

CLAIRGATE CHRONICLE



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Term 1, Week 8

Wednesday, 16th March 2022

Term 1 - Important Dates to Remember

Friday, 18 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindness Culture• Badge Presentation Full school uniform
Monday, 21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harmony Day – Cultural Dress
Friday, 24 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sydney Zoo Excursion for Year 4
Wednesday, 30 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disco
Wednesday, 6 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Teacher Interview
Thursday, 7 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6 First Aid Course
Friday, 8 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter Hat Parade• Last Day of Term 1
Wednesday, 27 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students return to school for Term 2

More information on the above will be provided closer to the event

A note from the Principal

Welcome to the Clairgate Chronicle for this fortnight – Week 8, Term 1.

Regional Swimming Carnival

Good luck to our super swimmers competing today at the District Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Aquatic Centre today...I hope you all swim well today and enjoy yourselves!

Welcome back to Clairgate – Friday, 18th March, 2022 (normal school uniform today)

Clairgate will be holding our first onsite whole school community event for 2022 on Friday, 18th March.

You are invited to a wonderful event to have our school community together to celebrate the beginning of Harmony Week and where Clairgate will show support for the National Day of Action against bullying and violence. The theme for the National Day

of Action is “Kindness Culture”. We know this is the culture we value and encourage at Clairgate!

Parents will also have the chance to witness the Badging of our SRC Students / Library Monitors / Sports House Captains and Rebadging our Captains, Vice Captains and Executive Councillors.

Kindness Culture Event - Background Information

Join in saying Bullying. No Way! during the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday 18 March. This year's theme Kindness Culture offers an opportunity to teach kindness and demonstrate kind behaviour – which play important roles in bullying prevention. The NDA promotes school, parent and community partnerships to build safe and supportive learning environments. For more information, visit the Bullying. No Way! Website.

Program Of Events

12:00 pm – Parents are invited to join the children in the Canteen COLA for Badging Ceremony, 2022. The 2022 Leadership Team, Sports Leaders, SRC Representatives and Library Monitors will receive their badges at a short outdoor assembly. Parents will be invited to badge their children on the COLA Stage if they so wish.

12:30 pm (approx) – Parents are invited to visit their children's classrooms to meet the class and teacher and be an important part of our day at Clairgate!

The parents will help their children complete a quick Kindness Culture hand art activity where the children pledge a message supporting the National Day of Action: Bullying: No Way Day and celebrating Harmony Day. This activity will consolidate the learning the children have been engaged with in class prior to this wonderful day.

12:45 pm (approx) – Families are invited to contribute their artwork to a day mural at the front of the school and then to gather on the front grass for a picnic with their child in a class designated area. Children whose parents are not able to make the day will enjoy a picnic lunch with their teacher in the designated area for their class.

1:15pm (approx) – Children return to the playground and resume their normal day.

Harmony Day – Monday, 21st March 2022 (indigenous or cultural dress/traditional costume/mufti may be worn)

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. The Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Clairgate's diversity will be celebrated by wearing of indigenous/cultural dress to mark the official Harmony Day on Monday, 21st March, 2022. This is always such an interesting day with beautiful national traditional dress and wearing colours of heritage. The children may also wear orange which is associated with this day as well.

Our Morning Routine

As Covid restrictions have eased, we have changed our Morning Routine. All children now come into the main Canteen Quad area from 8.30am to 8.55am. If children arrive after 8.55am, they walk straight to their classroom. Children still walk into school by themselves. 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, or they are marked as unjustified.

Afternoon Pick Up

Kindergarten students will be picked up from the end of the Kindergarten block.

Children in Years 1-6 will be dismissed from their classrooms from next week (as we did before the COVID restrictions came into play). Please discuss and organise an area to meet your Yr 1-6 children – and maybe practise where you will meet.

Areas available are:

- All grassed areas – as per Covid pick up procedures,
- New sandstone seating on front grass or near canteen/watertank,
- Seated Outdoor Learning Areas near the canteen and the Kindy rooms,

- Canteen and Hard Court quad areas – however these areas can become very crowded and loud so they may not be ideal.

The areas immediately outside all classrooms will remain off limits – including the short brick walls outside classrooms. We will be keeping the interior “horseshoe” area as an “off limits” area.

Parents are welcome to walk from the Shearer St and Park Gates to their “pick-up” spot from 2.45pm, however please walk on the “outside pathways” only.

Go Blue for Autism

We will be holding a blue Mufti Day on Friday, 1st April, 2022 to help raise some funds for the Luke Priddis Foundation as they very generously share valuable resources and ideas with us.

Disco

I am so excited to let you know that the wonderful Mrs Thurling will be running a disco for our students on Wednesday, 30th March. K-2 will be from 4.00-5.30pm, and 3-6 will be from 5.30-7.00pm.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

We will be having individual Parent/Teacher meetings on Wednesday, 6th April. You will receive a letter shortly with “book-in” details. These meetings are strictly 10 minute sessions – if you feel you need a longer discussion time you may contact your child’s class teacher and they will organise a longer meeting at a different time.

Easter Hat Parade

We are so thankful to be able to invite parents onsite for the Easter Hat Parade this year. This will be held on Friday, 8th April at 11.45am on the front grass. We invite you to bring a rug or a camp chair and sit around the front grass to share in the fun. There will be some refreshments (not home-made) available on the day for visitors only. Please get started on your Easter Hat!

Mobile Phones/Personal Communication Devices

Please read our school policy on mobile phones and personal communication devices – including smart watches – later in this newsletter.

Have a wonderful fortnight,

Michelle Lawrow