

April

Friday 4th	Whole School Assembly 9:10am
	Senior School House Cross Country
	Last day of Term 1 - Early Dismissal 2:30pm
Tuesday 22nd	First Day Back - Term 2
Wednesday 23rd	PACC AGM -9am
Friday 25th	ANZAC DAY Public Holiday NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
Monday 28th	Curriculum Day NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

May

Thursday 8th	Mothers Day Stall 
Monday 12th	District Cross Country
Wednesday 21st	National Simultaneous Storytime - 12pm
Sunday 11th	Grade 3-6 Athletics Day
Friday 23rd	Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport



Clarinda
Primary School

Issue 5

3 April 2025

From the Principal's Desk...

A recent Herald Sun article highlighted the growing rates of absenteeism in Australian schools. Clarinda has traditionally had high levels of attendance; however we have certainly noticed a drop off in line with national data. Currently, we sit at the federal government's 2030 target of 91% attendance (the national average is 88.6% - see table 1 below).

The second measure is the percentage of students who attend more than 90% in a school year. Clarinda is only slightly ahead with 70% of students meeting this 90% mark, compared to the national average of 59.7% (see table 2), but we were at 85% pre-Covid.

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Covid has certainly played a part in the downturn, but this is a nationwide trend that goes back to 2015. School refusal is on the rise and many experts argue that this is due to the impact of social media on young people.

We understand that life brings challenges, but we also know how important it is for children to be at school. Attending school is a critical part of a young person's development and in some cases, students are up to 2 years behind on the developmental continuum due to missing out on vital social interactions in their early years. The affect that this has on learning and future socialisation is enormous and missing more school is not the answer.

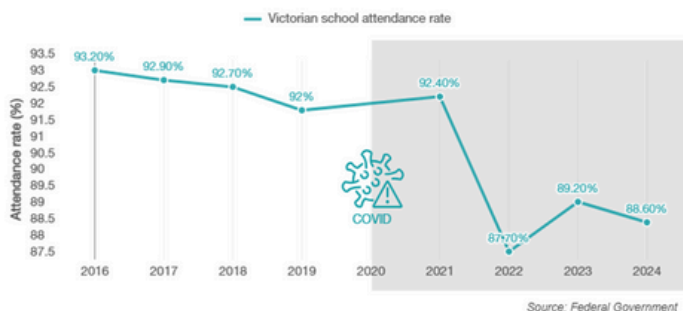
Strong student attendances are directly linked to student achievement and social development.

Our goal is to reduce the number of students missing 20 or more days per year from the current 40%, to less than 30% over the next 4 years. Our staff are working very hard to develop engaging activities and provide support to students, but we also acknowledge that there are some school tasks that just need to be done, because it's in each student's best interests. In short, we need the help of parents to reduce absenteeism.

Please, if your child is healthy, we implore you to make sure that they are at school.

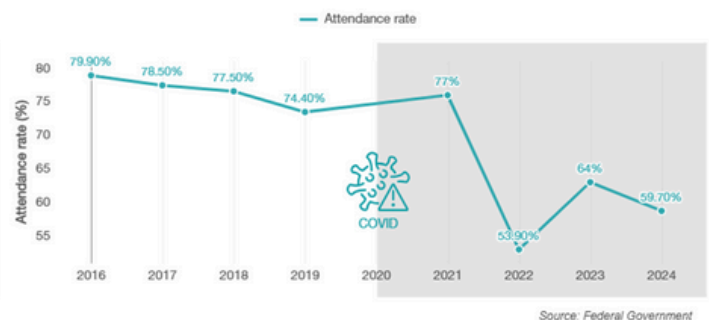
VICTORIAN SCHOOLS' ATTENDANCE RATE

This is the percentage of full-time equivalent days students attend



VICTORIAN SCHOOLS' ATTENDANCE LEVEL

This measures the proportion of students attending school at least 90 per cent of the time



Curriculum Day - Monday 28th April

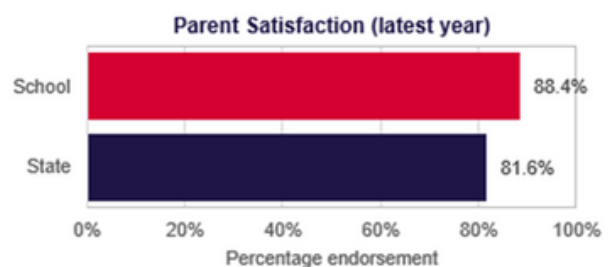
As teachers are lifelong learners and continue to reflect and refine their practice they are entitled to four Curriculum Days in 2025. The work undertaken on these days will be consistent with Departmental and school priorities

Students do not attend school for this day. Camp Australia will be offering alternative care for the day. Please ensure you book early to ensure you have care for your child.

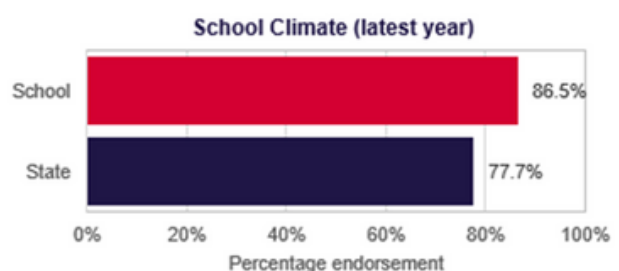
Annual Report

The Annual Report highlighted a summary of well-rounded performance throughout our school in both an academic and wellbeing focus, these data sets are represented in the graphics below identifying teacher judgement data, NAPLAN data and student attitudes to school data all measured against state and similar school averages. These data sets provide an opportunity to celebrate the work throughout the school and also allow us to identify some commonalities in data trends and explore some areas for improvement.

	Latest year (2024)
Parent Satisfaction	
School percentage endorsement:	88.4%
State average (primary schools):	81.6%



	Latest year (2024)
School Climate	
School percentage endorsement:	86.5%
State average (primary schools):	77.7%



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Reading Year 3

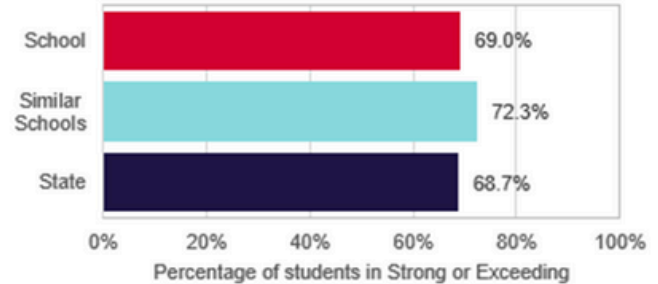
School percentage of students in Strong or Exceeding:

Latest year (2024)	2-year average
69.0%	70.5%
72.3%	72.7%
68.7%	69.2%

Similar Schools average:

State average:

NAPLAN Reading (latest year) Year 3



Reading Year 5

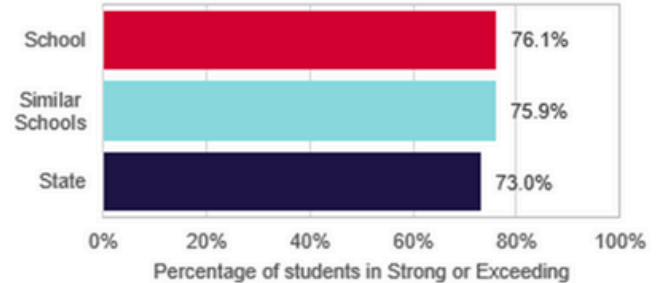
School percentage of students in Strong or Exceeding:

Latest year (2024)	2-year average
76.1%	72.6%
75.9%	78.3%
73.0%	75.0%

Similar Schools average:

State average:

NAPLAN Reading (latest year) Year 5



Numeracy Year 3

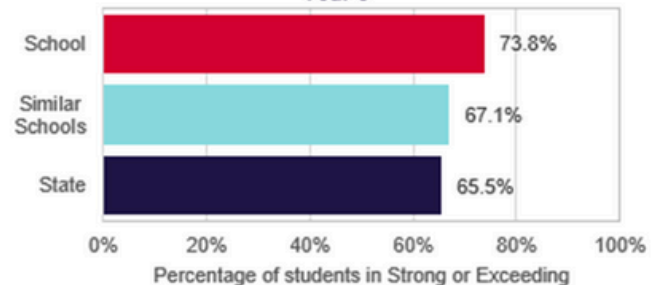
School percentage of students in Strong or Exceeding:

Latest year (2024)	2-year average
73.8%	78.7%
67.1%	67.8%
65.5%	66.4%

Similar Schools average:

State average:

NAPLAN Numeracy (latest year) Year 3



Numeracy Year 5

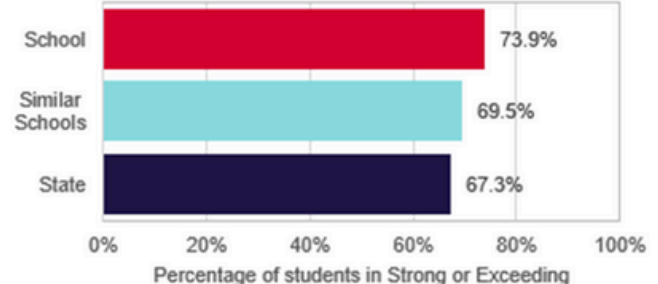
School percentage of students in Strong or Exceeding:

Latest year (2024)	2-year average
73.9%	70.2%
69.5%	70.7%
67.3%	67.6%

Similar Schools average:

State average:

NAPLAN Numeracy (latest year) Year 5



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HARMONY WEEK

Our school celebrated Harmony Day with an evening event on Tuesday 1st April. Recognising that our school, surrounding suburbs, Melbourne and indeed Australia is a richer environment for celebrating the diverse backgrounds that families bring to our country. Some facts that may generate some interesting discussion in our classrooms and at home:

- Over the past 70 years, more than seven and a half million migrants have made Australia home.
- Almost half of Australians were either born overseas or have a parent who was.
- We identify with around 300 ancestries.
- Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations.
- Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world.

Thank you to the organising committee of: Kellie Williams, Cat Watts, Sarah Matti and Gab Robinson.



NAPLAN

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge that NAPLAN has come and gone for another year. While we certainly value the insights these assessments provide, I also recognise that they represent just one piece of the broader picture when it comes to student learning. Our priority remains the ongoing academic and personal growth of every child, ensuring that each student receives the support they need to thrive in all areas of their education. We eagerly anticipate reviewing the results and using them to inform our teaching focus, but most importantly, we remain committed to fostering a love of learning and a growth mindset in every student.

End Term 1

Assembly will be held on the synthetic grassed area from 9:10am on Friday 4th April. If the weather is inclement, a WebEx link will be sent via Compass on the morning.

End of term dismissal and bell times

9.00am – 10.40am – Students in their classrooms or assembly

10.40am – 11.00am – Recess play

11.00am – 12.40pm – Students will be in their classrooms

12.40pm – 12.50pm – Students eat lunch

12.50pm – 1.50pm – Lunch play

1.50pm – 2.30pm – Students will be in class.

2.30pm – Dismissal

Term 2

Resumes on Tuesday 22nd April

ANZAC Day Public holiday on Friday 25th April (no school)

Curriculum Day on Monday 28th April

See you around the school,
Robbie Mallett.

PE News!

Senior School House Cross Country 2025

Compete in a Grade 3-6 Cross Country race and win points for your House. The House with the most points will win the Senior School House Cross Country shield for 2025!



When is it?

Friday 4th April from 11:00am

11:10am - U12/13

11:20am - U11

11:40am - U8/9/10



Where is it?

The event takes place at school on both ovals.

How fast do I have to be?

Just do your best and finish the race!
Every point counts for your House!



**Wear your House Colours, runners and a smile.
Parents/guardians are very welcome to come along and
support our runners.**

Grade 5/6 Summer Gala Day

On Friday 14th March, the Grade 5/6 students participated in the annual Summer Gala Day. This event is the culmination of Term 1 Interschool Sport that the students have been training for every Friday morning. Our students are well known for their excellent sportsmanship, kindness and their athletic ability. All teams in all sports had a wonderful day, with many parents and grandparents attending to provide that extra support that the kids love.

Congratulations to our Girls Softball team who were Premiers of their Gala Day, and will now go on to play in the Monash Waverley Division Competition in October!



Regional Swimmers

Congratulations to Nicholas K & Yugvart for competing at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Swimming Championships. These students represented Clarinda PS in an exceptional way, performing at their best and we are super proud of them!

Justine Leopold
PE Tacher

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Lucas Mashal	For always being kind to everyone in the class, and offering a helping hand when needed. For trying her best to write the sounds she hears in words during our writing lessons.
Prep W	Hiruja Kylee	For being a cooperative and helpful member of Prep W. For always being a respectful member of Prep W.
Prep Y	Christian Darsh	For learning to write his name correctly. For participating in classroom activities with improved confidence!
1/2 M	Anna Lenny	For always working hard to achieve her personal best! Well Done! For supporting his peers by sharing his wealth of knowledge!
1/2 P	Grace Armin	For focusing well during learning time. For pursuing his best in Mathematics.
1/2 T	San Jaide	For his excellent responses to his reading in his Reader's Notebook. For the excellent deep thinking responses she writes about her reading.
3/4 A	Jatan Jacob	For being a respectful, caring and kind member of our class. For working hard in class this week and completing an excellent persuasive movie review in writing.
3/4 D	Mason Thea	For his constant engagement in class discussions and class tasks. For using our vocab words in her writing. Well done!
3/4 E	Marios	For working hard in class this week.
5/6 D	Isaac	For his constant engagement in class discussions and class tasks.
5/6N	Saanvi Dot Cooper	For being a reflective learner who continually takes on board feedback to help her improve. For always greeting others with a smile and having a positive attitude with everything she does. For using excellent research skills to find out new information to support his persuasive writing piece.

CPS Food Pantry

Our food pantry is available in support of our families' health and wellbeing.



Please stop by our food pantry if you are in need some supplies. It is located in the Main Building Hallway.

As we have school holidays FAST approaching, we have an abundance of fresh fruit & bread.

Please come and help yourself at drop-off or pick-up time!

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LOST PROPERTY!



Our lost property area is currently FULL!

A reminder that students are responsible for their own belongings.

Please put name labels on all clothing items, jackets, lunchboxes and drink bottles to prevent loss and reduce waste.

Our Lost Property tub is located just outside the office area, please have a look for your belongings and please leave the area tidy.

The Greek Centre – School Holiday Activities



2 for 1 Comedy Festival Ticket Offer

Comedy Festival | 26/3 – 20/4 | The Greek Centre
The Greek Centre is hosting Comedy at the Greek with 28 shows featuring international comedians as part of the world-famous Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

The Showcase will play each Wednesday (2, 9 and 16 April) through the Festival at the Greek Centre (168 Lonsdale Street Melbourne).

To access the offer, enter 'GCM241' when prompted via QR code
Come along and have a laugh!



Chara Tsioli is freaked out!

Comedy show | Thu 24 – Fri + Sat 26 April
Mezzanine – Greek Centre

Please note: This show is performed exclusively in Greek
Chara Tsioli is coming to Australia to set things straight! Are you freaked out? A failure? Grumpy? Miserable? Moneyless? Stuck in mediocrity and struggling to stand out? Don't worry! Laugh coach Chara Tsioli brings you the world's first self-improvement comedy.

Read more and buy your [tickets](#).



Easter Workshop for Children!

This Easter, come and experience the magic of the holidays through a fun and creative workshop for kids!

The workshop will take place in three different locations, choose the one that best suits you.

♦ Duration of the program:

3-hour or 6-hour program – choose the option that best suits your child!

A unique workshop that will connect children with Greek traditions through joyful creativity and exploration!

Let's celebrate Easter together in a world of fun and imagination

[Book now](#)

Thursday, 10.4
Belle Vue Primary
Balwyn North

Monday, 14.4
Huntingdale Hall
Oakleigh South

Wednesday, 16.4
Greek Centre
Melbourne, CBD

Πασχαλίτσα,
Πασχαλιά...

Easter Holiday Program
for children 4-10 years old

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter



3/4/25

Clarinda primary school

Your
OSHC.



Dear Parents and Families,
our children have been busy baking and getting involved in Harmony Day and Holi week activities which inculcated sense of friendships and mutual respect for all. Please check out some of the highlights of the same below.

Important Reminders: Please log in and book your child for upcoming Autumn Rocketeers holiday program as the bookings are now open.

Also, Book in your child for the last day of the term as the school will have early finish at 2:30 pm on 4th April 2025 to save last minute rush. Please contact 0402353192 for any further Queries.

Activities coming up

- Recycling Robots
- Outdoor excursions
- Fun indoor group baking



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.campastralia.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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FUN AWAITS!

YOUR AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Clarinda Primary school

Address: 1166 Centre Rd CLAYTON SOUTH VIC 3169

Phone: 0402 353 192 Program Times: 07:00 am - 06:00 pm

<p>Mon 07 Apr</p>	<p>Special Event: LEGO® Masters Training Day</p>	 <p>Project Incursion</p>	<p>Tue 08 Apr</p>	<p>Big Art Day: Eco Masterpieces</p>	 <p>Base Camp Day</p>
<p>This is it - your ticket to LEGO masterdom starts here! With special video guidance from Brickman, sharpen your building skills and tackle an epic build challenge.</p> <p>Full Fee \$95.71 After Max. CCS* \$9.57</p>		<p>Everyone's favourite day is back - and it's time to think BIG! Transform recycled materials into spectacular sculptures. Robots, animals, or wild inventions—the only limit is your imagination.</p> <p>Full Fee \$73.71 After Max. CCS* \$7.37</p>			
<p>Wed 09 Apr</p>	<p>Adventure: Aussie Rules Road to Glory with No Limit Sports</p>	 <p>Excursion</p>	<p>Thu 10 Apr</p>	<p>Operation: Storybook Quest</p>	 <p>Base Camp Day</p>
<p>Get ready for non-stop footy fun! This action-packed program with No Limit Sports will have you kicking, handballing, and sprinting through exciting drills, skill challenges, and mini games with expert coaches. Bring your A-game and get ready!</p> <p>Full Fee \$124.21 After Max. CCS* \$12.42</p>		<p>Step into a world of magic and wonder! Today, we'll bring fairytales to life with creative activities and imaginative play. Create your own happily-ever-after in this storybook adventure!</p> <p>Full Fee \$73.71 After Max. CCS* \$7.37</p>			
<p>Fri 11 Apr</p>	<p>Project: Super Hero Academy</p>	 <p>Project Incursion</p>	<p>Mon 14 Apr</p>	<p>Operation: Explore your Values</p>	 <p>Base Camp Day</p>
<p>Swing into action! Build your own Bolt Blaster, craft Spider-Man masks, and join an epic Super Hero treasure hunt to help the masked heroes save the world from a powerful villain!</p> <p>Full Fee \$119.31 After Max. CCS* \$11.93</p>		<p>Today, we'll be exploring the values that connect us. Your Base Camp will have meaningful and creative activities that will help us discover how our values help shape our understanding of history, community, and the world around us.</p> <p>Full Fee \$73.71 After Max. CCS* \$7.37</p>			
<p>Tue 15 Apr</p>	<p>Adventure: Disney's Snow White at Village Cinemas</p>	 <p>Excursion</p>	<p>Wed 16 Apr</p>	<p>Experience Takeover: Move & Groove Challenge</p>	 <p>Experience Takeover Incursion</p>
<p>Step into a fairy tale as we watch Disney's Snow White! Join Snow White on a magical adventure as she faces the wicked Queen, finds friendship with seven dwarfs, and discovers the true meaning of bravery, kindness, and love.</p> <p>Full Fee \$122.21 After Max. CCS* \$12.22</p>		<p>Get ready to dance, dress up, and take on the ultimate challenge! Learn your favourite dance moves, recreate viral trends, and bring the fun to life with exciting dress-up challenges. Strike a pose and own the stage!</p> <p>Full Fee \$102.09 After Max. CCS* \$10.21</p>			
<p>Thu 17 Apr</p>	<p>Project: Day Dreamers</p>	 <p>Project Incursion</p>			
<p>Grab your PJs and join us for the ultimate feel-good day! Build a teddy with a recorded message, make yummy banana sushi and take part in wellness activities. It's a cosy, happy adventure to remember!</p> <p>Full Fee \$95.71 After Max. CCS* \$9.57</p>					

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Monday 20th October 2025

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