

# CLAIRGATE CHRONICLE



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Term 1, Week 4

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Term 1 - Important Dates to Remember

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	• Tutus, Ties and Tie-Dye
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	• Twilight Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	• Swimming Carnival

## A note from the Principal

Welcome to the Clairgate Chronicle for this fortnight – and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for an amazing first few weeks at Clairgate. All classes are “full steam ahead” with their learning and our playground areas are full of happy children in their beautiful new uniforms – they look stunning!

### **Congratulations to our new Sports Leadership Team**

Last week the students in each sports house voted for their 2022 leaders – congratulations to these students:

Gasnier	Captains – Neveah & Jack Vice Captains – Telani & Riley
Jackson	Captains – Jacob & Gabriella Vice Captains – Julian & Samantha
McKay	Captains – Cooper & Melita Vice Captains – Jaxon & Amani
Newcombe	Captains – Jacob & Jenna Vice Captains – Cooper & Layla-dee

Read the Sports Report later in the newsletter.

### **Swimming Carnival next week**

Mrs Thurling is busy organising our Twilight Swimming Carnival to be held at Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre, Emerton next Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 from 4.00pm. Good luck to all competitors!

### **Congratulations to our Kinder students...**

Our Kindergarten students are amazing – they have integrated very well into school with lots of support from the teachers. Well done children.

### **Lance Corporal Luke Gavin Memorial**

I am happy to report that the memorial is looking good – with extra edging around part of the steps. Whilst we would like to ask everyone to continue to honour Luke's memory, we do ask that you do not sit on this memorial. We do have the lovely new sandstone blocks waiting to form the border of a new garden area if you would like to use these as seats. The children are certainly enjoying these new “seats” at recess and lunch.

### **Our Morning Routine**

Our morning routine changed a little last year to accommodate COVID protocols and we have continued this routine. Children walk into school by themselves, however if parents need to walk their children into the school they must stop at the BLUE line on the pathways and then children walk by themselves to their classroom. If children are late to school (after 9.00am) they will need to go to the front office for a late note. All late arrivals need to be explained please.

### **Welcome to the 2022 P&C Executive**

I attended our AGM last week in the park – it was a delightful meeting I have to say. Thank you to all who came to the meeting – and to Jacqui for organising this. Our new P&C executive are as follows:

President	Jacqui Ledger
Vice Presidents	Kate Boyd and Nicole Kelly
Secretary	Kelly Scales
Treasurer	Judy Rudd
Asst Treasurer	Natalie Luscombe
Fundraising	Kristie Dib and Ashleigh Hanson
Uniform Shop	Jacqui Ledger and Kelly Scales

### **2sDay – Tuesday, 22/2/22**

### **All the 2s!**

Next Tuesday we will be having a special mufti day to raise funds for the continuation of our Playground Beautification. Kids (and staff of course) can wear Tutus, ties or tie-dyed stuff...or just mufti. Should be a fun day – more information to come shortly!

## Shearer Street in the Afternoon

*I have received several complaints about what happens on Shearer St in the afternoons. The following boxed section contains the concerns I received from Penrith Council – and I have to say we have raised most of these concerns ourselves so I am pleased that they are following this up. The first point I think is not applicable as parents are able to wait just inside the Shearer St Gate on the grassy hill area. I have informed Penrith Council that this is the case.*

### Concerns from Penrith Council:

- Pedestrian congregation while waiting for students results with some pedestrians waiting on the roadway.
- As this is a “No Through” road, motorists perform dangerous driving manoeuvres including 3-point turns at the end of the street directly adjacent to the school gate. Children are small and hard to see, presenting a risk if vehicles are reversing in this location.
- ‘No Stopping’ is signposted for about 140m on approach to the School gate during school zone times to protect sight lines. There are ongoing issues of illegal parking at both the morning and afternoon. This section of the roadway should not be encouraged for use unless families are walking.
- The other school gates for drop off and pick up at Colorado Drive and Denver Road provide a much safer option as there is more adequate on street parking distributed over a greater distance.

***I agree with the rest of these concerns and ask all parents/carers to please take care when driving/parking on Shearer St. Please DO NOT make 3 point turns adjacent to the school gate or park illegally close to the school. If you are driving to pick up your children, it might be time to think about using our other gates on either Colorado Drive or next to the park on Denver Road.***

*Penrith Council have added that they have requested Council's Rangers to conduct patrols targeting illegal parking within the 'No Stopping' zones, as well as contacting Nepean Police Area Command to target dangerous driving manoeuvres at this location.*

### Some general housekeeping...

- Just a reminder about any change of legal circumstances – we need to see any court orders (originals) or documents pertaining to access to students – and if these orders are rescinded or changed we also need these details in writing.
- Our staff car parks are for Department of Education staff only. The only exceptions are for

those people with a current disability permit. This can either be the RMS official permit or our Clairgate permit which is issued under special circumstances. The car park at the back of the school is for some staff overflow and for the Department of Education Transport staff to pick up and drop off students in Wingaru. Some people who are not entitled to do so, are using the car parks as a drop off or pick up point. This is becoming both dangerous and frustrating for those who need to use our car parks. Please respect our school and do not drive into the carpark unless you are entitled to do so.

- Please adhere to the “BLUE” line procedure – if you pass the blue line to go to the office for example – you will need to sign on using the Service NSW app as well as sign our Department forms. This is a NSW Department of Education requirement. Even if you are dropping something off at the office – you need to follow these procedures. It is much easier to send any letters, money for the office etc with your child, rather than have to sign on twice.

*Have a wonderful fortnight,  
Kind regards,*

*Michelle Lawrow*

## A note from the Office

### Up-to-date Contact information

If you need to change your contact details at any time, please email the school or send a note to school with you child so that we have the most up-to-date details in case we need to contact you.

## School Photos

MSP Photography will be taking student individual photos on Wednesday 16 March 2022.

Parents will receive an email notification next week with a link and temporary login details to begin ordering online.

Family photo payments can only be made the night before photo day so we suggest ordering all photos at the same time.

If you have any issues with online ordering please contact MSP Photography on 9499 6555