Issue #18	5 November 2026

Important Dates

November

Tuesday 3rd
Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Student free day

Friday 13th
2027 Prep Transition Morning
9:00am - 10:30am

Tuesday 17th
Whole School Production - "Roll the Dice"



Thursday 19th & 26th
Year 5/6 - Elephant Ed Incursion

Friday 27th
2027 Prep Transition Morning
9:00am - 10:30am

December

Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th
Year 3/4 Camp - Waratah Beach

Wednesday 9th
Year 6 Graduation Evening



Thursday 17th
Final day of school for students - 3:30pm finish

From the Principal's Desk...

School Funding and Parent Contributions

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding a new school funding agreement between the Victorian and Commonwealth governments. While additional funding commitments have been announced, public education sector groups have noted that the pathway to full funding of government schools remains a gradual one, at a time when many schools continue to experience increasing cost pressures.

Victorian government schools are founded on the principle of a free public education. In practice, this means the government funds the teaching, learning programs and core facilities required for students to access the Victorian Curriculum. Schools receive most of their operating funding through the Student Resource Package (SRP), which funds staffing as well as a range of essential expenses including utilities, cleaning, grounds maintenance and the day-to-day operation of the school.

As communicated in recent newsletters, this funding is becoming increasingly constrained. Recent changes to a number of funding programs, including English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Disability Inclusion (DI) arrangements, require schools to carefully review how resources are allocated within existing budgets. What this means in practical terms is that the resources schools use to provide opportunities beyond the minimum requirements are becoming harder to sustain.

1166 Centre Road Clarinda 3169 T: 9544 3231
E: clarinda.ps@education.vic.gov.au clarindaps.vic.edu.au

From the Principal's Desk...

School Funding and Parent Contributions (continued)

It is important to distinguish between recurrent funding (SRP) and capital funding. Recurrent funding pays for teachers, education support staff, learning programs and the day-to-day operation of the school. Capital funding is provided separately for major building projects.

The School Council will provide families with information regarding the 2027 Voluntary Parent Contributions. We remain committed to providing every child at Clarinda Primary School with the highest quality education possible and are deeply appreciative of the support our community continues to provide.

Mr Mallett's speech for World Teachers' Day

As we celebrate World Teachers' Day, I want to share a quote that I believe captures the importance of our profession.

"Teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions."

When you think about it, every doctor, lawyer, engineer, baker, plumber and leader has been influenced by a teacher somewhere along the way.
trained staff. The program provides explicit, systematic instruction that complements classroom teaching and ensures students develop the strong foundations needed for future reading success.

At Clarinda Primary School, we often talk about student outcomes, teaching and learning, and the importance of making a difference. But sometimes we forget just how significant that difference can be.

Teaching is not just about what students learn, but about who they become. It's about building confidence, inspiring curiosity, encouraging resilience and helping children believe in themselves.

We may never see the full impact of our work, but the influence we have on young lives can last a lifetime.

I want to sincerely thank all our teachers for their dedication, professionalism and genuine care for our students. I also acknowledge our wonderful Education Support staff, who contribute so much to our school.

1166 Centre Road Clarinda 3169 T: 9544 3231
E: clarinda.ps@education.vic.gov.au clarindaps.vic.edu.au

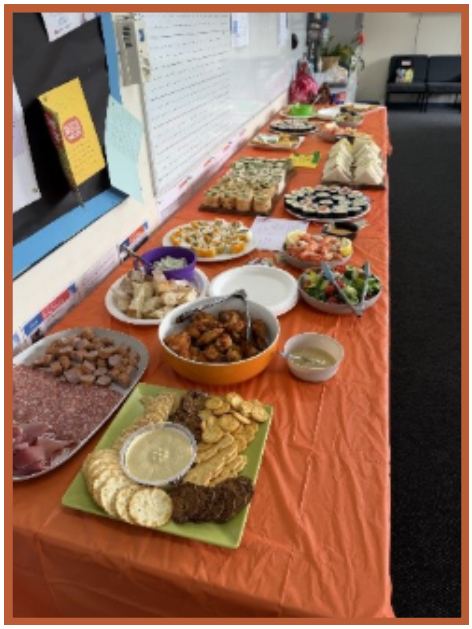
From the Principal's Desk...

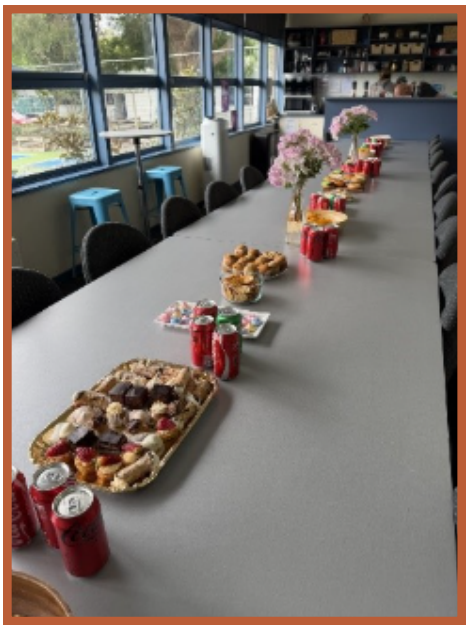
Mr Mallett's speech for World Teachers' Day (continued)

The greatest strength of Clarinda Primary School has always been its people. I am incredibly proud of the work we do together and the difference we make every day.

Happy World Teachers' Day and thank you for everything you do!
I would like to also acknowledge the work of our PACC for supporting World Teachers' Day. Through the generous donations of some of our parent community, PACC provided a delicious lunch.



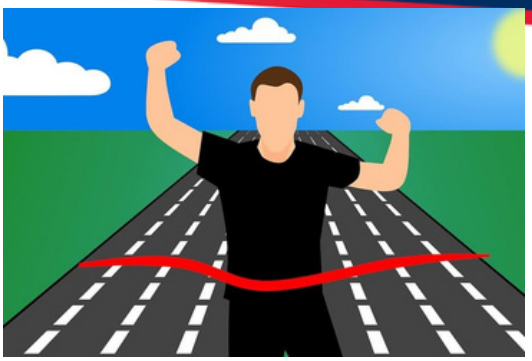




See you around the school
Robbie Mallett

1166 Centre Road Clarinda 3169 **T:** 9544 3231
E: clarinda.ps@education.vic.gov.au **clarindaps.vic.edu.au**

SPORTS NEWS.....



Division Athletics

The incredible 14 students who represented Clarinda and our District at the Division Athletics Carnival certainly did us proud! It is an amazing achievement on its own to make it to the Division level where the competition really steps up.

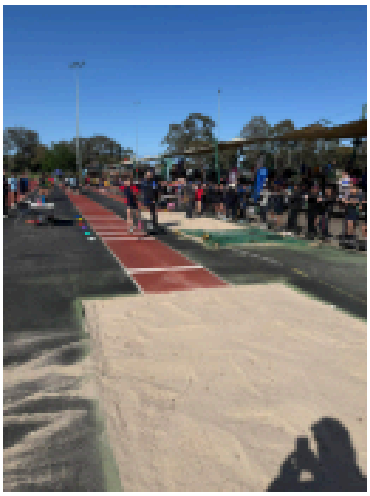
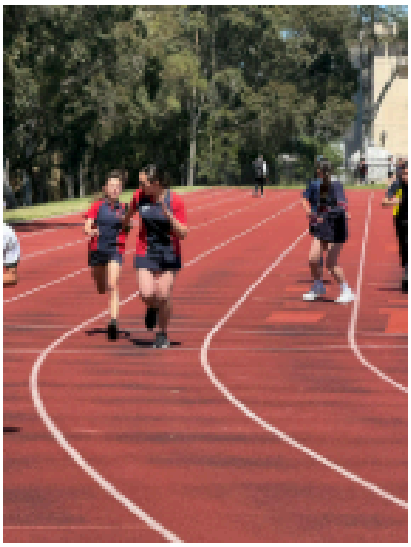
Congratulations to the following students:

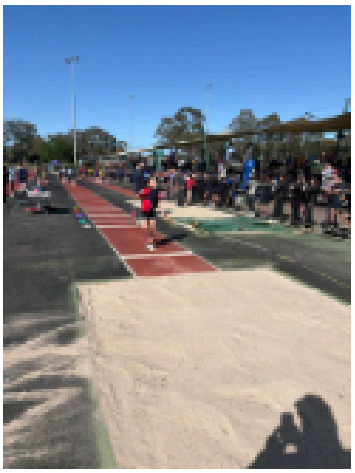
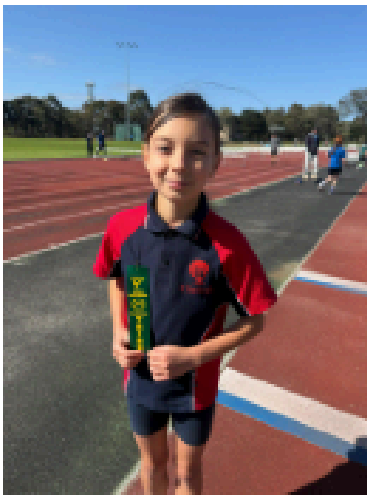
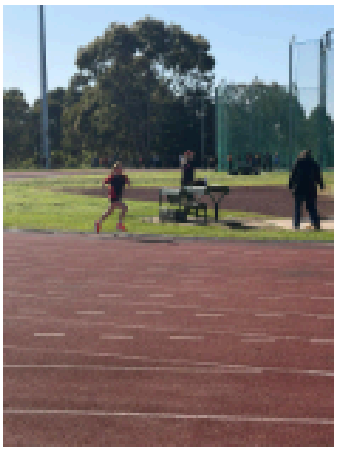
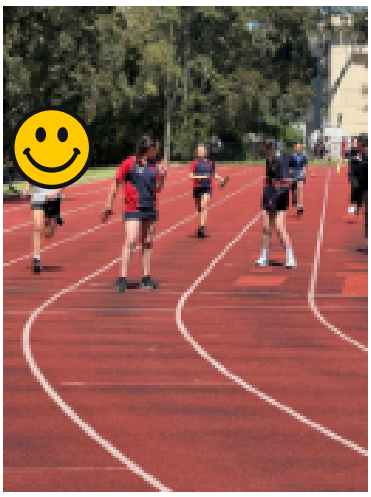
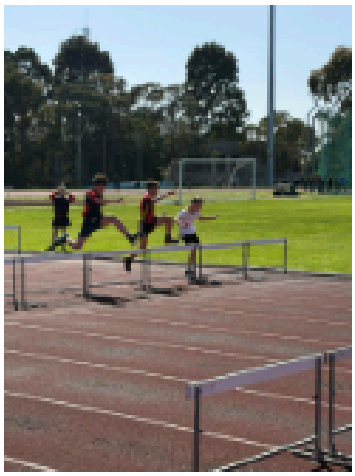
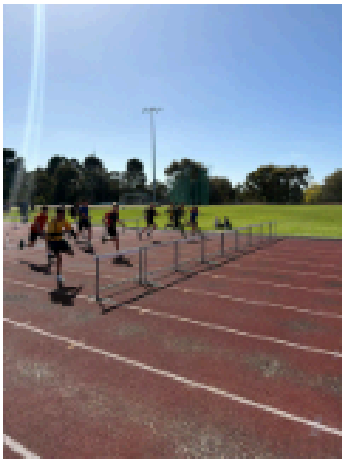
Arman 3rd place 12/13B Discus
Katerina 3rd place 12/13G Discus, 5th place Triple Jump & 7th place Relay
Aden 11th place 12/13B Shot Put
Harry 2nd place 11B Long Jump, 8th place Triple Jump & 14th place Relay
Kosta 3rd place 11B Hurdles & 14th place Relay
Efsevia 4th place 11G Long Jump & 3rd place Triple Jump
Athena 7th place 10G Long Jump
Leon 10th place 12/13B Triple Jump & 3rd place Hurdles
Declan 14th place 11B Relay
Amelia 3rd place 12/13G 800m & 7th place Relay
Ava 9th place 12/13G 1500m & 7th place Relay
Mirabelle 4th place 11G 1500m
Oliver 14th place 11B Relay
Isabelle 7th place 12/13G Relay

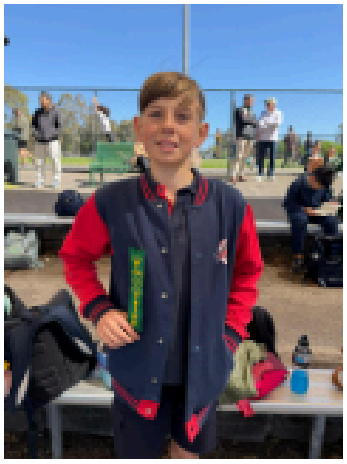
Shout out to **Harry F** who, with a 2nd place in Long Jump, moved on to the Eastern Metropolitan Region Track & Field Carnival.

Well done Team Clarinda!
Mrs Woon
P.E. Teacher

Division Athletics Photos

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Thomas Leni	For working hard on his writing! For using creative ideas and good word choice in her writing!
Prep W	Adhrith Croia	For consistently putting effort into his writing by drawing detailed pictures and trying his best to include descriptive adjectives in his sentences. For demonstrating courage and persistence during writing time.
Prep Y	Kavish	For great progress in phonics this week.
1/2 P	Audrey	For her patience and good manners
1/2 T	Lucas Aahaan	For working really hard to make his handwriting neat. For his outstanding attitude to learning and his ability to always challenge himself to improve.
1/2 W	Taliah	For working hard in reading and trying challenging things!
3/4 D	Swara Tina	For making safe choices in the classroom this week. Well done! For challenging herself to step outside of her comfort zone. Great job!
3/4 E	Mason	For his hard work and persistence in all his work, especially in Level 26 - CCs.
3/4 M	Amalea Anna	For showing determination and resilience, working hard to overcome challenges and striving to do her best. For showing patience and perseverance on Clarinda Calculators and making great progress.
5/6 A	Lisa	For always being supportive and encouraging towards her peers, both in the classroom and during 5/6 Sport.
5/6 D	Kosta Akhilan	For settling back into Term 4 well and working hard in the classroom. For working hard to finish his draft inspired by Jackie French.
5/6 N	Patrick Dilan	For working hard to incorporate 'show, not tell' techniques to make his writing more descriptive and engaging. For demonstrating an excellent understanding of the mathematical concepts explored throughout the year.

1166 Centre Road Clarinda 3169 T: 9544 3231
E: clarinda.ps@education.vic.gov.au clarindaps.vic.edu.au

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

02/11/2026

Camp Australia Clarinda Primary school.

Camp Australia
Guiding Children's Growth

Your OSHC.

ROCKETEERS

A message from service Leader Pushpa Dona

Dear Families,

As we enter the final month before the summer school holidays, the excitement around the school is certainly building. Please ensure to check out the summer holiday program on our website.
Throughout recent weeks, our Grade 1 to 6 children have been exploring what it means to finish the year strong. Together, we have been discussing empathy, kindness, and respect, and how these values can help us support one another during the busy end-of-year period.

🥕 **Growing Kindness in Our Veggie Garden**
One of the highlights of this learning has been our OSHC veggie garden. Children have been enthusiastically planting, watering, and caring for the garden, developing valuable life skills along the way.
Through this hands-on experience, children are learning:

🌱 Responsibility and caring for living things
💚 Empathy and patience
🤝 Teamwork and cooperation
🌎 The importance of maintaining a clean, green, and sustainable environment

It has been wonderful to see the pride children take in nurturing the garden and watching their hard work grow.
Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we head into the final weeks of 2026.

The OSHC Team 🌻

Activities coming up

- Rangoli Diwali Craft
- Cricket Sport
- My Healthy Lifestyles
- Cooking with Ms Summer
- Planting seedling and caring vegetable patch

Make a

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.campaustralia.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.

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play



Community Advertising





