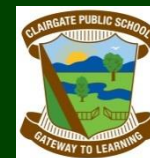


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Term 4, Week 8

Wednesday, 2nd December 2020

Term 4 - Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, 2 nd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motiv8 Celebr8 Sports Day
Tuesday, 8 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">KindiFarm Visit – Kindy & Year 1
Wednesday, 16 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Last day of school for Students
Friday, 29 th January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students return to School for 2021

A note from the Principal

Welcome to the Clairgate Chronicle for week 8, term 4, 2020 - isn't the year moving quickly! Our past few weeks have been very busy with assessing, evaluating and reporting happening in every class.

Presentation of Certificates

This year we are organising our end of year awards without our parent audience due to the large number of students involved. I do understand how difficult this may be for many of you. We will share your children's successes on Facebook and on the website.

We will be presenting the end of year certificates in classrooms on Thursday morning. This will take place using the whiteboard screens in every room. Following the class certificates, we will announce the whole school awards. We will then announce the new 2021 captains and vice captains to the school. As soon as this captain's announcement takes place, we will upload photos of our captains, vice captains and the executive councillor team. A celebratory slideshow of all award winners will be uploaded to Facebook and the school website by the end of the school day.

Year 6 Graduation and Farewell Good Luck Year 6!

A very brief Year 6 Graduation ceremony is able to go ahead on Thursday, 10th December, 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.

The Year 6 Farewell will go ahead on Thursday evening – 10th December at school. All information has been shared with our Year 6 families.

Reports Home

Our end of year student reports will be sent home on Friday, 11th December, 2020.

Last Day of Term

Wednesday, 16th December is the last day for student attendance this year. The staff's last day will be Thursday, 17th December.

Enjoy the next two weeks!

Kind regards,
Michelle Lawrow

Bounce Back

2/3T have been learning about the importance of thinking positively especially when we are feeling overwhelmed or anxious.

We read the book, Terrible Tuesday by Hazel Townson. A young boy named Terry overheard his mother saying to a friend on the telephone that Tuesday will be a terrible day. His imagination ran wild with all the terrible things that could happen on that day. These negative thoughts made him feel very, very worried.

Like Terry, it is easy for us to slip into thinking negatively about unhelpful things when we are stressed. Unfortunately, this way of thinking often makes people feel even worse than they already do.



In our lesson this week, we found it really useful to learn how to identify the unhelpful ways of thinking that leave us feeling 'stuck' in negative thoughts. These bad habits appear to occur more frequently when we are stressed or upset. It was consoling to learn that we **all** have experienced these moments.

Our class learnt to help ourselves by trying to have some distance from our sad thoughts. We also realised that just because people think about things in a certain way does not mean that this is the way things are and always will be.

Although this may be hard to do, it is nevertheless very helpful to think of cheerful memories when we are feeling really upset. Especially with Christmas around the corner, let's ponder about the wonderful times of celebrating with family and friends as a way to 'Bounce Back' from our sad thoughts!

Merry Christmas to everyone from 2/3T and Mrs Tegjeu!

A note from the Office

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.

Extra Congratulations to these READING SUPERSTARS who have achieved Gold Awards in the Premier's Reading Challenge. 4 years of completing the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Kalina	Roman	Jacob P
Indi	Ruby W	Jazlene
Rosie	Aaliyah	Zachary
Xavier	Zeeshan	Manseerat
Nathan	Zahra	William S
Bronx	William B	Lachlan S
Nash	Jackson G	Jaxon
Steve	Melita	Natasha
Jordan J	Jacob D	Cohan
Melinda	Louise	Jordan F
Zoe	Sophie	Russell
Abbas	Cooper L	Tyson
Jarryd	Jack	Aliyah
Isla	Jaydin	Amalia
Alexis	Stephen	Lillian O
Ryan	Lachlan K	Darius
Ruby R	Jacob L	Abhay S
Fay	Layla-dee	Eloise
Caden	Cooper G	Zahir
Zachary S	Charlotte	Ines
Chelsea S	Joshua M	Jessica L
Aleena	Ella M	Christian
Emma	Harrison	Hannah S
Riley		

Library



One more year and Mansaroop, Aaren T and Kyle T will have Platinum Awards - 7 Years of PRC completion

Kitchen Garden Program

Week 8

ZUCCHINI FRITTERS!

Our keen gardeners made use of the zucchinis and onions from the garden this week. They did such a great job grating, cracking eggs, mixing and cooking up the fritters. They were golden, crispy and so delicious, in fact, the students were coming back for second and third helpings.

Meanwhile the corn has grown almost two metres high and has commenced the pollination process. The climbing beans are stretching up as well. The juicy cucumbers seem to be growing by the minute as the children enjoy freshly cut cucumbers, which is always refreshing and smells like summer when it is cut up.

Only one more week to go and our Kitchen Garden Program will be ending for 2020. Next week we are looking forward to making some fresh mint water and we may be lucky enough to nibble on some crunchy beans and decorate some cookies.

THANK YOU Mrs Lindsay for all your amazing ideas and passion for gardening.



Week 9 Cooking Mint Water Cookie decorating

Ingredients
Dairy, Gluten free
Arrowroot biscuits
Water
Mint leaves
Gluten/dairy free
icing



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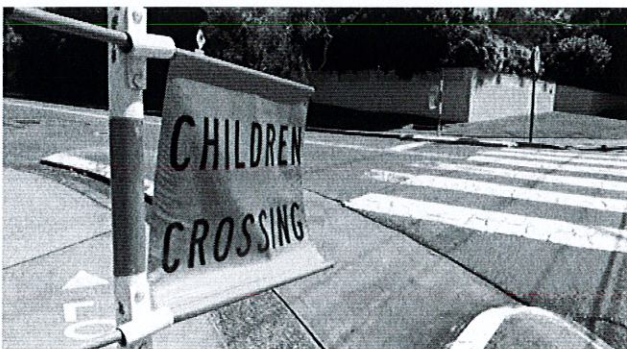


Keeping safe around school crossings

For your child's safety, it's very important to ensure they use the school crossing.

At all crossings you must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road.

If there's a School Crossing Supervisor, wait until they have stopped the traffic and called you to cross.



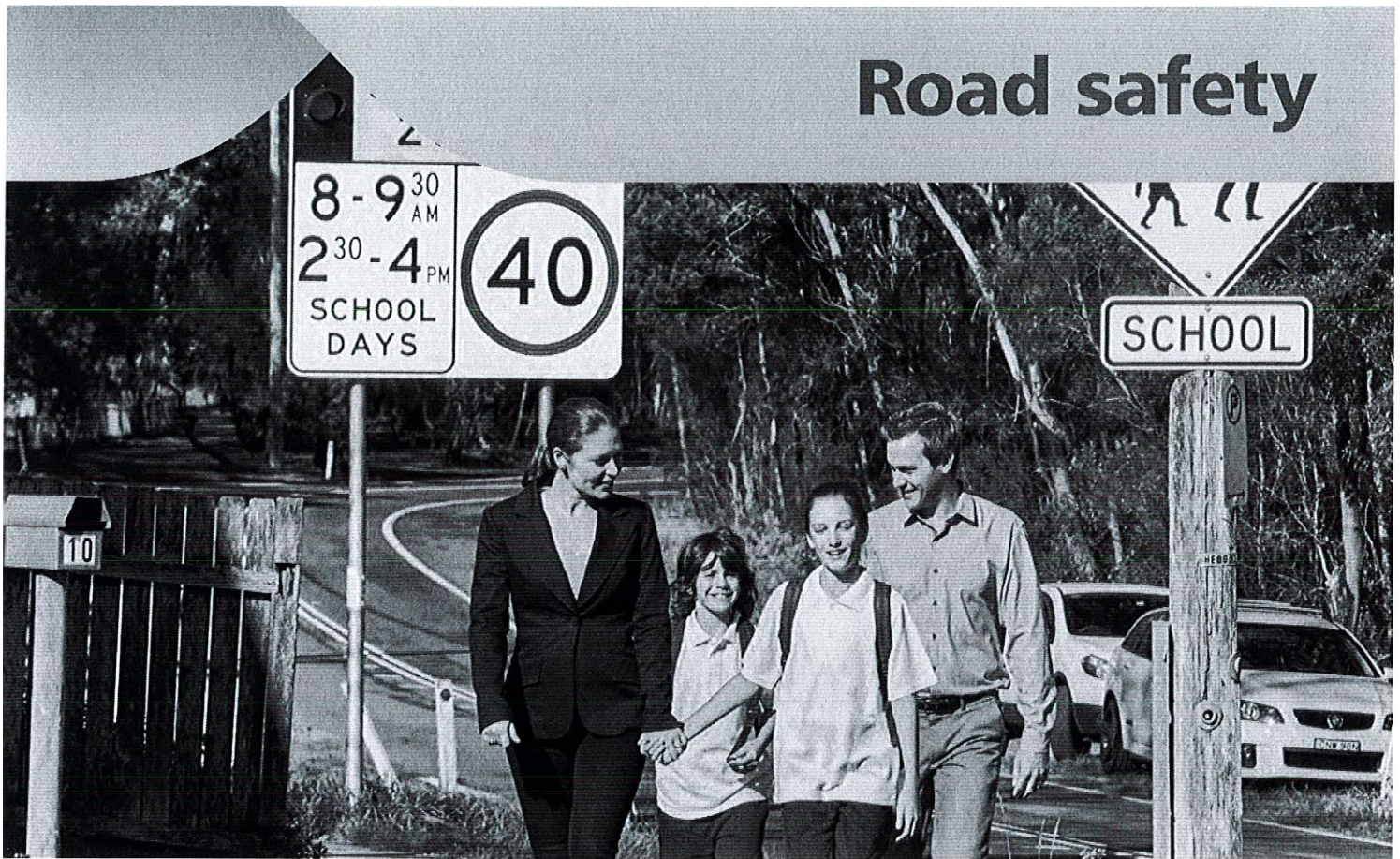
If you are driving, you must not proceed until the School Crossing Supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that you may proceed through the crossing.

Children's crossings

Children's crossings are usually part-time crossings that operate before and after school hours. They can also operate at other times when children use the crossing for excursions or during break times. When 'Children Crossing' flags are displayed, you must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians.

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

Road safety



40km/h school zones

40km/h school zones slow traffic on the roads around schools. This is to help protect children on their way to and from schools at the times and places where they are often in high numbers. Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8.00am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all notified school days including staff development days (student-free days). While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits must be followed during NSW Government determined school terms.

You can find the school term dates on the following websites:

- roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
- educationstandards.nsw.edu.au
- education.nsw.gov.au

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular 'dragon's teeth' road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

Fines and a loss of demerit points will apply if the 40km/h speed limit isn't followed. For more information on fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

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