

# CLAIRGATE CHRONICLE



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Term 1, Week 6

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

## Term 1 - Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday  
16<sup>th</sup> March

- Swimming Carnival

## A note from the Principal

Welcome to the Clairgate Chronicle for this fortnight – Week 6, Term 1.

### Clairgate Super Fish

Thank you to Mrs Thurling for organising an outstanding “Twilight Swimming Carnival” last week. Thank you also to our wonderful staff who gave up their own time to help out at the carnival and ensure its success Mr Bamford, Ms Paulic, Mrs Judge, Mrs Kiely, Mr Wilkinson, Mrs Forrest, Mrs Whalan, Mr Shannon and Ms Libby. Congratulations to our wonderful District Swimming Team who will swim at the District Swimming Carnival tomorrow – good luck everyone!

### Save the Date...Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March...from 12.00pm onwards

This is the day we will be welcoming parents on site for lots of exciting activities...badge ceremonies, celebrating Harmony Day, sharing Anti Bullying strategies and welcoming parents into classrooms to meet the teacher and see where children sit etc. Read all about our special day later in the newsletter. We have waited such a long time for this and we are so excited to see everyone. Hopefully this will start our journey back to some semblance of normality – it has been a long journey hasn't it.

Thank you everyone for all your support and patience – I want to keep our beautiful children and staff as safe as possible.

### 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 8.45am. If children arrive after 8.45am, they walk straight to their classroom. Children still walk into school by themselves, however if parents feel they need to walk

their children into the school they must stop at the BLUE line on the pathways and wave goodbye to their child. 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.

### Afternoon Pick Up this week due to the Weather event

We have closed the gate near the Pedestrian Crossing and we have also closed the Front Grass Area because of flooding. From today, and for the next few days, our 2 Undercover Quad Areas will be available for parents to wait to pick up their children. K-2 parents may wait in the Canteen Quad Area and 3-6 parents may wait in the Hard Court Quad Area.

We ask that parents do not wait near any classrooms. We also ask that parents provide umbrellas and/or wet weather clothing on these inclement days if possible.

### Canteen

Unfortunately, the canteen will be closed on Thursday (3<sup>rd</sup> March), and Friday (4<sup>th</sup> March) this week. Please ensure your child has sufficient food and drinks for both recess and lunch. Sorry for the inconvenience.

### STAFF CAR PARK

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 DO NOT use this carpark unless you have permission to do so.

Have a great fortnight everyone,  
Regards,

Michelle Lawrow

## Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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



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** and 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 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



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.

### **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** – 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** – 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** – Children return to the playground and resume their normal day.

We are looking forward to this day so very much. This day has been wished for by all of us during the pandemic and we value and appreciate the significance of this coming together. Working together to celebrate our great Clairgate Community!!!

*Clairgate Staff*