



Issue #13

18 August 2026

Important Dates

August

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 South



Friday 18th

Final Day of Term 3

October

Friday 16th

Chesterfield Farm Excursion –
Prep

November

Tuesday 17th

Whole School Production –
"Roll the Dice"



From the Principal's Desk...

Characteristics of a member of Clarinda Primary School



Clarinda
Primary School

The characteristics of a member
of Clarinda Primary School

Care	Achieve	Respect	Excel
 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. *	 We ask for help when needed. We are brave and make strong choices. * We give things a go. *	 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. *	 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 Liferails.

Last Wednesday, we were excited to officially launch the Characteristics of a Member of Clarinda Primary School: Care, Achieve, Respect and Excel.

These characteristics were formulated through a collaborative process involving our Junior School Council and staff, ensuring they reflect the voices, experiences and aspirations of our school community. The characteristics bring together and strengthen the important work already happening at CPS, working alongside our school values, Positive Classroom Management Strategies (PCMS), the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) program, and Play Is The Way. Together, they create a consistent language and shared expectations for students, staff and families.

By bringing Care, Achieve, Respect and Excel to life each day, we can continue to build a safe, respectful and connected school community where everyone is supported to learn, grow and thrive.

From the Principal's Desk...

Before School Supervision – Important Reminder

A friendly reminder to all families that **staff supervision in the school playground begins at 8:40am**. For the safety and wellbeing of all students, children should **not be dropped off at school or left unsupervised before 8:40am**.

We understand that some families may need to drop their children off earlier due to work or other commitments. Our **Before School Care Program** is available for families who require care and supervision for their children prior to 8:40am.

Alternatively, if students arrive at school before 8:40am and are not attending the Before School Care Program, **a parent or guardian must remain with them and actively supervise them in the playground until staff supervision begins at 8:40am**.

We appreciate the support of all families in helping us ensure that our students are safe and appropriately supervised at all times.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Principals' Day

Friday 7th August was a chance to celebrate Principals' Day, in a role that continues to evolve, principals are often asked to manage trauma, grief, significant events and external influences. I have so much respect for principals and assistant principals in our system. The job is incredibly rewarding but also can find you managing complexity and challenges, indeed the role of schools has changed and continues to evolve. As well as being places of academic learning, schools are now pivotal in supporting student health and wellbeing and fostering social connection. Parents and carers look to schools for support as they raise children and adolescents in our complex world.

I am deeply appreciative that I get to work with our school community, to see our students, staff and families have trust in our school and to support what we are looking to achieve. Ms Backhouse and I had a lovely lunch with our staff and videos from students.

From the Principal's Desk...

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies. The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 17th August to Friday 18th September 2026.**

Book Fair

Our Book Fair, held from Monday 10th August to Thursday 14th August, was a wonderful event and a great opportunity for our students and families to enjoy the excitement of books and reading.

A very special thank you goes to **Carol** for coordinating the Book Fair. A great deal of time, organisation and effort goes into preparing and running an event like this, and we sincerely appreciate Carol's commitment to making the week such a success. We would also like to acknowledge and thank **Ria, Jan, Surabhi, Joanna, Rachael, Gab and Lynn**, who generously assisted throughout the Book Fair. They were well supported by our parent community. Your time, enthusiasm and willingness to help with the many jobs involved were greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to all members of our school community who supported the Book Fair. Whether you volunteered your time, helped behind the scenes, visited the fair with your children or purchased books, your involvement contributed to the wonderful sense of community surrounding the event.

Events such as our Book Fair are made possible through the generosity and support of many people. Most importantly, they help us continue to foster a love of books, reading and learning among our students.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making our 2026 Book Fair such an enjoyable and successful week!

From the Principal's Desk...

Book Week

How good is Book Week?! We have such a fun week planned to celebrate the importance of literature in our lives. Take a look at what the week entails:

Wednesday 26th August

- **Author visit** – Amelia Mellor Gr 5/6 Talk 9:00 and 9:50
- **Book Week Performances** – 11:40 (Prep and Gr 1/2) and 2:00pm (Gr 3/4)

Thursday 27th August

- Dress up to celebrate Book Week with our special 'Book Week Parade' on Thursday morning, the 2026 theme for book week is a 'Symphony of Stories'.
- Prep -2 and Gr 3-6 Book Week activity rotations.

Industrial Action

The Department of Education has presented a revised Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) offer which has been endorsed by the Australian Education Union (AEU). I will provide a further up date when available, but at this stage, there will not be a stop work strike tomorrow.

Bullying Prevention Week:

This week is [Bullying No Way Week](#). The week, running from Monday 17th to Friday 21st August 2026, is a chance to take further action to make our schools safer for all students.

The theme for the week is '[Small Acts, Big Impact](#)'. It is a reminder that meaningful change often comes through small, deliberate actions. Schools know better than most that in every part of life, a small act of kindness can go a long way; even something as simple as a welcoming smile can make a big difference in a student's day. This is the culture we are all driven to foster. A culture that is safe, welcoming, inclusive and supportive. A culture that does not tolerate bullying in any form. At a governance level, our school council alongside the policy advisory team of the department of education recently reviewed, updated and approved our bullying prevention policy. We continue to attempt to make every day at school a positive experience for our students.

Wear it Purple Day



The Department of Education has a strong commitment to ensuring all Victorian government schools are respectful, safe and inclusive places of learning and work for all students, staff and members of our school communities. As part of this commitment, the department is supporting all schools to join many other schools and workplaces across the country to recognise and celebrate Wear it Purple Day on Friday 28th August 2026.

All lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex, queer, questioning and asexual (LGBTIQA+) young people are supported in our schools and the community. Our school acts in accordance with obligations in the Child Safe Standards and department policy to uphold diversity and equity for everyone regardless of their background, characteristics or beliefs. At our school, we welcome anyone who wants to wear purple on the day to do so, to visibly show their support.

Thank you for supporting a busy fortnight around the school.

**Robbie Mallett
Principal**

Book Week Parade

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

Chaplains Corner

Accessible grounding techniques for adults and children to use

Grounding techniques are exercises that may help us to refocus on the present moment, to distract ourselves from feelings of anxiety, stress or depression. Try these out when you feel stressed and teach them to your children too!

Examples of soothing physical grounding techniques include:

Breathe deeply. Slowly inhale, then exhale. If it helps, you can say or think “in” and “out” with each breath. Feel each breath filling your lungs and note how it feels to push it back out.

Take a short walk. Concentrate on your steps — you can even count them. Notice the rhythm of your footsteps and how it feels to put your foot on the ground and then lift it again. Listen for any sounds nearby.

Try the 5-4-3-2-1 method Working backward from 5, use your senses to list things you notice around you. For example, you might think of:
5 things you hear, 4 things you see, 3 things you can touch from where you're sitting, 2 things you can smell, 1 thing you can taste.

Examples of soothing mental grounding techniques include:

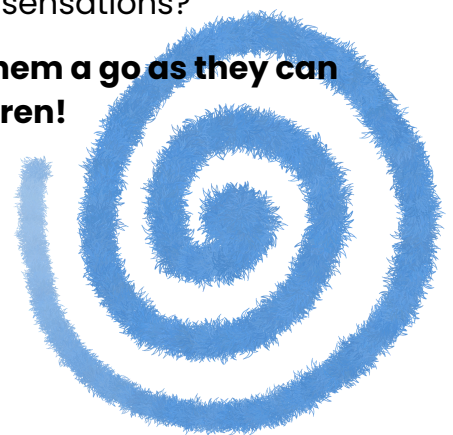
Sit with your pet. If you're at home and have a pet, spend a few moments just sitting with them. If they're of the furry variety, pet them, focusing on how their fur feels. Consider their markings or unique characteristics. If you have a smaller pet you can hold, concentrate on how they feel in your hand.

Visualize your favourite place. Think of your favourite place, whether it's the home of a loved one or another country. Using each of your senses, imagine the noises you hear, the objects you see, and the scents you smell. Try to recall the last time you went there. Think about what you did there and how it felt at the time.

Listen to music. Put on your favourite song and focus on the melody and lyrics. Does the song give you chills or create any other physical sensations?

Even though they sound simple strategies, please give them a go as they can be very effective in calming us down, as well as our children!

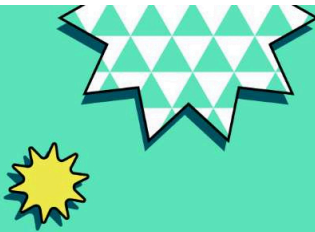
Rose Cook
School Chaplain



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep Y	Laylah Iliana	For expanding on her ideas in writing and writing more than one sentence. For writing a fantastic story during our fantasy unit.
1/2 M	WHOLE CLASS Alexis Ayansa Ethan	For being such incredible learners and working so hard! For publishing her fantasy narrative with such care and pride. For choosing books that challenge her and stretch her thinking. For asking thoughtful questions and showing a genuine interest in his friends' fantasy stories.
1/2 T	Clara Rael	For demonstrating resilience by persevering with her work tasks, to achieve great results. For always working with a calm, respectful, mature manner and being a great role model.
1/2 W	Mashal Liam	For showing the Clarinda School values of CARE in the classroom during worktime. For including others and saying 'You can play with me.'
3/4 A	Ayaz Mario K	For trying hard to stay focused during writing time in order to create a fantasy story. Good effort. For always trying his best to focus and complete all his work during class time.
3/4 D	Mark Harley	For taking his time to complete his fantasy story to the best of his ability. Well done! For showing initiative in caring for our school and classroom environments. Great job!
3/4 E	Isaac Jasmine	For being a kind and helpful member of our class! For proactively seeking feedback on her writing and using it to improve her writing piece.
3/4 M	Armin Liam	For his amazing fantasy story, fantastic descriptive language and excellent use of 'show, don't tell' techniques! For consistently completing his homework every week to a high standard!
5/6 A	Nikolas T Sean	For always encouraging his teammates to do their best during 5/6 Sport. For consistently pursuing his personal best both in class and with his peers.
5/6 D	Alex Athiyan	For creating an interesting and engaging fantasy text! For taking on feedback and trying to improve in the classroom.
5/6 N	Oliver Ioanna	For adding detail and interesting Word Choice into his fantasy writing piece! For being a reflective learner who continually takes on board feedback to help her improve.

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



18/08/2026

CampAustraliaClarindaPrimarySchool - OSHC

Join us for a one-hour soccer program by Coles MiniRoos — packed with games, movement and co

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Highlights and Upcoming Events - From service Leader Pushpa Don Dear Families

As the term goes and we welcome the arrival of spring, the OSHC program continues to provide rich child-led play and learning experiences that support children's development across multiple learning outcomes.

Children have enthusiastically participated in cooking activities such as baking, making smoothies, and preparing weekly pasta dishes, building independence, confidence, and practical life skills.

New dress-up costumes have encouraged imaginative play and self-expression, while board games have supported focus, cooperation, and positive social interactions.

Looking ahead, exciting opportunities such as Book Week and Science Week will further foster creativity, curiosity, critical thinking, and communication skills through character dress-ups, hands-on experiments, and investigations.

The upcoming Coles MiniRoo's soccer session on 08th September 2026 will promote physical wellbeing, teamwork, and confidence through active participation. Together, these experiences support children in developing a strong sense of identity, wellbeing, connection with others, confidence as learners, and effective communication skills, aligning with the My Time, Our Place learning outcomes.

Spring Rocketeers Booking are now open!!! Jump on to our website to check the amazing excursions and Incursions activities are coming your way in this Spring.

Activities coming up

- ☐ Book Week activities, and preparations for our upcoming Book Parade.
- ☐ Science Week will feature hands-on investigations such as seed exploration, slime, volcano experiments, and balloon-inflation

Make a booking

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

[Book now](#)

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustalia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



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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

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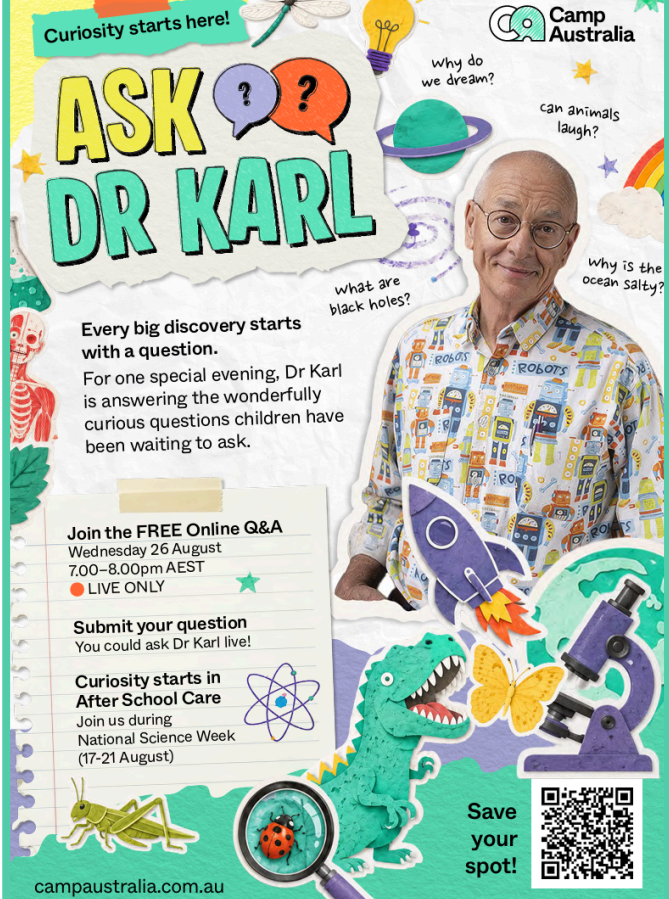
Why do we dream?
can animals laugh?
why is the ocean salty?
What are black holes?

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



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GET IN THE GAME!

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

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Clarinda Primary School

8 Sept | 4.00pm






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



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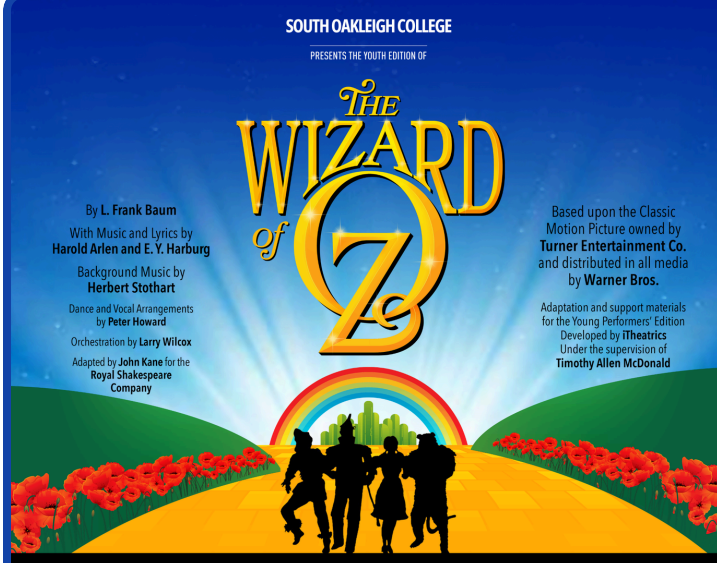
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August 27th, 28th - 7:00 PM
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ONE STEP AT A TIME PROGRAM: PARENT SUPPORT FOR CHILDHOOD ANXIETY
Swinburne Psychology Clinic

Parents / guardians:
Do you have a primary school-aged child experiencing symptoms of anxiety?

Clinicians at Swinburne University have developed a program to help parents manage childhood anxiety in children aged 6-11 years.

Does your child experience any of the following?

- Difficulties sleeping at night due to worries
- Fears and phobias
- Difficulty separating from you or worrying about parental safety
- Trouble sleeping alone in their bed
- Fear of the dark
- Scared of lifts, trains, and people
- Fear of dogs and other animals
- Excessive worry and constant reassurance seeking
- Fear of germs and other health problems

The One Step at a Time Program involves:

- Comprehensive psychological assessment of your child's anxiety
- Seven sessions of online counselling through video conferencing
- Parent-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) skills to help you manage and support your child's anxiety
- Two combined parent-child sessions
- Reflective parenting strategies
- Access to a website with self-help materials to supplement therapy.

Cost
\$20 per session/assessment.
Treatment consists of seven therapy sessions plus one assessment session.

Contact us
Referrals and enquiries can be made by contacting the Swinburne Psychology Clinic at:
Telephone: 03 9214 8653
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OR, by accessing the online registration form by using the QR Code or the link below:
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The Birthday Bucket

Are you searching for a fun and memorable way to celebrate your child's birthday at school?

Look no further than... "The Birthday Bucket"!

This PACC (Parent and Community Club) innovative idea ensures that your child's special day is marked with excitement and joy, right in their classroom.

The concept is simple: order a Birthday Bucket and watch as a festive bucket filled with delicious treats arrives at your child's classroom. You have the choice between two classic goodies: Zooper Doopers or Killer Pythons.

But why should you consider The Birthday Bucket for your child's celebration? Here are a few compelling reasons:

Inclusivity: The Birthday Bucket ensures that every child in the classroom gets to participate in celebrating your child's birthday. Instead of singling out one child, this approach creates a sense of unity and inclusivity among classmates.

Convenience: Planning birthday celebrations for your child can be time-consuming and stressful. The Birthday Bucket takes the hassle out of organising classroom festivities like cakes and lolly bags. With just a simple order, you can ensure that your child's birthday doesn't go unnoticed, without the need for elaborate planning or coordination.

Memorable Experience: Imagine the delight on your child's face as their classmates gather around to enjoy the treats from The Birthday Bucket. It's a memorable experience, creating lasting memories of their school birthdays.

Supporting the Classroom: By opting for The Birthday Bucket, you're not only treating your child and their classmates but also supporting the classroom environment. These small gestures contribute to a positive and joyful atmosphere in the school, enhancing the overall learning experience for everyone involved.

In conclusion, The Birthday Bucket offers a simple yet effective way to celebrate your child's special day in school. It promotes inclusivity, convenience, and memorable experiences for your child and their classmates.

So why not make your child's next birthday one to remember with The Birthday Bucket ?

Cost: \$15..... Payable to the school office in person or by phone: **1 weeks' notice required.**

Regards,

Shaun
Parent and Community Club
President