



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week is Education Week, which our school will be celebrating later in the term due to the current '4 week blitz'. We thank you for your understanding of the choice to prioritise our student's health.

Staff are looking forward to meeting with parents and their children to discuss and celebrate learning. Why is it important to have the children involved in the meetings?

Educational researcher Professor John Hattie identifies "students self-reporting as the most significant indicator linked to raised student achievement". Dylan William says, "the process of students reflecting on their learning through effective questioning that promotes the articulation of student thinking, is integral to classroom and assessment practices that enhance student learning."

Alongside this research, students feel so very proud of the work they do each and every day. One of the most important things to them is sharing their successes and learning with you.

3 WAY PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

Parent, student and teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday afternoon and evening, in the hall. Students and parents are invited to take part in 3-Way interviews together, as we focus on shared goal setting and feedback. The students are looking forward to discussing their goals and showing their work and progress with the support of their teachers.

We are trialling an online booking system through SENTRAL. If you haven't already, you will need to download the SENTRAL App and register via your personalised key number that was sent to you last term. If you're unsure of your personalised key number please call the office.

On Wednesday could parents **please wear a mask and sign in at the desk outside the hall.** There will be tea and coffee available for parents whilst waiting.

What's On

Wednesday 03/08/22 3 way partnership meetings
3.15pm to 6.35pm

Wednesday 10/08/2022
Online orders for Cafe Connect lunch due

Friday 12/08/22 Orange Eisteddfod verse speaking
9.30am

Friday 12/08/22 Cafe Connect lunch order day

Thursday 18/08/22 Assembly
5/6 class item - TBC

Friday 19/08/22 Science week activities - whole school

Wed-Fri 24-26/08/22 Years 3-6 Canberra excursion

Tuesday 30/08/22 Father's Day breakfast BBQ

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RESPECTFUL RESPONSIBLE ACHIEVERS

SPORT NEWS

This week we will commence golf lessons! We received funding through the Sporting Schools Program which enables us to access a golf coach for 5 lessons. In our very last lesson, we will travel to the golf club to play. Maybe we have the next golf champion in our ranks!

During Week 1, our OSSA Gold touch football team played their next round match against a highly skilled OPS team. Unfortunately, our girls were defeated 6-1. I would like to congratulate the girls on making it to the fourth round of the competition and demonstrating such wonderful sportsmanship throughout their games. You are all wonderful role models for our school!



Today the OSSA Gold boys hockey team won the semi-final of the Western Area, against Coerwull in the fourth period of extra time! The match was fast paced and mentions must go to Ezra, Hunter and Micah as they have never played hockey in a competition before. Sam has really shown his leadership skills and spent time with the other boys helping to increase their playing skills. We eagerly await the news of who they play next in the final.

GAME CHANGER CHALLENGE

Michael H is one of our students linked to the Aurora College, the state's virtual selective school for high potential students. Michael's Aurora class took part in a competition called the Game Changer Challenge. The Game Changer Challenge is the NSW Department of Education's annual competition that focuses on developing students' skills in design thinking, collaboration, critical thinking, empathy and creativity.

Each year teams of 5 students are tasked with coming up with solutions to solve a real-world problem. This year's problem is: We have a global challenge of ensuring healthy lives for all, at all ages.

Last week Michael's team were supposed to fly to Sydney to compete in the final, however with COVID restrictions he was unable to travel and this competition final will now be held virtually in September. Good Luck Michael!

PARENT TV

Don't forget we have access to an excellent resource funded by the P&C, Parent TV. It's an online portal that offers hundreds of on-demand videos and courses, to support the parenting and care of children from birth to teens. Our school code is **clergate24911** and you can access the website here:

www.parenttv.com/membership

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P&C NEWS

The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 15 August at 6:30pm.

Runner's Club will be starting their 21 August run from our school. Our P & C will be holding a BBQ for them as a fundraiser. Please let Katie and Alex know if you are available for an hour or so between 9-12pm on 21 August. During the week before, we will be collecting donations of slices and cakes to sell on the day.

The Lewis family have kindly donated a load of wood to be raffled off as a fundraiser. Tickets will be sent home soon with the children for sale.

YEARS 3-6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

A reminder that instalment payments for Years 3-6 excursion are the easiest method to ensure the excursion is paid in full by the due date. Instalments are set out as below:

Instalment 1 \$109 was due on Wednesday 20 July - **if you haven't paid this instalment as yet please organise payment immediately.**

Instalment 2 \$105 is due this Wednesday 3 August

Instalment 3 \$105 is due Wednesday 17 August

Please ensure the full cost of the excursion is paid no later than Wednesday 17 August. The school has a small amount of funds that can be utilised to help offset the cost of the excursion. Please contact the office if you need to access these funds.

PACER REBATE

The students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school (and has already been deducted from final costs charged to parents) upon the completion of the excursion. The school has also subsidised the total cost of the excursion by \$56 per student from fundraising over the previous 3 years. This is a total subsidy of \$86 per student.

QUIZ

Who read the newsletter this week? The first five students to write their answer to the following question and hand it to Mrs Philpott will receive a surprise! Which student is involved in the Game Changer Challenge?

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Merit Awards

K/1

Stella - consistent concentration in class and determination to get out of the learning pit!

Charlie - her excellent recall and recognition of letters and sounds in phonics

Luka - his wonderful work in maths to find number patterns

2/3

Billy - wonderful participation and sportsmanship in class sport

Sammi - working diligently to improve her spelling skills

Pat - eagerness to complete maths tasks and challenges

3/4

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5/6

Hunter - giving his free time to refine his skill in hockey

Conner - persisting and working hard on 2D space

Jaxon - working in an engaged way to solve money problems

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Our student of the week for Week 7 is Harper. She received her award for

- Believing in herself and showing that through reading and writing
- Being a positive role model to other students
- Jumping in and out of the learning pit with a positive attitude
- Being a team player in fitness and encouraging others to join in
- Her wonderful sense of humour and sharing a laugh with friends to brighten their day

Congratulations Harper!



DON'T FORGET!

Even though the weather is getting colder students are still required to wear their hat at recess and lunch!



Thankfulness

VALUES FOR LIFE

Our school is very passionate about teaching students values for life. Every two weeks we have a school wide focus on a particular value. Our student leaders present the fortnightly values to the children on assembly. Student award certificates reflect the values we are promoting. The values covered so far this year are compassion, kindness, honesty, respect, fairness, cooperation, responsibility, perseverance and tolerance.

Our value for the next two weeks is 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.

