

# CLAIRGATE CHRONICLE



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Term 2, Week 4

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Term 2 - Important Dates to Remember

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| Thursday<br>26 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>District Cross Country Carnival</li></ul> |
| Friday<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PSSA – Round 1</li></ul>                  |

## A note from the Principal

Welcome to the Clairgate Chronicle for Week 4 Term 2 – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

### Mother's Day Stall and Raffle

Thank you so much to our beautiful P&C members who helped at the Mother's Day Stall and helped sort Raffle tickets etc – we are blessed to have you here at Clairgate. Huge thanks to the fundraiser extraordinaire – Kristie Dib – you are amazing!

### NAPLAN

Thanks to all Year 3 and Year 5 students who sat for NAPLAN last week. You all did a great job. Thank you also to Mrs Judge, Mrs Thurling, Mrs Kiely and Mrs Mercer for their hard work organising the delivery of this assessment. This year Clairgate again participated in the "Online Delivery" testing instead of the "Paper Delivery" of NAPLAN, (excepting year 3 Writing).

### Clairgate Cross Country

Congratulations to all our students who ran the Cross-Country yesterday. It was wonderful to finally be able to run this carnival – wasn't the weather just perfect! Thank you to Mr Bamford and Mrs Thurling for their excellent organisation and thank you to all staff who helped out on the day – a great day! I do apologise that some of the races ran a little earlier than stated on the suggested timetable – next time I think we will give a general start time – not specific times. All in all, it was so lovely to have this carnival on such a sunny day...and it was lovely to see parents on site again!

### The Shearer St Car Park

This car park is strictly for Wingaru drop offs, pick-ups and Clairgate Staff. Unfortunately, some parents have

been using this carpark without authorisation and have driven in a dangerous manner – making it unsafe for our students. Please **DO NOT** use this driveway or car park unless your child attends Wingaru.

### Absences

We are looking closely at all student absences as per departmental direction. Did you know that if your child has one day off every fortnight, they lose the equivalent of more than 5 terms schooling over their entire school life? This is more than 1 year and 1 term out of school. Even if your child has 8 days off each year – they will lose 6 months of school. I do understand this is difficult at times especially as we ask that you keep your child home if they are sick or have symptoms of Covid, however I ask that you ensure your child does not stay home for frivolous reasons such as "it was my child's birthday", "they didn't want to come" or "it was raining". Please continue to let us know the reason your child was absent. This is also important for late arrivals to school. If your child comes to school late – the reason is marked as unexplained and unjustified unless we have information from a parent explaining the lateness.

### PSSA

Our Winter PSSA competition starts Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Good luck to all our teams.

Thanks everyone, hope you have a great fortnight.

Regards,  
Michelle Lawrow

## A note from the Office

### Change of Details

If you have changed any of your contact numbers, addresses or contact people, can you please notify the office by email so that we can ensure your child's records are up to date. Thank you

Congratulations

Izaiah D  
Alexandra D  
Chelsea H  
Ella R  
Elisa T  
Izabella D  
Tirzah S  
Amani M  
Jacob P

These champion readers have already completed their Premier's for the year.

Reading challenge

All classes in Kindy, Year 1, Year 2 and Wingaru are well on their way to completing their challenge too!



NSW Department of Education

## 2022 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Key dates for students in K-10:

Challenge opens  
Monday 28 February  
Challenge closes for student entries  
Friday 19 August

Artwork by Stephen Michael King

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)



## Walking together safely to and from school

Walking to school and back home again is a great way to spend time with your children and encourage safe and healthy behaviours.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safer as a pedestrian:

- Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.
- Plan and practice your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Meet your child near the school gate and don't call them from across the road.
- Explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross.
- Remind your child to **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.
- Talk to them about why they should stop, look, listen, think before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.

Young children can learn and practice these safe pedestrian behaviours with you. This will help them to be safer pedestrians when they are old enough to travel alone.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)



### Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
  - you cross the road
  - you're on the footpath
  - you're in a car park

### Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

#### **STOP!**

one step back from the kerb

#### **LOOK!**

continuously both ways

#### **LISTEN!**

for the sounds of approaching traffic

#### **THINK!**

whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across



## Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

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## Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

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# 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](https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)
- [educationstandards.nsw.edu.au](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au)
- [education.nsw.gov.au](https://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](https://rms.nsw.gov.au)

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