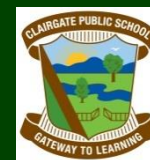


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Term 4, Week 4

Wednesday, 4th November 2020

Term 4 - Important Dates to Remember

Friday, 20 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO Canteen available
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A note from the Principal

Welcome to the week 4 Clairgate Chronicle for Term 4, 2020 (05/11/20)

Merit Awards

Merit certificates will be distributed at the virtual K-6 assembly tomorrow (Thursday, 5th November) for Semester 2. Congratulations to all our high achievers.

Brilliant Public Speakers

Congratulations to all our students who showed great courage and participated in our Public Speaking Competition. You guys rock! It is very difficult to stand in front of your class and speak clearly and concisely – well done for “having a go”. Please see the report later in the newsletter.

Videoing around the school

Yesterday we had 2 videographers videoing snippets about our school for a new “school promotions video” for Clairgate. Several students spoke about what they liked at Clairgate and many classes were videoed while they were working on Reading, Writing or Maths activities. We had many of our children participating in our “extra” activities such as robotics, chess, parachute games, sports, kitchen gardens and much more. I look forward to seeing the finished product and will share this with you as soon as possible.

Kindy Orientation

Kindy interviews are happening next week – very exciting! The following week our “different” onsite orientation program will happen – for students only. Letters and invitations have already been sent to our

new kinder families – if you have not received an invitation yet – please contact the office. If you know of any families who are yet to enrol, please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Outstanding Teachers at Clairgate

Last week we celebrated World Teachers Day in NSW and I want to acknowledge the amazing teachers we have at Clairgate. They care for the children and go the extra mile to ensure your children achieve their potential. A huge thank you to our wonderful teachers and staff for all their hard work.

I also want to thank our beautiful community members who sent through their appreciation for our teachers – we loved the coffee too!

Attendance Success

We would like to celebrate the school’s overall improved daily attendance. Mrs McNally is especially excited to see so many children arriving on time with smiling faces. Keep up the good effort everyone!

Reminders/Diary Dates

- Presentation awards will be given out on Thursday, 3rd Dec. This event will be conducted virtually in line with current restrictions.
- Year 6 Graduation and Farewell information has been sent to all year 6 parents. Any questions, please contact the office.
- Please remember to update your contact details – we sometimes urgently need to contact parents or emergency carers and often find numbers are incorrect.
- NO parking or dropping children off in the staff car park unless you have a disabled sticker – either from the RMS or one organised with the school.

Have a wonderful week everyone,

Kind regards,
Michelle Lawrow

Bounce Back

3/4C

In Bounce back this week we covered the subject of losing someone. Students were introduced to the idea of loss (pet and people) of someone they love. We read a book called 'The tenth good thing about Barney'. We discussed feelings about loss and learnt about dealing with our feelings. We finished the lesson with a great discussion on how we can support a classmate who is sad and grieving.

KSK

In KSK this week, we discussed how humour can help us feel better. We talked about the things that we find funny and how people may find different things funny. We discovered that we can;

- Cheer someone up who is upset by being funny in a nice way.
- Strengthen friendships by having a laugh and enjoying good times together.
- Keep our bodies healthy and strong through laughter and that we can begin to feel better after we have seen or heard something funny.

A note from the Office

Administration of Medication

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Department of Education has strict protocols for the administering of medication to students at school. The office staff are unable to administer over the counter medication such as Panadol, ear drops, itchy bite cream, etc. Students are NOT allowed to carry these items to school in their bag for self-administration. If your child requires medication or creams applied whilst they are at school, you need to contact the office and we will explain how and if we can assist.

Regards,
Gail Makaruk
School Administrative Manager

Canteen

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the canteen will NOT be open on Friday, 20th November, 2020. Please ensure you send your child to school with recess and lunch, as there will be none available on this day.

Uniform Shop

We are now taking pre-orders for 2021 Uniforms. Please complete the Pre-Order form and send it to school with your child and the correct money.

If you need uniforms for Term 4, please fill in the normal order form and return it to school with your cash payment before Thursday each week and your order will be filled.

Library



What a wonderful week we had for Book Week this year.

The week kicked off with our fabulous Book Fair. It was amazing to see the enthusiasm with which the children previewed the books, selected their favourites and negotiated (begged) for their wishes. Lots of very independent shoppers made their way to the Library each morning with their lists and receipts in hand. A big thank you to the staff and library monitors who helped make our morning popup book shop and delivery service such a success.

We are extremely fortunate to have such kind and generous families and staff at Clairgate who donated 24 books to our Library this year. The best effort ever! Our fundraising from the Book Fair far surpassed our hopes. It was the most successful Book Fair we've ever had at Clairgate. Even better than last year.

The Book Character Parade is a highlight every year. The children proudly showed off their favourite characters for their friends. Even the teachers got in on the act.

Congratulations to our Colouring Competition Winners; Francis, Mary, Giselle, Tirzah, Morgan, Krisha and Ricky.

After reading the Children's Book Council of Australia shortlisted books for Book of the Year Awards over the past few months, the children were excited to finally hear who the winners were. Some favourites won, some did not.

A huge THANK YOU to all of our Clairgate community for supporting our slightly different Book Week activities this year. The love of reading is alive at Clairgate.

Public Speaking

All students in years 3 -6 participated in explicit lessons to teach the skills of preparing a speech for presentation to their class. They worked on nailing a good introduction to hook their audience in, carefully working through the body of their speech with researched content and finishing off with a strong conclusion. Speeches were presented to their classes and class champions chosen. The finals were held on Monday 2nd November and judged by Mr Wilkinson and Mrs Thurling.

Every finalist did a fabulous job of presenting their speeches and made it very difficult to choose winners. There was only one point between some of the winners and their friends.

A huge congratulations to our grade winners Abbas, Layla-Dee, Mansaroop and Eloise.



Kitchen Garden Program



Clairgate's Emerald City!

It is wonderful to see ALL the beautiful shades of **GREEN** flourish throughout the garden. Our students are currently growing pumpkins, corn, zucchini, tomatoes, beetroot, spinach, watermelon and climbing beans.

They have been so excited to see our apple and orange trees producing fruit thanks to the BEES for the pollination.

As always it is an absolute joy watching students devour the fresh organic produce as they pick crispy lettuce, kale and purple cabbage leaves as well as pulling crazy shaped carrots out of the ground, which is always a riot.

LOOKING GREAT CLAIRGATE!

