



Claremont News

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Our Improvement Agenda
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very big thank you to the parents and carers who met with the school reviewers and provided them with honest feedback in relation to what we do well, and what we could do next to improve the learning outcomes and opportunities for our students, and the involvement of our whole school community in that learning.

Welcome back to our school community to Kye and his family. Kye will join the upper middle school student cohort.

School attendance needs to be improved for some students in our school: Regular school attendance is critical to the literacy, numeracy and communication learning outcomes of ALL students, to establishing routines, to developing social and emotional relationships, to developing independence, and developing high expectations and positive behaviours.

- The first session of the day **starts at 9am** and is when students enhance their social and emotional connections with their peers and staff, when the routines and expectations for the day are established
- The first and middle sessions of the day are when literacy and numeracy learning occurs across classrooms. Literacy, communication and numeracy skills are critical to providing our students with better opportunities, improving their ability to function within the community to the best of their ability
- The school instructional day **concludes at 2:30pm**. There is an increased number of students leaving from 1:30pm. If your child is consistently exiting the school from 1:30pm-2:00pm, then they are not

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engaging in the learning instruction that occurs at this time of the day which then makes it impossible for them to understand, engage, and be assessed in the learning occurring at this time.

I am asking parents to please consider the educational implications for your child if your child is continually arriving late and/or departing early. I am very happy to discuss this with you. My door is always open.

Parent communication with the school: Just a reminder that all communication regarding your child must be with the class teacher or through the admin office. It is essential to receive the correct message. Please do not give a message to the bus driver, or to your child. If you need to communicate with a staff member regarding your child then please do this with the teacher or a member of admin.

Athletics carnival for LM, UM and senior school: The Athletics carnival is this Wednesday. Parents are encouraged to attend this great day. Please remember if you wish to take your child home after the event please communicate this to a member of admin at the event. **Students MUST wear school uniform on the day and suitable footwear.** Access to the canteen is **not permitted** by students and staff so please ensure your child has sufficient water and food on the day. Parent volunteers are still required across activities.

Principal LSL: I am taking leave from Friday this week. Alastair Hanna will be acting principal during my leave. I will return at the commencement of term 4.

Have a great week!

Regards

Trish Thiedeman



PB4L – Focus I am safe

By Mr Alastair

On each of our assemblies we celebrate students who have made a particular effort to demonstrate the PB4L fortnightly focus. It is great to see so many students being awarded for their efforts. This fortnight across the school, we will be looking at our expectation of **I am Safe When I Stay with My Class**. Your student's teacher will be thinking about what this means for each student and planning interesting and engaging activities to reinforce the learning. For some of our students this will mean staying with the class and engaging with the learning activities. For other students this might mean being safe transitioning through the school or out in the community.

It is not just the students who will have a focus this week. Teachers have their own focus as we look to develop skills in effective classroom management (<http://behaviour.education.qld.gov.au/positive-behaviour/effective-teaching/Pages/default.aspx>). This week we will be rewarding staff for demonstration of Claremont's core beliefs..... that Positive Relationships between staff and students are central to a well-functioning class.

Please make sure to chat with your teacher about the PB4L focus. We would love to hear about the strategies that you put in place at home to help our students develop appropriate behaviour skills.

BREAKFAST CLUB



We are very low on the following items for our Breakfast Club. If you could help with any of these items it would be appreciated.



Vegemite, baked beans, spaghetti, peanut butter or canned fruit

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SENIOR CELEBRATIONS

By Mr Alan

Beauty is everywhere! At Claremont Special School we are surrounded by beauty but sometimes we need to slow down and look more closely to see it. The ASDAN Photography students, along with M7, M9 and M10 are in the process of creating calendars that focus on the theme of, "Beauty is Everywhere". Ms Bowmer has been sharing her photography skills with the students to encourage them to capture the beauty that we sometimes overlook. The photos below were taken by students in the dog park that is right next to our school. The students will be travelling to the centre of Ipswich to take more photographs in week 7. The calendars will go on sale in week 4 of term 4. Keep an eye out for their beautiful photographs.



TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE

By Miss Dana

Across the past two terms, members of the Student Wellbeing Professional Learning(PLC) Community have participated in professional development surrounding Trauma Informed Practices. It has been insightful to discover that Claremont is already implementing a wide array of strategies to support all students in our school. The Wellbeing PLC look forward to further sharing their knowledge to staff and implementing more trauma informed strategies.

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BOOK WEEK



FROM THE P AND C

Mega Monster Raffle: The Mega Monster Raffle will be drawn this Wednesday 28 August. Winners will be notified by telephone and results published in the next newsletter.

Father's Day Stall: Will be held this **Friday 30 August**. Gifts range from \$2 to \$10 – please send money on the day so students can buy a special gift.

Megan Pomery
Secretary