

CLAIRGATE CHRONICLE



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Care, Excellence, Innovation, Opportunity
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Term 2, Week 4

Friday 19th May, 2023

Term 2 - Important Dates to Remember

Thursday 25 th May	3-6 Assembly at 2pm 2/3B
Thursday 8 th June	K-2 Assembly at 2pm 1C
Friday 9 th June	Crazy Sock Day Year 6 Fundraiser
Wednesday 21 st June	Merit Assembly
Thursday 29 th June	NAIDOC Celebrations Mufti Day

A note from the Principal

It has been an exciting last fortnight at Clairgate Public School with students showcasing their talents in various events and activities. The school's Cross-Country event held last week was a great success with runners putting up a great effort and representing the school at the next level. A special thanks to Miss Michelle Barnett for organising the event, and Mrs Thurling, Mr Wilko, and staff for their efficient management. The event saw great support from parents, and the students' sportsmanship was commendable.

The STEPs Mass Choir also rehearsed under the guidance of Mrs Mercer, the choir conductor for our learning community. Miss Timbs, Clairgate's choir teacher, and fellow STEPs choir school staff also contributed to the choir's excellent effort. The choir's rehearsal was a great opportunity for the students to showcase their talent and learn from experienced professionals.

The Netball Girls' Knockout Team, led by Mrs Veide, also displayed fantastic effort and sportsmanship at Mark Leece Oval. The team's skills were impressive, and their performance was a delight to watch. Thank you to Miss Brianna Johnston for umpiring the game as well. Very generous with your time and skills.

Staff were treated to an excellent Training and Development session on diversity through Picture books and authentic texts by AP and amazing

librarian, Mrs Donna Thurling on Thursday of Week 3. The session was well delivered and informative, and the staff appreciated the opportunity to learn from Mrs Thurling's vast knowledge.

The school's Mother's Day celebrations were a fun-filled and lovely time for everyone. Students came dressed in mufti, representing their mums, who were nurse mums, accountant mums, stay-at-home mums, and even grandmas. The raffle and Mother's Day stall were a great success, thanks to the outstanding P and C volunteers.

The Wacky Hair Disco, led by DJ Bee (Miss Brianna) and Mrs Thurling (is she DJ T?), was also a memorable event. The school staff's outstanding efforts in organising such extracurricular events demonstrate the dedication of our wonderful teachers and support staff. This connection helps build connections with the children and greater community.

Have a great fortnight everyone,

Michelle Lawrow

A note from the Deputy Principal

Mrs McNally's Magnificent Moments

Hello everyone!

I am thrilled to share with you some incredible highlights in this edition of our fortnightly newsletter. As you know, I am always on the lookout for joy and positivity in every aspect of life, and I'm excited to celebrate the remarkable individuals who have been making our school community an even more special place to be. Let's take a moment to recognise their outstanding contributions:

1. The Cross Country Champions: A huge round of applause to all the students who participated in our recent cross-country event. Not only did they demonstrate their physical abilities, but they also exhibited exceptional sportsmanship and encouragement towards their fellow classmates. It

was heart warming to witness their deliberate acts of kindness, ensuring that everyone felt great about themselves. You are all true champions!

2. Playground Heroes: I want to express my deepest gratitude to a group of incredible boys who have become our Playground Heroes. They have taken it upon themselves to assist with the playground equipment, making sure that the younger children have a smooth and enjoyable playtime. Their willingness to lend a helping hand and show consideration for others is truly admirable. Thank you for being shining examples of kindness and responsibility!

3. The Disco Dream Team: I cannot thank our dedicated school staff enough for their unwavering commitment to creating unforgettable experiences for our students. Despite their busy work and family schedules, nearly every staff member, except for those affected by illness, stayed back for the school discos. Your dedication to promoting connectedness, fun, and a wonderful vibe was simply outstanding. You know how to bring our school community together, and for that, we are incredibly grateful.

Let's give a resounding round of applause to all these amazing individuals who have made our school community vibrant, supportive, and uplifting. Your acts of kindness and dedication inspire us all to find joy in every part of life. Together, we are making a positive difference!

Merit Assembly: Celebrating Student Achievements

Save the date! Our Merit Assembly is scheduled for Wednesday, 21st June 2023, in Week 9 of this term. This assembly is a special occasion where we come together as a school community to recognise and celebrate the exceptional achievements and merits of our students.

To ensure a smooth event, please submit bundles of three certificates to the school office by Monday, 5th June 2023. Remember to clearly label each bundle with the student's name and class. You will be sent an email invitation at least two weeks prior to the assembly if your child is receiving an award on this date.

The Merit system, aligned with our DET NSW Wellbeing Self-Evaluation Framework (SEF), plays a vital role in fostering a positive learning environment. It encourages excellence in academics,

personal growth, positive behaviour, leadership qualities, and community involvement. By acknowledging these achievements, we hope to inspire our students to reach their full potential and cultivate self-worth and confidence.

We encourage you to review the following information on the Merit system. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the criteria for awarding merits and how the system operates. Let's ensure our students' accomplishments are properly recognised and celebrated.

Only Merits accepted are the School Merit Certificates presented at class assemblies.

Celebrations of Merit

What is it?

The Celebrations of Merit system will reward all students for a positive attitude towards learning.

How does it work?

Children receive merit awards for positive behaviour towards learning.

The children hand their certificates into the office, in multiples of three, to have them checked and registered for the appropriate level of certificate achievement.

3 merit awards = 1 Principal's Awards

6 merit awards or 2 Principal Awards = 1 Bronze Certificate

9 merit awards or 3 Principal Awards = 1 Silver Certificate

12 merit awards or 4 Principal Awards = 1 Gold Certificate

15 merit awards or 5 Principal Awards = 1 Platinum Certificate

18 merit awards or 6 Principal Awards = 1 Diamond Certificate etc, etc, etc

We look forward to an unforgettable Merit Assembly, honouring the remarkable achievements of our students. If you have any questions, please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mrs McNally.

Thank you for your support in nurturing our students' growth and well-being.

Blessings,
Mrs McNally

A note from Assistant Principal

Parent Support

We are almost halfway through Term 2, time is flying! Check-In assessments have begun for our students in Years 4 and 6. Reading and mathematics are being assessed, only the two assessments this time. These assessments give us so much information about our children. We dive into the results to look for areas of celebration, find our future focus for teaching and set goals for our children. I'm looking forward to seeing where our focus will be next!

One important area in learning for our children is vocabulary. Having a deep understanding of vocabulary supports our children in understanding conversations and what they read. A strong vocabulary also supports children in understanding terms in mathematics, science, geography, music... the list goes on. So how can you support their learning at home?

- Use descriptive words for people and objects when you are speaking with your child. Instead of saying, "There's a dog going for a walk," say "There's a big, brown dog going for a walk with our neighbour, Mr Smith." Or for our older children, instead of saying, "Look at the ocean," say "Look at the dark and mysterious ocean."
- Discuss the meaning of new words that come up in everyday conversations with your child. "Dad is going to **reverse** the car now. The word 'reverse' means to go **backwards**."
- Talk about objects that you notice your child showing particular interest in, such as "That butterfly has such beautiful wings. They are red, blue and yellow." Or for our older children, "Our Blue Mountains are magnificent. Look at the soaring sandstone ridges."

I hope these ideas help you and your child with their education.



Please join us in the library for an informative session on our InitialLit and Number Talks programs. We would love to show you what our routines look like in Stage 1. We are having terrific success with our InitialLit program, and our little mathematicians are developing their skills beautifully. We will also provide you with some helpful tips on how you can support your children at home. Feel free to contact me if you would like any more information, we are looking forward to seeing you!

Leanne Kiely

Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction

A note from the P&C

"Thanks to our beautiful school community and their support we raised \$4000 over Easter and Mother's Day. As the uniform transition continues for us behind the scenes, we couldn't achieve what we have without your generosity.

Thank you to you all, the next meeting is Friday the 9th of June at 9:15am, everybody is welcome".

Thanks so so much,
Katrina



Dogs on School Grounds

Many of our students own dogs and feel comfortable around dogs whilst several other students are quite anxious around dogs.

Regardless of either position, under the Companion Animals Act, in Section 14 it states that dogs are prohibited (not allowed) in school grounds, whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled. Without blocking entry and exit, any visitor to the school is not able to bring their dog into the school grounds but may remain with their leashed dog on the footpath at the front of the school, which is a public area.

Up Coming Events





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19/05/2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have several new positive cases of COVID-19 in the school community across the school.

Students and staff may have had contact with a person who was infectious with COVID-19.

Please carefully check your children for any symptoms of COVID-19, and keep your children at home if they do have any of these symptoms. These include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis (eye infection).

If symptoms occur at any time, your child should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test. We will be sending some more Rapid Antigen Testing Kits home with students next week.

Advice and further resources are available on the NSW Health website including COVID-19 guidelines and fact sheets for [People who tested positive or were exposed to COVID-19](#). Additional resources are also available on the [NSW Government](#) website.

The safety and wellbeing of our staff and students are paramount at all times. As such, we will continue to ensure that all necessary health advice is closely followed. We continue to encourage proper handwashing and we continue to have an extra day cleaner on site.

Thank you for your support.

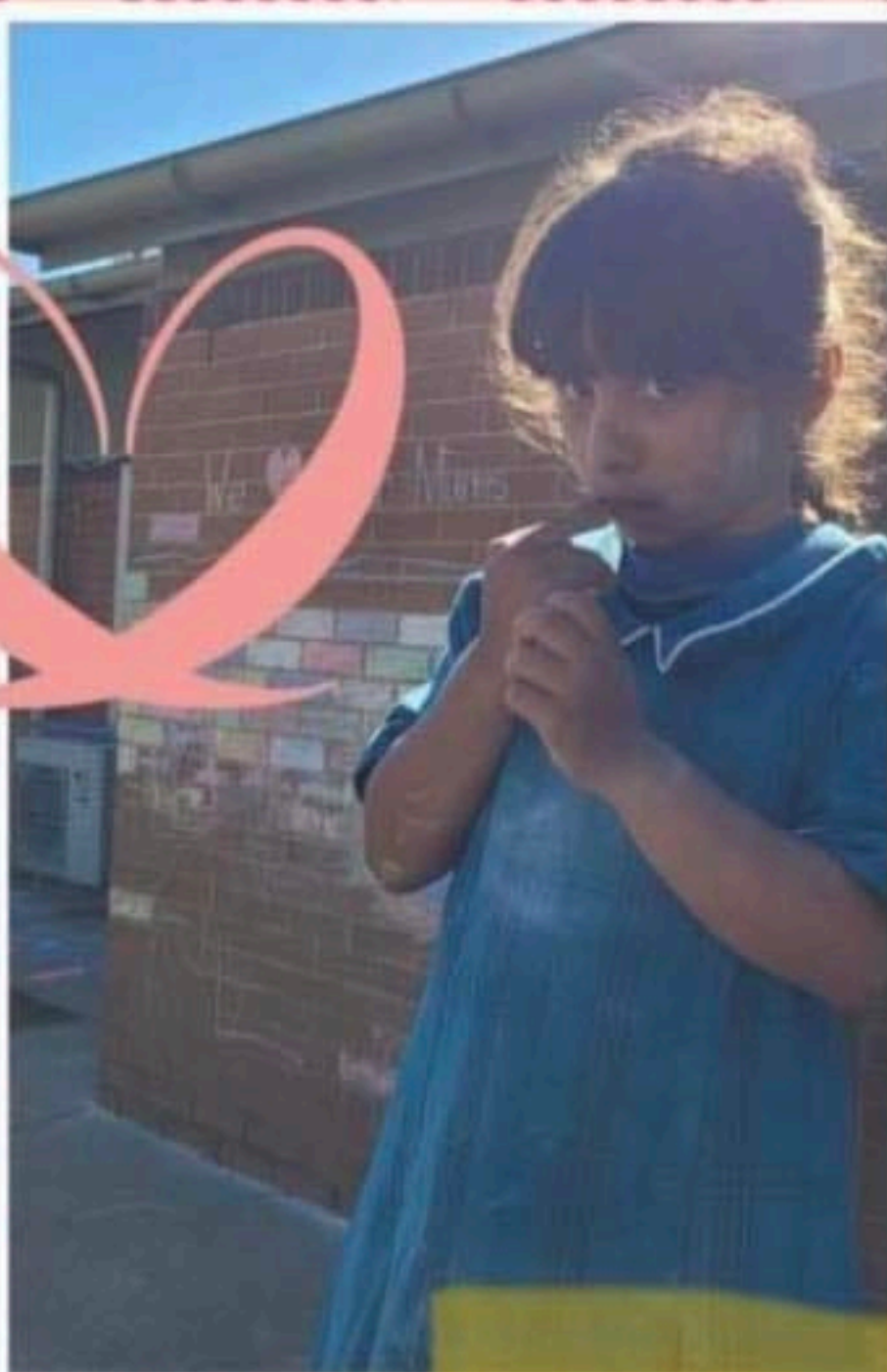
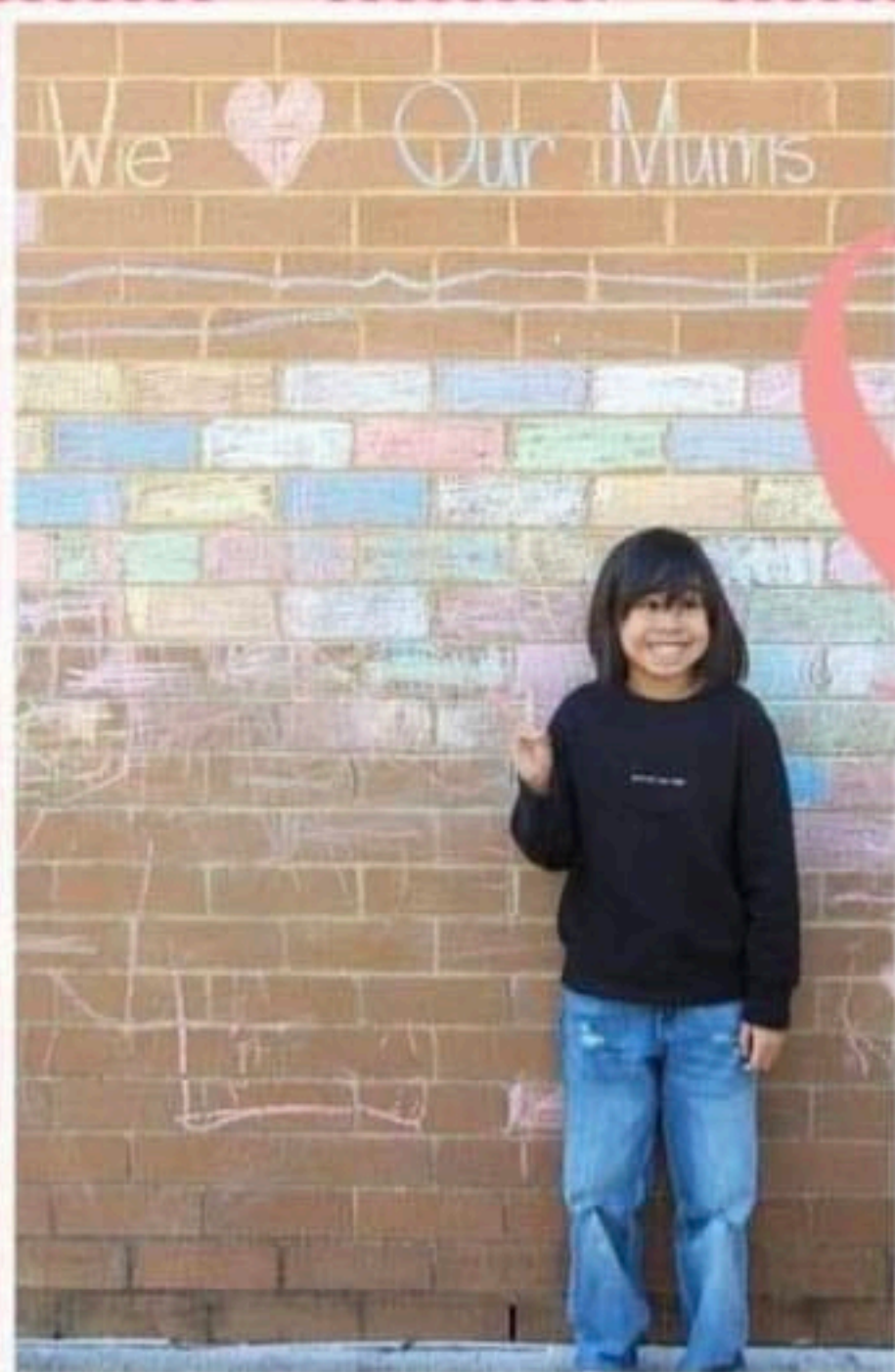
Yours sincerely

Michelle Lawrow

Principal









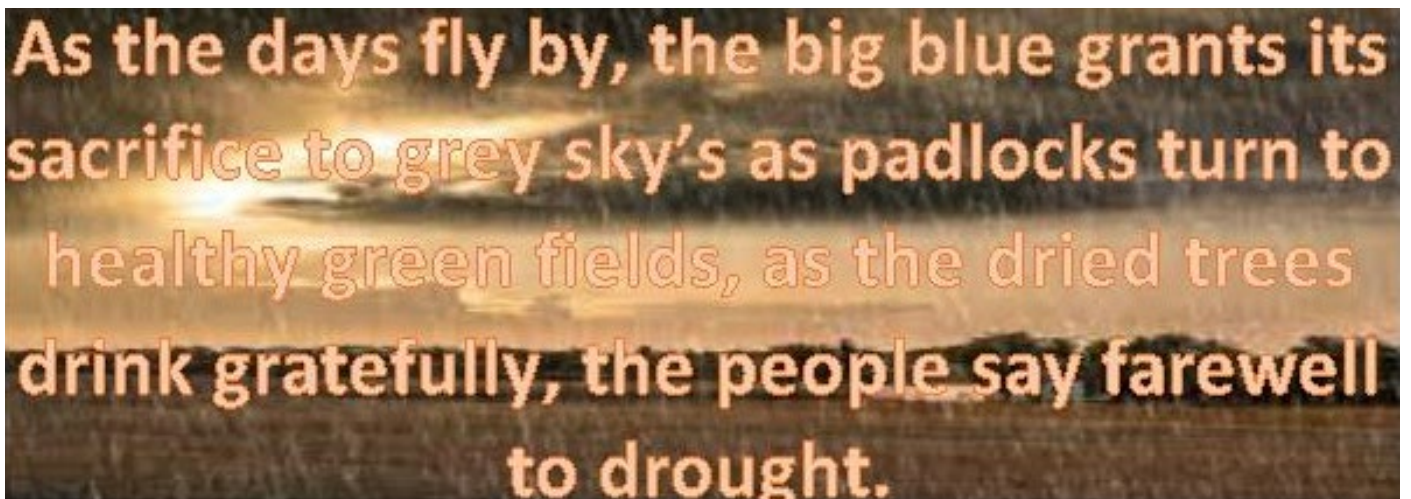






Amazing figurative language by Reet and Elyssia in 3/4P.

Part of their English Unit study in to the book Mallee Sky





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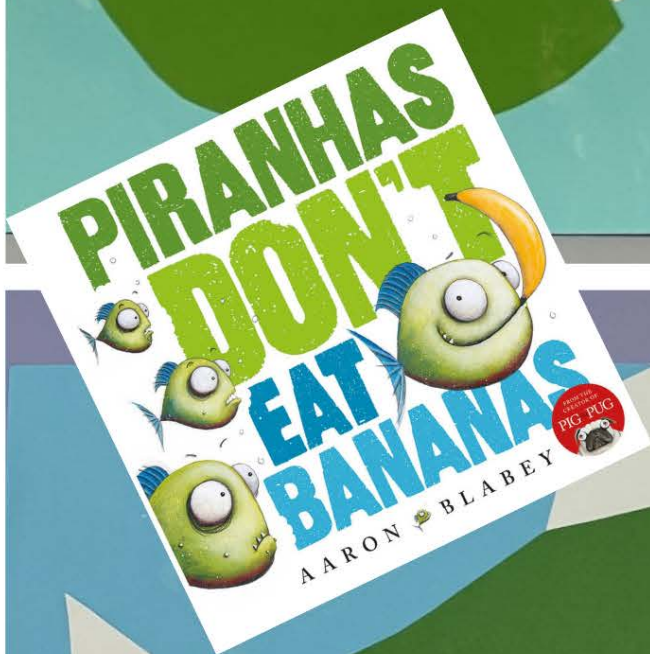
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I like the book because it is very funny. All the time Brian tries to get the other piranhas to eat fruit. I like it when they say bum.

Sebastian 2T



I like the book because it is funny. I also like this book because it says bums. This is a good book because it has fruit in it. I do not like that the book is so short.

By Zara 2T

I like the book because it has fruit in it. I think it is funny, bright and colourful. Ace 2T

I like the book because it is silly and funny. I think the book is colourful and bright. I didn't like that it was so short, I wish it was longer. Aurelia 2T

Premier's Reading Challenge

These amazing students have finished the 2023 challenge!

Lacey	Jake	Mason
Elyssia	Hashir	William
Hunter	Ilyas	Cody
Cooper	Levi	Kaiden
Charli	Maryam	Eli
Braxton	Kobie	Rosie
Izaiah	Stanley	Izabella
William-James	Kiana	Chloe
Rocky	Dominic	Abbas
Valentine	Slade	Tirzah
Caleb	Alexandra	Aj
Isaac	Ava	Kiandra
Shaurya	Amadeus	Violet
Jade	Finn	Mackenzie
Aaliyah	Lucas	Rafan
Hudson	Caitlin	Haylo
Tina	Jaikan	Cruz
Morgan	Lexi	Zahed



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2023 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge
Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Key dates for students in K-10:
Challenge opens Monday 27 February
Challenge closes for student entries Friday 18 August

