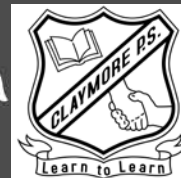


Newsletter

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Wednesday, 21st February 2018

Important Upcoming Dates (Feb-March)

21 st Feb	Meet the Teacher/Welcome BBQ
23 rd Feb	Assembly – 3P
2 nd March	Clean Up Australia Day
2 nd March	Swim Scheme finishes
2 nd March	Assembly - 1/2M
7 th March	PLP afternoon (for aboriginal parents and students)
8 th March	Zone Swimming
9 th March	Assembly – 4/5A
9 th March	School Photos (Day 1) (everyday uniform to be worn)
13 th March	School Photos (Day 2) (everyday uniform to be worn)
15 th March	P&C Meeting 3-4:30pm
16 th March	Assembly – 5/6B
16 th March	SRC Leader Induction
21 st March	Harmony Day & Spider drink day
23 rd March	GALA Day
23 rd March	Assembly – 1W
29 th March	Easter Hat Parade & BBQ
30 th March	GOOD FRIDAY

21/2/18

From the Principal's Desk

Meet the Teacher & Welcome to 2018 afternoon BBQ (free) today Wednesday 21st February. 2:45 pm - 4.15pm:

Parents/Carers are encouraged to come to school to visit their child's classroom, meet their child's teacher and find out what is planned for the class for the year.

Organisation:

2:45-3:15 - K-2 Classrooms

3:00- 3:45 - Free BBQ for

families. The BBQ will be operating in the COLA.

3:45- 4:15 - 3-6 Classrooms.



We would love to see many parents/carers joining with us on this afternoon.

Newsletters being published on Wednesdays each fortnight – This year our school newsletter will be sent home and published on social media each Wednesday fortnight (and not Tuesdays as per previous years).

Please assist your child's school: A voluntary contribution is requested from parents to support your child's education. The amount requested at Claymore PS is \$20 a student or \$30 a family per year. This money will be used to purchase educational equipment and the resources which are identified by teaching staff as useful in helping them provide your children with the education that we feel all children deserve. **We appreciate any contributions and request that they be sent to the school office.**

School Photographs 2018: School photographs will be taken on Friday 9th March and Tuesday 13th March. Photo envelopes have been included with this newsletter. A timetable that details when your child's photograph will be taken will be published in the newsletter closer to the date of photos.

Please note that all students are required to wear their everyday shirt on Friday 9th March and not their sports shirt.

All students have been given an envelope for individual school photographs today. If you wish for your child to have their photograph taken, please complete the envelope and return to the school office, or send the envelope with your child on the day of their photographs. Payment can be made by cash or ordering online with the photo company (see back of envelope). If you would like for your children to have sibling photographs taken, please collect a separate envelope from the front office.

Seesaw App: Our school is excited to be using the Seesaw App as a communication tool enabling parents/carers to share in their child's learning in the classroom. Our main purpose in using Seesaw is to **support enhanced communication and involvement of parents regarding student's**

learning at school and as such have purchased access for each child and their parent.

Seesaw is a student-driven digital portfolio that empowers students to independently document what they are learning at school. When student work is approved by teachers; only parents of the child can view this work. **Note: No other parent/student can view another child's folder. All information remains private and is not published for public viewing.**

Information regarding how parents can access student portfolios will be sent home this week to parents. To access Seesaw you will need to download the Seesaw App and scan the QR Code that will be sent home with your child.

Absence Notes Booklets: All families have been supplied with an absent note booklet for completion when students are absent from school. We request parents/carers return absence notes on the day the students return to school. **All absence notes must be returned within one week of the absence** for absences to be recorded as justified absences. All co-operation is appreciated.

PLP Afternoon for Aboriginal Parents and Students



When: WEDNESDAY 7th March

Who: All Aboriginal students and their families.

What: Come along and join us for a free hotdog and drink and meet with your child's teacher.

Have an informal chat about the goals that you have for your child this year.

When: 3:00pm-4:00pm

Please 'like' us on Facebook: Our school Claymore Public School has a Facebook page in operation. Please support our school, log in and like us on Facebook. We regularly use Facebook to support our families being well informed about our school.

Skoolbag App - Please download the Free App: Our school uses the Skoolbag app as a means to communicate to our parent community. Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly with iPhone, and Android devices. We ask our parents to download this app from the app store to receive notifications.

We are collecting Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers: Please support our school by collecting



any vouchers and bringing these to school and placing these in the box at the office or Preschool.

Assemblies: Our school holds fortnightly assemblies each Friday from 1.55pm – 2.40pm in the school hall. Each class takes a turn to host an assembly and present an assembly item. Many awards are also presented and parents and carers are most welcome to attend. Please see the Assembly timetable at the end of this newsletter.

PSSA Gala Days: The first Gala Day is being held this **Friday, 23rd March**. Students are required to return notes/money to the office to ensure they can participate on these days. Student participation at these events is subject to appropriate behaviour at school. **Students need to pay \$15 to cover the cost of the next two Gala Days (Please note this cost is a bus levy and as such it is non-refundable).**

Details for each sport are as follows:

Cricket – Raby Sports Complex, off Hurricane Drive, Raby.

Oz Tag – Eschol Park Sports Complex, Eagle Vale Drive, Eschol Park.

T Ball – Koorunga Reserve, off Spitfire Drive, Raby.

P&C AGM: The P&C AGM will be held on Thursday 15th March at 3:00pm in the school library. All members of our school community are welcome to attend. Thank you to the many parents and community members who joined our P&C last week – we look forward to you attending this next meeting.

Outstanding library books: Thank you to the many parents who supported us with returning overdue library books or making payments for books misplaced. If you still have any outstanding books, we would appreciate these being returned to school as soon as possible.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Sesa Mapousa who has been promoted to School Vice Captain and Penina Isaia who has been inducted as a Prefect. Well done girls!

High School Expression of Interest Forms: All Year 6 students will receive an Expression of Interest application for placement in Year 7 in 2019. All forms need to be completed as soon as possible and returned to the school no later than **Wednesday 5th of March**. If you have questions or queries, please contact Ms Phipps (Deputy Principal – Stage 3).

Homework Policy: As indicated in the previous notes sent home, we are continuing to implement an 'opt in' system. Thank you parents/carers who have returned notes selecting whether or not they would like their child to participate in homework. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not yet returned your child's note or for any questions regarding homework. Homework will commence next week, 26th February.

Home reading program: Our Home Reading program will also commence next Monday 26th Feb for students K-4. This program is also an 'opt in' system, and notes were sent home last week. Please return your child's note this week indicating if you would like your child to participate in the program. Your prompt communication will support teachers with organising the resources needed for each child participating in the program.

Students with Health Care Needs: At Claymore PS we are committed to the health, welfare and safety of our students. To meet this commitment we are required to have an updated Health Care Plan for all students with the following health conditions:

- Anaphylaxis
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Severe Asthma

We ask that parents/carers let us know if their child is diagnosed with any of these, or any other serious medical conditions, and that the school is updated whenever treatment details change. We are required to have all Health Care Plans signed by parents/carers to ensure that symptom and treatment details are correct, and also ask that parents/carers obtain a doctor's signature on plans, to confirm their accuracy, wherever possible.

Please note: If parents wish to allow their child to carry medications such as an asthma reliever or Epipen in their school bag, a parent consent note is required. This note can be obtained from the school office. It is also a requirement that parents of

students with anaphylaxis supply the school with an Epipen that is within its expiry date.

If you wish to discuss Health Care Plan procedures, or need to check and sign your child's current plan, please contact me as soon as possible.

Please return notes previously sent home: For those families still with outstanding notes, please return these notes to school:

- 2018 Student Information form (one per family)
- Updated General Permission to Publish and Disclose Information note
- Using the Seesaw App

Please note that if updated notes are not returned, the school will rely on previous information/permission provided.

Breakfast Club operates from 8:15 to 8:45 am and access is now via the front gate: Breakfast Club provides a free service to students every morning. **Students and parents are not to enter Breakfast Club via the school car park.**

Special Religious Education (Scripture) commenced today: The scripture classes offered to students at our school include:

1. Catholic
2. Christian
3. Non Scripture

Parents have previously indicated their preference for which scripture classes they wish for their child/ren to attend. If you would like to alter the Scripture Class your child attends, please contact the school office.

Merit Award System: Our awards system is based on rewarding aspects of students' achievements – academic, behaviour and effort, and supports the implementation of Positive Behaviour (PBL) principles. The system allows students to achieve awards and build upon these awards to achieve levels of merit. The levels include - bronze, silver and gold. The awards system is cumulative, with records of individual students' awards being maintained at the school. The following table shows how your child can reach each level in our Award System:

10 Mini Awards = 1 Merit Award

5 Merit Awards = 1 Bronze Award

3 Bronze Awards = 1 Silver Award

2 Silver Awards = 1 Gold Award

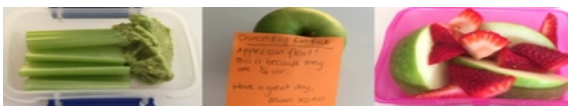
Mini awards are maintained in the classroom. Students are required to keep their other merit awards in a safe place at home. Teachers will keep a record of all awards given to students. Please note that no awards will be replaced if lost. NB: Bronze, silver and gold awards are presented at our fortnightly assemblies.

Student Banking: Student Banking takes place every Thursday morning and students can give their bank books with correct money to the front office on Thursday mornings. If you would like your child to start school banking, please collect an information pack from the office.

High School students' reminder: High School students, who are collecting family members, are asked to wait at the front gate on the silver seats to collect their brother/sister. If collecting Kindergarten students, they are asked to wait in this area until the bell rings and may then head to the infants playground for collection of students.

Please note that any act of physical violence is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. In such instances, consequences for students will be serious and in accordance with our Student Welfare and Discipline Policy.

'Crunch and Sip' Program for all students: We implement 'Crunch and Sip' each morning. To help your child participate please provide your child with a water bottle and a small piece of fruit or vegetable each day. The fruit can be any variety, whole or chopped (eg. apple, chopped melon or strawberries) or vegies such as carrot or celery sticks. Other drinks or foods are not permitted in the classroom. We hope that having access to a healthy snack mid-morning will help improve students' concentration.



Crunch&Sip[®]



Reminder: No-smoking laws-concerns entrance at school gate: As of January 7th 2013, smoking is banned within 4m of the pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building. This means that there should be no smoking within 4m of the school entrance which is our school gate. We seek parent/carers support in this matter.

Thought for the week:

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." Benjamin Franklin

Lisa Porter
Principal

Compulsory School Attendance in NSW Schools

Under the Education Act (1990) all children from six years to 17 years of age are legally required to attend school every day. Recent changes to attendance requirements place obligations on schools to more closely monitor attendance and to take appropriate action if students are either not attending or are absent for reasons not justified by the school.

At Claymore Public School, we value good attendance from all students. Regular attendance is important because it helps your child:

- Maximise their learning opportunities
- Develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- To learn the importance of punctuality
- Maintain healthy social relationships with their friends
- Develop a good working relationship with their teachers

Unfortunately habits of non-attendance tend to develop quickly and it is concerning, that if a child misses just 8 days a term, they would miss more than one year of schooling by the end of primary school which then presents problems as they begin high school.

The law requires that if your child is absent from school, you must inform the school as soon as possible and provide a legitimate reason for your child's absence. This can be done by

- Sending a note on your child's return to school
- Contacting through email /fax
- Visiting the school

Parents / Caregivers should note that schools are required to record absences that are unexplained or unjustified and may also be required to report these to various welfare agencies, who may choose to follow this up with parents.

Your child’s education is important. Please contact the school if there are problems in getting your children to school or if there are concerns you have about them at school. A positive partnership between home and school in this area is of great value to the school but most importantly to the success and quality of your child’s education

**Home School Liaison Officer
Claymore Public School**

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**School Assembly Timetable K-2 & 3-6
1.55pm – 2.40pm
Whole School: 9.30 – 11.00am**

WEEK	DATE	CLASS	INF/PRIM	NOTES
4	23/2	3P	PRIMARY	
5	2/3	1/2M	INFANTS	
6	9/3	4/5A	PRIMARY	School Photos
7	16/3	5/6B	PRIMARY	
8	23/3	1W	INFANTS	Gala Day

Healthy Lifestyle Choices:



“MUM I’M STARVING!!”

Does this sound familiar? Often when kids get home from school they are ravenous and willing to devour just about whatever they can get their hands on. Try these healthy snacks to satisfy them:

- Baked beans on wholemeal toast or English muffin
- Sliced banana on wholemeal toast

- Yoghurt with chopped fruit
- Rice cakes or corn thins topped with ricotta or cottage cheese and sliced tomato
- Glass of milk with a small packet of popcorn or rice crackers
- Tin of tuna with wholemeal crackers

HOT POTATO HOT POTATO!

For a quick and easy meal, wash a medium sized potato then steam or microwave whole until just tender. Cut the top of the potato and scoop a little of the potato out and add canned tuna, creamed corn and sprinkle with reduced-fat grated cheese. Place under a hot grill or in the oven, until the cheese has melted and serve. Alternately add lean bolognaise sauce and grated cheese or baked beans and grated cheese.

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