Dear Parents and friends

With much excitement and anticipation we finally were able to move into our wonderful new classroom yesterday. It was an exciting day for all of us and the students and staff just love their new classroom (me included!!!)

The whole experience for me has been a very positive one. Our building is modern and well equipped and the tradesman who worked on the building were outstanding. There are still a few minor issues to resolve but we were delighted with the building and how it has all turned out. Please feel free to come in and see us in our new classroom at any time. You may like to stay for a few minutes in the mornings after you drop off your children and have a look. There will be a formal ceremony next term to officially open the building and we look forward to celebrating this wonderful occasion and hope you can join us for this event in the near future.

The children have been working hard in class this term and I am very proud of their achievements and how they have managed so well in the confined space of the library.

Thank you to my staff who have been so organised and accommodating of all the changes and continue to help make this school a wonderful place for all our children to attend.

We have lots to do in the grounds of the school and to pretty up the areas around our new classroom and I hope to organise a working bee next term so we can all be involved in planning and planting of new gardens in the school grounds.

Mr Merriman has installed our new seating for the lunch area and they look great. Mr Merriman is enjoying his new job in the school and I am keeping him very busy with new projects and the tasks of keeping the lawns and gardens neat and tidy.

We are looking forward to the OSSA Athletics carnival this Friday. I have attached further correspondence from Clergate School in the newsletter this week. Mrs Wilton and Michelle will be here at school for our Infants children to attend school as normal.

Mrs Wilton is the teacher on duty for the day and you are reminded that you must not leave your children at school unless the teacher has arrived. School is not officially open until a teacher and the second person on site (Michelle in this case) is present.

Next Wednesday is our Easter Fun Day at school. The pre-school children will be here to join in with our children and enjoy a fun day of tabloids, Easter craft and a BBQ lunch. Parents are welcome to come along and join in with the fun from 10.00am. Children may like to wear their sports uniforms for the day and bring along their money for their BBQ lunch (sausage sizzle, iceblock and popper / popper milk) for $3.00.

Congratulations to Nathan Neuenhaus who has been selected to represent our school in both the OSSA boys Touch football and rugby Union teams. Well done!!

This is the last newsletter for the term and I would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy Easter holiday break. School resumes on Tuesday 20th April 2010.

Keep smiling

Meg x x x x x
Mrs Smither’s Report

Each week two children help return and borrow books on the computer with the younger children taking out the name cards and placing them in the new books. They are very proud of themselves.

We are all very excited about the move to the new classroom. The children worked extremely well in the cramped conditions and they are to be commended for this. Now we will be able to sort out the shelves and library space again.

Quotable quote: On moving day I was carrying one small chair to the new classroom (to check its size). Five year old walking beside me and carrying a box of maths games – “Teachers could carry two chairs!” Point taken!

In craft at the moment we are doing some Easter craft activities. – plaster making and painting as well as paper crafts.

Easter holidays are fast approaching. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday time.

The children have been remembering their library books consistently this term. Many children have now reached their Bronze Library awards and received their prize. Well done!

Playgroup Report

Hello again everyone! I hope this finds you all safe, well and happy.

It has been such a long while since we met up down in our little beehive building for playgroup. I have missed seeing all the playgroup children every week, I think they have missed it too, as I have had many questions about when it was resuming (from both parents and children!). The new classroom for the school children is finally up and running, which is wonderful news for them but it also means we can go back to using the library on a Monday morning YAY!!!! So our playgroup will be resuming on Monday 3rd May 2010.

To give us something to look forward to before then, the school is having an Easter fun day, which will take place on Wednesday 31st March. We would really love all our playgroup children and parents to come along and join us. The fun will begin at 10am with some fun tabloid activities, Easter egg hunts, and some Easter craft. A BBQ lunch will be available to purchase on the day. We hope to see you all there!!!

Michelle
Term 1 ends on Thursday 1 April 2010, students return for Term 2 Tuesday 20 April 2010.

Daylight savings ends on Sunday 4 April

Don’t forget to turn your clocks back one hour at 2am on Sunday 4 April.

School holiday camps
NSW Sport and Recreation's action-packed kids’ holiday camps are run by experienced and well-qualified instructors. Young people learn social living skills, experience challenging activities, develop self-esteem and make new friends. They also have great fun and won’t have a moment to spare! Find out more at www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/index.asp

Video games go live – what parents need to know.
Games consoles like Xbox, Playstation 3 and Wii now let your child access the internet to connect with players from around the world. Whether they’re communicating live via text, speaking to each other through headsets or linking up through webcams, it means gaming now has a social networking element.

It also means that as a parent, there’s a lot more research you need to do before you can plug and play. Read this month’s Click (www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click) to find out about the new gaming environments, and how parent controls can make it a nicer, safer virtual-world to be in.

Student Stars for Term One

2 Merit Awards:- Jess, Sally, Sean, Becki, Corey, Naomi & Alan.

Star:- Jess, Lachlan & Oscar


Principal 's Awards:- Sally, Chelsea, Zac, Nathan & Emily.

Uniforms

Uniform Orders are being taken for this year at the office.

Prices

School Jumpers $32.00 each

Sports Jumpers $35.00 each

This includes all embroidery costs.

There are some overdue accounts for sports shirts.

Please finalise your accounts with the P&C. ASAP.

Money for other uniforms will need to accompany your order from now on.

The final order for uniforms will be taken on 31st March 2010.
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