

# Claremont Meadows Public School



Friday 21st February

## From the Principal

Our term is already at the five week mark and it feels like it is flying by. Please take the time to check the calendar to ensure you have all the dates of the events that your children are involved in.

As the term progresses if you have any concerns or questions about the various events please ask your child's class teacher or check with the office and someone will assist you.

I have been extremely impressed with the way Kindergarten has settled into school life and are showing signs of a love of learning that we will endeavour to foster throughout the year and into the future.

I would like to congratulate all returning students across the school along with students new to our school, on the way that you have returned having a strong sense of pride in the uniform and engagement in your learning. I wish all students a successful and joyful 2020 and that all of your goals and dreams will be achieved.

The support we have received from our parent community has been tremendous. We understand that many of you are unable to regularly visit the school but we appreciate that you ensure that the students are well presented in their uniforms, are prepared for their daily tasks and promptly pay for school activities. Of course we are most grateful to all our parents who are able to give their time in the classroom, helping with sport or being involved with the P & C.

Can I remind parent/carers that ATTENDANCE each day, every day and being on time, all the time is paramount to ensure academic success.

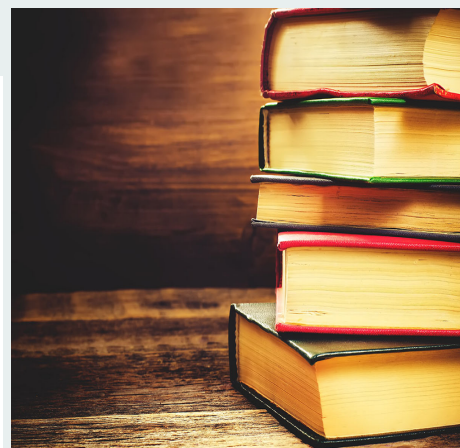
I would ask parents/carers to be on top of attendance, and refrain from giving into requests from our youngsters for 'days off' for reasons other than significant illness.

Parents seeking to take leave for their child in excess of 5 days must fill out an exemption of attendance leave form. These can be collected from the office.

If you are travelling overseas we ask that you provide us with copies of the tickets and itinerary. A certificate of leave exemption will be provided to you which you take with you on your trip. This certificate is a requirement as customs officials have requested these to be shown previously.

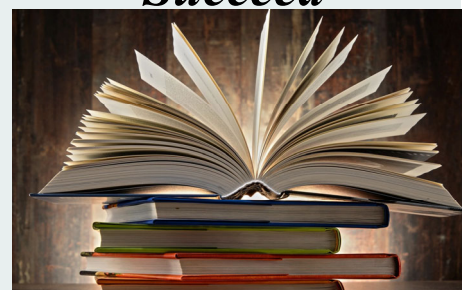
The school now has EFTPOS available at the office for your convenience.

S Le Ban  
Principal



*Grow, Believe*

*Succeed*



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## Positive Behaviour for Learning: - Exciting new ventures in PBL

**A**t Claremont Meadows Public School our student's social and academic success is supported by the welfare system Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). PBL assists students to become a Safe, Respectful, Responsible, Learner. Our school mascot Super Roo who encourages clear expectations in these areas recently visited the students to say hello for the first time, even enjoying a throw of the footy with some of our senior students. We look forward to Super Roo surprising us with more visits throughout the school year. Super Roo also features on our new colourful signage around the school encouraging students to follow specific rules in areas such as stairwells, bubblers and toilets.

Our school has introduced an additional PBL system encouraging students with positive behaviour both in the classroom and the playground. Your child may receive a PBL coloured token in the area of Safe, Respectful, Responsible or Learner to go in the draw for an ice block every Monday morning. The collection of 25 coloured tokens in each of the focus areas will allow students to attain a wristband of that colour. The aim for the students is to collect all 4 coloured wristbands to wear proudly. The classroom teacher will collect, record and monitor the number of tokens received toward this individual achievement. Please take the opportunity to discuss

SUPER ROO



*At Claremont Meadows P.S. we stand strongly by the values of:  
Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Learning and ask that you support and promote these with your children.*



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **February Dates**

28<sup>th</sup> Induction Assembly 2pm  
(years 1-6 only)

#### **March Dates**

2<sup>nd</sup> Young Leaders Day  
6<sup>th</sup> School Assembly 2pm  
(Years 1-6)  
11<sup>th</sup> School Photos  
20<sup>th</sup> Harmony Day  
Grandparents Day  
9.15am  
27<sup>th</sup> Cross Country

#### **April Dates**

3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly  
3-6 commences 1.30pm  
K-2 commences 2.15pm  
7<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day Ceremony  
2pm. Under COLA  
8<sup>th</sup> Principal's Morning Tea  
Token Tally BBQ  
Easter Hat Parade 1.30  
Under COLA  
Last Day for Term 1

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Easter Hat Parade**

Our annual and very popular parade will be held on Wednesday 8th April, It is expected that all students will participate in the parade.

Students are required to make a hat at home – be creative but keep it simple and inexpensive. Please do not attach chocolate eggs as they tend to melt.

### **School Photos**

School Photos are being taken on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Photo package options will be sent home at a later date .

### **FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM TO BE WORN.**

#### **(NO SPORTS UNIFORMS)**

### **Induction Ceremony**

On Friday 28th February at 2pm we will be holding our Induction Assembly. I congratulate all our school leaders on their induction and wish them well for the duration of their leadership.

### **Young Leaders Day**

I will have the opportunity to accompany the school prefects and captains to the National Young Leaders Day on Monday 2nd March. This is being held at the Sydney Convention Centre and is an initiative of the Halogen Foundation for Primary aged student leaders.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day is being held on Friday 20th March. This coincides with Harmony Day. Grandparents or significant others are invited to come to our school, experience some student performances, go into student's classrooms and stay for Morning Tea. We understand that some students may not have grandparents who are able to attend, however if you / they would like to invite a significant family member, they are most welcome to join us.

### Changes to Staff Development Day.

Please note we have been approved to move our Staff Development Day to allow all staff to attend a special Visible Learning presentation.

This means:

Term 1 ends for students on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

The YMCA - OCSC will be open & available for vacation care services on Thursday 9th April.

Term 2 school resumes for both staff and students on the Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. OCSC before and after school will also be operating.

### School Assembly Dates 1.30pm

### Commencing Friday Week 10 3rd April

Please note: this year due to the increase in school size we will be running Infants and Primary assemblies separately. Lunch times have been changed on a Friday only, to allow for the **Primary assembly to be held at 1.30-2.15pm** this will then be followed by the **Infants assembly 2.15-2.55pm. Whole School Assemblies will be trialled under the large COLA**

**Ms S Le Ban** Principal

**Mrs D Puckeridge**

Deputy Principal

### **Teaching Staff**

#### **Kindergarten**

KT Mrs Tanner - AP

KM Mrs McPherson

KL Mrs Dutton

KD Mrs Dhawan

#### **Year 1**

1V Mrs Kenny - AP

1W Mrs Warburton

1B Miss Homan

1H Mrs Hall

#### **Year 2**

2C Ms Cremona - AP

2K Mrs Custodio

2H Mr Hadley

2G Miss Gauci

#### **Year 3**

3B Mrs Blanch

3V Mrs Vleeskens

3S Miss Sorensen

#### **Year 4**

4V Mrs Vassiliadis

4C Miss Cohen

4Y Miss Younis

#### **Year 5**

5M Miss Morawsky

5J Mr Jackson

5K Mr Kelly

#### **Year 6**

6N Mr Nicholls -AP

6J Mrs Jackson

6X Mr Xuereb

#### **Support Unit staff:**

Miss Speed -AP

Miss Moore

Mrs Atallah

Mrs Gett

## School Staff

### Unit Support Staff

Mrs Trivarelli  
Mrs Walton  
Mrs Torrington

### Teacher Support Staff

Mrs Pyne  
Miss Li  
Ms McMahon  
Mrs McCracken  
Mr Baltesch,  
Ms James  
Mrs Fotokoupolos

**Librarian** - Mrs Griffiths

### Administration Staff

Mrs Rolls - SAM  
Mrs McQuillan  
Mrs Taylor  
Mrs Ryan

**General Assistant** - Mr Brown

### School Learning Support

#### Officers

Mrs Rokobauer  
Mrs Thomas  
Mrs Sanders  
Mrs Curtis  
Mrs Galka  
Mrs Powell  
Mrs Eade  
Mrs Wood

### Psychologist

Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Marsh

# ENROLMENTS

With a growing suburb, please be advised that we do accept enrolments throughout the year for all grades for students who live in our intake area.

Out of area students will need to submit an application form for committee consideration

# 2020 SCHOOL TERM DATES

<b>Term 1 Begins</b>	Wednesday 28 January
<b>Term 1 Concludes</b>	Wednesday, 8 April
<b>Term 2 Begins</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Term 2 Concludes</b>	Friday, 3 July
<b>Term 3 Begins</b>	Tuesday, 21 July
<b>Term 3 Concludes</b>	Friday, 25 September
<b>Term 4 Begins</b>	Monday, 12 October
<b>Term 4 Concludes</b>	Wednesday, 16 December

# CAR PARK SAFETY / BIKES

Can I please remind all parent/carers of the importance of not walking their children through the staff car park. Only use designated pathways.

This is for the safety of all students staff and visitors.

Please remember that if your child is riding a bike or scooter to school they must wear a helmet. Students are requested to get of their Bike/Scooter at the school fence and walk them in. There is a holding bay for them between the Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms.



# STUDENT EXPENSES

Students have received a note outlining expected costs for the year. Not all costs are immediately due, please note the dates if you wish to pay across the term / year for any critical dates, however, you are more than welcome to pay for all or some according to affordability. When paying for these items, please ensure that you put your child's name, class and what you are paying for on the front of a sealed envelope and take it to the school office.

**School camps.** These have been booked and we are just finalising costs. Camps are a great experience for students. The dates/venues are listed below for your planning/consideration.

Yr 6	Tuesday 25th – Friday 28th August	4 days / 3 nights	Canberra and the Snow
Yr 5	Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th September	3 days / 2 nights	Great Aussie Bush Camp
Yr 4	Thursday 15th –16th October	2 days / 1 night	Jenolan Caves & Three Sisters
Yr 3	Thursday 29th - Friday 30th October	2 days / 1 night	Zoo Snooze & Sydney Experience



*“The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” – Dr. Seuss*

# SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> February, approximately 50 students accompanied by staff members headed down to St Marys Ripples for the School's annual Swimming Carnival. It was a successful day with many swift races and all students displaying sensible behaviour throughout the day. We would like to acknowledge and thank all the hard work of parent helpers on the day that assisted with time keeping, place judging and brilliant photography. Without their continuous support, such carnival days would not be as successful. Well done to all participants on the day, district carnival details will soon follow.

A huge congratulations to Mary Arthur who broke 5 school records including: Girls open 100m Freestyle, 10 year old 50m, Junior girls Backstroke 50m, Junior girls Breaststroke 50m and open girls Medley 200m.





Writing is such a crucial part of our Literacy programs at Claremont Meadows. It includes many aspects such as handwriting, spelling, punctuation, grammatical features and being able to write imaginative, informative and persuasive texts.

This year, all students will be introduced to the 'Seven Steps to Writing Success' program.

This program engages and excites writers from the very young to the older students, focusing on getting children's creativity flowing by using engaging and easy techniques to apply and use in their writing.

The Seven Steps to Writing program breaks down writing into seven main skills:

1. **Plan for Success**
2. **Sizzling Starts**
3. **Tightening Tension**
4. **Dynamic Dialogue**
5. **Show don't Tell**
6. **Ban the boring bits**
7. **Exciting Endings**

These 7 steps are going to form the basis of our Writing program from Grades 3-6 with K-2 using it to support their L3 program.

Our budding writers have already been inspired to begin their writing with a Sizzling Start. They have written recounts and narratives with sizzling starts to hook the reader in!

We will be working on introducing each of the steps overtime, allowing teachers the time to model and teach each step and giving the students lots of practice using the step and applying it the new skills to their writing effectively before we move onto a new step.

Don't forget to ask your child what a sizzling start is!

## SMART SPELLING

This year all classes Year 3-6 will be implementing the SMART Spelling Program. It is a fun approach where students learn how sounds work within words and how to apply this knowledge to a wide range of words.

It is based around whole words with an emphasis on meaning and vocabulary development. Spelling rules are taught in the context of words in a way that builds on learning from prior years. There are only four!

Students learn words from one of three colour groups – red, orange or green. In addition to the sound words, students will also have words from their writing that need practicing and may have theme or subject specific words.

SMART is an acronym for the sequence teachers follow to teach words to students (Say, Meaning, Analyse, Remember and Teach)



# LUNCH BOX IDEAS



## A GOOD HELPING OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Fresh fruit is easy to pack. You can also try a tub of canned fruit or chopped fresh strawberries, pineapple or melon. Raw vegies such as carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, cucumber or capsicum strips are popular as a snack or in a sandwich.

## STARCHY FOOD

like bread, rice, potatoes and pasta. Have a variety to choose from such as wholegrain, wholemeal or high fibre breads such as seeded rolls, Lebanese bread, pita, lavash, bagels; brown and white rice; or tricolour pasta.

## LEAN PROTEIN

like tuna or salmon (fresh or canned in spring water or oils such as canola, sunflower or olive oil); boiled eggs; beans; or lean meat such as beef or chicken.

## REDUCED FAT DAIRY FOOD

like reduced fat yoghurt, reduced fat cheese or reduced fat milk (remember to pack with a bottle of ice).

## A BOTTLE OF WATER

to keep your child hydrated all day. Freeze on hot days to keep the lunch box (and your child) nice and cool.

## HEALTHY CHOICES

look at food labels to help you choose the products that are lowest in saturated fat, total fat, sugar and salt. Avoid high fat spreads and try a little avocado, low fat mayonnaise, mustard or ricotta cheese instead.

## NUTRITIOUS SNACKS

such as a small box or bag of dried fruit, rice cakes or unsalted and unsweetened popcorn.

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