



Clergate Public School

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UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Phase 1, students return to school 1 day per week, commences

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

All staff are thrilled to be welcoming students back into classrooms this week as schools enter Phase 1 of the Department of Education's managed return to school. We have been looking forward to the commencement of returning to some normality, as I'm sure all families are!

Thank you to parents and in many circumstances, grandparents for your patience and support throughout the past weeks with remote learning. I would also like to thank my extremely innovative and dedicated staff for preparing packages, online learning, emails, phone calls and keeping learning continuous by responding to families in a timely manner to support learning. Staff have also been engaged in online Professional Learning in between teaching and Zoom lessons.

The Department of Education are supporting schools by allowing extra casual teachers. Last week, we welcomed Mrs Christie, who will remain with our school for Monday and Tuesday throughout Term Two.

YEARS 3-6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Unfortunately the planned excursion to Canberra will NOT be going ahead this year and has been postponed until 2021. We understand and are extremely mindful that there have been changes with family incomes and employment. We are currently brainstorming alternative and less expensive ideas, particularly for our Year 6 students to have wonderful end of year experiences together. We would like to share some of the planning with the students on their return. All payments made via the online payment portal were refunded last week. Parents that paid via cash/cheque were emailed last Thursday requesting bank account details for refunds. Please reply to the email with account details as soon as possible. No cash or cheque refunds can be processed. Alternatively, we can transfer the deposit paid to cover school fees for the year, please let Mrs McCallum know if you would prefer this option.

KISS AND DROP PARKING

You will notice that there are parking bays allocated to dropping off and picking up students after school. Parents are to drop students here rather than congregating inside the school gates to reinforce social distancing measures. Staff will be there to greet families. To avoid congestion please remain inside your car and stop for no longer than 2 minutes.



CLEANERS REQUIRED

Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact Joss Facility Management via email on careers@jossgroup.com.au



Check us out on Facebook [Joss Cleaning](#)

or visit our webpage
www.jossgroup.com.au

AWARDS

K/1 Awards	
Leland	His great reading and concentration when reading
Carter	Remembering and following our Golden Rules
Michael	His excellent reading and effort in writing
1/2 Awards	
Samuel	Excellent contribution to discussions during our Zoom sessions
Bonnie	Wonderful 'being brave' work for PDHPE
Rachel	Great perseverance when learning 'time' in maths – well done!
3/4 Awards	
Amelia	Her incredible effort in maths this week!
Ruby G	An amazing work ethic and showing great willingness to learn
Jaxon	Outstanding effort and improvement with his reading
4/5/6 Awards	
Lachlan	Always giving 100% effort and enthusiasm
Harry	Outstanding 'courage' poster in Bounce Back
Oliver P	Vivid description in his persuasive writing

VALUE FOCUS

It is timely that we continue to reinforce our school values both at home and at school to carry on with this important part of our school culture. We are very proud of the positive comments of visitors to our school as they praise our children often for their beautiful

Our focus is

Kindness

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"
Aesop

It looks like;

- Being concerned about other people. Kind people think about another person's feelings and just their own, they help someone who is in need, and they are kind even when others are not.
- Kind people never expect anything in return. They just treat other people kindly because they want to help make someone's life better.
- Kindness makes the world a nicer place, because it makes people happier.
- **Random acts of kindness** may include; *find something nice to say to everyone you speak to, say thank you to anyone who serves you, volunteer, let another person go first, eat lunch with a new person, thank a teacher, lend a classmate a pencil, do someone a favour.*

manners and thoughtfulness.

PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN:

Students are required to:

- **Bring their own drink bottle to fill at the bubblers** as bubblers will not be used.
- Follow social distancing requirements as requested by staff
- Limiting physical contact when greeting people
- Limiting physical contact when in the playground by playing games such as skipping, vortex balls, kicking through footy posts, dancing outdoors, target throwing and plenty more!
- Use their own personal items such as pencils etc.
- Follow handwashing and hygiene practices at regular intervals
- Stay home if unwell
- Observe new posters displayed

At all times

- Schools are safe places for students, teachers and staff.
- All students engage with a single unit of work.
- Keep up-to-date with your school's communications to make sure you receive important messages about timetable changes.
- Any identified cases of COVID-19 will continue to be managed in line with health advice, including temporary school closures where necessary.

Learning from home

Practical resources and guides to support students are available at the department's [Learning from home hub](#).

PHASE 0

Schools are open for families who need it.

- Families are encouraged to keep their children at home wherever possible, with no student to be turned away.
- Students who attend school are supervised only, not in their regular classes.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

PHASE 1

Students at school at least one day per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which day, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school one day a week.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which day of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

You must continue to

- Keep your child/children at home if possible.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

PHASE 2

Students at school at least two days per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which days, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school two days a week.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which two days of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

PHASE 3

Students at school five days per week, with social distancing measures.

- Students with increased health risks may continue to learn at home to suit their individual needs.
- Students remain in the same classroom for the day, break times can be staggered to reduce mixing between class groups.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school every day.
- Access community services run on school sites, where they are not restricted by Public Health Orders.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.
- Walk your child/children into and out of school while maintaining social distancing.

You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue to learn at home if they are required to learn remotely.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

PHASE 4

Students at school five days per week, with full school activities.

- Normal school breaks and entry/exit processes will resume.
- Infection control procedures will continue on a school by school basis.
- Communication to staff, students and families regarding NSW Health advice will continue.
- Continued communication to the Early Childhood Education sector regarding NSW Health Advice.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school every day.
- Participate in school excursions and inter-school activities.
- Use playground equipment at schools.
- Drop your child/children off at school as you would normally do.
- Participate in school based activities such as volunteering in classes and assemblies.
- Use services that usually operate at your school like canteens and other community run activities.

A managed return to school

Guidelines for families

Preventing the spread

The best way to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 is by continuing effective hygiene practices:

Protect yourself from viruses



Clean your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.



Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.



Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



Stay home if you are sick.

- Clean your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- Sneeze or cough into your elbow or a tissue
- Stay home if you are sick.