



# Clergate Public School

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**Week 9 Term 1**  
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## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Teddy Bears Picnic  
Easter Hat Parade & Raffle

**CHANGE OF DATE Staff Development Day no students at school**

**School returns for Term 2 for students and staff – MONDAY**

25 March

7 April

**9 April**

**27 April**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our school will remain open, although parents are urged to keep their children at home following the latest announcement from the Premier. As more cases of COVID-19 are diagnosed and more families choose to self-isolate, we have made arrangements to support remote student learning.

In the event that parents opt **to keep their child at home from now until the end of term**, Clergate Public School teachers have been preparing education packs and online education to ensure continuity of student learning. While we acknowledge that not all students have online connectivity or enough technology at home to complete online learning tasks, the packs staff have put together for their classes will cater for all students. These packs will be available from this afternoon at your request. The Department of Education also has a link to support parents to assist their children when learning from home. Please open the link below:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home>

We will endeavour to conduct PLP meetings that were scheduled for this week via telephone interviews. The times will change due to the school having one phone line. We thank you for your understanding.

Thank you to **all** parents for your continued support during these interesting times and for remaining calm. We will keep you updated as new information comes to hand. It is a very important time to ensure that your Schoolstream App is up to date and allowing notifications as this will be the main form of contact. **Please contact us if you are not receiving SCHOOLSTREAM alerts (after enabling push notifications)**

## TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

[http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/FAQs/2020/TTFM\\_Student\\_Survey\\_FAQs\\_Parent\\_and\\_Carers\\_T12020.pdf](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/FAQs/2020/TTFM_Student_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T12020.pdf)

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 30 March and 29 May. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **27 March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

### TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

The teddy bear's picnic will still be held on Wednesday 25 March for those students attending school. Students are asked to wear their pyjamas, bring along their favourite teddy bear or soft toy and a gold coin donation. Separate class picnics will be held in the playground. Please ensure closed in shoes are worn.

### EASTER HAT PARADE & RAFFLE

The Easter hat parade will be held on Tuesday 7 April and will commence at 11.00am, this will be followed by the raffle draw. This will be a student only event for those students attending school. This year all students will be making their Easter hats at school. The raffle will be drawn on this date and all prize winners will be notified by phone.

### WESTERN SWIMMING WRAP UP

Prior to sporting events being cancelled Rory and Beau competed in the Western Area Swimming Carnival at Dubbo. Beau came away with a PB in 50m freestyle and Rory came third in 50m backstroke. Rory qualified for the NSWPSA Swimming Carnival, unfortunately it will not proceed at this stage due to all school sporting events being cancelled. We are very proud of you boys!

### CHANGE TO STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY: IMPORTANT!

A reminder that the **Staff Development Day will be moved to Thursday 9 April** (last day of this term) where the students will have a **pupil free day** and then return to school on **Monday 27 April** to commence Term 2. There will be no teaching staff at school on 9 April.

### PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge has officially begun! We are encouraging all students to participate in this worthy challenge to foster a love of reading for pure pleasure. We may even have budding authors and illustrators soaking up inspiration already!

K - 2 Students will read the books in class with their teacher and it will be recorded by school. By all means have a go at completing your own challenge at home too. 3 - 6 Students are encouraged to read and record their own books. They will be shown how to do this at school and can show you at home so you can see how they are going with their personal goal.

By entering the Challenge, students who complete their goal will receive a PRC certificate with their name and school printed. There is no longer an Honour Roll,

however there may be opportunities for students to be recognised through media publications or through our school newsletter. No student names and/or details will be published publicly without prior consent from parents/carers.

If you would like an Orange Library Application Form, please send your child to Ms Kelly's class. There are audio books and e books available online through the library website as well as the old fashioned paper books! You might even find a few for yourself. Happy Reading!

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9



## Perseverance

It looks like;

*Be like a postage stamp, stick to something until you get there!*

- Staying with the task and not giving up.
- Showing commitment, pride and a positive attitude in completing tasks.
- Trying again and again and again.
- Being patient and willing to work hard.

## AWARDS

### K/1 Awards

Michael	For knowing his 'friends of ten'
Sam	For working independently in class
Joey	For having manners fit for a king!

### 1/2 Awards

Maddison	Impressive reasoning in maths
Amelia	Being a helpful and organised class member
Layla	Such impressive effort, persistence and results in reading

### 3/4 Awards

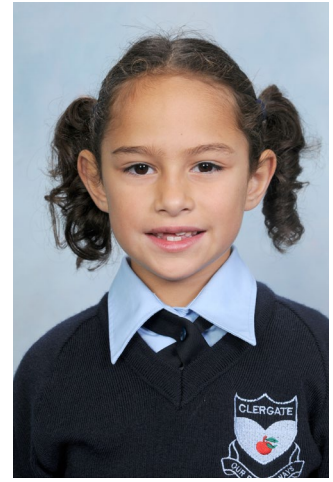
Ruby S	Innovative design work in STEM
Jax	Enthusiastically participating in our coding lessons
Gracie H	Fantastic effort during reading groups

### 4/5/6 Awards

Layla	Her enthusiastic animated speech writing
Anna	Outstanding effort and contributions to maths activities
Andrew	Valuable contributions to literature circles

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Our student of the week is Ahmilia. She received her award for consistently filling other people's buckets, being kind, caring and thoughtful as she builds positive relationships with everyone, working hard and trying her best in all areas of school and for being a trustworthy, helpful and responsible student. Congratulations Ahmilia!



**We are Butterfly Learners**

**Engaged**

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT LEARNING



I CAN SET GOALS AND GROW AS A LEARNER  
I VALUE THOUGHTFUL FEEDBACK  
I CAN TALK ABOUT MY LEARNING AND WHERE I'M GOING NEXT  
I CAN BE FLEXIBLE AND CHANGE MY APPROACH AS I GO  
I ASK QUESTIONS  
I LEARN FROM MY MISTAKES



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