

Important Dates

23rd October - Book Week Costume/Mufti day
25th November - Book Fair (Students Only)
9th December - Celebration of Learning Assembly (TBC)
10th December - Year 6 Farewell
14th December - Reports sent home
16th December - Last day for students

*School resumes for students
Thursday 28th January 2021*

2021 NSW School Holidays and Term Dates

Period	Start	Finish	Length
Term 1 - Eastern Division	Thursday, 28 January 2021	Thursday, 1 April 2021	11 weeks
School Holidays	Friday, 2 April 2021	Sunday, 18 April 2021	
Term 2	Monday, 19 April 2021	Friday, 25 June 2021	10 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday, 26 June 2021	Sunday, 11 July 2021	
Term 3	Monday, 12 July 2021	Friday, 17 September 2021	10 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday, 18 September 2021	Monday, 4 October 2021	
Term 4*	Tuesday, 5 October 2021	Friday, 17 December 2021	10 weeks
School Holidays - Eastern Division	Saturday, 18 December 2021	Thursday, 27 January 2022	School Holidays - Eastern Division

2020 Staff

Principal - Ms S Le Ban
Deputy Principal - Mrs D Puckeridge

Kindergarten

KT Mrs Tanner (Assistant Principal)
KM Mrs McPherson
KL Mrs Dutton
KD Mrs Dhawan
KA Mrs Atallah

Year 1

1V Mrs Kenny (Assistant Principal)
1W Mrs Warburton
1B Miss Homan
1H Mrs McNamee

Year 2

2C Ms Cremona (Assistant Principal)
2K Mrs Custodio
2H Mr Hadley
2G Miss Gauci

Year 3

3B Mrs Blanch
3V Mrs Vleeskens
3S Miss Sorensen

Year 4

4V Mr Smith
4C Miss Cohen
4Y Miss Younis
Mrs Vassiliadis (Assistant Principal)

Year 5

5M Miss Morawsky
5J Mr Jackson
5K Mr Kelly

Year 6

6N Mr Nicholls - (Assistant Principal)
6J Mrs Jackson
6X Mr Xuereb

Support Unit staff:

Mrs Speed (Assistant Principal)
Miss Moore - Teacher
Mrs Gett - Teacher
Mrs Trivarelli - Support Staff
Mrs Walton - Support Staff
Mrs Torrington - Support Staff

Teacher Support Staff - Mrs McCracken,
Ms James, Mrs Fotokoupolos, Mr Cook, Miss Pierce

Librarian - Mrs Griffiths

RFF Staff - Miss Li, Mr Baltesch,

Administration Staff

Mrs Rolls (School Admin Manager)
Mrs McQuillan Mrs Taylor Mrs Ryan

General Assistant - Mr Brown

School Learning Support Officers

Mrs Rokobauer Mrs Thomas
Mrs Curtis Mrs Powell
Mrs Galka Ms Crammond
Mrs Eade Mrs Edmundson

Psychologist

Mrs Marsh



Claremont Meadows Public School

Term 4 2020

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe school holiday period. School has resumed and we are still operating with a high number of COVID restrictions. Some of these include:

- Schools are reminded to remain vigilant in promoting and encouraging good hygiene and physical distancing between staff and other visitors to the school.
- Adults on school sites - Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school sites.
- Year 6 formals and graduations can proceed provided they occur in a COVID-safe way and they must follow the Year 12 advice for formals and graduations.
- Advice regarding all other end of year assemblies and graduations are currently still under review.

With these in mind, we are trying to offer our students a range of experiences across Term 4 but in very different ways to previous years. Book week will this year be a mufti day where students can come dressed as their favourite book character. There will be no parade or parent audience. Please ensure that your child is able to wear their costume throughout the day and be able to sit and complete normal lessons. Book Fair: this is currently being planned and will be held on the 25th November; we will forward more details on this closer to the date. The Year 6 Farewell has been booked for Thursday 10th December and we are now planning and in negotiation with the Band Club designing our COVID safe plans. As graduation ceremonies are still on hold we are looking to see how we might be able to include some of this during the evening. More information will be sent out as this plan is finalised. Christmas Concert - this will not occur this year.

Our end of year reports will be a full report covering all areas of the curriculum as per previous years. It will look a bit different as we are using a new program, but all the essential information about your child's progress will be included. Students in the Support Unit will receive an individualised report according to their learning needs.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend each school day. It is really important to maintain good habits and routines for students, ensuring they miss as few days as possible. If your child has cold / flu like symptoms then they will need to seek medical attention and a COVID test. Students can return to school once well and a copy of the COVID results must be supplied to school on the day of their return. This process is in place to keep everyone safe and healthy and your support with this is both important and welcomed.

This year continues to be a different school year, with changes for everyone in all that we do. Your on-going support is very much appreciated and whilst you are unable to see aspects of the school directly - the school is very settled, our students are copying very well and supported with great teaching and learning occurring every day.

Should you need any support or have questions relating to your child, please don't hesitate to call the school and we will arrange a suitable time for the appropriate staff member to contact you and discuss your concerns.

Kind regards

Ms Sharon Le Ban

Message from Back to Basics School Uniform:

The purchasing of your child's school uniform will be a little different this year due to the COVID 19 pandemic and ensuring we are adherent to the mandatory social distancing restrictions of 1 person per 4 square meters. Our retail store located at 52 Cox Avenue, Kingswood, 2747 will be accessible by appointment ONLY from the 13th October through to the 22nd December.

Cowan & Lewis are very mindful of the inconvenience this may cause with restricted accessibility whilst avoiding unnecessary queuing and delays and ensure the safety of our staff, parents and students.

We would encourage all new students entering Kindergarten to be outfitted prior to the end of the year to ensure they are catered for before the new school year

Appointments can be made on the Cowan & Lewis website www.cowanlewis.com.au. Locate your schools crest, click on the booking link and select the appropriate day and time.

- Each appointment will have a 20-minute duration.
- 1 Adult and 1 Child per booking
- For each additional sibling a booking will be required
- We ask that you arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment
- If you arrive more than 5 minutes late to your appointment we will unfortunately ask that another time be made to ensure the next appointment is not delayed

YMCA Before & After School Care

Before and after school care is available for 2021. Please register your interest ASAP to secure a spot for your child/children.

Opening Hours

Mondays - Fridays 6:30am - 8:30am

Mondays - Fridays 3:00pm - 6:15pm

Vacation Care: 7:00am – 6:00pm

Contact Number: [0437642227](tel:0437642227)

Email: oshc.claremontmeadows@ymcansw.org.au

For more information go to <https://www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/ymca-claremont-meadows-oshc/>

** please see details from the YMCA with regard to a change of gate entry commencing on Monday 19th October for the remainder of 2020.

Celebration of Learning Assembly

Our Celebration of Learning Assembly is tentatively planned for Wednesday 9th December 2020 (Pending restrictions). Its format will be very different and split into two sessions a 3-6 and K-2 assembly. Unfortunately, parents and visitors will be unable to attend. Professional photos will be taken and these will be made available to you for all award recipients.

Book Week events

Our Book Week events will be held over the first 2 weeks of this term. An in-class parade will be held on **Friday the 23rd October** to help celebrate the joy of reading. Students can come dressed as their favourite book character. Please ensure the outfit is suitable to continue a normal day of school work and play. Unfortunately, parents will be unable to join us this year. Colouring and design competitions are also being held through the library. All entries should be returned to the library tub by **Wednesday 21st October** with name and class clearly labelled. A book prize and certificate will be awarded to the most creative entry from each grade on our parade day!

Book Fair is coming!

A very different Book Fair will be held during **Week 7, Wednesday 25th November**. This year it will be a student only event. Information on how books can be purchased will be available closer to the time. Students will attend the fair in staggered numbers with their grade, ensuring attendance is kept to acceptable social distancing. This is a wonderful opportunity to buy gifts for the Christmas and holiday season, something to discuss or plan for in your family. Look out for more information over the coming weeks.

Kindergarten 2021

This year we will be conducting Kindergarten Orientation visits for children enrolled for Kindergarten 2021.

We will be offering dates for small groups of families to complete the enrolment process and engage in a tour of the school with a staff member. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we will be strictly limiting the visitors to the enrolled kindergarten student and up to two adults, no other siblings will be able to attend. There will be limited spaces for each date, so please ensure you contact the school as soon as possible to book your appointment.

Tuesday 3rd November, Wednesday 4th November, Tuesday 10th November or Wednesday 11th November 2020.

Time: 3:15 – 4:30pm

Organisation:

- 3:15 – 3:30pm Check in.
During this time, you will be able to submit any required enrolment paperwork, return the completed parent information sheet attached, complete the COVID-19 visitor paperwork, collect a student orientation package, see the uniform display and have an opportunity to ask any administration questions.
- 3:30 – 4:30pm School Walk.
This section will include a small group tour of the school. It will provide you with more information about our school and an opportunity to ask any other questions. You and your child will have the opportunity to have a look at a kindergarten classroom.

After the orientation visit:

Read through the student orientation package. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We will also be sending further information later in Term 4 about starting Kindergarten in 2021.

In order to finalise your child's enrolment, you will need to bring the following items to school on or before their orientation visit.

- Original Birth Certificate.
- Proof of Residency. 100 points required. Please see attached.
- Immunisation Statement.
- Scripture. Please see attached.
- Permission to Publish. Please see attached.
- Completed Enrolment Form.

Please note: By law, Kindergarten children cannot commence school without their birth certificate and proof of residency.

Dates for your Diary: Kindergarten will commence Thursday 28th and Friday 29th January, 2021. During the first week Kindergarten students will begin school at 9:30am and conclude at 2:00pm. These 2 days will be orientation days. Kindergarten classes will be formed during the second week of school.

We look forward to hearing from you.

All other year enrolments are welcome. Please contact the school office on 02 9833 0711 for more information.

Please note online enrolments can now be completed for students living within the school intake area. To complete an on line enrolment go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/online-enrolment-for-nsw-public-schools>

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.” —B.B. King