



Clarinda
Primary School



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From the Principal's Desk...

Important Dates

October

Wednesday 7th

Division Athletics – select Students

Friday 16th

Chesterfield Farm Excursion – Prep

November

Monday 2nd

Curriculum Day
Student free day



Tuesday 3rd

Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Student free day

Tuesday 17th

Whole School Production –
"Roll the Dice"

Thursday 19th & 26th

Year 5/6 – Elephant Ed Incursion

December

Wednesday 9th

Year 6 Graduation Evening

Thursday 17th

Final day of school for students –
3:30pm finish



Concert tickets are now available online through the Monash University ticket events link –

<https://mpac.monash.edu/event/roll-the-dice/>

Our students have been practising hard and are very excited to perform for their families. Our dedicated staff have also been working tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare the students and make this a special evening for everyone. We can't wait to see our students take to the stage!

From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome back to Term Four

- We would like to welcome everyone back to Term Four. We look forward to an exciting term with many exciting activities planned including;
- Roll the Dice
- Year 6 Graduation
- ElephantEd (Yr 5 & 6)
- Christmas Concert (Prep only)
- Meeting 2027 Class Teachers
- Year 6 End of year Fun Day excursion
- Grade level excursions/incursions
- Year 3 & 4 Camp
- Year 5 Leadership speeches and announcement of 2027 Junior School Council Leaders

Keeping Clarinda Clean

We are asking for the support of our school community with an ongoing issue regarding litter within our school grounds and in the surrounding neighbourhood.

Unfortunately, we continue to find rubbish around the school and have also received feedback from local residents who are understandably frustrated by litter being left outside their homes.

We regularly remind students that being a responsible member of Clarinda Primary School extends beyond our school gates. Our Junior School Council is also working on this issue, and we are reviewing some of our school bins, as birds have been accessing them and spreading rubbish.

Please speak with your children about placing rubbish in a bin or taking it home and showing respect for our neighbours and local environment.

We are also looking at sourcing 14x120L wheelie bins. If anyone has a 'connection' for the donation or purchase of such bins, please contact the office and leave some details.

Let's all take pride in keeping Clarinda clean.

From the Principal's Desk...

SRL Project – Senior School Playground Transformation

We are very excited to announce that work on our Green Wedge Playground project is now complete!

Students and families walking into the Senior School Playground will have immediately noticed the 'ping' of green and the fantastic transformation of this important space.

This project has been 18 months in the planning, and the finished result has certainly been worth the wait. The rejuvenated area provides our students with a high-quality, engaging and functional space for play, physical activity and learning.

I would like to sincerely thank the **Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) Project** for their generous grant, our **PACC community** for two years of dedicated fundraising, and the **Clarinda Primary School Council** for its support and commitment to bringing this project to life.

It has been a genuine community effort, and the reward is an amazing new space that our students and staff will enjoy for many years to come.

We look forward to seeing the area full of activity throughout Term 4!



From the Principal's Desk...

Air Conditioning in Classrooms

Over the school holidays, all split-system air conditioners across Clarinda Primary School underwent a comprehensive deep clean and service in preparation for the warmer months ahead.

This process involved much more than simply cleaning the filters. Each unit received a deep clean, sanitisation and deodorisation of its internal components, helping to remove accumulated dust and contaminants and improve the overall cleanliness and efficiency of the systems.

With summer approaching, this work is an important part of maintaining comfortable, clean and well-maintained learning environments for our students and staff.

Another important maintenance job completed over the break as we continue to invest in our school facilities.

Sunsmart

It is compulsory for all students to wear a school hat when they are outside of their classroom. This precautionary measure is crucial in protecting our students from harmful UV radiation. We kindly request your support in ensuring your child has a school hat (named) with them each day. If your child does not have a school hat they will be asked to sit in a designated shaded area until they have a school hat.



School Policies

Operational Policies relating to school operations and students can be found on the school website at: <https://www.clarindaps.vic.edu.au/about-us/documents/>

From the Principal's Desk...

Strategic Planning for 2027

Planning for 2027 is well underway at Clarinda Primary School. As with any organisation, staff movement is a natural part of workforce planning, and considerable thought is given to ensuring we have the right structures and staffing in place for the year ahead.

The same level of care goes into the placement of students into classes. Our aim is to create balanced, supportive and productive learning environments where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Class formation is a complex process that considers a range of educational, social and wellbeing factors. Staff work collaboratively over several weeks to develop class groupings, with adjustments often required as one change can have an impact across several classes. We appreciate families' understanding and trust as we work carefully through this important process.

Are You Leaving CPS in 2027?

Accurate enrolment numbers are essential in determining our class structures and staffing for 2027.

If your child is currently in Foundation to Grade 5 and will not be returning to Clarinda Primary School in 2027 due to moving or enrolling at another school, please notify the school office in writing as soon as possible. Early notification greatly assists us with our planning for the year ahead.

Parent Contributions 2027

Towards the end of this term, families will receive information regarding Parent Contributions for 2027.

In accordance with Department of Education requirements, the information provided to families will clearly outline and itemise the contributions. Proposed Parent Contributions are considered through our Finance Committee and School Council before being communicated to the school community.

Further information will be provided later this term.

From the Principal's Desk...

Curriculum Days

School Council approved days are:

- Monday 2nd November (day before Melb. Cup public holiday)
- Friday 18th December (last day of school year)

Due to the impact of the AEU Industrial Action on teaching and learning over this term, it has been decided to move the Term 3 Curriculum Day to the end of the year. Please note that school will finish on Thursday 17th December at 3:30pm. More details about assembly and the end of year festivities will be made available during Term 4.

FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR:

One date that our community look forward to is the final assembly of the year as we farewell our Year 6 students for their final day of primary school after a 7-year journey.

The date and time for this is Thursday 17th December commencing at 2pm.

See you around the school

Robbie Mallett
Principal



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Diverse Learners Month

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During October, we recognise and celebrate Diverse Learners Month. This is a time to raise awareness, build understanding and celebrate the unique strengths, talents and perspectives of all learners, including those with dyslexia, ADHD, autism and Developmental Language Disorder (DLD).

We recognise that every learner is different, and these differences contribute to a diverse, inclusive and vibrant school community.



Dyslexia

Dyslexia is a difference in the way the brain processes written and spoken language. It can affect reading, spelling and writing, but it does not reflect intelligence.

Many people with dyslexia are creative, great problem solvers and have exceptional big picture thinking skills.



ADHD

ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) can affect attention, impulsivity and activity levels. Learners with ADHD may find it harder to focus, stay organised or manage impulses.

With the right support, individuals with ADHD often bring energy, creativity, enthusiasm and unique perspectives to our school community.



Autism

Autism is a different way of experiencing and interacting with the world. Autistic learners may have different communication styles, interests and sensory needs.

Autistic people often have incredible strengths, including attention to detail, honesty, strong interests and unique ways of thinking the world.



Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)

DLD is a language disorder that makes it difficult to understand and/or use spoken language. It can affect vocabulary, sentence structure, listening and expressing ideas.

DLD is not related to intelligence, and with the right support, learners with DLD can achieve great success at school and in life.



Resources for Families

If you would like to learn more, the following organisations offer helpful information and resources:

- Dyslexia Australia – www.dyslexiaaustralia.org.au
- ADHD Australia – www.adhdaustralia.org.au
- Autism Little Learners – www.autismlittlelearners.com
- Amaze (Autism Connect) – www.amaze.org.au
- Raising Children Network – www.raisingchildren.net.au



At Clarinda PS, we promote an engaging, inclusive and supportive education that empowers students to become life long learners.





When a student writes a poem... about writing poems!

So clever!

Zeke has taken everything he has been learning about rhyme, free verse, rap, poetic devices and ballads and turned it into one very clever, very funny poem — all while explaining the rules along the way!

The Poem List

By Zeke D.

It's now the time,
To teach you how to rhyme.
And how to write free verses,
Of robbers swiping old ladies' purses.
And how to rap,
About a boy and a crime-committing tap.
And how to write ballads,
Of a conscious senti-mental salad.
Starting with rapping now,
It's as easy as frying a cow!
Rhyme in a certain line,
Or your words will intertwine.
It needs a musical tone,
Or the rap will turn into stone.
Try to use a poetic device,
It's optional, but nice.
Now it's free verses end of the stick,

There's nothing really strict,
You don't need a rhyme.
And it's not committing a crime.
Vacation, laid-back, write anything!
If it's on topic... Ding! Ding! Ding!
Ballad is next on our list.
This is one where you may need an assist,
It's really strict,
The realization will hit you like a brick!
For the first and third lines, eight syllables it's a rule,
Better sit on your thinking stool.
Second and forth, you need six.
Otherwise your ballads a messy mix.
It tells a story...
Maybe the glory...
Of how I wrote you to write poems!

SPORTS NEWS.....



Hot Shots Tennis



At the end of Term 3, Clarinda had 16 grade 5/6 students represent the school at the District Hot Shots Tennis Tournament. Competing in this event proved to be very popular amongst the students and required a number of weeks of trials to get the numbers down to our top 16! This was followed by weeks of training leading up to the event. Big congratulations to all our students who made it through to the finals and finished Runners Up in both the Girls and Boys Competition!

Grade 3/4 Lawn Bowls



A select group of grade 3/4 students participated in the very first interschool Lawn Bowls Competition held at South Oakleigh Bowls Club. The students were playing for the Elizabeth Morrow Trophy which was named after one of the club's members who passed away earlier this year. Elizabeth was a big supporter of young people playing bowls and donated money to the club to buy bowls suitable for younger bowlers. In honour of Elizabeth, the club hosted the event with volunteers providing a 'learn to bowl' session before the students got into the tournament. It was such a fun day with the students getting right into the spirit of the competition and showing terrific sportsmanship and teamwork.

We are super proud of Team Clarinda who finished 3rd overall!

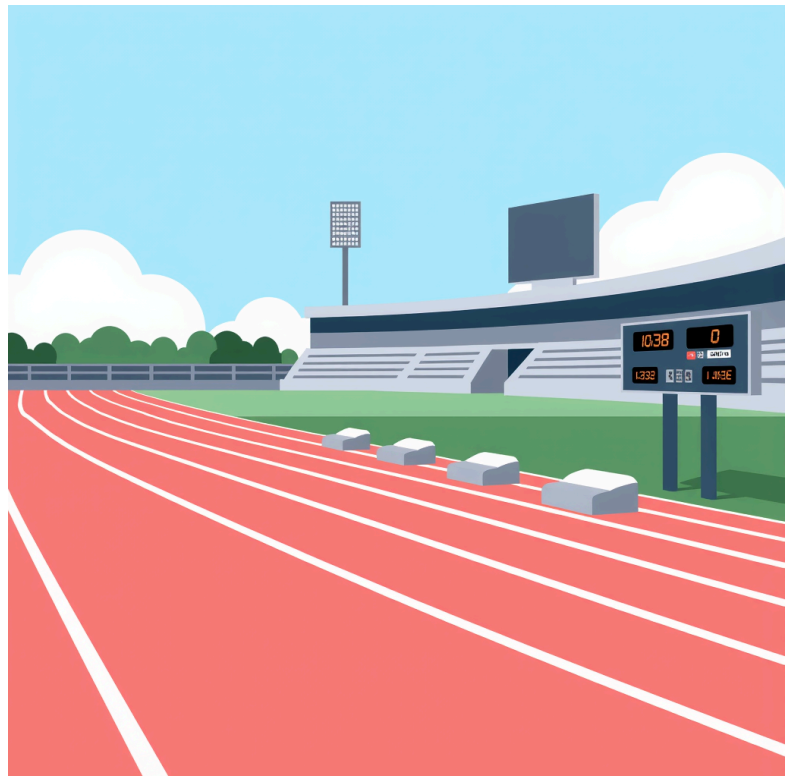
Division Athletics

Best of luck to our 14 students who are competing at the Division Athletics Carnival tomorrow!

Arman - 12/13B Discus
Katerina - 12/13G Discus, Triple Jump & Relay
Aden - 12/13B Shot Put
Harry - 11B Long Jump, Triple Jump & Relay
Kosta - 11B Hurdles & Relay
Efsevia - 11G Long Jump & Triple Jump
Athena - 10G Long Jump
Leon - 12/13B Triple Jump & Hurdles
Declan - 11B Relay
Amelia - 12/13G 800m & Relay
Ava - 12/13G 1500m & Relay
Mirabelle - 11G 1500m
Oliver - 11B Relay
Isabelle - 12/13G Relay

Go Team Clarinda!

**Mrs Woon
PE Teacher**



Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



06/10/2026

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A message from service leader Pushpa Dona

Hi families,

We hope all our children and families enjoyed a wonderful break

We are excited to welcome everyone back Term 4. It's hard to believe we have reached the final term of the year!

Throughout Term 4, our program will continue to provide children with meaningful opportunities to learn, create, explore, and connect with one another through experiences that reflect their interests and ideas. We value children's voices and strive to create an environment where every child feels supported, engaged, and encouraged to try new things.

This term, children will enjoy hands-on gardening experiences, including planting, watering, and caring. These activities help children develop a deeper appreciation for nature, learn about the life cycle of plants, and develop loving kindness towards living beings.

We will also continue to focus on sustainable practices within our service. Through recycling, reducing waste, and reusing materials, children will learn about caring for the environment and the important role they can play in making a positive difference. By encouraging environmentally responsible choices, we hope to inspire children to become thoughtful and Unique individual of our world.

SunSmart Reminder

As the weather warms up, we remain committed to our SunSmart practices to keep children safe while enjoying outdoor activities. Please ensure your child brings a **broad-brimmed or bucket hat** each day and wears clothing that provides sun protection where possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to a wonderful Term 4 with all our children and families!

Activities

comingup

- Outdoor games and physical activities
- End-of-year celebrations and special events
- Leadership opportunities for older children
- STEM and problem-solving challenges

Make a booking

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

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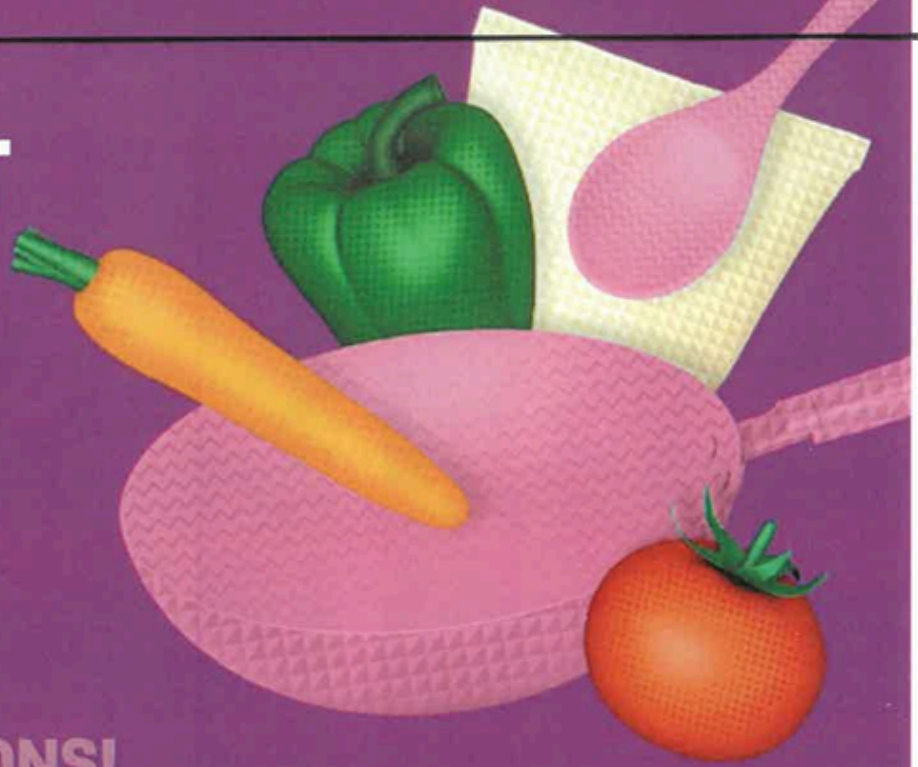
To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustalia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at www.campaustalia.com.au

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM COOKING CLASSES

THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS!



Foodbank Victoria, in partnership with the Department of Education, would like to congratulate your school, students and families on successfully completing the Cooking Classes program. We hope the recipes have provided some great inspiration for healthy and delicious meals at home.

We would love to share some highlights of the program with your school community.

During Term 3, 2026 the program was delivered in seven schools and 320 take home Recipe Boxes were distributed to participating families to try out the recipes at home.

Thank you from Foodbank Victoria and the School Breakfast Clubs Program Cooking Classes team — Emma, Jane, Katie and Steph.



Emma



Jane



Katie



Steph



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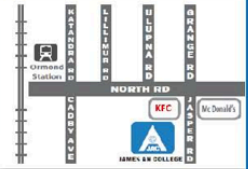
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