



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. Running each year in August, it features more than 1000 events around Australia, including those delivered by universities, schools, research institutions, libraries, museums and science centres. The 2020 schools' theme is Deep Blue: innovations for the future of our oceans.

At Clergate Miss Clayton has designed a wonderful afternoon of activities, on Tuesday, to celebrate National Science Week that every student will be participating in. The children will be working in groups and rotating around a variety of stations run by the staff. These will include activities such as a dancing sultanas, rain cloud in a jar, fizzy bottles, elephant's toothpaste and lava lamps. Thank you, Miss Clayton, for organising an exciting afternoon!

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Healthy Harold has been given the green light to make visits to schools again. The visit aims to engage students in a variety of Health and Personal Development programs based on the curriculum, encouraging and empowering children to make safe and healthy lifestyle choices.

Last week notes were sent home for the Life Education Van visit. This is a unique opportunity that students will remember forever! Notes are due back Friday 4 September 2020. Please see Mrs Philpott if you have any questions.



HATS

Even though it's winter, our school is still committed to taking sun safety seriously and encourages the wearing of hats to protect students from the damaging effects of the sun.

Much of the sun exposure that causes skin damage occurs in childhood and adolescence.

Students are required to bring a school hat to wear during play time so that we are adhering to sunsafety guidelines. Those that don't have a hat will be asked to play in the COLA.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/health-and-physical-care/sun-safety>

What's On?

1-31 August 2020

MS Readathon

Tuesday 18/8/2020

Science Day - activities for students held at school

Monday 17/8/2020 to Friday 4/9/2020

ICAS assessments

Wednesday 19/8/2020

Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition 4/5/6 class

Wednesday 9/9/2020 & Monday 14/9/2020

Life Education Van

Tuesday 15/9/2020

Book Character Parade

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UPDATED COVID-19 ADVICE FOR SCHOOLS

Schools are operating full time while actively following health advice: Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. All students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment. Those that remain on hold will be reviewed during the term and will recommence when appropriate based on health and other relevant advice.

School Attendance: Students should be at school unless

1. They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe.
2. They are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **NOT to send children to school if they are unwell**, even if they have the mildest flu like symptoms. School will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home.

NSW Health have requested that school encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask.

All schools will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- * regularly washing hands
- * avoiding sharing drinks or food
- * coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- * filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly

Latest COVID-19 case locations in NSW: Check <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#latest-covid-19-case-locations-in-nsw> (Latest COVID-19 case locations in NSW) and follow the recommended actions if you have been in a location where there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19. We encourage members of the community to monitor this site. Please follow the relevant health advice if you have been at any of the locations at the specified dates and times.

School activities/school site usage: Additional safety measures for school activities have been put in place to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools for the remainder of Term 3. The following principles underpin these measures:

- * Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort group (i.e. class, year group or stage) for all learning activities within their school in order to limit close contacts to the relevant

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student cohort.

- * Interschool activities must remain within the local community or zone. This applies to all interschool sport and physical activities, curriculum activities, art activities and extra-curricular activities organised or sponsored by the school. Schools must not travel outside of their local community area. Regional areas cannot travel into metropolitan areas or other regional areas.
- * Only providers that are essential to the delivery of curriculum can continue to provide services and programs until further notice.
- * All group singing (choirs) and/or other chanting activities, as well as the use of wind instruments in group settings, are not permitted.
- * School formals, dances, graduation or other social events are not permitted.

Activities/site usage that can take place:

- * Use the school library
- * Engage in sporting activities within restrictions
- * School assemblies - limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors
- * Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum e.g. sports skills development, science demonstrations, Healthy Harold
- * School photos
- * SRE lessons with restrictions
- * P&C meetings and events must be on-line only
- * Parent/teacher meetings will be online unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion

Activities on hold for Term 3:

The following events will be reconsidered in Term 3. For now, these events must remain on hold:

- * Kindergarten orientation
- * Year 7 orientation has been delayed until Term 4
- * School camps
- * Excursions
- * School or community run playgroups
- * Face to face professional learning for staff
- * Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events
- * Parent and carer volunteers e.g. parent reading helpers
- * School based activities that involve large gathering of adults. These include parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQ's, parent information evenings
- * Interschool sport, drama, debating and other events that are not within the local community including gala days and regional sporting carnivals
- * Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed. Many large scale art events and sports tournaments rely upon feeder activities and have long lead time organisational arrangements. As a consequence, a number

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of annual activities are planned to be delayed or cancelled.

Activities that are cancelled:

* Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed because they require feeder activities and have long lead time organisational arrangements.

Physical distancing: physical distancing of students in schools is not required under the AHPPC guidelines. All teachers, support staff and parents must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m). Parents should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable them to physically distance from one another and from staff.

School cleaning and hygiene supplies: your school will continue to receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Target areas include high touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches, and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap. Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.

HEALTHY TIPS FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT:

Live Life Well @ School <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/health/primaryschools>
Healthy School Canteens <https://healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au>
Healthy Lunch Box Ideas <https://healthylunchbox.com.au>

Live Life Well @ School

THIS RESOURCE WAS DEVELOPED BY WESTERN NSW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT



ACTIVE TRAVEL

Benefits of active travel

- Increases physical activity
- Improves concentration
- Increased time to talk to your children and find out about their day
- Learn important road safety skills
- It's *free*!!

Active travel doesn't just have to be during the week - Try it on the weekend as well!!



Types of Active travel

- Walking/ running
- Bike riding
- Scooter
- Skateboarding

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Merit Awards

K/1

Evie - great effort in sounding out tricky words

Cadence - enthusiasm and dancing during music lessons

Michael - using conjunctions in his writing and sounding out words

1/2

Samantha - creative, descriptive writing. Wow!

Bailey - quickly recalling his 'friends of 10' in maths

Spencer - working hard in maths to learn to use the jump strategy

3/4

Sofia - creating a beautiful tessellating pattern artwork

Keegan - enthusiastically participating in our 'class shopping' activity

Solitaire - being an engaged learner and always asking questions

4/5/6

Rory - consistently showing initiative in everything!

Maklin - willingly taking on feedback to bump up his writing

Oliver F - amazing questioning and contributions to class discussions about space

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Our student of the week for Week 5 is Jaxon. He received his award for

- being a persistent and resilient learner to make wonderful progress in reading
- extensive effort every day to work with Mrs Trail
- being a role model for others in the playground
- maturity when using problem solving to work through challenges that arise
- demonstrating beautiful manners and being a great friend to all

Well done Jaxon!



DON'T FORGET!

There are still too many students coming to school without a drink bottle. Please check that your child brings a drink bottle to school **every** day!

Life Education Van permission notes went home last week, please remember to return the note with payment no later than Friday 4 September.

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Thankfulness

It looks like;

- Being grateful for what we have.
- An attitude of gratitude for learning, loving and being.
- Appreciate the little things that happen around you every day.
- Think positively.
- Using our manners to show we are thankful.



We are Butterfly Learners

Resilient

WE ARE BRAVE



I LIKE TO CHALLENGE MYSELF
I TRY TO STEP OUTSIDE MY COMFORT ZONE
I CAN BOUNCE BACK FROM BEING IN THE LEARNING PIT
I KNOW MISTAKES ARE OK AND A PART OF LEARNING
I CAN USE MY GROWTH MINDSET TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES
I DON'T GIVE UP AND TRY OTHER WAYS WHEN NEEDED

