

Dear Parents, carers and community members,

**Welcome back to Clarke Road for 2021 . . . . .** It was wonderful to see the joy and excitement on students' and staff's faces as students returned to school last Friday. It has also been great to watch students engaging with their peers and their learning programs this week as they settle into their new classes.

This week, we have also enjoyed welcoming and getting to know our newest students at Clarke Road. A special welcome to Isabel (Bunya) Sarim (Bunya) Austin (Bembul) and Sophia (Bembul) and their families. We are looking forward to having you a part of the Clarke Road community.

### Staffing . . .

This term I will be continuing in my role as Acting Principal with Mel Adderley in the Temporary Deputy Principal role. Cathy Treay is Assistant Principal and Shanaya Dubash will continue in her role as Relieving Assistant Principal. We also extend a warm welcome to Kylie Ann Scott who has replaced Verney Diamantes and Kathy Dixon who has replaced Sharmalie Seneviratne whilst they are on leave. Rachel Jarvis has also joined us this year and Madeleine Wood has returned after maternity leave for one day a week. We are looking forward to having Kylie Ann, Kathy, Rachel and Madeleine as part of our fabulous staffing team.

### Dates to Remember .

#### Parent/Teacher

#### Information Evening

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> February 6:30-7:30pm

#### Year 7 Vaccination Date

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> February

## P.B.E.L. NEWS

Welcome back to everyone for 2021 and a special welcome to our new families. At Clarke Road School we follow a Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners program and have four 'be' rules in our school - **Be a Learner**, **Be a Friend**, **Be Safe** and **Be Caring**. This allows us to use a common language across the school as well as opportunities to teach and model positive and appropriate behaviour for our students. We encourage families to use this language at home with students.



Students being safe and walking with their class around the school.



Jagraj being a great learner while completing a maths activity.



Benji and Theodor are being caring and packing away their game.



Ava and Will are being friends in the playground.

### **Classes for 2021**

Colo – Cathy Treay, Tony Little, Jenny Whalan (Wed)

Gibba - Scott Noble, Kathy Dixon (Sharmalie Seneviratne)

Kurrajong – Karishma Kenyon, Noriko Aoki

Buru – Kylie Ann Scott (Verney Diamantes), Annabelle Dodd

Magura – Rachel Jarvis (Mon-Wed), Nina Hayward (Th-Fri), Tila Gera

Warrigal – Amy Owen, Lisa Stewart

Bunya – Tanya Townsend, Annie Dempsey

Yarra – Shanaya Dubash, Heather Steele, Madeleine Wood (Thurs)

Bembul – Betty Ho, Anita Gopalani

Garraway – Jane Hong, Chareen Boake (Mon-Thurs), Cindy Hartman (Fri)

We have also employed three additional SLSOs, Sachi Rodden, Aggie Best and Manoj Gera to work across the school in supporting students learning programs.

**Absences** – If your child is absent on any day, please contact the office to advise them. We are required by law to keep records of all absences.

**Contacting the school** – Your child's wellbeing matters to us and ensuring there is prompt communication with teachers and the office enables matters to be addressed quickly. Our friendly office staff of Leanne, Mary and Cindy are happy to support you with your queries so please don't hesitate to contact them when needed. Should you wish to speak to teaching staff, please contact the office first. If you need to convey a quick piece of information, the office staff can pass this information on to the class. If it is a longer conversation, we will ask the teacher to call you after school.

**Upcoming events** – Our Parent Teacher Information Evening will be on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 - 7.30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet class staff and other parents, as well as gain a greater understanding of the values of the school community and what learning will look like for your child in their classroom. To adhere to COVID-19 guidelines, our evening will run slightly differently this year with parents being asked to sign in at the front gate and then make their way directly to classrooms. An invitation for all families will be sent home next week.

At Clarke Road we are committed together to 'opening new worlds' for each student. Thank you for joining us on the journey, as we begin a new year filled with opportunities to learn and grow.

Have a lovely weekend!

***Rebecca***



*Some of our new Clarke Road students . . .*



## **Requesting an NDIS service at school**

The NDIS team are looking forward to working with families to provide quality, individualised educational programs for all of our students. This year Clarke Road School have updated their therapy request system. Parents are required to make all requests for therapy at school by completing a therapy request form (Request for an NDIS service form) which can be located on the school website under 'supporting our students' then 'NDIS' (link below). You will also find information for families, therapists and a parent/carer checklist. If you have any questions about filling in the form or you have difficulty accessing the website or downloading the forms please contact office staff.

At Clarke Road School we are committed to working with both parents and allied health providers to meet the needs of students and support their learning and development. This may include sharing information about the student and what learning activities work best to support them. In some cases, where it is suitable, this may mean working directly with the provider in the classroom.

It is important to remember however that the NSW Department of Education and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) recommend that therapy services funded through a child's NDIS support plan are best delivered outside of school time. This allows the school to focus on teaching your child and all other students, and ensures your child does not miss out on important learning time.

<https://clarkerd-s.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/ndis--national-disability-insurance-scheme-.html>





Welcome to Warrigal 2021!

We have started the year well by cooking a class meal.

Everyone enjoyed our spaghetti bolognese with added zucchini and carrot! Each child chopped some vegetables and took turns cooking and stirring the sauce. Everyone followed the safety rules and kept their hands clear of the pan.

Once the food was ready we sat and ate it together.







EVERYONE  
gave the  
meal a  
thumbs up.



Special thanks to  
Shaaun for helping  
Lisa with the  
washing up.





Health  
Northern Sydney  
Local Health District

**Northern Sydney Public Health Unit  
School Vaccination Program  
Ph: 02 9485 6971**

**Clarke Road School**

## **Vaccination Clinic Visits Schedule**

**24/02/2021**

Year 7 Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 1)  
Year 7 Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis  
Year 8 (catch-up) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine  
Year10 Meningococcal ACWY

**04/05/2021**

Year10 Meningococcal ACWY

**09/11/2021**

Year 7 Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 2)

**Catch up vaccinations for absent Year 7, 8 and 10  
will be done at any subsequent clinic,  
dependent on the interval between doses.  
There is no need to go to the GP for these vaccines.**




















Catch up student lists will be sent to the School Immunisation  
Coordinator prior to clinic.



# Parking and traffic rules in school zones





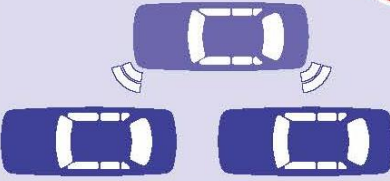



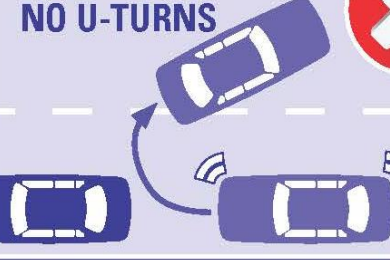



You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. **Please choose safety over convenience.**

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES

ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a <b>NO STOPPING</b> zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space). 	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS <b>\$349</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You can stop in a <b>NO PARKING</b> zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS <b>\$194</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop or park in a <b>BUS ZONE</b> for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS <b>\$349</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a <b>PEDESTRIAN CROSSING</b> or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS <b>\$464</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	<b>DOUBLE PARKING</b> You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS <b>\$349</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop on any <b>FOOTPATH</b> or <b>NATURE STRIP</b> , or even a <b>DRIVEWAY</b> crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS <b>\$349</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 

**Please note:** The above information is current as of 1 July 2020  
Penalties set by NSW State Government and reviewed on 1 July each year. For all school zone offences visit <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

# Safety tips for school zones:

<b>EXITING THE CAR</b> 	 Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.	<b>APPLY BRAKE</b> 	 Make sure the park brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
<b>PARKING</b> 	 <b>NEVER</b> double park.	<b>CROSSING</b> 	 <b>NEVER</b> park across a pedestrian crossing.
<b>NO U-TURNS</b> 	 <b>NEVER</b> undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.	<b>NO 3 POINT TURNS</b> 	 <b>NEVER</b> undertake a three-point turn in close proximity to the school.

# Safety tips for students:

<b>BUCKLE UP</b>   Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.	<b>STORE ITEMS</b>   Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position.	<b>BE READY</b>  Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seat belt.	<b>EXIT SAFELY</b>  Always get in and out of the back seat through the safety door - the rear footpath-side door.
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# Demerit Points:

\* The **Demerit Points** Scheme is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has 'zero' points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record. If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed. For further information regarding demerit points please visit: <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/demerit-points/index.html>