



St Clair Public School Newsletter



Issue: 2 Thursday 22nd February 2018

2018 Events & Activities

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Feb 27 – School Photos (Group & Individual) Feb 28 – Scripture Starts March 6 – Sibling Photo Day March 9 – Closing Date for Billionaire Boy Payment March 9 – Year 7 2019 Expressions of Interest Distributed March 12 – National Young Leaders Day March 15 – Selective High School Placement Test March 16 – Stage 3 Graffiti Ed Program March 16 – Year 7 2019 Expressions of Interest to be Returned March 19 – Closing Date for ICAS Competition Entry March 21 – Harmony Day March 26 – Easter Hat Parade (2pm) March 27 – School Cross country Carnival March 30 – Good Friday April 2 – Easter Monday April 6 – Billionaire Boy Play Excursion (Stages 2 & 3) April 10 – TOPSTEPS Day April 13 – Last Day of Term	May 1 – Students Return to School May 8 – ICAS Digital Technologies Comp. May 9 – Mother's Day Stall May 23 – School Captains Civic Reception May 23 – District Cross Country May 29 – ICAS Science Competition June 6 – School Athletics Carnival June 11 – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday June 13 – ICAS Spelling Competition June 14 – ICAS Writing Competition July 6 – Last Day of Term	July 24 – Students Return to School July 25 – OC Placement Test July 31 ICAS English Competition Aug 2 – Book Fair Aug 14 – ICAS Mathematics Competition Aug 16 & 17 – Stage 3 Bathurst Goldfields Camp Aug 22 – STEPS Book Forum Aug 29 – Father's Day Stall Sept 5 – Zone Athletics Carnival Sept 28 – Last Day of Term	Oct 15 – Students Return to School Oct 16 to 22 – Life Education Program Oct 25 – Dance Sport Championships Dec 7 – Presentation Day Dec 10 – Last School Assembly for 2018 Dec 12 – Year 6 Farewell Dec 17 – End of Year Movie / Picnic Day Dec 19 – Last Day of the School Year

**** Some dates still to be advised including STEPS Music Festival, Environmental Ed Workshops, Education Week etc. This table will be updated with each newsletter.

~ Parking ~

A reminder for Parents and Carers not to stop or park in the school car park unless you have a permit to do so. This includes dropping off or picking up children in the car park drive way. I am sure you can all appreciate this rule is in place for the safety of all of our children.

For those parents and carers who do have a permit, please remember to use the carpark with great caution. Do not speed in and out – 5kms / hour is the expected limit.

Thank you for supporting the safety of our students.



The Principal's Message.....

School Photos

Class and individual photo day is Tuesday 27th February. Information has been sent home regarding the ordering and payment process. Envelopes can be returned at any time leading up to and on photo day. Sibling photos will be taken the following week on Tuesday 6th March. These envelopes can also be returned up to the day. Please ensure all information is correct on the front of the envelope and that if paying by cash, the exact amount is inside. If paying online, please still send in the envelope with relevant details.

Morning Routines

A reminder for students to move to above the white line after the 8.30am bell in the morning, I would like to encourage parents and carers to then move away from that area and give the students the chance to be independent. For our new Kinder parents and carers, we ask that you also begin now to follow this rule. When the bell goes at 9.00am, the students then move to their classes and begin their school day.

Swimming Carnival

Well done to the students who attended the swimming carnival yesterday. Results will hopefully be included in the next newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Farlow and Mrs Robinson for organising the event and to Mr Heath and the parents and carers who assisted on the day. Good luck to those competing at next week's zone carnival.

Voluntary School Contributions

We very much appreciate the voluntary contributions made to the school. This year our contributions are set at \$40 per child or \$60 per family. This money goes directly toward purchasing classroom supplies, playground equipment and technology resources.

Staffing News

I have included in this newsletter an updated staff list for your reference. Should you need to contact any member of staff, please call the office and they will pass on your message.

Attendance

Please ensure your child / children arrive to school on time each day. When students are late to school, they often miss vital information and instructions which can have a significant impact on them, both academically and socially. School starts at 9am so please ensure morning routines are established so they can be at school regularly and on time. When students are absent from school, an explanation must be supplied as soon as possible. Absences are noted as sick, leave or unjustified.

Sport News

Well done to all the students who went to the zone PSSA trials last week. Congratulations to Ethan A and Codey M who were selected in the AFL team, Mackenzie B and Faith G selected in the Girls Soccer team and Taquin S and Michael S-O who have been invited back to a second trial for Rugby League. We are still waiting for the names selected in the boys soccer team. Good luck to the students attending the basketball trials this week.

Student Leaders Induction

Congratulations to our SRC Representatives and Sport House Captains who were inducted at yesterday's assembly. What a fine group of students have been elected to fulfil these varied roles. Well done to our Captains and Prefects for running this assembly. Already they are showing what a reliable and dedicated team they are. Thank you to Mr Heath for organising the assembly.

Coffee and Chat

My first coffee and chat session for this year will be held tomorrow, Friday 23rd February at 9am in the school staffroom. This is a great opportunity for our parents and carers to pop in learn more about what is happening around the school whilst enjoying a cuppa.

Warm Regards,

Dale Bruce
Principal

Office News

Paying Online

For those who are unsure about how paying online works, refer to the last two pages of this newsletter.

Anything school related can be paid online, except for canteen and P & C payments.

School Awards Term 1 Weeks 1 - 3

Mini Merit Trade-Ups

Alysha K, Joahannes M, Tyler Sm, Nathaniel C, Rathushaan M, Brandan T, Kenzie G, Anabel F-G, Mackenzie H, Jewel M

Merit Awards Week 3					
Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Ethan A & Hendrix G	7	Seeley J	12	Emily W & Alexander N
3	Grace S & Dakota G	8	Kyle W	13	Isabella P & Sami E
4	Dean C & Lucas A	9		15	James D & Ava K
5	Jordan W & Maikel A	10	Rathushaan M	16	
6	Baydene T & Yentuinna S	11	Jordan M	18	

Don't forget to keep your child's mini merits in a safe place. When they have 5 mini merits, they can trade up for a merit award. When they have 5 merit awards, they can trade up for a Principal's award and when they have 5 principal's awards, they can trade up for a very special School award. Trade ups should be placed in the 'house' in the office foyer by Friday each week.

St Clair PS - Staff List 2018

Class / Role	Grades	Teacher / Staff
Class 18	K	Natalie Young (Assistant Principal P K – 2)
Class 16	K	Nicole Papasinos
Class 15	1/2	Kim Spicer
Class 13	1/2	Kathy Minard
Class 12	2/3	Kimberley Delfs
Classes 11	SU – 3/4/5	Fiona Stellino
Class 10	SU – 3/4	Sarwat Khan
Class 9	SU – 5/6	Jeanette Clunes (Assistant Principal – Support Unit)
Class 8	SU – 2/3	Louise Roy
Class 7	SU – K/1	Narelle Sauerbier
Class 6	3/4	Maria Clark (M / T / W) Kelly Salter (Th / F)
Class 5	3/4	Peter Rose
Class 4	4/5	Sarita Menezes
Class 3	5/6	Lauren O'Donoghue
Class 1	5/6	Malcolm Heath (Assistant Principal – Stages 2 & 3)
Principal		Dale Bruce
Instructional Leader / DP		Elizabeth Goodwin (Supervising Learning & Support Team)
Learning & Support / RFF		Ruth Bernstein, Sam Robinson (Mon / Tues / Wed) Dannielle Peachey (Mon / Tues / Wed), Karen Farlow (Mon / Tues / Wed / Th), Luke Heywood (Mon / Tues / Wed / Th)
Library		Angela Sparks (Mon / Wed / Thur)
School Counsellor		Andrew Vidler (Wed - even weeks / Thur - odd weeks)
School Admin Manager		Lisa Brooks
School Admin Officers		Sue Healey Kellie Herben (Wed)
School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs)		Nadine Pearce (Class 7), Carolynne McPherson (Class 8), Lisa Bonning (Class 9), Debbie Felsch (Class 10), Liz Dunlop (Class 11), Mandy Vorhauer (Mainstream)
General Assistant		Mark Rutledge (Mon / Wed)
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden		Cazendra Rice
Chaplain		Joel Gerber (Mon)

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News

Welcome back, everyone! Another exciting year of learning and growing together. Most of the students were ready and very eager to start gardening and cooking. Of course, first things first, we have spent the whole week reminding the students about safety practices and revising rules in the kitchen and garden. It is very important for everyone to learn and be reminded about these important things before starting - as one student said, "to avoid any accidents in the future." New students love to hear how fun and enjoyable it is in the kitchen and garden from other students. I definitely have new recipes to cook with the students and new exciting projects in the garden. For Term 1, our garden focus is going to be about gas emissions, waste and recycling. We will discuss what happens to garbage that isn't composted and what goes to landfill. We will also learn about waste disposal options and composting. Also, in the next week or two, we are going to start sowing seeds for the Autumn vegetables since it is just around the corner.

Autumn sounds like music to my ears and I think our garden feels the same way too. We all felt the scorching hot weather back in December which is persisting even until now. Sadly, most of our plants have died because of the intense heat. Most of our grapes turned into sultanas and tomatoes into sundried tomatoes! I thought the heat did us a favour by drying these fruits but I could not save them because insects devoured them before I could get to them. I was hoping all the corn we planted turned into popcorn but the crows ate them just when the kernels started to form! However, plants in areas where there are shade cloths and net coverings fortunately survived. Our cucumbers, eggplants and zucchinis are doing great. During the school holidays, I came in twice a week and was busy watering and looking after our lovely chickens. Our chickens are doing really well despite the heat. They had enough shade, plenty of food and lots of water to cool them down. I'm happy to say they are laying lots of eggs!



At the moment we have radishes, lettuce, broccoli, fennel, cabbages, cauliflowers, celery, kohlrabi and carrots growing in the garden under a shade cloth. We have silverbeet, zucchinis, cucumbers, a variety of herbs, beans and eggplants ready to be harvested for next week's cooking. Our kitchen focus for Term 1 will be learning about yeast and different types of baking agents. Yes, science in the kitchen!

There are so many people to thank because without these wonderful helpers, it would take me a long time to finish certain jobs. Thank you Mr Rutledge for helping me put a new cover in the garden. We now have a new cover where the students sit in the garden. Also, thank you Mr Rice (my husband) for helping me put a new sign in the garden and moving heavy things around. A big thank you to Mrs Aczel, Ms. Brooks and Carlie for watering the garden when I could not come in. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Condie who worked so hard and dedicated most of her lunch times and after school time in the garden last year. Her dedication and hard work in the garden made a huge difference, not just in the kitchen and garden but in the whole school's surroundings. She's definitely missing St Clair PS, especially the kitchen garden, but Mrs Condie is settling well at her new school and enjoys teaching new students. I'm looking forward to working with Mrs Robinson again this year. So far everything is going smoothly, just like 'walking in the park'. Thank you to each and every student who were so wonderful by participating and listening whilst going through rules and safety this week. I am looking forward to seeing everyone next week.

Until next time!
Cazendra

Last year we raised enough money to buy what we need in order to keep this wonderful Stephanie Kitchen Garden program going. Thank you to all who donated their time, money, kitchen and garden supplies. We kindly ask parents again this year to please support us. If you would like to donate, please read our S.A.K.G updates in our school newsletter or come and see me in room 19 from 8:40am to 9:00am Monday to Friday.

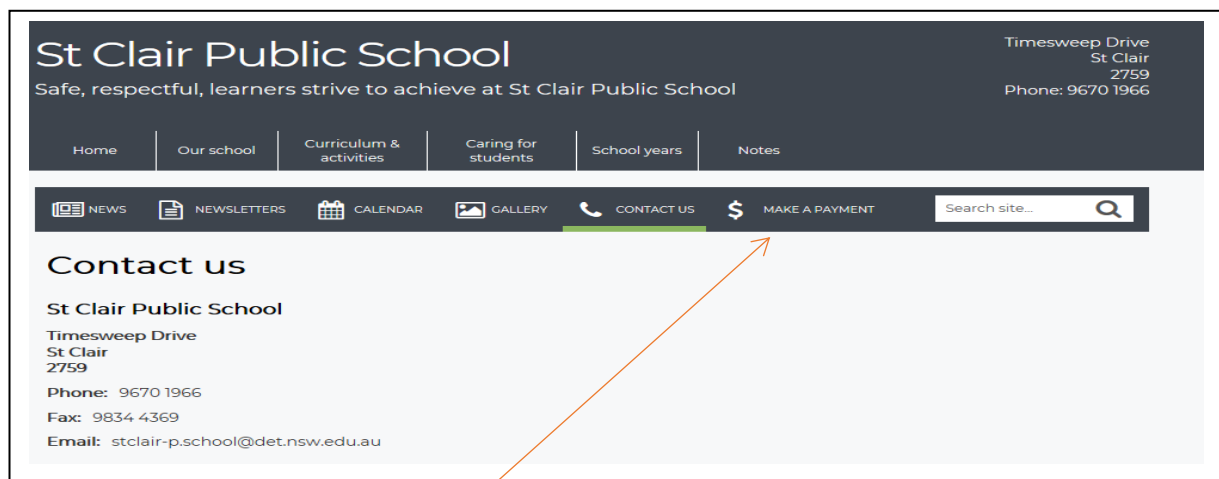
WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE?

For the Kitchen: olive oil, onions, block of cheese and dishwashing detergent
For the Garden: Seeds (varieties), cow manure, and seed raising soil



HOW TO MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR ST CLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOL

1. Log into the school website: www.stclair-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



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2. Click on **MAKE A PAYMENT** button
3. This will take you to the Westpac Site:

Payment Details

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

The process for making a payment is as follows:

1. Fill out all the required fields on this page.
2. Fill out credit card payment details on the next page.
3. Review and confirm your payment details on the confirmation page.
4. Review your payment receipt and optionally print it, or send it as an email.

Student Details

Student Registration Number

If this 9 digit number is on the Statement issued by the school it will be to the left of the student's name.

* Given Name

* Surname

Class or Year

Ref. or Invoice Number

This number may be on the top of the invoice or statement issued by the school. It may have the heading Ref:

* Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

e.g. 31/01/1980.

Required if only one of 'Class or Year' or 'Invoice Number' are filled.

Payer Details

* Full Name

* Contact Phone Number

NOTE: Only the Fields marked with a GREEN * (asterisk) have to be completed.

Please complete the following fields:

Given Name (students first name)

Surname (student's surname)

Class or Year (student's class name)

Date of Birth (student's DOB)

Payer Details – all the fields

Payment Options – please choose the relevant box

Click Next

You will then see the following:



Payment Details


Fields marked with an asterisk (★) are mandatory.


You are paying to: St Clair Public School

Payment Amount: \$40.00 AUD

★ Card Holder Name:

★ Credit Card Number:  

★ Card Expiry Month: 

★ Card Expiry Year: 

★ Card Verification Number (CVN): [What's this?](#)

Click **Next** to proceed to the confirmation page where you can review your payment details.

THIS WILL BE THE AMOUNT YOU ARE PAYING.

- Please complete all the mandatory fields (fields with **GREEN ★**)
- Continue by clicking “NEXT” till the payment is complete
- You should receive an Online Payment Receipt
- Please keep this receipt for future reference and please note this number on your child’s permission note.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- If you are using a MAC computer please use FIREFOX browser – Westpac does NOT function on the Safari browser.