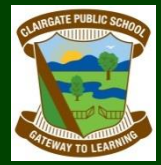


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Term 2, Week 10

Wednesday, 23rd June 2021

Term 2 - Important Dates to Remember

Friday 25 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Naidoc Day – Red, Black and Yellow Mufti
Friday 25 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students return for Term 3
Friday 16 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSSA
Wednesday 28 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clairgate Athletics Carnival
Thursday 29 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STEPS Music Festival

A note from the Principal

Welcome to the last Clairgate Chronicle for Term 2. This has been a busy and successful term. Thank you all for:

Learning, being kind, participating, sharing, being resilient, planning, organising, teaching, assessing, reporting, meeting, coaching, running courses and activities, buying, cooking, sewing, cleaning, nursing, budgeting, transporting, fixing things, financially supporting, recycling, covering books, working "behind the scenes", generously giving of their time and energy....the list goes on.

Well done to our students who have demonstrated Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Kindness and Care.

Stage 3 Camp at Milson Island

How lucky were we to actually send Stage 3 to camp during these uncertain times! The children had a wonderful time with awesome activities. Huge thanks to our 5 amazing staff members for giving up their family time to ensure our students could actually attend camp – Mrs Judge, Mrs Anderson, Miss Paulic, Miss Bartlett and Mr Manuel – you are fantastic! I know you will certainly sleep well tonight! We will put further camp reports in the first newsletter next term.

Softball Gala Day

Congratulations to the St Marys/Mt Druitt Girls District Softball Team who finally got to participate in the

Championship Gala Day. Well done to their super coaches Miss Barnett and Mr Manuel...and well done to the team – Summer was speedy at stealing bases and Imogen made the catch of the day when she caught a player out on second base. A fabulous day!

NAIDOC Mufti Day this Friday, 25th June 2021

This year NAIDOC falls in the holidays so we will celebrate on Friday. Looking forward to hearing from our senior Aboriginal students and from a special visitor on the day.

COVID Protocols

We will continue to follow the COVID protocols we already have in place...including parents waiting on the front grass in the afternoon for student pick-up, signing in to the office and on the Service NSW app if you are coming onto school grounds for meetings etc, and continual handwashing/sanitising. The extra cleaning/sanitising areas is also continuing around the school. If your child is sick or showing any COVID like symptoms, please keep them at home until the symptoms are gone. We will send children home if they are sick or show symptoms of COVID. Students who are sent home sick from school will be required to have a COVID test with negative results or a doctors' certificate if the COVID test is not possible.

What's coming up early next term...

Clairgate Athletics Carnival – Wednesday 28th July at Blair Oval

STEPS Music Festival – Thursday, 29th July at the Evan Theatre – Penrith Panthers

Come and join us as we celebrate MUSIC in our STEPS Learning Community at the STEPS Music Festival. Our Dance Groups are certainly going to impress you with their performance.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday. School resumes for students on Tuesday, 13th July 2021.

Kind regards,

Michelle Lawrow

A note from the Deputy

Attendance at School Matters Making Every Minute Count!

At Clairgate Public School we have a real commitment to supporting and ensuring students attend school. **Our school day begins at 9:00am and finishes at 3.00pm.** The information below highlights some important elements around attendance. The Department of Education monitors individual student attendance closely and would really like to see all students work hard to increase their individual attendance percentage.

Higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life.

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?

Under NSW law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason.

The DoE Attendance Policy states, "Consistent attendance at school is critical to achieving positive educational outcomes and keeping students engaged in their learning. Parents/guardians have a legal obligation to ensure a child is enrolled in and attending school or is registered for home education".

Avoid keeping your child away from school for:

- birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, haircuts, etc

Routine medical or other health appointments are encouraged to be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?

You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?

Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

Sporting News

What a busy sporting term we have had!

It has been wonderful for the children to have the opportunity to represent our school on the sporting field again! We have had champions across so many sports there are too many to list!

Our State Knockout teams have battled hard in touch football and netball. The Boys' Soccer State Knockout Team is edging closer and closer to the big prize! Watch out for updates on our Quarter Final game early next term.

We have had many students represent the St Mary's District in team sports such as softball, basketball, netball, soccer and rugby league.

We were able to have a fabulous Cross Country Carnival this term with lots of tired legs running our own school course. Our District Cross Country runners had a wonderful day at the Kingsway and saw 8 children through to the next level - Sydney West!

Speaking of Sydney West, we have had one child be selected for a Sydney West team this year! Have a look in this newsletter for more details of this superstar!

We've also had clinics at our school in soccer and Rugby league. K-2 sport on Wednesdays has been very successful with some excellent new skills being learned.

Next term we are looking forward to our Athletics carnival on July 28th.



Hockey Star! Darius!

Huge congratulations to Darius who represented Sydney West in the NSW Hockey State Championships! Darius travelled to Newcastle for the tournament against teams from all over the state!

We are so proud of Darius for being selected in this prestigious team

LIBRARY TERMS 1 & 2

Let's see how our Library was used this semester

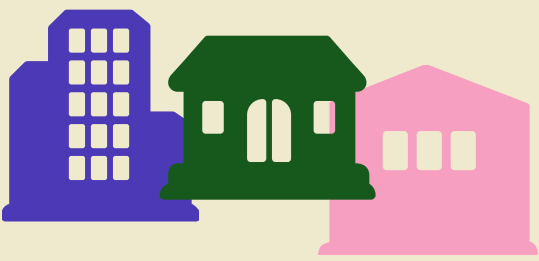
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BEST BORROWING CLASS

1/2K

Congratulations 1/2K, you have the highest rate of borrowing in our school



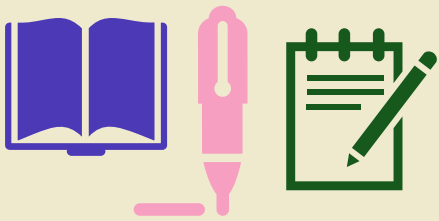
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BEST STUDENT BORROWERS



MRS RUDD



BEST TEACHER BORROWER

Over 170 books have been borrowed by Mrs Rudd this semester!

BEST CRAFT DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY K/1P, KB and KSK

