PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
It’s great to be back after the Easter holiday break but we can’t say we’ve welcomed the sudden change in weather conditions. With the forecast looking bleak for the rest of the week it’s a good thing our students are in their winter uniforms and bringing in hot lunches.

A warm welcome is extended to Mr James MacDonald who has replaced Neil Yeo for the rest of the year on class 4-6. We look forward to having James on staff and sharing his many skills and talents.

In the past week the primary classroom has been painted inside and work has begun to prepare the site next to the hall for the new building. It is expected that the new BDR building will be relocated within the next 3 weeks. As yet we are still waiting to hear if the P&C’s submission for joint funding to install an operable wall between the two buildings has been successful. This term once again is packed full of exciting events. Students are already auditioning for roles in the OSSA Speck, preparing for the CWA Public Speaking Competition and all students will participate in the OSSA Cross Country at Cudal on Friday 8 May.

ANZAC Day March: This Saturday Clergate staff & students are invited to participate in the Orange Anzac March. It is a community event which we strongly encourage all students to attend and this year, because of its particular importance we hope to have even more of our students participate. Students are required to wear full winter uniform including ties and woollen jumpers (no sports hoodies). Further details have been sent out on a separate note.

OSSA CROSS COUNTRY
The OSSA Cross Country will be held on Friday 8 May. All students from Kinder to Year 6 are expected to participate in the Cross Country. Permission notes were sent home yesterday. Please ensure all permission notes, lunch orders and money are returned by next Thursday 30 April. Please be aware that no late lunch orders can be accepted.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

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SCHOOL FEES
School fees are now due. The fee structure for this year is $60 for the first child and $50 for each child thereafter. The payment of such fees is not compulsory; however, parents are strongly encouraged to support the school in this manner.
OPPORTUNITY CLASS
Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2014. If you would like your child to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016, you need to do so soon. Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer. Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

The closing date for applications is 15 May.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
The P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall on Tuesday 5 May. Further information will be made available shortly.

HOT LUNCHES
In Terms 2 and 3 students are able to bring in food to be heated in the pie warmer at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please assist staff by following the instructions below.

1. Food must be wrapped in foil or in a small foil container – NO PLASTIC.
2. Name and class clearly written (in permanent texta) on lunch.
3. Students are to provide small sachets of sauce, spoons and forks if required.
4. Lunch placed in plastic tubs on the office veranda.

Suggestions of food to send
Lasagne, spaghetti bolognaise, toasted sandwiches, etc. NO NOODLE CUPS PLEASE.

A reminder that school sports hoodies are only to be worn on sports day (Thursday). Please ensure students wear their woollen jumper or fleece jacket on all other days.