5/6 NEWSLETTER

TERM 4, 2026

Clarinda Primary School

Welcome to Term 4, 2026

Its been a great start to Term 4.

The students have settled back in for their final term this year!

You can find the list of

key dates for Term 4 in the newsletter.

If you have any questions, or matters you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to reach out via Dojo.

Kind regards,

5/6 Team

Nicole Delany, Tess Neaves & Cristina Amalfitano

Why going to school is important

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 team-work
- 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 if possible, keep family holidays to outside term time.

However, if your child is sick they should stay at home to stop the spread of the illness to other students and staff.

If your child is away the reason needs to be added to Compass.

By attending school consistently when healthy, students give themselves the best chance to learn, grow, and succeed.

Roll The Dice

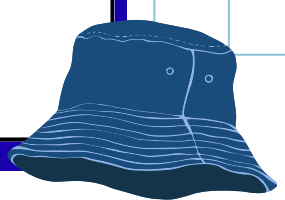
Excitement is building as Mr Wells and the cast have been busy rehearsing for Clarinda Primary School's upcoming production of Roll the Dice!
There has also been plenty of hard work happening behind the scenes, with props and sets being built, costumes being prepared and lots of effort going into bringing the production to life.
With the big performance taking place on 17 November, we are all looking forward to seeing the students' hard work come together on stage!
Tickets are now on sale, so be sure to secure yours.
We can't wait for what promises to be a fantastic show!

Leadership Opportunities

Our Year 5 students are preparing to take on leadership roles for next year, including School Captain, House Captain, Music, Art, LOTE, and PE Captains.
These roles help students build important skills like teamwork, communication, confidence, and organisation. Most importantly, they learn what it means to be a positive role model by showing respect, responsibility, and kindness while inspiring others.

Hats

As we are now in Term 4, we would like to remind families that school hats are compulsory for all students during recess, lunch and all outdoor activities. Please ensure your child brings their school hat each day so they can safely enjoy their time outdoors.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE TERM.

Mobile Phones & Smart Devices

Please remember that mobile phones/smart devices are not allowed at school. If your child requires a phone, it needs to be handed into the office in the morning and can be collected at home time.



Class Dojo

Please make sure to regularly check Class Dojo for any updates and important messages regarding what's happening in the classroom. It's a great way to stay informed!



Homework

It has been wonderful to see so many students consistently completing their weekly Maths, Reading and Spelling homework. Developing this regular routine is an important part of reinforcing the learning happening in the classroom and building strong learning habits.

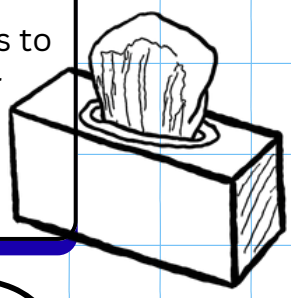
As we continue through the term, we encourage all students to keep up their commitment to completing their homework each week. Regular practice makes a real difference and helps students build confidence, independence and consolidate their skills.

Well done to everyone who has been staying on top of their homework – keep up the fantastic effort!

Tissues

As we head into hay fever season, we kindly ask families to send in a box of tissues to share with the class. Your support helps keep our classroom stocked.

Thank you.



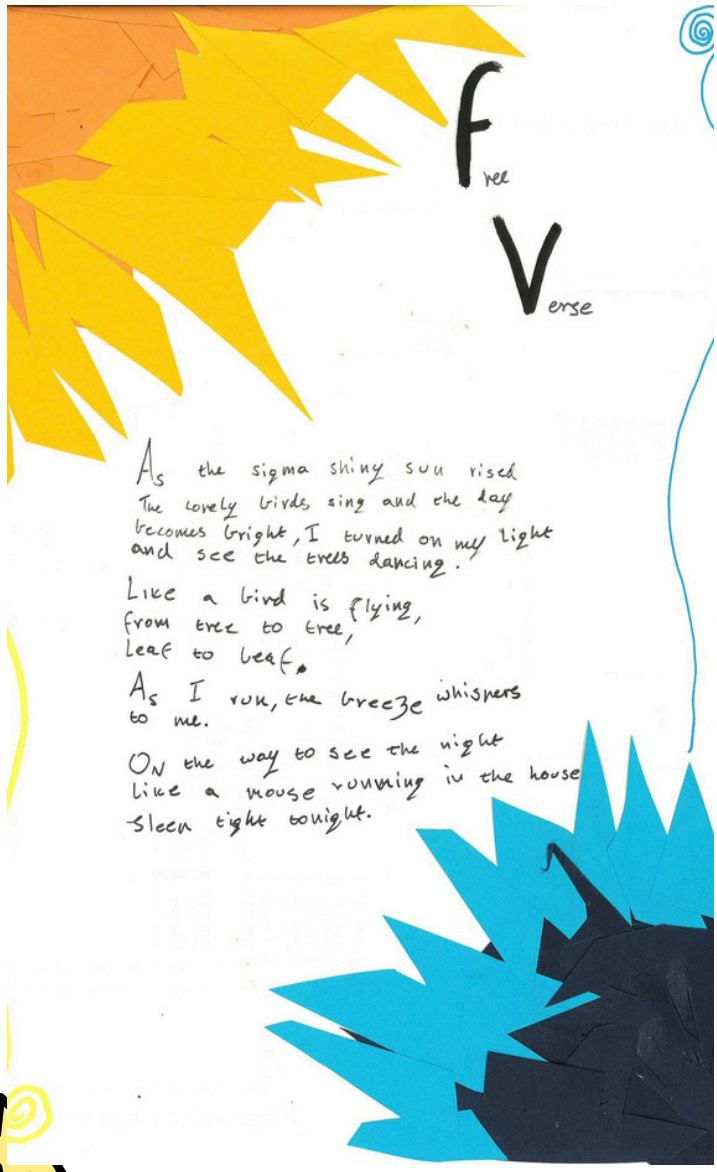
Upcoming Events

Date	Event
2nd November	Curriculum Day - Student Free Day
3rd November	Melboourne Cup - Student Free Day
17th November	Roll The Dice School Performance
19th & 26th November	Elephant Ed
27th November	School Captain Speeches Years 4 - 6
7th December	2027 Camp Information Session 4:30-5:00
9th December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
15th December	Year 6 Fun Day Out
16th December	Afer School Greek Conert Class Parties
17th December	Last Day of School

5/6 POETRY UNIT

During Term 3, our Year 5/6 students completed a Poetry Unit, exploring a range of poetic devices and techniques used to make poetry engaging and meaningful. Students experimented with language, rhythm, rhyme, imagery and figurative language as they developed their own unique writing styles.
Throughout the unit, students showed wonderful creativity and enthusiasm, producing some incredible poems that they can be very proud of. Here are just a few examples of their fantastic work!

Some poems from 5/6N





Some poems from 5/6A

Blue by Sienna

Blue is the summer sky on a day at the beach.
Blue is the colour of my gentle eyes.
Blue is the Blue tongue Lizards competing in athletics.
Blue is the salty ocean water crashing on the shore.
Blue is the rain splashing on the ground

Rap by Jacob

This is going to be a good rap,
I promise it will slap.
This rap will make you clap.
It's going to be better than Harry Styles,
This is gonna go so loud it'll go miles.
Now you better be ready,
And steady.
This rap will go hard.
And when I play UNO I always end up on one card.
This rap is cool.
I aint a fool.
This song is tuff I aint lyin
I bet u'r setting down cryin.

Free Verse by Louis

Hail falls like bullets from the sky.
Landing on the ground in the hundreds.
Creating hard crunchy ground,
Instead of soft wet grass.
The sun came out warm and embracing,
Melting the hail to small wet puddles.
Kids running out to play,
Splashing puddles and running around.
Splat, splat it starts raining again,
Everyone inside.
Once it starts to go again,
The rain is an army from the sky,
Pumelting the land.
Then came a rainbow glittering in the sky.
The sun and rain battling in the sky.
Until the sun is victorious and the rainbow is faint