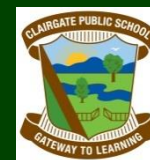


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Term 4, Week 6

Wednesday, 18th November 2020

Term 4 - Important Dates to Remember

Friday, 20 th December	• CANTEEN CLOSED
Wednesday, 2 nd December	• Motiv8 Sports Celebr8 Day
Tuesday, 8 th December	• KindiFarm Incursion for K-2 Students

A note from the Principal

Welcome to the Clairgate Chronicle for week 6, Term 4 2020. Our past few weeks have been very busy with assessing, evaluating and reporting happening in every class. The school has been very settled this term and as I walk around the classes I am pleased to see all children fully engaged in the learning process – be it revising past lessons or participating in new learning experiences.

Lest We Forget

Last week we held a brief Remembrance Commemoration in each classroom. We then held one minute's silence to remember the fallen. The captains and vice captains then laid our wreath at the Lance Corporal Luke Gavin Memorial. As always our students had beautiful manners and were totally respectful – well done everyone – you are amazing!

Just some reminders as we approach the year's end:

- Our No Hat No Play policy is still in place and this of course becomes increasingly important as the weather gets warmer. Could you please ensure your children wear their school hat at recess and lunch. If they do not wear their hat they have to stay under the COLA.
- Sunscreen is also a good idea – children may bring this to school and apply it before lunch. It would be a good idea if they applied sunscreen before school as well.

- Children need to be in correct school uniform – if there is a problem could you please write a note to me explaining this.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all our super spellers – I am so proud of everyone who tried their best. Make sure you read the report later in the newsletter. Thank you Miss Barnett for your organisation.

Kindy Orientation

It was lovely to welcome some of our beautiful 2021 Kinders to a brief orientation this morning in the Kinder rooms. We will meet the rest of our new Kinders this time next week – welcome aboard!

Swimming Carnival

In the past we have run our Swimming Carnival at the end of the year in preparation for the following year. This year due to the many Covid restrictions, our swimming Carnival will be on Wednesday, 10th February at Emerton Pools. In light of this our Sport Captain Leadership Team will be chosen early in Week 2, Term 1, 2021.

Covid Protocols

The protocols we have put in place to keep our school community safe during this pandemic will continue for the rest of this term. This means parents will still need to drop children off at the gate in the mornings and wait on the front grass for the afternoon pick-up. I have to say I am very pleased with the independence and resilience our children have shown by saying a brief goodbye to parents and walking up to school by themselves. Parent/community volunteers are still unable to work at school at this stage.

A very brief Year 6 Graduation ceremony is able to go ahead with a strictly limited number of parents on site. Letters have been sent home with the Year 6 students regarding this. We will be able to place strict social distancing rules in place for this ceremony due to the number of Year 6 students.

We unfortunately cannot do the same for our usual Presentation ceremonies due to the number of students, so these will be strictly students and staff only. We may be able to have a special assembly next year (with parents on site) to induct all school student leaders into their roles at Clairgate.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Michelle Lawrow

Clairgate – creative, caring, kind kids!

Bounce Back

KV

This week, we discussed how to be safe, especially if there is a bully.

- We learnt what bullying is and isn't, that bullying is never okay and what we can do in a bullying situation.
- We discussed what it feels like when someone is unkind to us and why it is wrong to make other people feel upset.
- We discussed different strategies we can use to help stop a bully.

3W

During Bounce Back last week we learned about how 'Other People Can Help - If You Talk.' Students read the book by Margaret Holmes 'A Terrible Thing Happened' and they discussed about who we can talk to when things just don't feel right in our minds or hearts.

It was a wonderful way for the students to connect with the character from the story who wanted and needed to talk to someone about his thoughts that were making him feel different confusing emotions. Students discussed about people we can talk to like parents, doctors, school counsellors and child therapists who can help unpack confusing thoughts so we can feel safe and happier.

A note from the Office

Canteen

A reminder that the Canteen will be closed on Friday, 20th November. Please provide your children with Recess and Lunch as there will be no food available on Friday.

Students not returning in 2021

If your child/children are not returning to Clairgate in 2021, could you please notify the office in writing and inform us of where you are transferring to and the reason.

If you are travelling over the break and will not be here at the beginning of the school year on 29th January 2021, please advise us in writing so that a place can be held for your child upon your return.

Spelling Bee

CLAIRGATE SUPER SPELLERS

This week, Clairgate ran their in-school Spelling Bee where the top spellers from each class competed in the hopes of taking the title of Clairgate's Spelling Bee Champion!

Firstly, I'd like to say well done to these Super Spellers for being clever enough to make their Stage final in the Clairgate Spelling Bee.

Junior Finalists

Bella M	2/3T
Abbas M	3W
Indiana-Rose D	3W
Raphael A	3/4C
Zachary S	3/4C
David F	3/4C
Romey C	4K
Jacob L	4K
Jazlene R	4C
Joshua M	4C

Senior Finalists

Aaren T	5/6A
Zahir F	5/6A
Ella I	5/6C
Ben S	5/6C
Brielle C	5/6D
Dane T	5/6D
Daniela P	5/6T
Ryder B	5/6T

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE FINALISTS!

A special mention goes to Kaylan A 5/6D for filling in as a reserve in the final competition.

The winner of the Junior Finals was **Raphael A** from 3/4C and the winner of the Senior Finals was **Brielle C** from 5/6D.

Congratulations to these two super speller students!

I would like to thank all participants in this year's Spelling Bee Finals. They tackled some very tricky words!

Miss Barnett
Spelling Bee Coordinator

Library

Return your Library books please



This week is the last week of borrowing for the year.

Please return your Library books.

Last Book Club for the year!



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Get your orders in. Please let us know if you'd like a gift order held in the office for pick up.

P & C News

P&C News

The P&C had another successful and productive meeting last week resulting in us committing to purchase some fantastic new resources for our students.

Wingaruru will receive a Basketball Supershooter and a PECS creation tool (Picture Exchange Communications System) and we will also be contributing a class set of drumsticks for Miss Megan's wonderful music program!

Thanks again for your generous support of our fundraisers which make these contributions possible!

Mega Toy Raffle

A reminder that the Mega Toy Raffle is in full swing! All early bird entries will go in the draw to win a Moto Pogo Stick bonus prize and the class who raises the most money will win a pizza party! There will be P&C members at the front and back gates each afternoon with extra books if you need them.

Uniform Orders

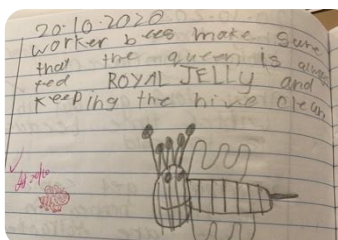
We'd like to thank everyone for making the uniform pre-order process successful and hassle free! Pre-orders for Term 1, 2021 have now closed. If you need uniform items before next year you can still order from items we have in stock using the regular ordering system.

Year 6 Shirts

We have some exciting plans for the Year 6 shirts for next year! Stay tuned for more details to be revealed!

Kitchen Garden Program

Week 6



SPRING!

Our students are watching the amazing magic of spring take place throughout the garden.

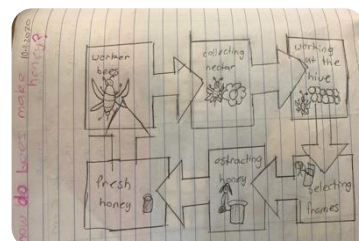
- The corn is growing taller each day.
- The zucchini is loving the soil and has quadrupled in size.
- The climbing beans are reaching for the sky and entwining themselves on plant stakes.
- The cucumbers and tomatoes are starting to bloom and produce food.

During the Kitchen Garden Program students also contribute their thoughts and understanding with theory work and have been learning about composting, bees, pests, pollination and water conservation.

The bees and butterflies flutter around the garden and pollinate between our flower and vegetable beds. Students are learning about the jobs within a beehive and how the **QUEEN ONLY** gets fed the **Royal Jelly** due to her very important job.

We harvested very large zucchinis, one weighing at a whopping 1.4kg, and onions from the garden this week. We are ready to cook our first meal for the term, **ZUCCHINI FRITTERS!**

Very busy gardeners indeed.



Week 7 Cooking Zucchini Fritters

Ingredients
zucchini
onion
corn

eggs or tapioca
milk or LF or rice milk
plain flour or GF flour
salt/pepper
vegetable oil
tomato sauce



What I love about the *Kitchen Garden Program*.
I love the *Kitchen Garden Program* because you get to try
and make different foods. The food I like the most was
making spaghetti.

Student: Roman Class: 34CL

What I love about the *Kitchen Garden Program*.

I love doing gardening. I like growing the corn because it
is fun and so tall. I also like to water the garden.

Student: Havisha Class: 2R

What I love about the *Kitchen Garden Program*.
I love that we get to cook food and then we eat it.
Sometimes we get double servings.

Student: Jake C

Class: 2K

What I love about the *Kitchen Garden Program*.
I loved making the rice paper rolls. I also like the garden
because it is fun and pretty.

Student: River Class: 2R

What I love about the *Kitchen Garden Program*.
I love the *Kitchen Garden* because I can try new food and
know it is fresh from the garden where we grew it.

Student: You Ming

Class: 34CL

What I love about the *Kitchen Garden Program*.
I love that we learn about bees and we get to grow, cook
and eat the food.

Student: Noah

Class: 2K

What I love about the *Kitchen Garden Program* is that
I like harvesting the vegetables and taking them home to
show my mum.

Student: Connor M

Class: 2/3T

I like gardening because you get to cook things and eat it.
It's exciting to pick fresh vegetables and then eat them
straight away, but only after we wash it first. We stay
healthy when we eat fresh food.

Student: Rajveer

Class: 3W

What I love about the *Kitchen Garden Program*.
I really like the *Kitchen Garden Program* because we learn
how bees make honey.

Student: Levi I

Class: 2/3T

I like gardening because we can make lots of yummy food.
We eat the fresh food straight from the garden and
that's always yummy!

Student: Alexis

Class: 3W

**Testimonials
from our Student
Gardeners and
Chefs**

Clairgate's Mega Christmas Toy Raffle

Christmas is a time of giving and Clairgate has the giving spirit!
This years Mega Christmas toy raffle is full of bonuses that won't disappoint.
Bonus raffle tickets, A class dominos pizza party for the class that raises the most money and a bonus prize for one lucky student.
You have to be in it to win it. So grab your tickets today.

Ticket sale

\$5 – 5 tickets

\$10 – 10 tickets

\$15 – 15 tickets

\$20 for 25 tickets

\$30 for 40 tickets

\$40 for 55 tickets

\$50 for 70 tickets



Tickets due back on Tuesday 8th December.

Raffle drawn live on Friday 11th December.

Please remember to write your child's name and class on your raffle ticket cover before returning.

Extra tickets will be available at the office for your child to collect.

Every afternoon at pick up a member of the p&c will be available with extra raffle tickets.



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Road safety



Wearing helmets and riding safely

Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels –

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades.

Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 16 and their

accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** procedure.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au

Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the roads

Messages to share with your children in Years 5 and 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads

Road safety



Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

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