



CLERGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 1

Monday 12 October 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to what we hope to be an exciting and busy Term 4, in a year that has been a completely new adventure for everyone. Once again, the year is flying by and we find ourselves preparing for the final term for our beautiful children. We are endeavouring to plan as many wonderful activities as guidelines will allow us to. There are still restrictions in place for Term 4. Please take time to read the notes in the latter part of our newsletter.

We are currently reviewing how our annual presentation event will be held and will be negotiating with Year 6 as to how they would like to tailor their Year 6 Farewell to go out with a bang! Thank you for your ongoing patience.

CHANGE OF SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

Last term many of our students participated in speech assessment and lessons with our Speech Pathologist Mrs Lindsay Underwood, however recently she has been successful in gaining a position in Canberra. This term Senior Clinician and Head of Department, Alison Berry from the Orange Health Service will take over this work from Mrs Underwood. We look forward to having her expertise in our school to support students, staff and parents. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Philpott or Mrs Hewitt if you have any queries.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to James and Sophie who received core achiever awards at this morning's assembly.



What's On?

Friday 16/10/2020

Mrs Alison Berry, Speech Pathologist visiting students

Thursday 22/10/2020

K-2 tabloid & 3-6 fun athletics day at Cumnock PS

Monday 09/11/2020

NAIDOC March Years 3-6 TBC

Wednesday 25/11/2020

Online Beach to Bush lesson 4/5/6

Thursday 26/11/2020

Online Beach to Bush lesson K-2 & 3/4

Wednesday 16/12/2020

Last day of Term 4 for students

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RESPECTFUL RESPONSIBLE ACHIEVERS

K-2 TABLOID & 3-6 FUN ATHLETICS DAY AT CUMNOCK PS

Next Thursday, 22 October, all students will be participating in a fun, non competitive athletics day at the newly unveiled sporting facility at Cumnock Public School. Details are still to be finalised but students will travel to and from Cumnock via bus. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, parents are unable to attend. A permission note will be sent home once all details are finalised. All students are required to attend as there will be no teaching staff remaining at Clergate PS. We apologise for the late notice and appreciate the prompt return of your permission notes. A school stream will be sent out advising when permission notes are going home.

THE TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

A reminder that the Partners in Learning parent survey is open until Friday 23 October. Running this survey helps our school understand parent's and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated and assist our school in future planning. To complete the parent survey please click on the following link:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/clergateps2020>

SCHOOL HATS

We would like all of our students to be wearing their Clergate PS bucket hat every day. The bucket hats are available from Kingfisher School Gear in Summer Street for \$13.25. Our goal is 100% of our students wearing their Clergate PS bucket hat 100% of the time. If your child doesn't bring a hat to school they will be asked to play under the COLA or at the lunch tables under the shade cloth.

SPORTS DAY

During Term 4 our sport day will be Friday each week. Children will participate in class organised sport. Please ensure sports uniform is worn on Fridays.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now payable. The fee structure for this year as per previous years is \$60 for the first child and \$50 for each child thereafter. The payment of such fees is not compulsory; however, parents are strongly encouraged to support the school in this manner.

What is the money used for?

The money generated from school fees goes towards resources such as exercise books, art/craft supplies, paper and printing costs for worksheets, comprehension, spelling, grammar and other booklets produced by teachers. Laminating costs for resources used in class.

HOT LUNCHES

Hot lunches have now finished. Please do not send a hot lunch with your child this term.

ICE BLOCKS

We will shortly begin selling Zooper Dooper ice blocks at lunch for 50c each. Funds raised will go to the SRC and will be used to purchase equipment for the school.

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Following are the updated COVID-19 guidelines for Term 4:

The school will be:

- Supporting parents by monitoring drop off and pick up of students outside the school gates
- Limiting additional visitors to school to essential providers only
- Holding assemblies with only staff and students attending – no external visitors
- Continuing to promote and encourage good hygiene practices
- Requesting staff and students who are unwell to stay home and not return to school until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are symptom free. The negative COVID-19 test result must be sighted and received by the school for both students and staff members before their return to school
- Recommencing school sporting activities including inter-school sport
- Ensuring that bathrooms, play equipment and high touch surfaces are thoroughly cleaned often every day with extra cleaning hours provided
- Ventilate classrooms appropriately and use outdoor learning where possible
- Provided with sufficient hand sanitizer, soap and cleaning products
- Displaying age appropriate posters to show clear messages relating to physical distancing, hygiene and mental health
- Maintaining physical distancing for all staff
- Monitoring attendance and following up all unexplained absences without medical certificates

Students will be:

- **Required to bring their own drink bottle to fill at the water station as bubblers will not be used.**
- Follow social distancing requirements as requested by staff
- Limiting physical contact when greeting people
- Encouraged to use their own personal items such as pencils etc
- Follow handwashing and hygiene practices
- Stay home if unwell and not return until symptom free and a negative COVID-19 test result has been provided to the school

Parents will be:

- Dropping off and picking up students outside the school gates
- Not entering the school grounds unless there is a scheduled meeting
- Social distancing at the school gates
- Asked to pick their child up if they are unwell
- Communicating with teachers via phone or a note when needed

Clergate is a BeYou School



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- Excellence is doing your best, giving careful attention to every task and every relationship.
- Excellence is effort guided by a noble purpose.
 - When you practice excellence, you bring your gifts to fruition.
- Excellence is the key to success.



We are Butterfly Learners

Reflective

WE TAKE TIME TO THINK

