

CLAIRGATE CHRONICLE



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Care, Excellence, Innovation, Opportunity
in a positive, dynamic environment

Term 1, Week 8

Friday 17th March, 2023

Term 1 - Important Dates to Remember

Friday 24 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stage 1 – Mad About Science Incursion
Tuesday / Wednesday 28 th & 29 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 4 CARES Excursion
Thursday 30 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• K-2 assembly – 1/2W
Tuesday 4 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 6 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter Hat Parade• Last day of Term 1
Monday 24 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Development Day – Staff only
Tuesday 25 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anzac Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday 26 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students return for Term 2

A note from the Deputy Principal

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


Greetings from Mrs McNally, as our lovely Mrs Lawrow is on Long Service Leave.

Firstly, I want to thank everyone for their hard work and support this term thus far to make Clairgate the beautiful place that it is. It is always a pleasure to see the teachers delivering high quality lessons and the children reaching to be the best learners they can be.

It also always warms my heart to be a daily witness to the friendships and playfulness of the children and the care and concern that we all have for each other as a school community of students, parents, teachers, and school staff.

I have personally felt a great deal of warmth from my colleagues and the school community recently

and feel I am blessed to work with the little and big people surrounding me every day.

Thank you once more. 

Our First Open Day – Harmony Day

It was so lovely to open the school on Tuesday 14th March and see everyone enjoying the day. A day that celebrates Australia's Cultural Diversity and promotes harmony, kindness and acceptance. The "Two Blankets" Harmony Day literacy and creative activity was delivered beautifully and the discussions around the story and the artwork produced were wonderful to hear about and see. It was also lovely to see our students in lots of symbolic orange and in their traditional costumes – they looked fabulous! The rain, unfortunately, literally put a real dampener on the picnic lunch, but it was great to have families leaving thrilled with the day and providing great feedback.

"... It was wonderful today with the kids and to do an activity in relation to harmony. I think it is a very important learning opportunity..."

"... It was a delight being included in the event and seeing the children's artworks..."

"... Loved the story and the activity. Great engagement with parents and kids..."

"... It was wonderful being able to talk about our culture..."

Parent Teacher Interviews – Last week of school.

These 10-minute interviews will be held on Tuesday 4th April – bookings online. If you need to have a longer interview, please contact your child's teacher and they will arrange a meeting on another day. Please see the booking information in the end of the newsletter.

Go Blue for Autism Day

Clairgate will be participating in Go Blue for Autism Day. Details in image below.



Easter Hat Parade

We look forward to our lovely Easter Hat Parade in week 11 (Thursday 6th April) – the parade will start on the front grass around 11.45am. You are invited to find a good spot on the front grass for this parade...bring your picnic chairs or picnic rugs.



Have a wonderful fortnight – Blessings!!!

Relieving Principal
Lisa McNally

A note from the Assistant Principal

I would like to thank our parents from KP and KB who joined us for an information session on Best Start Kindergarten. Miss Paulic and I enjoyed sharing information with you about the test, what we do with the results and how we support your children based on those results. We hope you found the ideas on how to support your children at home helpful. Our model students who demonstrated an InitialLit lesson went back to class very chuffed that they could show you how clever they were for the lesson.

Please feel free at any time to contact the school to speak to your class teacher or myself if you would like any other questions answered regarding the Best Start testing or processes in the classroom.

I thought it might be of interest if I put in some suggestions on how you can help your child at home with their education and learning.

The single most important thing that you can do is talk with your child.

Modelling listening skills by taking turns when speaking with your child and waiting for them to respond. This is critical for Kinder children; however older children need to be reminded of this skill sometimes too.

Ask your child open-ended questions about their day. For example, *Tell me about the book you read today.* Or, *How did you make that artwork?* These questions will bring about more of a discussion, rather than *How was your day?* Or *What book did you read?*

Gradually building on the number of verbal instructions from 1 single direction to 2 direction then 3. For example, *pack your bag, brush your teeth, and put on your shoes.* As your children get older your directions can be more sophisticated. For example, *after you pack your bag, take out the garbage, feed the dog and then put your toys away.* Have fun trying out these suggestions with your children.

Take Care

Leanne Kiely (Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction)

A note from the Office

A reminder that you can now use Back to School Vouchers for book packs, camps, and excursions.

Year 6 Moving into Year 7 for 2024

The department have made changes to the Year 6 to Year 7 transition. In 2023 parents and carers can go online to complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) and Placement not required (PNR) or submit a paper form.

EOI and PNR will become available from 6th March – 31st March 2023.

All parents/carers of Year 6 students received an email on Monday, 6th March 2023 with further information on how to process an Expression of Interest or Placement not required.

If you are unable to complete the EOI or PNR online you may request a paper copy.

If you have recently changed your residential address or email address, please contact the school office as soon as possible to update your information.

A note from the P&C



Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 6th April. Tickets to be returned by Wednesday 5th April.



Our P&C are requesting donations of the following items.

- Easter Eggs & Bunnies for the Easter Raffle
- Sausages, onions, sauce, napkins for the Election Day Sausage sizzle

Sport News

Well done to all students that represented Clairgate at the District Swimming Carnival on Friday 3rd March 2023.

Congratulations to the following 10 students who qualified for the Sydney West Carnival.

Ava - 9 years girls 50m freestyle

Ashton - 9 years boys 50m freestyle, Junior boys 50m backstroke and butterfly

Sophie - 12 years girls 50m freestyle, 4 x 50m Senior relay

Kalina - 11 girls 50m freestyle, 4 x 50m Senior relay

Melinda - 4 x 50m Senior relay

Izabella - 4 x 50m Senior relay

Taylor - 12-13 boys 50m backstroke, 4 x 50m Senior relay

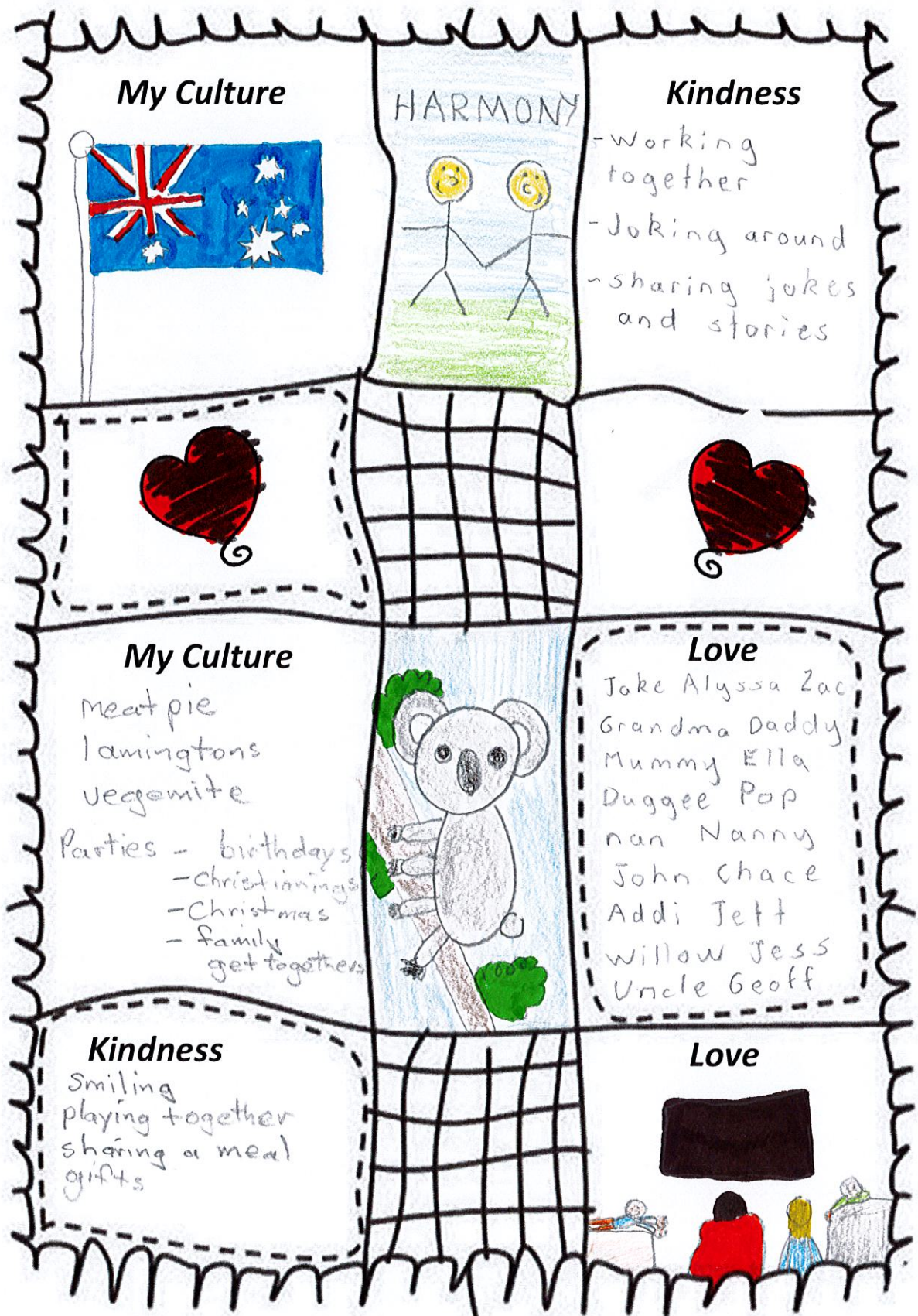
Jarryd - 12-13 boys 50m butterfly, 4 x 50m Senior relay

Bronx - 4 x 50m Senior relay

Nash - 4 x 50m Senior relay

Mr Geoff Wilkinson

My Two Blankets- Embracing Harmony !!!



Name: Jake Class: 5/6A

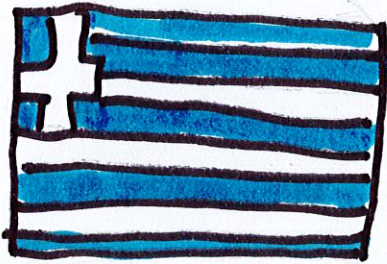
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Name: Charlee Class: 5/6A

My Two Blankets- Embracing Harmony !!!!

My Culture



Kindness

Going to school and being in the rainbow brackets group



My Culture



Love



Kindness

Gathering with my family for Greek Easter and Greek Christmas



Love



Name: Thomas Class: _____

My Two Blankets- Embracing Harmony !!!!

I am Maori and Maori is me.

My Culture



MARAE - A MAORI MEETING HOUSE.

In our Marae we have a lot of Celebrations with all of our Family from our tribe.

This is where we share stories, memories and delicious food. A Marae is a Community Garden where all the fruit and vegetables are shared to everyone.

Kindness

Sharing is caring.

MAARA - COMMUNITY GARDEN



My Culture



This song we are singing is TOMATOES Everywhere

Kapa Haka (Maori Dance)

We dance and sing together which makes us feel happy and proud to be who we are.

Love

Our culture Shares love by eating and preparing meals together.



HANGI

Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give.

Love

Love is patient. Love is kind.

My Two Blankets- Embracing Harmony !!!!

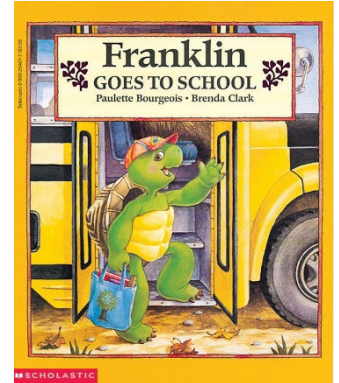


Name: Violet Class: 56A

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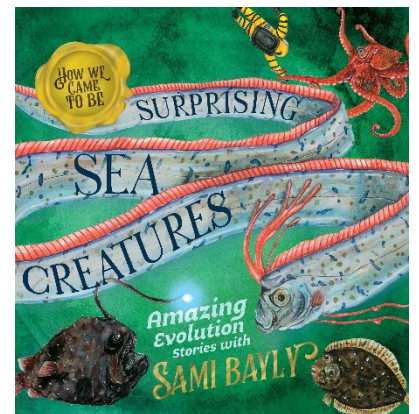
This fortnight in the Library we have been continuing our journey exploring under the sea.

Kindergarten have been enjoying learning about characters in books > Franklin the turtle is a favourite.



Year Two have made some wonderful octopuses to celebrate the wonderful book Octopuppy!

Stage three have enjoyed learning about how animals have evolved and adapted over millions of years to their deep sea habitats.



There were quite a few overdue book notices sent out this week. Please help your child remember to return their Library books. There is a returns box outside the Library that they can pop their books in any day. No need to wait for Library day.

The next instalment of Book Club catalogues are coming home today. All orders and payments are taken online. See the back page of the catalogue for information. If you need any assistance with book club please email donna.thurling@det.nsw.edu.au



Australian Reading Hour

To celebrate Australian Reading Hour every class enjoyed sharing a book.

Some of our school leaders went to our Kindy and Year 1 classes to read some favourite stories.



GARDENING CLUB



GARDENING CLUB 2023! Term 1 - Week 8

The Great Pumpkin Discovery

In the past few weeks, students have been weeding the garden (thank you MissTimbs) to prepare the soil for new seeds. Whilst cleaning up the gardens, students found carrots, beetroot, tomatoes, radishes and cucumbers.

Our keen gardeners have already planted climbing beans, corn, cucumbers and broccoli. They also planted lovely succulent plants donated by Mrs. Zheng, THANK YOU!

The excitement really took place when students discovered the PUMPKINS! hidden amongst the weeds!

And so, our amazing gardeners were all given a portion of pumpkin to take home to share with their families. PUMPKIN FOR EVERYONE!

Watch this space
Student Garden Crew K - 6 with Mrs Whalen





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Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held between 3.10pm – 6.00pm on Tuesday 4th April 2023.

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.

Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

BOOKINGS CLOSE: Monday 3rd April 2023 at 3.00pm.

Go to the following website www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the event code **m6pds**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling.

Update your details if the email address is incorrect. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews - until bookings close.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9670 1408

For parents who do not have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on your phone or ipad, **fill in your options below and return to your child's class teacher.**

ONLY FOR THOSE NOT USING THE ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM.

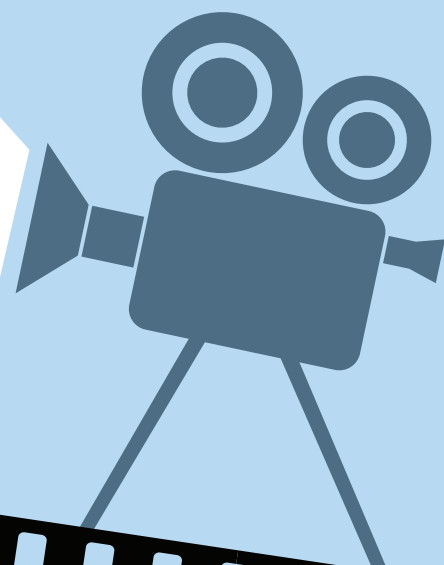
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2. Student Name: _____ Class: _____ Time Requested: _____

3. Student Name: _____ Class: _____ Time Requested: _____



StarBurst at St Marys Film Festival



JOIN US for an
exciting day of movie magic
at our **FREE** workshops and events!

Stop-motion animation workshop

(St Marys Library from 12pm)

Be the director and make your LEGO come to life, in your very own stop motion animation movie! We have a range of 1 hour workshops for ages 8 to adults.

Filmmaking workshop

(St Marys Public School, 10am-3pm)

Learn all about visual effects and create your own short film! For ages 9-16.

Supported by Screen NSW

Green screen experience

(Coachmans Park, 4pm)

Have some fun and be transported into another world with our green screen interactive experience at Coachmans Park! Suitable for all ages.

Film screening

(Coachmans Park, 6pm-8pm)

Come along and see a selection of the StarBurst Films on the big screen! These short, family-friendly films are made by local filmmakers.



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EXPERIENCE A MULTI-SPORTS CAMP
WHERE EVERY CHILD FEELS LIKE A ROCKSTAR
USING SPORT AS A TOOL TO MOTIV8, INSPIRE &
ENTERTAIN CHILDREN IN A SAFE SPORTS DREAMLAND

Dear Parent/s
WE WOULD LOVE TO INVITE YOUR CHILD TO BE PART OF
AUSTRALIA'S NO. 1 MULTI-SPORTS CAMP THESE HOLIDAYS.

When we use the word camp we don't mean sleepover.
Our Motiv8sports events run from 8.30am to 3.30pm and are designed
for K(Prep) - Grade 6 children.

At Motiv8sports there is a reason why the word motiv8 comes before the word
sports. The sports we perform are really important but our primary focus is creating
a sports dreamland where children are not only safe but motiv8ted by our team of energetic
coaches to get in and have a go. Sportsmanship, building resilience, forming new friendships and learning about
teamwork is all part of the Motiv8sports experience.

Over the course of our event children will receive a free jersey and be placed in age appropriate groups of 18-22.
Our events are as much about entertainment as they are about sport and our participants get to play a wide range
of non-contact hybrid sports only experienced at Motiv8sports. Vortex Gridiron, Ultimate league, 4-Ball, Super Soccer,
Flagball, Street Hockey, Ruckus AFL, SS Racers, Ballers and Sector-8 are just some of the innovative sports we offer.

We take pride in providing the best school holiday camps on the planet. Please scan the QR code below or call
the number listed to learn more about our staff, supervision and safety.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT ONE OF OUR CAMPS THESE HOLIDAYS.

Kingswood High School
Tues 11th - Wed 12th APRIL

Penrith Anglican College
(3 day)
Mon 17th - Wed 18th APRIL

St Clair High School
Thurs 13th - Fri 14th APRIL

Penrith Anglican College
Thurs 20th - Fri 21st APRIL

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