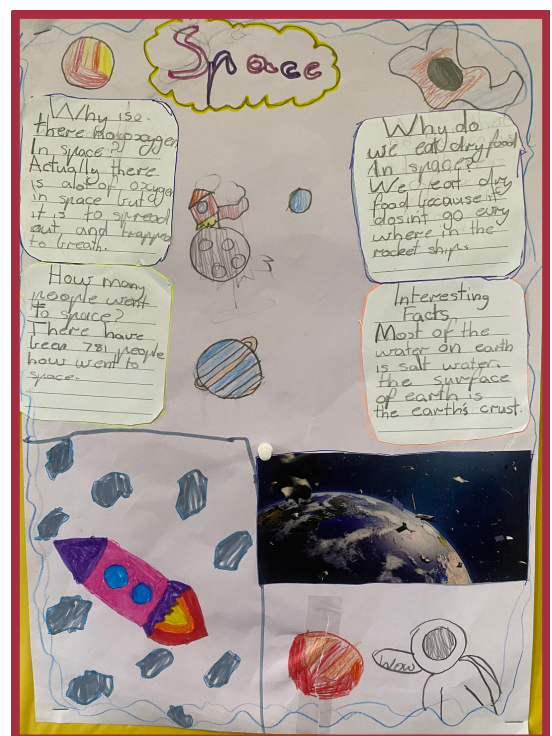
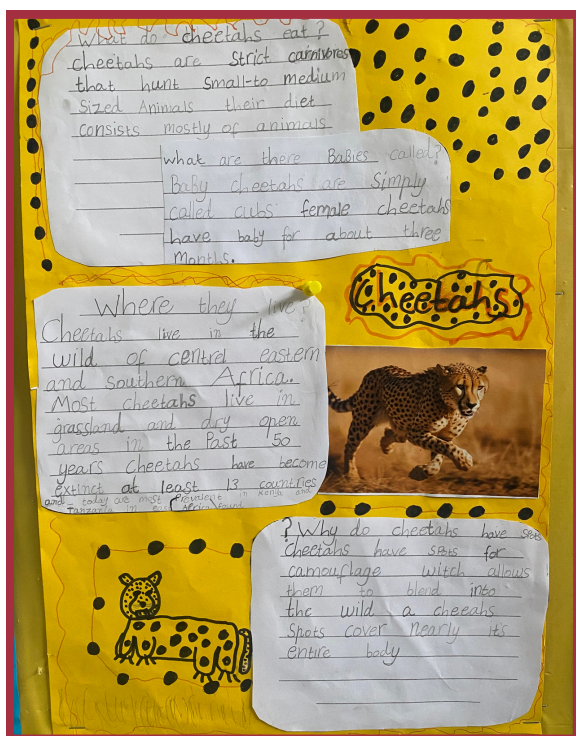
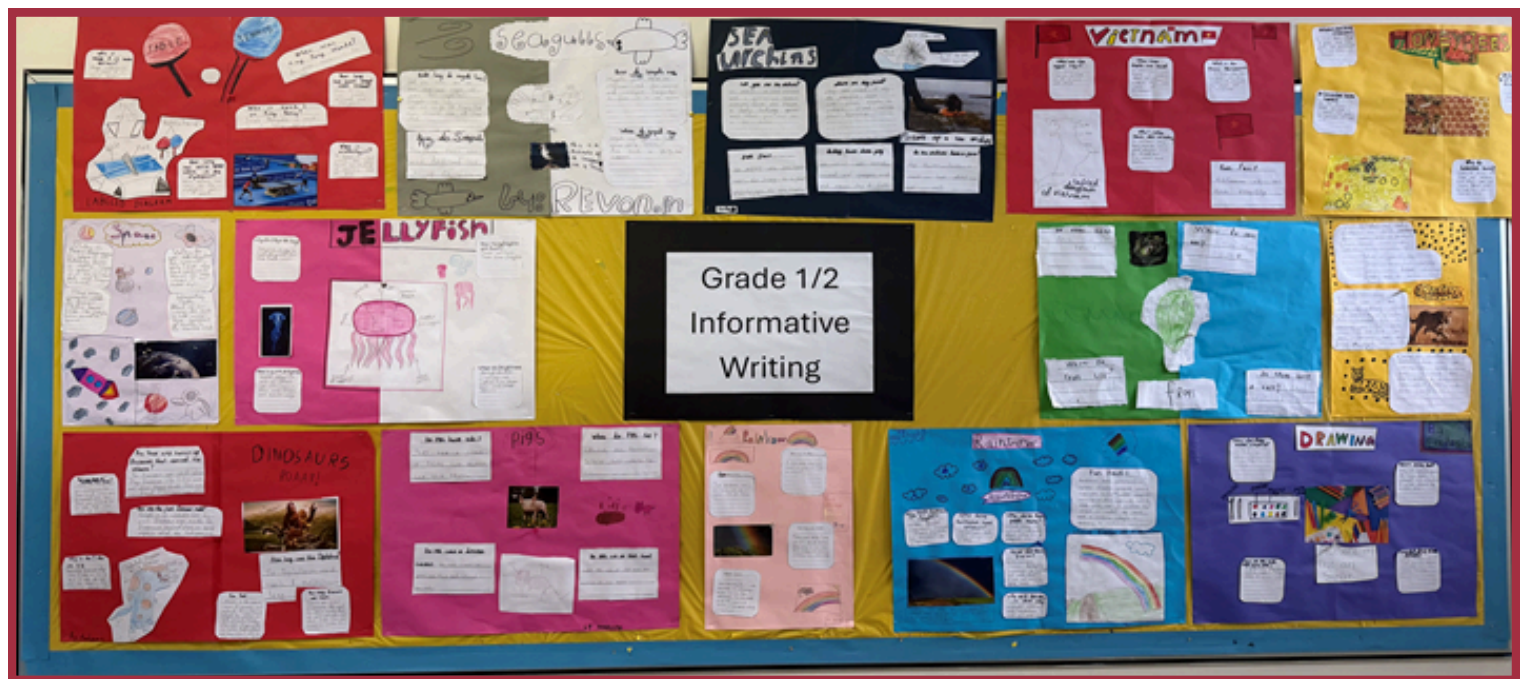
Our Grade 1 and 2 students have been working hard to plan, draft, revise, edit and publish their own writing pieces. We are proud of the effort they have put into developing their ideas, improving their writing skills and creating work they are excited to share.

Aahaan from 1/2T wrote about Clarinda Calculators for his free writing!



GRADE 1 & 2 WRITING SPOTLIGHT

Student writing is now on display within the main building, and we warmly invite families to come in and take a look. We know our young authors will be delighted to share their published work and celebrate their achievements with you!



Book Week Parade

We are looking forward to celebrating CBCA Book Week 2026 with our annual Book Week Parade on Thursday 27 August!

This year's theme, "Symphony of Stories – Every Story Plays a Part," encourages us to celebrate the stories that inspire, entertain and connect us. We invite all students to come dressed as their favourite book character or in a costume inspired by a book they love.

Families are warmly invited to join us and cheer on our students as they showcase their wonderful costumes and celebrate the joy of reading. The parade is always a highlight of Book Week and a fantastic opportunity for our school community to share in the magic of books and storytelling.

When: Thursday 27th August

Time: 9.00am

Where: Astro turf (Line up Area)



Book Week will be celebrated from Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August, with a range of engaging literacy activities taking place throughout the week.

We can't wait to see the creativity, imagination and love of reading on display as we celebrate another wonderful Book Week together!

— Student Wellbeing —



Clarinda
Primary School

The characteristics of a member of Clarinda Primary School



Care

- We make safe choices. *
- We keep spaces clean and tidy.
- We look after our environment.
- We look after our and others' equipment.
- We do the right thing because it's the best thing to do. *



Achieve

- We ask for help when needed.
- We are brave and make strong choices. *
- We give things a go. *



Respect

- We include others. **
- We use our manners.
- We take turns.
- We use kind words and actions. **
- We keep our hands, feet and bodies to ourselves.
- We always tell the truth. *



Excel

- We persist with challenges. *
- We adopt a positive attitude. *
- We join in and contribute. *
- We try our best. *

* ** *** **** ***** Refer to a connection to the Play Is The Way Liferasts.

The Clarinda Staff and Junior School Council Representatives have been working with educational coaches to promote a whole school approach to positive classroom behaviour expectations and classroom procedures and routines, with a focus on promoting our school values. Whilst our staff have been involved in ongoing professional learning, the students have also been playing an active part in creating our whole school behaviour expectations.

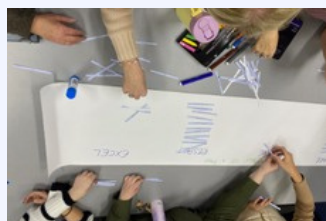
Research tells us that when students know exactly what behaviours are expected of them, they are more likely to demonstrate these behaviours in the classroom. Routines and procedures reduce students cognitive load, free up their working memory and create structure and a calm and positive classroom environment.

Student voice has been the heart of this initiative, with our end goal being a sense of collective ownership and shared responsibility. The process began with the Junior School Council Representatives unpacking what expected behaviours look like in accordance to each of our school values. The young leaders then repeated this activity with their own classes. This provided staff with a empowering overview of the student ideas across the school. These ideas were unpacked in a staff meeting to create statements which aligned with our school values which then became our shared vision of 'the characteristics of a member of Clarinda Primary School.'

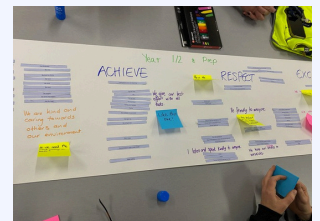
Each fortnight, we will be unpacking one of the expectations as a school and featuring this in our school newsletter.

*Behind
the
Scenes*

Staff bundling and
sorting student's
ideas across year
levels.



Giving feedback and
sorting expectations
into values.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Aadrika Elliot	For working hard on her letter formation during writing time! For being a kind and helpful member of Prep B!
Prep W	Brucey	For always showing respect in the classroom and using his manners.
Prep Y	Pakhi	Using her knowledge of sounds to spell.
1/2 M	Jasmine Abhimanyu Louis	For staying focused during Independent Reading and modelling excellent on-task behaviours. For staying focused during Independent Reading and modelling excellent on-task behaviours. For his enthusiasm and passion in spelling morphology. Well done!
1/2 P	Tommy Daniel	For pursuing his best in our Maths activities. For pursuing his best in all activities.
1/2 T	Isaac Victoria	For completing reading, writing and maths work tasks every day this week. For working so hard and so happily on her phonics activities
3/4 A	Ayaz	For trying hard to stay focused during writing time in order to create a fantasy story. Good effort.
3/4 D	Muhammad	For his excellent focus and concentration during independent reading. Well done!
3/4 E	Adrianna Ford	For her participation and contributions to class discussions. For working hard to improve himself every day!
3/4 M	Millie	For her incredible effort and growth during our Fractions unit, and for showing persistence and creativity throughout our Fantasy Writing unit. Keep up the fantastic work, Millie!
5/6 A	Sienna	For working hard on her timetables- Well done Sienna!
5/6 D	Jatan Arman	For working on his reading goal consistently, using evidence from the text and always coming prepared to conferences. For trying to improve in Literacy and Numeracy by asking questions and wanting feedback.
5/6 N	Mirabelle Kalmia	For leading by example through your positive attitude, respectful behaviour and willingness to help others. For completing Level 26 in Clarinda Calculators and getting onto the Wall of Fame

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:

3/8/2026 - 7/8/2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Confidence 1.2 Big Art Competition Term 3 2026 Pick a colour and let your imagination run wild!	 Creative ThinkL... 4.1 Paper Plate Elephant Join friends to celebrate World Elephant Day	 Creative ThinkL... 4.1 BA: Abstract Flowers - Kerry Evitta Abstract Flowers – Create an abstract vase of flowers Kerry Style	 Creative ThinkL... 1.3 Summer Collage Working together, we will create a collage of what an Australian summer means to us	 Confidence 4.1 Big Art: Wattle Tree Using various painting techniques, create your own Wattle Tree.
 Patience 1.2 Make Your Own Sandwich! Let's all learn how to make our own sandwiches and learn this important life skill!	 Creative ThinkL... 1.2 Paper Bouquet Holder These flowers are great for gifting! After decoration and assembly, simply fill with treats then gift to someone special.	 Cultural Aware... 3.2 White Bean Pasta Bake This white bean pasta bake is a quick and filling vegetarian dish, baked in the oven until golden and bubbly.	 Confidence 1.3 Recycled collage SUN Lets make a sun out of everything yellow!	 Communication 3.1 BA: Kindness Rocks Painting delicate designs on rocks can be great fun but today we are adding a twist, with a little decoupage message



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](#)

Community Advertising


EMMANUEL SOUTH OAKLEIGH CRICKET CLUB
KRUSHERS

2026/27 SUMMER SEASON



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Join the Krushers for another fantastic season on the field.

Sign your junior cricketer up for the **2026/27 Summer Season** — a great mix of skills, teammates and Friday night lights or Sunday turf action. Spots are limited, so get in early!

TEAMS THIS SEASON

Cricket Blast	U11	U13	U13	U15
FRIDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
			TURF	

HOW TO REGISTER

- Head to the **PlayHQ registration link** below and secure your spot as soon as possible.
- Complete your player details for the **2026/27 Summer Season**.
- Email or text Kevin your **shirt size** straight after registering.

New playing top included! Every registration comes with a brand new playing top. Please send your shirt size as soon as you register so we can get every order in before the first game of the season.

REGISTER TODAY

Search "Emmanuel South Oakleigh CC (Krushers)" on PlayHQ, or use the link below

playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/d7a2d9-18e595a2



SCAN TO REGISTER

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Camp Australia

Curiosity starts here!

ASK DR KARL

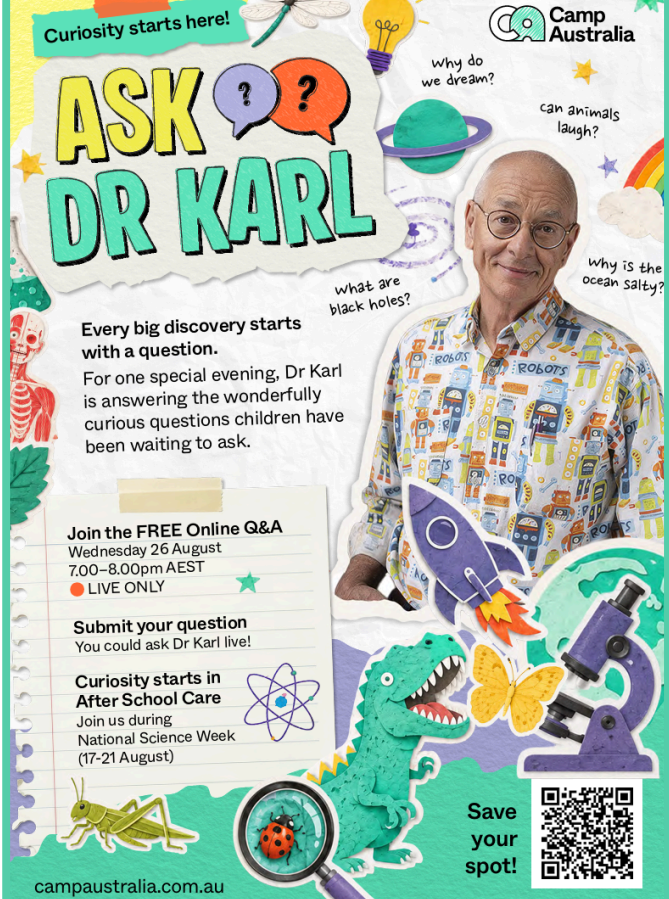
Why do we dream?
can animals laugh?
why is the ocean salty?
what are black holes?

Every big discovery starts with a question.
For one special evening, Dr Karl is answering the wonderfully curious questions children have been waiting to ask.

Join the **FREE Online Q&A**
Wednesday 26 August
7:00–8:00pm AEST
● LIVE ONLY

Submit your question
You could ask Dr Karl live!

Curiosity starts in After School Care
Join us during National Science Week (17–21 August)



Save your spot!



campastralia.com.au


Your OSHC.

GET IN THE GAME!

Join us for a one-hour soccer program by Coles MiniRoos — packed with games, movement and confidence-building play.

Only in After School Care

Clarinda Primary School

8 Sept | 4.00pm






This session takes place in Your OSHC After School Care, at **no additional cost!**



SOUTH OAKLEIGH COLLEGE

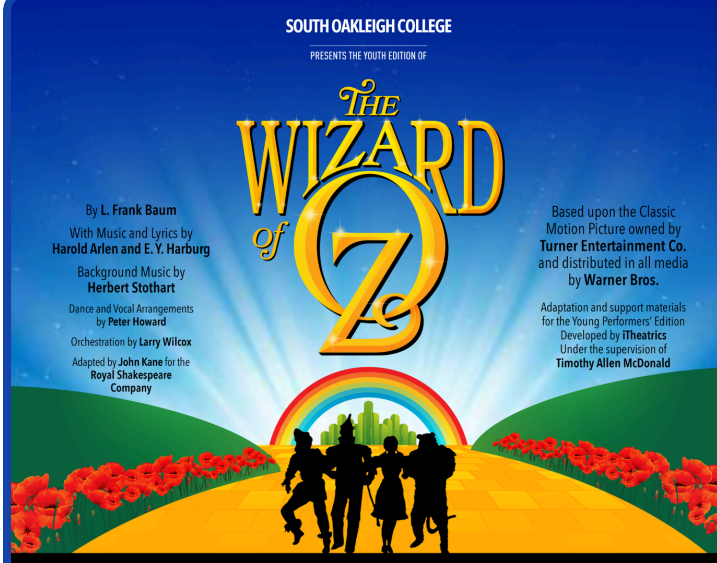
PRESENTS THE YOUTH EDITION OF

THE WIZARD of Oz

By L. Frank Baum
With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg
Background Music by Herbert Stothart
Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard
Orchestration by Larry Wilcox
Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company

Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

Adaptation and support materials for the Young Performers' Edition Developed by iTheatrics Under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald



August 27th, 28th - 7:00 PM
August 29th - 3:00 PM

Christine Strachan Theatre

Presented by arrangement with Tams-Witmark, A Concord Theatricals Company (concordtheatricals.com)





Clarinda



The characteristics of a member of Clarinda Primary School.

To celebrate the launch of 'The characteristics of a member of Clarinda Primary School,' we will be having an out of uniform day on Wednesday the 12th August.

Come dressed in the colours of the 'Play Is The Way Life Rafts' to celebrate the launch of our whole school expectations.

Yellow- "It takes great strength to be sensible".

Green- "Be brave- participate to progress".

Red- "Persue your personal best no matter who you work with".

Blue- Have reasons for the things you say and do".

"Gold-Treat others as you would like them to treat you".



Care . Achieve . Respect . Excel

