

# Clairgate Public School Newsletter

## Week 6, Term 1, 2024

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### ***A message from the Principal***



*Welcome to the Clairgate Chronicle for this fortnight – Week 6, Term 1 (08/03/2024).*

### ***Regional Swimming Carnival***

*Good luck to our super swimmers competing today at the St Marys District Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt Swimming Pool...I hope you all swim well today and enjoy yourselves!*

### ***Meet the Teacher***

*Last week we held "Meet the Teacher" sessions across the school – thank you to all the parents who were able to come to these sessions and find out some pertinent class information. We will be holding individual parent/ teacher meetings later in the term. Information on booking appointments for these meetings will be out shortly.*

### ***Induction Assembly***

*Last Thursday we held our Induction Assembly for our Sports Leaders, Library Monitors, Junior AECG Representatives and our Classroom Student Representative Councillors. Congratulations to all students who received their badges. We also gave our Vice Captain, Kiandra, her badge as she was not here for Presentation Day last year – congratulations Kiandra.*

***Focus on...***

*Let's focus on "**Looking After Our Own Things**" this next fortnight. Children will be reminded at school to look after their jumpers/jackets, lunch boxes, drink bottles and hats. Let's try and make a difference so that we don't lose our own items! Thank you parents – I understand that you probably already "push" this message!*

*Have a wonderful fortnight everyone,*


*Michelle Lawrow*

***A note from the Deputy***



Lots of great celebrations and great activities this term at Clairgate.

**CLAIRGATE  
HARMONY DAY**  
*Celebrating Australia's Cultural Diversity*  
**THURSDAY, 21ST MARCH, 2024**



Wear orange or your national costume to celebrate kindness and inclusion.

An art installation giving voice and celebration to this important day will be completed in the Yarning Circle for class and parent/school community viewing from 2pm on this day.

Clairgate will continue the celebrations by dancing the night away at our first 2024 disco !!!

Please note a gold coin donation is not needed for this day.



*Join Us For A Memorable Night on the...*  
*Thursday, 21st March, 2024*

**HARMONY DAY DISCO**

**CLAIRGATE**  
*Disco*



**WITH DJ BEE**

*K-2: FROM 4PM TO 5:30 PM*  
*YEARS 3-6: FROM 5:30 PM TO 7PM*

**\$7.00 FOR DISCO, CHIPPIES AND POPPER**  
**TICKETS AT DOOR- CASH ONLY PLEASE**

CLAIRGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

*You are  
Invited*

## EASTER HAT PARADE

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH, 2024  
FRONT GRASS AREA  
FROM 11:45 AM

EASTER RAFFLES DRAWN,  
EASTER PLASTER PAINT PACK - FOR HOLIDAY FUN - STALL  
-SALES FROM \$2 TO \$5 -  
ON SALE AT RECESS AND AFTER PARADE.

AND THE FAMOUS  
"CLAIRGATE EASTER HAT PARADE".

PLEASE BRING FOLD UP SEATS AND PICNIC BLANKETS  
AND A PICNIC LUNCH.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THERE IS NO CANTEEN ON THIS DAY.  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ENJOY A HOME- PREPARED PRE - EASTER PICNIC  
TOGETHER.

BE SAFE AND BLESSINGS!!!

## Clairgate Easter Raffle

### Easter Egg Donations

The P&C would like to request help with Easter Egg donations to go towards our annual Easter Raffle.

If you are able to assist please leave your donation at the office. Any Donations would be greatly appreciated ❤️

All sizes, shapes & varieties are fantastic!

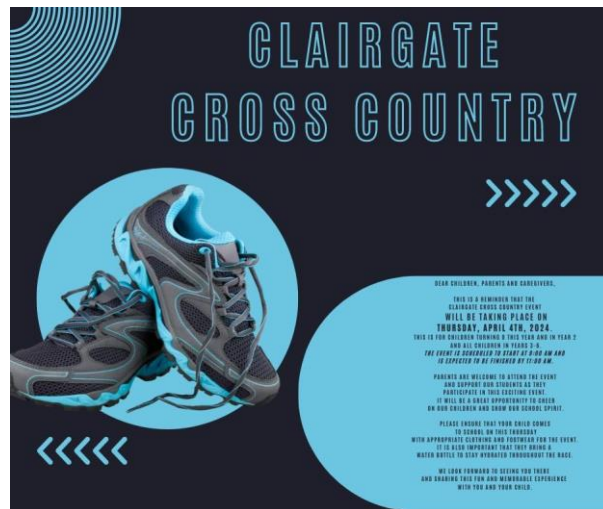
Also any unwanted basket would also be greatly appreciated 🛒

Thanks for your continued support

We couldn't do it without you all. 🥰📧❤️

To be drawn at  
Easter Hat Parade

**Thursday,  
28th March, 2024**







## Attendance Matters

### Days missed = years lost

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



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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.



# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

| When your child misses just... | that equals...                              | which is...                               | and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is... |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 10 minutes a day               | 50 minutes of learning each week            | Nearly 1½ weeks per year                  | Nearly ½ a year of school                        |
| 20 minutes a day               | 1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week | Nearly 2½ weeks per year                  | Nearly a year of school                          |
| ½ hour a day                   | ½ a day of learning a week                  | 4 weeks a year                            | Nearly 1 ½ years of learning                     |
| 1 hour each day                | 1 whole day of learning each week           | 8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year. | Over 2 ½ years of learning                       |

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!**



# Every Day Matters

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:

Learning



Strengthening friendships



Emotional development



When it comes to attending school, every day matters.



# FROG

LIFE CYCLE

TADPOLE

FROGLET

FROGSPAWN (EGGS)

FROG

Kindy enjoyed making frog life cycle crowns in the Library



## News from 3/4B with Mr Bamford

### 3/4B Newsletter

In 3/4B we have 'hit the ground running' with our learning. We've got ourselves into a great routine and have already produced some fantastic work! In English, we are reading the text "Fantastic Mr Fox". We have been carefully examining the way that Roald Dahl builds tension in his stories and then we have tried to apply this to our own writing. In Mathematics, we have worked on our skills in whole number which we have transferred to our strategies in addition and subtraction. We had a great showing for our 'crazy hair' day and we love getting outside for a bit of sport! If we have the time, 3/4B enjoy the challenge of problem solving- particularly with puzzles- but we also love a good number game like mastermind! Each day, we look at the flags of two countries from around the world, and check out those nations on Google Earth. Enjoy just a few photos of our wonderful class enjoying our time at Clairgate!



## Gardening Club News

A collage of photographs showing students in blue uniforms and hats working in a garden. The photos include close-ups of sunflowers, students planting, a group of students posing, and various garden plants like eggplants and tomatoes. The central text is framed in a yellow border.

# Gardening Club

### GARDENING CLUB 2024! Term 1 - Week 6

#### SMILES AND SUNFLOWERS!

The sunflowers were an absolute beautiful WELCOMING upon commencing the year. The students were so HAPPY to see such tall beauties in our school and our own beautiful students walked amongst them, including KP! The cockatoos picked and enjoyed the seeds from our sunflowers. We have evidence! Our Granny Smith apples will be ready to pick very soon. Our eggplants, tomato plants, beetroot and cucumbers are looking good!

We are very excited for Gardening Club 2024!

**Gardening Club takes place every Tuesday and Thursday, Lunch 2**

Watch this space  
Student Garden Club K - 6 with  
Mrs. Whalen and Mrs. Anderson

## Uniform Shop

### Uniform Shop

**Please note the email address for  
the uniform shop has now changed.**

**For enquiries please email**

**[clairgate-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:clairgate-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)**

**Orders can be placed online using  
the School Bytes Parent Portal  
or in person at the uniform shop  
Thursday mornings from 8.30am  
until 9am.**

