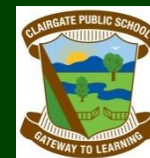


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Term 4, Week 10

Wednesday, 16th December 2020

Term 4 - Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, 16 th December	• Last day of school for Students
Friday, 29 th January 2021	• Year 1 – 6 Students return to School for 2021
Friday 29 th Jan – Tue 2 nd Feb	• Kindergarten Best Start Appointments
Wednesday 3 rd February	• Kindergarten Start Date

A note from the Principal

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2020 – what a challenging, interesting and different year we have had. This year will definitely be one for the history books - people will always remember the “COVID year”!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for helping to make this year a productive one, in spite of the many challenges we all faced. This year we all built resilience in its many forms – we pushed through, carried on, created new pathways, persisted in different ways of teaching or learning, helped each other, supported others who needed help, learnt new things, and found new depths in ourselves.

I am very proud of all Clairgate staff who exhibited great character and resilience throughout the year. I am proud of our Clairgate students for facing new and different ways of working with persistence and curiosity. I am proud of the Clairgate community who supported us even when we had to make difficult decisions such as keeping parents away from events.

Congratulations everyone – what a great partnership! I feel so blessed to lead such a fantastic, caring and vibrant school.

Year 6 Graduation and Farewell

It was so lovely to welcome our Year 6 parents on site for the very special Graduation Ceremony last week.

Thank you to everyone for following our social distancing guidelines. Our year 6 students were so proud and I think our parents looked really proud as well.

The Farewell that evening was absolutely fantastic. All children dressed so well – the boys looked very handsome and the girls looked so beautiful. Everyone looked like they had the best time. Every child danced all the bush dances and they all had huge smiles on their faces. Our special guest – Mr Blanch also danced every dance – and I do believe he got the loudest cheer I have ever heard when he walked into the hall. Thank you to all the people who helped make this such a huge success – our amazing staff - Mrs Rudd, Mrs Judge, Mrs Anderson, Mr Bamford, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Glen, Miss Barnett, Miss Bartlett, Mrs Linnert, Mr Manuel. Huge thanks also to these parents – Nicole Kelly, Leanne Moore Brinkley, and Rahme and Osman Ahmet, for supplying lots of the equipment used to make this Farewell so successful.

Congratulations and good luck to all our beautiful Year 6 children as you travel the high school journey.

Farewells

Our beautiful Mrs Millevoi is taking leave and then retiring. We wish her so much joy and happiness in her retirement. Mrs Millevoi has been making a difference in the lives of Clairgate children for the past 27 years and she has done this with grace and dedication. We thank her so much for her calm manner and hard work.

We also take this opportunity to say farewell to Miss Allison and thank her for her joy and enthusiasm when teaching in Wingaru this year. Good luck next year at your new school Miss Allison.

Routines/Protocols for the start of 2021

Morning Routine

Our morning routine will stay the same as it is now – that means all students will be dropped at the gate and walk in to school by themselves after 8.30am. They will go into the main canteen quad area for 15 minutes, then children will sit quietly, calming themselves in preparedness for the day. Children will walk to

classrooms at 8.50am and start class lessons at 9.00am. Kindergarten parents will get a letter detailing a slightly different plan for our new kinders coming in to school in the mornings.

Afternoon Routine

Afternoon pick-up will be either on the front grass as it is now, or you may come and wait in the hard court area/outdoor undercover learning area near the water tank if you prefer. We will still keep the main canteen quad and the area outside each classroom free so there will be no parents/siblings/carers waiting right outside classrooms.

Volunteers

We will look at having a small number of volunteers helping in the classrooms next year. More information about this will be disseminated early in Term 1.

Some of the 2020 highlights include:

- The positive and enthusiastic children of Clairgate – so genuine and so great! ;
- Our awesome staff who always go the extra mile for our children;
- Online learning across the school...good job everyone!
- The implementation of new syllabus and curricula- amazing learners – students and teachers alike;
- Our amazing “State of the Art” technology programs – including Google classrooms, Coding, Robotics and Scratch Programs;
- Our wonderful canteen – especially the lovely Mrs Younan;
- The Bounce Back and Kindness on Purpose programs across the school...building resilience!
- Our beautiful and colourful library – and the terrific librarian who kept all our students entertained with book reading videos!
- Our amazing Aboriginal Art poles...they look awesome;
- Clairgate ART on Parade – loved the beautiful art works from every child;
- Our beautiful Mrs Roberts and Mrs Borel with their lunch time activities – Clairgate Angels!
- Our special assemblies – a different style of Presentation Day in the classrooms, Year 6 Graduation and Farewell – so moving;
- The awesome Clairgate’s Got Talent – online this year...great talent children...
- Our lovely Coffee Van – so nice to have a special treat;
- Our great settled playground with quiet areas for all to enjoy;
- And much, much more.....

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyful Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

See you next year!

Michelle Lawrow

A note from the Office

Uniform Shop 2021

The uniform shop will be open for business at the return of school 2021 as outlined below and will maintain strict social distancing guidelines:

2021 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Date Open	Time	Open for
Thur, 28.01.2021	8.30am-11am	General school sales
Fri, 29.01.2021	All Day 8.30am-10.30am	Kindy Best Start General Sales
Mon, 01.02.2021	All Day 8.30am-10.30am	Kindy Best Start General Sales
Tue, 02.02.2021	All Day 8.30am-10.30am	Kindy Best Start General Sales
Wed, 03.02.2021	8.30am-10.30am	General school sales
Thur, 04.02.2021	8.30am-10.30am	General school sales
Fri, 05.02.2021	8.30am-10.30am	General school sales

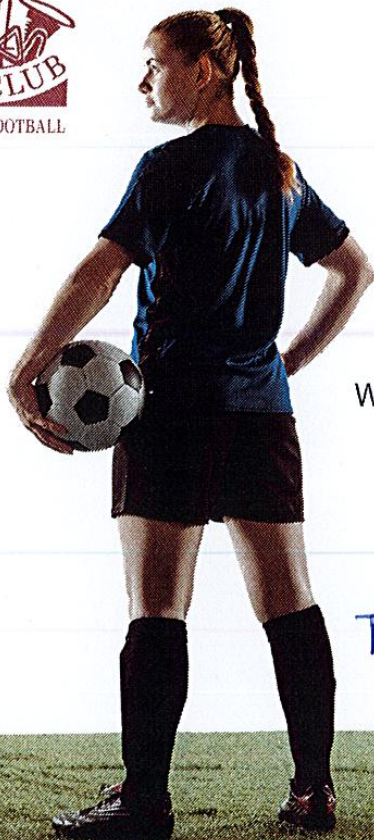
Strict social distancing must be adhered to as per Department Policy.

P&C News

ATTENTION

Together with our school and representatives from the student body, the P&C would like to announce that we have some very exciting, very big changes coming to our uniform. Please watch this space for updates and how we plan to make the change over the next few years. Don't forget, you are welcome to come to our meetings next year if you would like a say in this process.

Once again, the P&C would like to thank our wonderful community for your support in 2020 and we look forward to even bigger things in 2021.



ST MARYS BAND CLUB RANGERS FC

are seeking Female Players
interested in playing soccer in 2021 for our
**Under 12 Girls, Under 14 Girls, Under 16 Girls
and All Age Ladies Teams**

We will be running our Expression of Interest Trials at our fields on
6th Feb, 13th Feb, 20th Feb, 27th Feb and 6th Mar
from 10am-11:30am
for the respective age groups and is open
to all returning & new players.

To register contact Damien on 0426233535