

Clairgate Public School Newsletter

Week 6

Week 6, Term 3, 2023



A message from the Principal



Once again Clairgate has shown how we shine - our students, teachers and community truly are outstanding...read on...

Our Fabulous Open Day and Book Parade

Thank you to everyone who came on Wednesday and celebrated Public Education with us! It was a great day – starting with the beautiful Junior Choir led by Miss Barnett. The children sang so well – I was very impressed. We then had Open Classrooms for parents, family and friends to see what the children had been studying.

*After recess... **THE BOOK PARADE!** What a joyful time this was – does this get better each year? Our children looked terrific – check out the photos later in the newsletter. The Book Character costumes were wonderful – some indeed were very intricate. Thank you to all those great parents who enabled their children to participate – whether it was helping to come up with a simple idea or helping to make a great*

costume – it really was a celebration of Books, Reading and Children. Congratulations to Mrs Thurling, Mrs McNally and the team of helpers for their organisation – and many thanks to our great teachers who always share their joy with our children by dressing up. Thank you also to all those who purchased books at the Book Fair – I thought there was a good selection this year. The money we raise here will help us restock our beautiful library and also allow us to purchase literacy and numeracy materials for the classrooms. Special thanks to our lovely parents who bought the books on our own “Wish List”.

Welcome to our “new” Permanent Staff

Some of our staff have been working at our school in a temporary capacity for many years and we are now able to welcome them to a permanent role in the school – huge congratulations to the following wonderful people: Mrs Wiles, Miss Barnett, Mrs Whalen, Mrs Veide, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Borel, Mrs Brunton, Miss Megan and Mr Shannon. You would not have known these beautiful people were temp as they all work in such harmony and go above and beyond in their roles. Welcome aboard!

Clairgate Student Leaders’ Day

Last Friday I had the privilege of going to Blackwell PS with our school leaders – Melinda, Bronx, Izabella, Roman, Lily, Nash, Jordyn, Xavier, Chloe and Abbas. They spent the day with leaders from all our STEPS primary schools and learnt a lot about teamwork, communication, resilience and cooperation. The Motivate Team ran the leadership day and were really complimentary about all our leaders – well done to you all – I am very proud of you.

District Spelling Bee

In Week 5 Term 3, Jacob R (representing Stage 2) and Izabella D (representing Stage 3) were involved in the Regional final for the Premier’s Spelling Bee Competition. The competition was held via Zoom. Both students were up to the challenge and achieved amazing results. They represented Clairgate with pride and resilience. Well Done!!

Wonderful Wingaru Excursion

Our lovely Wingaru went on an excursion yesterday –Mrs Morrison wrote:

Wingaru attended their annual school excursion today at the amazing 'Share My Ability' centre in Jamisontown. The students enjoyed exploring the environment filled with swings, foam pits, climbing frames, sensory rooms and tactile tabletop activities. Every student was able to access the fun and had a smile from ear to ear. Some of the awesome Wingaru staff even had a go! Overall, it was a very successful and enjoyable experience for all students and staff. Thank you to 'Share My Ability' for making us feel so welcome. We'll be back for sure!

Our Bike Riding Superstars

This week, Year 4 went to St Marys CARES Centre for a Bike Safety excursion. They had a wonderful time and were extremely well behaved too – always lovely to hear! Here are some student's comments about their day:

Jade.G

When we went to CARES it was so good because Constable Sean didn't stop teaching us about bike safety and rules on the road.

Mehreen.K

I liked learning about new things I didn't know before such as the importance of wearing a helmet when riding a bike and always STOPPING at a stop sign.

Maryam.S

I loved CARES because I learned to ride a bike and about how dangerous it is to ride a bike on the road as well as being aware of traffic around you.

Teleah.C

My favourite part about the CARES excursion was riding the bikes and when people were getting fines for breaking the road safety laws. I loved the slow balance competition I had with Constable Sean where I almost won. The ice blocks were also nice.

Lucas.W

I liked it because we learned about road safety, and we actually used traffic lights and other signs just like cars do on the road. The funny part was when Levi and Ilyas lost their licence and were handcuffed.

Shaurya.G

My favourite part about CARES was riding a scooter and following traffic rules like a car. The funny part was when I fell off my scooter. Another favourite part was hanging out with my friends with our bikes and scooters

Cooper.B

My favourite part was how we used the roads with traffic lights. We had to stop at the stop sign and wait until it was safe to continue riding.

Levi.R

My favourite part about the CARES excursion was riding the bikes around mini size roads with traffic signs and when I was handcuffed for losing my points.

Heo.S

My favourite part about the CARES excursion was the traffic lights. It was so funny every time we got double demerit points for breaking road traffic laws.

Malaika R

It was a fun excursion and we learnt a lot of road safety rules. We rode scooters and bikes.

Joseph B

The overall experience was good and we also learnt how to signal and learnt how to give way. We lost demerit points for not following rules.

Morgan H

We had an amazing day. We had fun activities like races, obstacle courses and road safety.

Isaac D

We learnt how to ride bikes safely on the road. We did an activity where we rode around a course and applied road rules.

Izaiah D

We went on a safety excursion to Cares. We were all very excited. Shaun told us what we were going to do. First we had a talk then we walked the track and completed activities. We rode our bikes and had all the rules like waiting at lights.

Sounds like they all had a lot of fun!

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Michelle Lawrow

A note from the Deputy



Dear Clairgate Community,

I want to share with you some heartwarming moments of kindness and connection within our school community. Recent events and initiatives reflect the spirit of unity and compassion that defines Clairgate.

****Open Day: A Unifying Experience****

Our recent Open Day was a tremendous success. It's heartening to see positivity and connection among students, from the youngest to our senior role models. As someone who has been part of this community for 24 years, I'm always moved by the warmth of Open Day and the Book Parade. Every year, we achieve 100% participation, with seniors guiding younger children. Our staff also enjoy the festivities, crafting costumes and sharing laughs. A highlight for me this year was Mrs. Anderson spreading joy with bubbles, adding magic to the day.

****Book Donations: Enriching Our Library****

Your kindness also extended to our Library. We're excited to report that our community's generosity has brought over 44 new books to our library. This shows our commitment to nurturing a love for learning and literature among our students, allowing them to explore new worlds and expand their horizons.

****A Deeper Shade of Kindness: Supporting Each Other****

In times of difficulty, our community's true spirit shines. We were deeply moved by your compassion for the St Clair High School community, who recently suffered a tragic loss. Together, we raised over \$1000 to support the grieving family, with thanks to Erskine Park Dominoes for their contribution. Such acts of selflessness reflect Clairgate's spirit of kindness.

We've also been working with Katrina Cavanaugh, the founder of "Kindness on Purpose," to provide vital support to our students and staff. Katrina's expertise and support have been invaluable, helping guide our children through challenging moments.

In conclusion, I want to thank each of you for making Clairgate a place where kindness and connection thrive. Your dedication and compassionate hearts help build a community that uplifts and supports one another.

Wishing you continued joy and togetherness.

Warm regards,

Mrs McNally



Let's keep up the great work and continue building these strong Clairgate Connections. Together, we make Clairgate School a special place



Book Fair - Celebrate!!!





THANK YOU

Our wonderful Clairgate Community had a lovely day at the Book Character Parade. Our Book Fair was highly successful. As well as lots of new books going in the hands of our children we had a WHOPPING 43 books donated to our Library. The proceeds from our Book Fair buys resources for the classrooms and Library. Thank you!



Open Day, Book Parade and Book Fair!!!











































































































































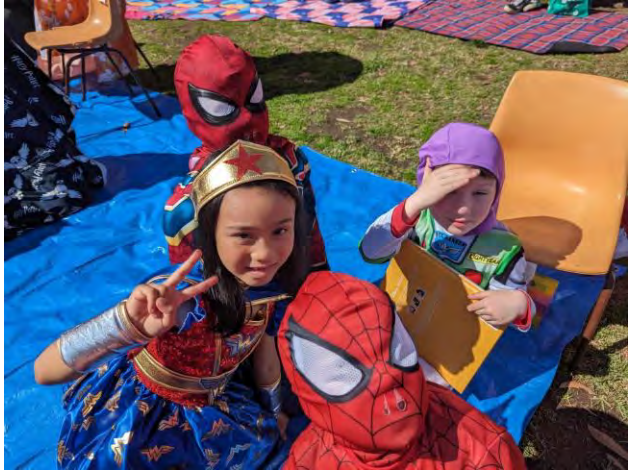




















CARES Year 4 Excursions













Wingaruru Excursion











































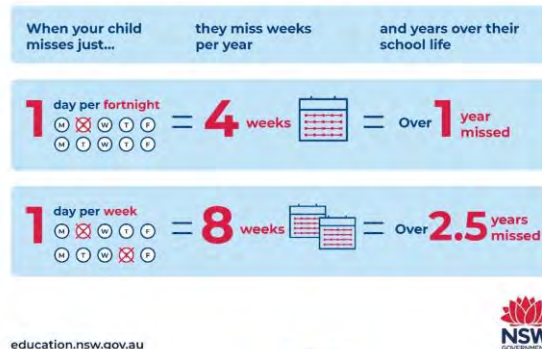




Attendance Matters

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



Attendance is a key focus of the Minister for Education and our school. Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Our attendance procedures are in accordance with Department of Education policy.

Explained absences is a key area where we can improve as a school.

When your child is marked as absent you will receive an SMS. Please respond to this SMS with the reason for your child's absence.

Alternatively, you can send in a paper note the next day your child returns explaining why your child was absent.

The school cannot respond to messages sent to the number so please do not send anything other than a response to the unexplained absence request.

An attendance plan may be required for an increased amount of unexplained absences.

We look forward to working together to improve our school attendance rate, maximising your child's educational potential.

A note from the Office



****Office Newsletter - Important Updates****

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits.

****Swim School Scheme Response: ****

Thank you to all the Year 2 and 3 parents who have responded to the Swim School Scheme. Your prompt replies have been greatly appreciated. For those who are yet to respond, and wish too, we kindly request you to do so at your earliest convenience. The Swim School Scheme is a great initiative, and we don't want any interested students to miss out on this fantastic opportunity.

****Kindergarten (Kindy) - Planning for Next Year: ****

For parents of children starting Kindergarten next year in 2024, we kindly request that you complete the enrolment process as soon as possible. This information is vital for the school to effectively plan and prepare for the next year, ensuring we can continue providing a nurturing and supportive environment for our little ones.

Your cooperation in promptly responding to these enrolment matters will enable us to efficiently plan class sizes, teacher allocations, and resources to ensure the best possible educational experience for all students.

As always, we deeply value the partnership between parents, teachers, and the school community. Your involvement and support play a crucial role in fostering a thriving learning environment for our students.

If you have any questions or require assistance with the enrolment process, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office staff. We are here to help and make the process as smooth as possible.

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community. We look forward to another successful and rewarding academic year ahead.

Kind Regards

The Office Staff

Mrs. Kiely's Curriculum Catch Up



Number Talks

Number Talks is an educational approach that involves short, daily discussions aimed at developing students' mathematical understanding and mental flexibility. During number talks, students and teachers engage in conversations about mathematical problems, with a particular focus on strategies for solving them mentally. At Clairgate, our children are involved in number talks daily.

The primary goal of number talks is to help students become more flexible thinkers in mathematics. By encouraging students to share and discuss their thought processes, teachers can foster a deep understanding of mathematical concepts and promote the development of various problem-solving strategies. Number talks typically involve mental calculations, allowing students to explore different approaches to arrive at the correct answer.

When focusing on additive strategies (addition and subtraction), number talks can be especially effective.

I'm hearing you ask, 'What can I do at home to support this?' Fantastic question! You can do the same with your child/ren at home. Ask them addition or subtraction questions and ask them how they come up with their answer. See if they can solve the question any other way. This encourages the flexible thinking.

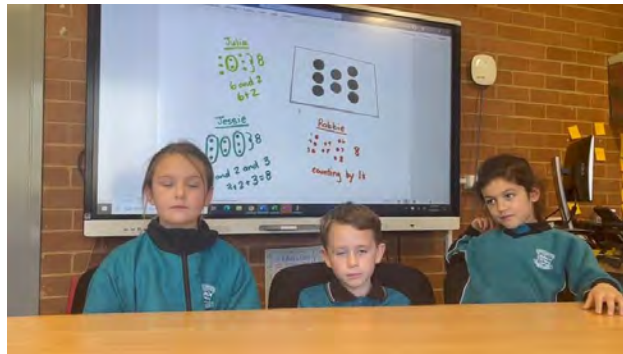
If you are wondering if this is worthwhile, here are some of our children explaining the benefits of number talks. Enjoy!

Mrs Kiely

Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction
















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Save the Date!!!

 TERM 3, SAVE THE DATES					
WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Staff Development Day 	18/7/23 Welcome back to students!!! 	19/7/23 STEPS Mass Choir Rehearsal - St Clair PS 	20/7/23 Sports Mufti- FIFA WORLD CUP Gold Coin please 	
2	House Meetings Athletic Carnival 		26/7/23 Stage 3 Camp 	27/7/23 Stage 3 Camp 	28/7/23 Stage 3 camp 
3	31/7/23 Westfield Junior Dance and Junior Choir Performance 	1/8/23 Athletics Carnival - Blair Oval 8 and older. 	2/8/23 Additive Strategies - Maths games - Parent Info Session - 		
4				10/8/23 Steps Music Festival 	
5		15/7/23 Pyjama Day Gold Coin please 			



TERM 3, SAVE THE DATES

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	21/8/23 Book Fair	22/8/23 Book Fair CARES 4W + Wingaru 	23/8/23 Clairgate Open Day Book Parade and Book Fair 	24/8/23 CARES 4P + 4R 	
7				31/8/23 Year 6 Fundraiser Disco FLURO 	"Dad Represents" and Father's Day Stall 
8				8/9/23 Dance Festival Performance 	
9					
10		19/9/23 Clairgate On Parade Night 	20/9/23 Clairgate On Parade Night 	21/9/23 Clairgate On Parade Matinee 	Last Day of Term Three HAPPY HOLIDAYS

CLAIRGATE PS PRESENTS
A YEAR SIX FAREWELL FUNDRAISER

FLURO *Disco*

KINDY - YEAR 2 4.00-5.30PM

YEAR 3 - YEAR 6 5.30-7.00PM

THURSDAY AUGUST 31ST

Community News!!!



Who can be a foster carer with Wesley Dalmar

We welcome people from many walks of life, including couples, singles, retirees, workers, people with or without children of their own and those who rent or own a home

What support will you receive?

Wesley Dalmar will provide ongoing training and support to help give you the confidence you need to provide a welcoming home for children and young people in need

Right now, many children and young people are urgently waiting for a safe place to call home. Foster carers are needed across New South Wales:

Sydney | Western Sydney | Mid-North Coast | Northern NSW
Hunter and Central Coast

Call us today on **1300 325 627** to discuss your suitability about becoming a foster carer.

Interactive and Live Feedback

...thank you to our wonderful community!!!

Please take a little time to comment on new look Newsletter and our survey for

[Open Day '23 Survey](#)



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