



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all families, both returning and new to the school year for 2021. I hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and restful holiday in the company of family and friends, refreshed and ready to embrace 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. We are looking forward to filling the playground with laughter, learning and creativity again.

Tomorrow we welcome 9 Kindergarten students for 2021, 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 Monday-Wednesday & Mrs Hewitt Thursday-Friday

3/4 – Miss Clayton

5/6 – Mrs Jackson Monday-Thursday & Ms Wilson Friday

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

Learning & Support Teachers – Ms Wilson, Mrs Hewitt and Ms Horan

Transition, K/1 teacher release – Mrs Hewitt

SLSO – Mrs Trail & Miss Clark

Administrative Staff – Mrs McCallum & Kerrie Carr

General Assistants – Mr Greatbatch & Mr Pavy

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.

What's On?

Friday 29/01/2021

School resumes for all students
Kinder to Year 6

Friday 05/02/2021

OSSA Swimming Carnival

Monday 08/02/2021

Scripture commences

Tuesday 09/02/2021

Transition to Kindergarten
commences

Thursday 11/02/2021

Whole school swimming
- students will need to be
collected from the pool

Thursday 11/02/2021

P&C AGM at school
commencing at 6.30pm

Friday 26/02/2021

ODPSSA Swimming Carnival

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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.

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

OSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The OSSA Swimming Carnival is on Friday 5 February. The carnival is for students aged 8 and up who can swim 50m confidently. Students competing have already been nominated by their parents and those not competing in the carnival will attend school as usual. Notes for this event were sent home last year. New students were contacted via email last year. If you're a new student and wish to participate please contact the office by Monday 1 February at the latest.

P&C AGM

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be Thursday 11 February at 6.30pm in Mrs Jackson's room. 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 will be sent home tomorrow are due back to school no later than Tuesday 2 February 2021. **It is important that we are able to contact you in the case of an emergency or if your child is unwell.**

2021 CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Parents are reminded that the Clergate class requirement list will be located at Officeworks for your convenience. The list was school streamed at the end of last year.

RETURNING NOTES AND 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 on the office door in a sealed envelope by the due date. **If notes are returned after the due date we cannot guarantee that your child will be able to participate in the event/excursion.** We can only accept cash or cheque at the school office. Payment can also be made via the parent payment portal, the link is on our school website.

SPORT DAY - THURSDAY TERM 1

Please wear sports uniform on Thursday. This term students will be taking part in swimming from Week 3. A reminder that students will need to be collected from the pool each Thursday afternoon.

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Following are the updated COVID-19 guidelines for Term 1:

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
- 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:

- **Encouraged to bring their own drink bottle to fill at the water station although bubblers CAN now be used**
- 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:

- Kindergarten and Years 1 & 2 parents will be allowed on the school site to drop off their children at their classes on the first few days of school provided they follow physical distancing and hygiene measures implemented by the school and the department. Parents and carer may also enter the school to pick up students for the first few days based on each school arrangements for these year groups
- Dropping off and picking up students outside the school gates for all other year groups
- Not entering the school grounds unless there is a scheduled essential meeting
- Social distancing at the school gates
- Asked to pick their child up if they are unwell
- Holding P&C meetings after school hours
- Attend the administration building to pick up their unwell child or purchase uniforms
- Communicate with teachers at the gate, via phone or with a note when needed.

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HOME READING

Our Home Reading program will commence Week 2 Monday 1 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, chocolate 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.

ICEBLOCK SALES

On Monday 1 February we will start selling Zooper Dooper iceblocks at lunchtime for 50c each. This is a fundraising initiative of the SRC and all funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the school.

