



Clergate Public School

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Week 1 Term 1
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UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

P&C Welcome BBQ - TBC	4 February
P&C AGM	12 February
OSSA Swimming Carnival	13 February
Leadership Assembly	21 February
Harmony Day	26 February
ODPSSA Swimming Carnival	28 February
Clean Up Australia Day for schools	20 March
National Day of Action Against Bullying	27 March
Athletics Carnival – CoS – Clergate Cumnock Spring Hill Mullion Creek	

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



It is with great pleasure that I welcome all families, both returning and new to the school year for 2020. I hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and restful holiday in the

company of family and friends, refreshed and ready to accept new challenges!

All of the teachers have been working hard already to prepare programs and revitalise learning spaces in readiness for an exciting year. They are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable year of learning with their new classes

Today we welcomed 10 Kindergarten students for 2020, in their new uniforms ready and excited to begin school. Once again our Transition to Kindergarten program led by Mrs Hewitt has been a wonderful success. Thank you for preparing our Kindergarten children so well.

This year we will commence with four classes which are as follows:

K/1 – Ms Kelly

1/2 – Mrs Watson Mon-Thu & Mrs Hewitt Friday

3/4 – Miss Clayton

4/5/6 – Mrs Jackson Mon-Thu & Ms Wilson Friday

Library/Teacher Release 1/2, 3/4, 4/5/6 – Mrs Philpott

Learning & Support Teacher/Teacher Release K/1 – Mrs Hewitt

Transition – Mrs Hewitt (commencing Term 2)

SLSO – Mrs Trail

SLSO Tafe Students – Miss Clarke & Miss Prestwidge

Administrative Staff – Mrs McCallum & Kerrie Carr

General Assistant – Mr Greatbatch & Mr Pavey

School Counsellor – TBC

SCHOOL TIMES

Please be advised that teaching staff are not required to be on duty in the morning until **8:45am**. This is the recommended arrival time for students.

Playground supervision commences at 8:45am. Should there be an emergency requiring an early drop off please contact Mrs Philpott to negotiate a safe alternative arrangement.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – IMPORTANT!

Most school communication including the fortnightly newsletter is sent out through the School Stream App. This is the most efficient and cost effective way of communicating with the majority of our families. **To stay updated with what is happening at Clergate please ensure you install the School Stream App to your phone or mobile devices.** If you would like a paper copy of notes and the newsletter please contact the office to arrange.

How to get the School Stream App to your mobile device:

- From your mobile device go to The App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Google Play (Android), search for School Stream and download the app to your phone

- Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search THEN select your school

- If you are prompted to accept push notifications, you will need to select **OK**

WANTED – Class Parent Contact Volunteers

This year we are looking for two or three or even a small group of parent volunteers for each class to nominate as Parent Contacts.

The Class Parent Contacts work with the teacher and help to co-ordinate a parent network for that class. As well as sharing reminders for classroom and school events, the Class Parent Contact may organise social events to help build an inclusive supportive community such as a morning tea at school after changing home readers or coordinate class play dates or a parent walking group. Please let your class teacher know if you are interested in taking on this role to further enhance our school.

OSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The OSSA Swimming Carnival is on Wednesday 12 February. The carnival is for students aged 8 and up who can swim 50m confidently. Students competing are to be nominated by their parents and those not competing in the carnival will attend school as usual. A note has been sent home today to enter your child/ren into events. **Please ensure the note is returned to school no later than next Wednesday 5 February. Due to the carnival recording system we are unable to accept entries after Wednesday.**

P&C AGM

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be next Tuesday 4 February at 6.30pm. This will be the AGM. We would love to see lots of new parents at the meeting. Please come along as it's a great opportunity to meet other parents and have input into your school.

STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS

Student information forms which were sent home today are due back to school **no later than this Friday.** It is important that we are able to contact you in the case of an emergency or if your child is unwell.

2020 CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Parents are reminded that the Clergate class requirement list will be located at Officeworks for your convenience. They were school streamed at the end of last year. **In 2020 only students in Years 5 and 6 will require a Maths Plus Text from Jenny's Classroom.**

RETURNING NOTES AND/OR MONEY TO SCHOOL

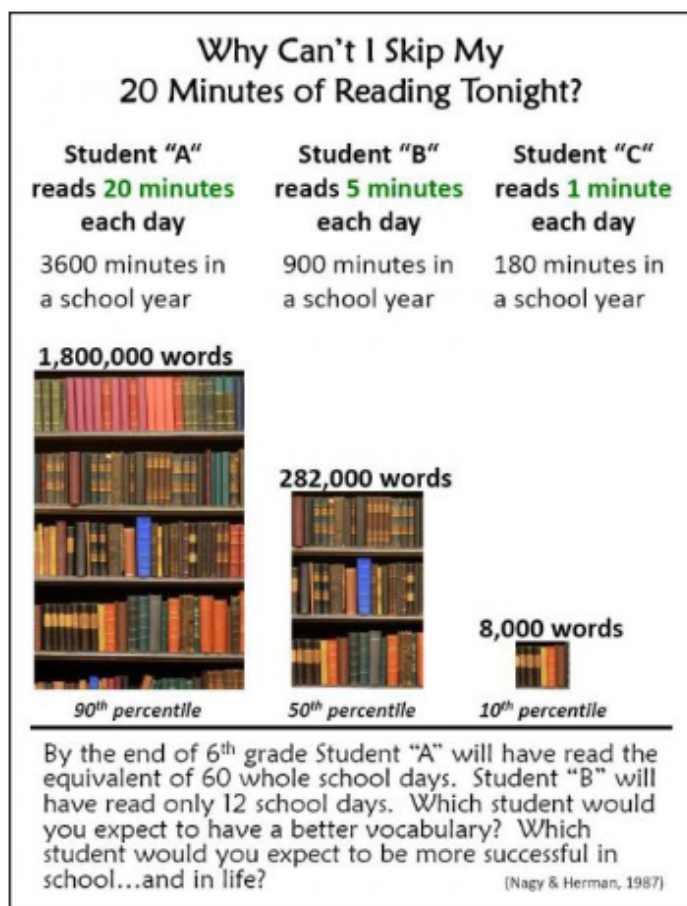
Often notes sent home require a response from you e.g. giving permission and/or forwarding money to school. Please ensure that notes and the **correct money** are sent to the black mailbox at the office in a **sealed envelope by the due date.**

SPORT DAY

Please wear sports uniform on Friday. This term students will be taking part in cricket.

HOME READING

Our Home Reading program will commence Week 2 Monday 3 February. Home reading diaries will be provided free of charge this year to all students from Kinder to Year 2. Students in Years 3 to 6 will be charged a nominal charge of \$2.00 if they wish to purchase a home reading diary. We will advise you via school stream once they have arrived.



CRUNCH & SIP

Clergate PS encourages healthy eating for all students and all classes have a 10 minute fruit/water break each morning. Please send fresh fruit/vegetables to school for your child/children in a separate container so it can be eaten at fruit break.

We have a healthy eating policy and recommend that lollies, chocolates and other treats be left for home.

We will be reminding the children that sharing of food is not allowed. Please let us know if your child is having a birthday and you would like to provide a cake/s for the class to share. Those students with allergies are invited to bring some of their own cakes to school for freezing to have on hand for special days such as birthdays.

Behaviour code for students

NSW public schools

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.