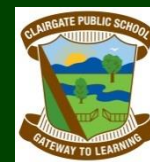


# CLAIRGATE CHRONICLE



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Care, Excellence, Innovation, Opportunity  
in a positive, dynamic environment

Term 1, Week 2

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017

## Term 1 - Important Dates to Remember

Term 1	
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Welcome Kindergarten - 9:00am</li></ul>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>P&amp;C Meeting 7pm</li></ul>
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2017 Swimming Carnival</li></ul> <p><b>Please see note in this Newsletter</b></p>
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Years 3-6 Induction Assembly 2pm</li></ul>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School Sport Yrs 3-6</li></ul>
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Years K-2 Induction Assembly 2pm</li></ul>
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assembly 3 - 6 2pm</li><li>5/6A presenting</li></ul>

## A note from the Principal

Welcome to the 2017 school year, I hope you all had a wonderful, refreshing break. We especially welcome new students and families to our school – including our new Kindergarten families.

### An Excellent Start - 2017

What a great start we've had to 2017. Huge thanks to all who made this possible - our wonderful admin manager, general assistant, cleaners and office staff – thank you for coming in through the holidays to help prepare for the year, our teachers – thank you for coming in early and preparing programs and resources throughout the holidays to fully engage and challenge our students, our children – thank you for your settled behaviour and wonderful manners, and our parents – thank you for your generous support

and commitment to our school. We are all looking forward to a productive and rewarding year.

### Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten students are busy with their Best Start assessments. The Kindergarten classes will start this Thursday.

### Meet the Teacher

We welcome all parents to meet their child's class teacher in week 4 (13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> February) during the teacher's Release from Face to Face teaching time – letters will be sent out shortly with session times. During this time teachers won't be able to discuss each individual child's needs; should you wish to discuss anything of this nature you would need to make an appointment at another time. If you are unable to attend this "Meet the Teacher" session any information sheets and notes given out will be sent home with your child to keep you fully informed.

### Mrs James

Unfortunately Mrs James requires further medical treatment, which means we are unsure when she will return. I know you will join with me in wishing her a full and speedy recovery.

### P&C

Come along to the next P&C meeting (the AGM) - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

### Community News

- Parking Reminder** – Please do not park in the staff car park to drop off your children – this car park is only for school staff and visitors on school business.
- Waiting for students in the afternoons** – just a reminder that any parents, caregivers or siblings waiting to pick up students from Clairgate must not wait outside classrooms – please wait in the main quadrangle or in the Outdoor Learning Areas.

- **Danger** – Cars turning into Boston St just near the crossing on Colorado Drive are often dangerously u-turning right at the intersection to drive to the Kiss and Drop zone. Please be aware of children trying to cross the road at this point and make your turn further in the street in a safe manner.

Hope you enjoy the next fortnight.

Kind regards,

Mrs Michelle Lawrow  
Principal  
Clairgate PS

### **Staff/Classes for 2017**

Principal – Mrs Lawrow	Technology – Ms Paulic (AP – ES 1 / Stage 1)
Deputy Principal - Mrs McNally	Librarian – Mrs Wiles/Mrs Grady
KL – Mrs Linnert	SupportTeacher LD Mrs Millevoi/Mrs Gabriel
KM – Mrs Murray	Support Teacher ESL – Mrs Grady
KA – Miss Attinger	Reading Recovery – Mrs Robinson
1S – Ms Soo Kee	Sports Master - Mr Blanch
1W – Mrs Whalen/Mrs Johnson (1 day)	Admin Manager – Mrs Makaruk
1/2T – Mrs Thurling	Admin Officers – Mrs Cooper/Mrs Doughty
2C – Miss Barnett	School Counsellor – Mr Laing
2K – Miss Bartlett	Teacher Aide – Mrs Roberts
3T – Mrs Tegjeu	Teacher Aide – Mrs Borel
3CG – Mrs Camilleri/Mrs Gabriel(ThF)	Canteen Manager – Mrs Younan/Mrs Duval
4M – Mrs Mercer	General Assistant – Mr Geerin
4G – Miss Grace	Cleaner/School Support – Mrs Kelly
5/6A – Mrs Judge (AP – Stage 2/ 3)	Cleaners – Ms Delipitar/Naomi
5/6 G – Mr Wilkinson	Clothing Pool – Mrs Cook/Mrs Warhurst
5/6T – Mrs Rudd	5/6H – Mrs Veide

# From the Deputy.....



As Acting Deputy Principal at Clairgate Public School, I enjoy the many and varied opportunities that I have each day to interact with our wonderful students and their fantastic families. Our school is a great place to come to each day.

The staff are a terrific team of enthusiastic, dedicated professionals with whom I thoroughly enjoy working. Our students display many talents and are a constant source of inspiration as they strive for success in academic, sporting, creative and performing arts and many other pursuits!

The role of deputy principal allows me to work closely with many teachers and students. I love seeing the things that can be achieved when students and teachers work together towards common goals, both in the classroom and in the vast array of extra-curricular programs and opportunities that Clairgate Public School provides.

Welcome back for a spectacular 2017!!

**Mrs Lisa McInally**



## ADVERTISEMENTS

Greetings Friends of Penrith Observatory,

We hope you had an enjoyable and safe time over the Holiday period.

Free-form Snip

Events coming up in January and February 2017

January Saturday 28 8pm – 10pm	<b>Public Astronomy Night – Black Holes</b> Black Holes are the greediest consumers of the universe! They have such a large gravitational pull that if you get too close, nothing can escape them - not even light! We look at what exactly they are, where they come from, how to see them, and what mysterious effects they cause.
February Saturday 11 8pm – 10pm	<b>Public Astronomy Night – What you can do with a radio dish or two</b> Radio astronomy involves looking at light from the weakest part of the electromagnetic spectrum, which has such little energy that giant radio dishes are needed to collect it. We'll look at what you can do with a dish or two (or a few thousand), including historic discoveries, the space program, pulsars, radio dishes in space, future massive radio telescopes, and more.
Saturday 25 8pm – 10pm	<b>Public Astronomy Night – Our Place in Space</b> Some of the phenomena we observe from Earth. Constellations in the night sky, phases of the Moon, solar and lunar eclipses.

**Cost for Public Astronomy Nights:**

\$18.00 Adult

\$12.00 Child/Concession

\$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

Children under 3 years of age free.

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

[https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith\\_observatory/whats\\_on](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on)

## 2017 Swimming Carnival

Clairgate's Annual Swimming Carnival was held in December 2016.



Students who are **new** to Clairgate P.S. and are 8 years of age or older who wish to compete in our swimming carnival will be given the opportunity at Mt Druitt Swimming Pool on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February. Mr Blanch and Mrs Millevoi will be at the pool from 3:30 – 4:30pm and will meet you inside the pool complex. Parents or caregivers must be in attendance with the student. **New** students will be given the opportunity to compete in any or all events they wish.

Students who attended the carnival but who would like to try to improve the times submitted for the District Carnival may also attend. They will be able to try to improve their times in the 100 metre Freestyle and the Open Medley **only** as their entry into these events is based on recorded times.

Mrs Sue Millevoi  
Carnival Organiser

The reward system at Clairgate is made up of two components.  
They are the:

## **Celebration of Behaviour**

and

## **Celebrations of Merit.**

We have amazing children at Clairgate who are safe, respectful learners. The systems are separate systems, yet work in tandem, to continue to promote intrinsic pride of their behaviour and their academic achievements.

The celebrations also allow the students to engage and demonstrate confidence as they progress the levels of the new systems.

The two systems are explained in the following pages. They will be demonstrated to the children, using a slideshow, at the beginning of each school year.



# Celebrations of Behaviour

-Classroom and Playground-

## What is it?

The Celebrations of Behaviour system will reward all students for **positive behaviour in all school settings**.

Every Monday morning the classroom teacher will give out achievement stickers for your horseshoe if you have been a safe, respectful learner in the classroom and playground.

## How does it work?

Achievement stickers will be placed on your horseshoe for doing the right thing, in all school settings, indicating you are a great school citizen.

## Horseshoe Cards

- You will have a Horseshoe Card with your name on it displayed.
- Each week, your teacher will put a sticker on one of your nails, on your horseshoe, if you have been a safe, respectful learner for the week.
- When you fill up all of your 9 nails on your horseshoe you will be awarded your horseshoe as a recognition certificate. ( This can be achieved in one term!)

## Order of Cards to achieve ..

- 1 completed card = Bronze
- 2 completed cards = Silver
- 3 completed cards = Gold
- 4 completed cards=Platinum



# Getting a Horseshoe Sticker

Horseshoes are given to students who are Safe, Respectful Learners.

You can get a Horseshoe sticker for the week if you follow your particular class expectations and playground rules.

*You must get a positive acknowledgement  
for both classroom and playground behaviour for that week.*

In the classroom, the children can achieve a  
positive acknowledgement by ...

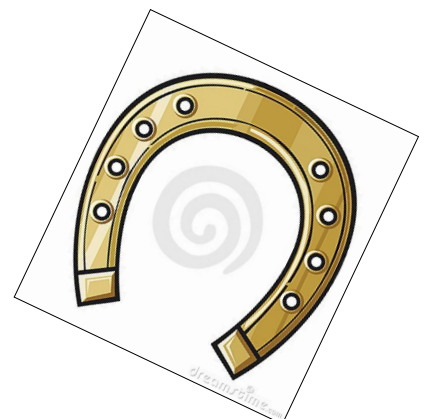
In the classroom, the child's teacher will discuss how the children can achieve a positive acknowledgement for their behaviour for that week.

Each classroom will work together to set expectations to achieve the criteria for positive acknowledgement.

In the playground, the children can achieve a  
positive acknowledgement by ...

In the playground, the children can make sure they are on track for a positive playground acknowledgement, and therefore a sticker, by following the school rules to be a safe, respectful learner.

Please note, the children will not get a sticker if they are on reflection during that week. They will have to try harder the next week.





# What happens when I fill up a horseshoe?

When you fill up every section on your horseshoe with stickers you will:

- Receive your horseshoe as a recognition certificate at the time of achievement.
- Be invited to a privilege activity at the end of that term.
- Begin working on the next level of certificate. Well done!





The second tandem reward system is

# Celebrations of Merit

*-Academic Award System-*

Children receive merit awards for positive behaviour towards learning.

These certificates are usually awarded at assembly, but can sometimes be awarded by teachers for exemplary work and school contribution outside this time.

The system works in increments of three. For each three awards the child moves to a higher level of merit achievement.

- 3 merit awards = 1 Principal's Awards
- 6 merit awards = Bronze Principal's Award
- 9 merit awards = Silver Principal's Award
- 12 merit awards = Gold Principal's Award
- 15 merit awards = Platinum Principal's Award
- 18 merit awards = Diamond Principal's Award

## **How does it work?**

- These awards have been retrospective since 2015. so please, bring in all the awards if you have not already :-) You will receive the level certificate you have achieved.
- Please label and bring in all merit awards to be dated and witnessed.
- Your next level of award will be given out at the following assembly.

GOOD LUCK, EVERYONE!

# Merit Award System

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## Celebrations of Behaviour - Classroom and Playground

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### *How does it work?*

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### *Horseshoe Cards*

You will have a Horseshoe Card with your name on it displayed in your classroom.

Each week, your teacher will put a sticker on one of your nails, on your horseshoe, if you have been a safe, respectful learner for the week.

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### *Getting a Horseshoe Sticker*

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You can get a Horseshoe sticker, for a particular week, if you follow your particular class expectations and playground rules.

You must get a positive acknowledgement for both classroom and playground behaviour for that week.

*In the classroom, the children can achieve a positive acknowledgement by ...*

In the classroom, the child's teacher will discuss how the children can achieve a positive acknowledgement for their behaviour for that week. Each classroom will work together to set expectations to achieve the criteria for positive acknowledgement.

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When you fill up every section on your horseshoe with stickers you will:

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Be invited to a privilege activity at the end of that term.

Begin working on the next level of certificate. Well done!

### **Celebrations of Merit**

*What is it?*

The Celebrations of Merit system will reward all students for **a positive attitude towards learning.**

*How does it work?*

Children receive merit awards for positive behaviour towards learning.

The children hand their certificates into the office, in multiples of three, to have them checked and registered for the appropriate level of certificate achievement.

3 merit awards = 1 Principal's Awards

6 merit awards or 2 Principal Awards = 1 Bronze Certificate

9 merit awards or 3 Principal Awards = 1 Silver Certificate

12 merit awards or 4 Principal Awards = 1 Gold Certificate

15 merit awards or 5 Principal Awards = 1 Platinum Certificate

18 merit awards or 6 Principal Awards = 1 Diamond Certificate

**Our next Celebrations of Merit Awards will be held  
on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 2pm.**

# Holy Spirit Parish



Pastored by the Augustinians



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## RE: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If your child has been Baptised and has received First Reconciliation and you wish to continue their Sacramental Journey, we would like to invite you to an **INFORMATION MEETING** on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 9.30am OR Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm**. The meeting will be at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 5 Todd Row, St Clair.

This program is ideally for children in Year 4 or 9 years old and over.

Sincerely,

  
**Fr. Michael Belonio, OSA**  
*Parish Moderator*

30<sup>th</sup> January 2017

# SPORT REPORT TERM 1 WEEK 2 2017

## 2017 Sport House Leaders!

Well done to the following students who were elected by their Sport House teams to be Clairgate's House Leaders for 2017.

<b><u>JACKSON</u></b>	<b><u>GASNIER</u></b>
<i>CAPTAINS</i>	<i>CAPTAINS</i>
Jesse Dibou & Jodie Borg	Steven Fransses & Isabel Manning
<i>VICE-CAPTAINS</i>	<i>VICE-CAPTAINS</i>
Ethan Harris & Alana Bolan	Ashton Howat & Bianca Lemos
<b><u>McKAY</u></b>	<b><u>NEWCOMBE</u></b>
<i>CAPTAINS</i>	<i>CAPTAINS</i>
Alex Chan & Shaylee Pardey	Joel Zammit & Delynda Pilbin
<i>VICE-CAPTAINS</i>	<i>VICE-CAPTAINS</i>
Bowen Pearce & Layla Nikua	Cameron Blake & Sarah Price

Captains and Vice Captains will be presented with their House badges at our 2017 Induction Ceremony to be held at school in a few weeks. (Notes and information will be sent home shortly!)

## *PSSA Sport Update*

Unfortunately there will be no Summer PSSA weekly competition or Gala Days this year, instead there will be a Friday Summer sport program for Years 3-6, (Terms 1 & 4). The program involves students participating in a primary sport program at school. It will involve students developing the sub-skills incorporated in each of our main Summer Sport ball games. (e.g. cricket, softball, T-Ball, Oztag etc.) The lessons will lead up to students actually playing the game. Each child will have the opportunity to learn the skills and rules of several different sports, instead of participating in only one! The Summer Sport program will commence next week.

Winter PSSA sport (Terms 2 & 3) will continue as in previous years. i.e. weekly Friday competition against other schools in our district.

