

Claremont Meadows Public School



14th December 2020

From the Principal

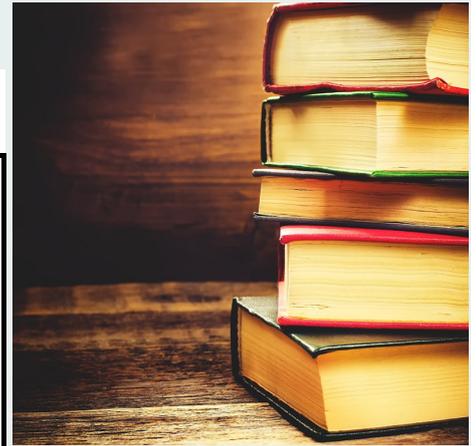
Dear Parents and Carers

2020 is coming to a close and wow what a year for the record books; for conversations and memories as the years go on. Many aspects of this year have been terrible and much sadness for those most affected.

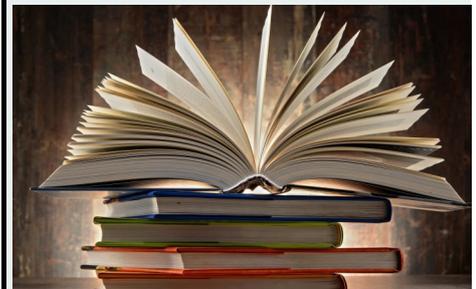
Amongst all of this, though there are some successes and very positive outcomes.

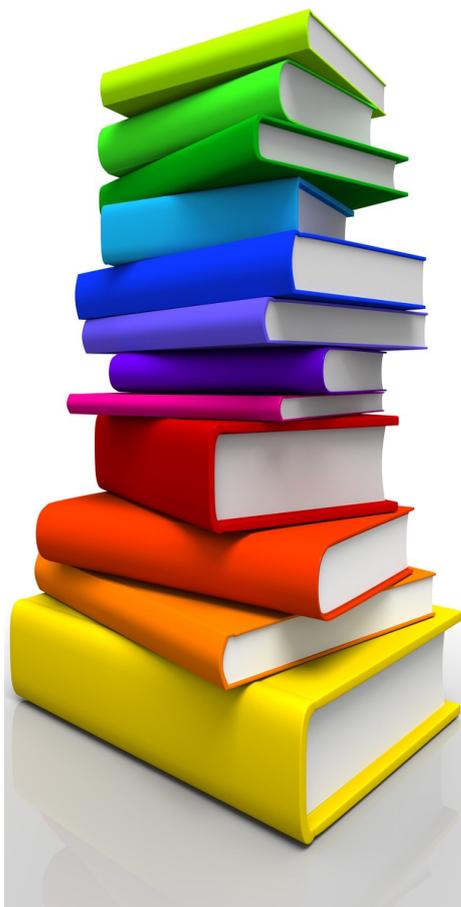
At the school level I would like to outline the positives that have emerged:

- Our staff and students have demonstrated their strength and resilience with coping with change and uncertainty.
- Greater self-reliance and confidence in our students. Students have been leaving their parents without distress, coming into school in the mornings, going straight to the playground with minimal issues, stress or worries. They are playing happily with friends, organising their own lunch orders etc, and going straight to class on the bell. Our lessons are all starting on time with no interruptions or delays. We have seen a marked difference as the year has progressed.
- Growth in student independence and responsibility: All students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 are showing they can be responsible for their own belongings, carry their own bag, hang them on the classroom hooks, and take out their drink bottles, homework and so on without assistance.
- Financial responsibility: The joy and excitement on our student's faces when they had the responsibility to manage money and buy books at our recent book fair was amazing. We forget (in the world of key cards) to allow our children the opportunity to have and spend money on items they need and or want. This was a fabulous learning experience for everyone.
- In the second half of this year with many activities being cancelled our students are completing a higher number of lessons and progressing well with their learning.



*Grow, Believe
Succeed*





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These are great outcomes for our students, where resilience, independence and self-reliance will assist them throughout their school and life journey. Our very happy and confident students now see these as normal behaviours.

- With such settled mornings staff are free to organise their day, meet and greet students at the classroom door without distraction, disruption or their attention being taken away from their supervision duties. The playground has been easier for teachers to supervise and monitor. In a growing school there is more room for all children to see their friends, sit on seats, approach the canteen freely and find the supervising teacher if needed. The playground is calm with no additional adults on site and this makes for a better beginning to the day.

Whilst the COVID restrictions are relaxing in the wider community there are still restrictions in place for large groups of adults onto school grounds. Early next year there may be allowances for smaller groups, but with such a large school this will just be too hard to manage. I am not going to allow some and not other parents in, or stand and count, then stop parents. I hope you can understand and support this decision.

This year has shown us that we can make changes that whilst initially seemed harsh have had excellent results. The maintenance of our student's self-reliance and confidence is a real priority and keeping a very calm start to the school day is extremely beneficial for everyone. Therefore we will be maintaining the morning gate restrictions where parents drop off their children at the gate each morning. The gates will remain closed during the school day.

New Kindergarten children and parents will have a drop off and pick up plan in place for the first two weeks different to the rest of the school as both parents and children have not had a full transition and for many, this will be their first child to school. Notes will be going home to all these families outlining the specific organisation plans. Your assistance and support for our new families is very much appreciated.

2021 Afternoon dismissal: If the COVID rules remain as they are, from week 3 of Term 1 (Monday 8th February) we will open the gates at 2.50 and allow parents in to collect their children for a normal 3pm finish. Our support students will return to a 2.45 transition to special vehicles and parents can collect their children from 2.50pm when the gates open.

Other news:

Our end of year reward for students this year is a water play activity. Notes for this went out on Tuesday. We are anticipating a great time for all students, even some of the staff will be getting wet with them. It is anticipated that all students will participate unless you inform us in writing that you do not want them too. Whilst some rain is predicted we will still go ahead with the water play unless there are thunderstorms or the rain is very heavy. Please send your children in prepared and hopefully we will still be able to proceed.

As the school year comes to an end I would like to extend to everyone a huge thank you for your support and ability to cope with the many changes we have all had to make this year. I wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas period and a lovely holiday / festive season. I wish Year 6 the best in their transition to High School and look forward to commencing a great 2021 with everyone. Cheers!

Celebration of Learning Assembly

This year our Celebration Learning Assembly was very different. We held it outside under our COLA (as we can not all fit in the hall anymore), there was a lovely breeze and everyone had a seat to sit on. We had a professional photographer on site and all award winners had their photo taken. Where siblings received awards we had family photos also taken. A special code has been supplied to students for parents to download their photos at no cost. It was a very calm and very well presented assembly and will be the manner in which future special assemblies will be held. When parents and special guests are allowed we have enough room for everyone!



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
KA Mrs Atallah

Year 1

1K Mrs Kenny - AP
1W Mrs Warburton
1B Miss Homan
1H Mrs McNamee

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

Mrs Vassiliadis -AP
4V Mr Smith
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 Gett and Mrs Hughes

School Staff

Unit Support Staff

Mrs Trivarelli
Mrs Walton
Mrs Torrington

Teacher Support Staff

Miss Li
Mrs Hughes
Mrs McCracken
Mr Baltesch
Ms James
Mrs Fotakopoulos

Librarian - Mrs Griffiths

Administration Staff

Mrs Rolls
Mrs McQuillan
Mrs Taylor
Mrs Ryan

General Assistant - Mr Brown

School Learning Support

Officers

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

Psychologist

Mrs Marsh

Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 students enjoyed a fantastic Thursday with their graduation ceremony and their farewell dinner dance in the evening. Staff and students looked amazing dressing up to share a lovely dinner together and then hit the dance floor showing some amazing talent and moves.

The Year 6 teachers and students would like to express their gratitude to everyone who has wished them well as the students near the end of their time at Claremont Meadows

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 ensuring 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.

IGA Claremont Meadows

Thank you to our local IGA store for their very generous donation of over \$700.00

This money will go towards school resources at the start of 2021.

*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.*

2021 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Period	Start	Finish	Length
Term 1 - Eastern Division	Friday, 29 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



“All your dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them” – Walt Disney

2020 and 2021 Enrolments:

We are experiencing a lot of interest in our beautiful school which is an honour. If you are seeking enrolment for a kindergarten student for 2021 or enrolling a student in any grade, please contact the school as soon as possible. Due to the current environment we are in, please call the office on 9833 0711 and one of our friendly staff will bring an enrolment form and necessary paperwork to the front gate.

Please note online enrolments can now be completed for students living within the school intake area.

To complete an online enrolment go to

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/online-enrolment-for-nsw-public-schools>

All Other 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. As the school is growing and classes are very full, applications will only be accepted where a vacancy exists and is supported by strong rationale for school choice.



Congratulations to our Award Recipients

Principals Award

Name	Class	Name	Class	Name	Class
Elijah	4C	Lachlan x 2	2H	Coen	1H
Connor	KM	Archer	3B	Aryana	KT
Manmeet Singh	1K	Tyler x 2	6J	Abbey	5M
Eliza	1B	Alizae x 2	6N	Jamie x 2	6X
Willow	KA	Ethan x 5	6J	Karla x 2	1W
Zahli	KT	Hannah	4C	Kobie	1B
Knox	3B	Hayden	1H	Abdul-Shafi	6N
Aaron	KA	Greta	4V	Samuel	6J
Daniella	3V	Jahrome	3S	Emaan	4Y
Manas	1B	Mathias	KD	Aaliyah x 2	3B
Mia	KD	Morgan	2G	Adithya	5K
Christiana	2C	Theresafagu	3B	Dale	5J
Izabella	KD	Cathy	6X	Emily	6N
Sasha	4Y	Astra	6J	Hudson	KT
Macy	KT	Eleanor	KD	Jerome	1B
Lily	4Y	Dante	3S	Keegan	4C
Joshua	1K	Cruz	3B	Mary	5J
Payton	1B	Sanya	3S	Nate	KA
Phoebe x 2	5M	Taylah	4C	Nirvan	3B
Pixie	KA	Zoey	3B	Rayzel	2K
Quinton	5J	Jasmine	6N	Naomi	3S
Zac	2K	Eleazar	KT	Alivia	2C
Iris x 2	6J	Kaylin	6J		

Honour Awards

Name	Class		
Luke	6J	Lachlan	2H
Emily	6N	Astra	6J
Lachlan	2C	Emaan	4Y
Ruby	4V	Ethan x 2	6J
Sanya	3S	Abdul-Shafi	6N
Jasmine	6N	Samuel	6J
Aaliyah		Zaniab	4Y
Alizae x 2	6N	Mitchell	6J
Tyler	6J	Aiden	4Y
Archer	3B		
Nirvan	3B		

School Medallion

Name	Class
Luke	6J
Kyla	6J
Abdul-Shafi	6N
Samuel	6J
Jasmine	6N
Erin	6J