



St Clair Public School Newsletter



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2018 Events & Activities

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
April 6 – Billionaire Boy Play Excursion (Stages 2 & 3) April 10 – TOPSTEPS Day April 11 – Canteen Asian Theme Lunch Day April 12 – Coffee and Chat April 13 – Deposit due for Stage 3 Bathurst Camp April 13 – Freaky Friday Mufti Day April 13 – Last Day of Term	May 1 – Students Return to School May 8 – ICAS Digital Technologies Competition May 9 – Mother's Day Stall May 15 – P & C Meeting (7pm) May 18 – Coffee & Chat Session May 18 – Walk Safely to School Day May 22 – Debate (vs Blackwell PS) May 23 – School Captains Penrith Civic Reception May 23 – District Cross Country May 29 – ICAS Science Competition May 30 – STEPS Mass Choir Rehearsal (Banks PS) June 1 – 2nd Instalment Payment for Stage 3 Bathurst Camp Due June 1 – PSSA begins June 6 – School Athletics Carnival June 11 – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday June 12 – ICAS Writing Competition (TBC) June 13 – ICAS Spelling Competition June 14 – Commonwealth Games Day! June 19 – Debate (vs Clairgate PS) June 19 – P & C Meeting (7pm) June 22 – NAIDOC Cup June 26 – Coffee & Chat session July 3 – STEPPING Up Together Day July 4 – STEPS Mass Choir Rehearsal (SCHS) July 6 – Final Instalment Payment for Stage 3 Bathurst Camp Due 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 7 – P & C Meeting (7pm) Aug 8 – Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm Aug 14 – ICAS Mathematics Competition Aug 14 – Debate (vs Banks) 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 7 – Coffee & Chat Session Sept 11 – Debate (vs JEPS) Sept 25 & 26 – Stage 2 Camp 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

This table will be updated with each newsletter.

** Please note change in date for the P C meeting and AGM.

The Principal's Message.....

Staff News

Mrs Healey, our wonderful office lady, will be on leave for the remainder of the term. Unfortunately she broke her ankle and is taking the time to recover. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her return next term. We welcome back Mrs Joseph who will be in the office during this time.

We also welcome Mrs Belinda Sun, our new school Psychologist. Mrs Sun will be at our school every Tuesday and alternate Thursdays and Fridays.

Upcoming Events

- **TOPSTEPS Day** – Our TOPSTEPS day is next Tuesday 10th April. We hope all the students involved have a great day. We are hosting three workshops here at St Clair PS. The Stage 1 workshop is called 'the science of food' and the students will be working in the kitchen garden with Mrs Robinson and Caz. The Stage 2 workshop is about student leadership and the Stage 3 workshop revolves around stop option animation. Thanks you to Mrs Clunes, Mrs Roy and Miss Stellino who are organising the Stage 2 and 3 workshops.
- **STEPS Leadership Day** – Our School Captains and prefects will be heading to Banks PS on Wednesday for a STEPS student leadership day with many other students from across the STEPS learning community. I wish them well for a great day of leadership development.
- **ANZAC Assembly** – our ANZAC day assembly will take place on Wednesday 11th April at 2.00pm in the school hall. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend this assembly.

- **Freaky Friday Mufti Day** – On Friday the 13th April (the last day of term), the students have the opportunity to participate in a mufti day. Notes went home about this activity this week. For a gold coin donation, students may choose to wear something freaky or scary, have crazy hair or wear crazy socks, or just come in normal mufti clothes. All money raised will be donated to the Tathra Public School Bushfire appeal to assist the school and the students who were affected significantly by the recent devastating bushfires.

Professional Learning

Often our staff are involved in professional learning activities, continuing to build upon their teaching skills. Our teachers have a weekly after school professional learning session but sometimes teachers may be required to participate in training during school time. During these times we employ casual staff who come in and follow the class teaching and learning program and keep routines consistent for students. This year we are focusing on a number of professional learning programs including L3 - Literacy, Focus on Reading, Numeracy Building Blocks, and Coding and Robotics. What a wonderfully skilled staff we have!

Commonwealth Games Day

We have a committee currently planning our Commonwealth Games day planned for June 14th. More information about this fun day will come home early next term, but start lining up sponsors! Thank you especially to Mrs Liz Dunlop, one of our wonderful School Learning Support Officers, for seeking and gaining sponsorship in the way of some fantastic prizes for a raffle we will hold as a part of the games day.

PBL Awards

I had a lovely morning tea with the students who received a PBL award this term. Well done to those students on their outstanding behaviour and being safe, respectful learners. Our next PBL Awards will be awarded to students at the assembly in Week 2 next Term on Monday 7th May (not next week as originally planned). No doubt the next group of PBL award recipients will enjoy their morning tea as well!



Next Coffee & Chat Session

My next coffee and chat session will be on Thursday 12th April at 9am in the school staffroom. It was so lovely to see so many attend the last session and I'll look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to attend this one. It is a very positive forum to hear about and discuss some of the events and activities happening at our school.

Warm Regards,

Dale Bruce
Principal

School Awards Term 1 Weeks 4 - 7

Trade-Ups

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.

Mini Merits

Jordan F, Angelina S, Jonah S, Jayden S, Braxtynn G x3, Isabel D, James D

Principal's Awards

Jordan F, Jonah S, Brandan T

Aussie of the Month (Acts of Kindness)

Pelenato L & Sandra S

Merit Awards Week 8

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Jasmine R & Jordan F	7	Kaylee H	12	Kimberly N & Manaia W
3	Brooklyn S & Chelsea B	8	Tyler M	13	Akira W & Tyler S
4	Stephanie M & Ashlee B	9	Bryzbyn W	15	Braxtynn G & Kay A
5	Kayley M & Travarn W	10	Angus M	16	Williams T & Layla M
6	Javytah L & Dakota F	11	Corey N	18	Cooper B & Lorelle G

Debating News

On Monday 19th March 2018, 6 members of the debating team attended a workshop with students from Banks, Clairgate and Blackwell Public School. Our students engaged in activities to improve their debating skills. The students participated in two mini debates. They were given a topic and only 20 minutes to prepare for the debate. Our students performed extremely well and won both debates! The host for the day, Mrs Pardington was very impressed with all students from St Clair Public School. Students will participate in their first debate in week 11 this term. Good luck!



Cross Country News

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday 27th March. It was great to see so many students in their house colours cheering for their team.

Students who placed in the top 3 received their ribbons on the day of the carnival. The official cross country assembly will take place on Monday 21st May where we will watch a slideshow of all students that were placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

Students who qualified for the district team will receive a note early next term. Congratulations again to all students who participated and to the families that came along to watch.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News

There is nothing better than celebrating Harmony Day by cooking and eating together as friends in the SAKG! Class 4 made 'Chinese style crispy onion cake with sweet dipping soy' and 'fried rice'. We used our lovely fresh green shallots for our onion cake and our fresh eggs for our fried rice. They were perfect dishes for a very excited and hard working bunch! Class 1 enjoyed the 'Italian focaccia bread' and 'Thai style pumpkin soup'. The soup tasted so delicious because fresh is best. We used our pumpkins, lemongrass, onions, garlic, carrots and celery. The next day, Class 5 and Class 12 baked a simple 'Portuguese custard tart'. We used frozen puff pastry and made our own custard. One student said, "That was so easy to make, we should make it every week!" Class 6 made 'Filipino stir-fry noodles' called 'Pancit' and 'Korean style egg roll'. Pancit mainly consists of vermicelli noodles, carrots, celery, cabbage and beans. Adding chicken and prawns can make this dish extra delish, however, we made it vegetarian style and the students still loved it. Class 3 enjoyed a very interesting fusion: 'French style onion and potato soup' served with 'Indian roti'. They also made chilled lemonade to go with the dishes.



Great job, everyone! I am so very proud of all the students who put in so much effort, who love every minute in the kitchen and most importantly, knew the true meaning of Harmony Day. I believe food is a universal language that brings cultures together.



In the garden, something fun we did was look at our mini compost and we observed how it decomposes. Some said it looked pretty gross, seeing how food waste and other things in the miniature bin is breaking down. Some were just fascinated by how something that was solid will eventually break down and turn into a treat for the soil and the worms. The students also enjoyed working in the garden by adding garden soil into our garden beds and putting mulch around the beds to stop any weeds from growing. Some students are just happy to pull some weeds or aerate the soil ready for the new seedlings to be planted. As for me, the last two days I spent making new bean trellis and getting the soil ready for the autumn vegetables. Autumn and winter are the slowest months to grow vegetables. One thing is for sure, I cannot wait to take the shade cloths down so we can get all the sun we need in the up-coming cold weather.



Last week, Ms Bonning and Erryn (from the hearing team) gave us their feathery girls to join our lovely chickens. So far, so good. Of course, I had to separate the new ones away from our chickens but we will reunite them when they get used to each other. Thank you so much to those who donated chickens, onions, potatoes, sweet potatoes, flour and seeds to our SAKG program. Also, thank you for purchasing our banana bread, pumpkin soup and our recipe book at the Cross Country carnival. Your support helps us to continue this awesome program.

Until next time!

Caz



Would you like to donate? We need: olive oil, butter, block of cheese, tinned tomatoes, rice noodles, garden seeds and mushroom mulch.

P & C News

Annual 5 Cent Coin Race with a twist!

We had a fabulous time last year with our coin race, raising \$1277.90 for the school.

We are aiming to smash that number this year, with the funds going towards enhancing the playground areas for all students in partnership with the St Clair School Staff Fundraising Team.

The coin race will be run differently this year, with each class having a tin to collect coins over the whole of Term 2.

Each week, the tins will be collected and the money for each class counted. The class with the highest value in their tin each week will be announced at Assembly the following Monday. That class will be presented with a trophy to be displayed in their classroom for the week. Running totals for each class will be displayed so classes can track their progress throughout the term.

The class raising the most money over Term 2 will be announced early in Term 3 and will receive a PIZZA PARTY.

Start collecting those 5c coins and we are looking forward to a marvellous Term 2.

*All coins will be accepted, although 5 cent coins are encouraged.



Mother's Day Stall

Don't forget the Mother's Day Stall is coming up in Week 2 on Wednesday the 9th May. A fantastic range of gifts will be available at all price points. A note will be sent home soon with more details. If you are able to assist at the stall, please let one of the committee members know or leave a message at the office. All help is very much appreciated.



New Committee

At the recent AGM our 2018 P & C committee was elected. Congratulations to the following committee members:

President:	Mark Rutledge
Vice President:	Lisa Saunders
Secretary:	Antje Millott
Treasurer:	Jason Noonan

The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th May in the staffroom at 7pm. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

Wishing our St Clair students, families and community a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Thank you,
P & C Committee

Canteen News

Don't forget to get your order in for the Asian themed lunch day on Wednesday 11th April. Orders must be in by tomorrow, **Friday 6th April**. Notes about this were sent home a couple of weeks ago, however an order form has been included at the end of this newsletter if you need one. Payment by cash only.



THE GRUBSPOT WINTER ADDITIONS AVAILABLE TERM FROM 1ST MAY 2018

Pumpkin Soup(Lunch order only)

Delicious homemade Pumpkin soup made on a chicken stock base with pumpkin and potato.

\$3.00 with a small buttered roll

Chicken Soup(lunch order only)

Homemade chicken soup with hidden carrots

\$3.50 with a small buttered roll

Cuppa Soup(order for recess/ lunch)

1) Tomato soup \$1.50

2) Chicken & Corn with noodles \$1.50

3) Chicken noodle soup \$1.50

Nachos & Rice (Lunch order only)

1) NACHOS made with bolognaise \$4.00

ADD Salsa or sour cream for 50 cents each

2) CHICKEN FRIED RICE \$4.00

Toasties *Any of our sandwiches or wraps on our all year menu can be made into a toasty for an extra 50 cents.*

Tell Them From Me Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at the following two links:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/pdf/TTFM_Student_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T12018.pdf

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 12 March and 13 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by the date stipulated on the note. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please feel free to contact me at school

Kind regards,

Mrs Elizabeth Goodwin

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to keep lunch foods fresh.

Food packed at home in the lunch box needs to stay fresh and safe to eat at school.

Meat, fish, poultry, eggs, noodles, rice, pasta, custard, yoghurt, cheese and milk need to be kept very cold to prevent food poisoning.


Pack lunches in a cooler bag with a cold brick or use a frozen bottle of water to keep food cold.

Items such as sandwiches, milk poppers, yoghurt, custard tubs, muffins, or fruit segments can be frozen to pack on hot days.



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or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Nutrition Snippet


The simplest way

...to pack a healthy lunch box.

Pack at least one item from each of the following food groups for a healthy lunch!

Breads/ cereals: Wholemeal or wholegrain bread, wraps and pita. For a treat, pack pikelets, or homemade muffins and slices.

Fruit: Serve in fun ways; try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly, cut whole fruit into small pieces for younger kids.




Vegies: Pack carrot or celery sticks with hummus.

Dairy: A slice of cheese, yoghurt or custards are all great lunch box items.

Meat and alternatives: Cooked chicken, tuna, egg, roast meat and legumes like red kidney beans or chickpeas.

Water or milk: Water or milk are the best drink choices.

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If parents or carers are interested in these activities, please come to the school office to pick up an acceptance form.



Holiday Therapy Group Fine and Gross Motor Skills

A 3 day small group program for children aged 8 - 12 years of age.

This will be facilitated by therapists with the aim of developing fine and gross motor skills required for table top work in the classroom, delivered in a fun and friendly social environment. The sessions will focus on:

- Engaging in activities to help develop core strength and promote good posture
- Learn new and fun ways to develop arm, hand and finger strength
- Teaching pencil grip and positioning for writing
- Providing practical strategies to support and develop hand writing skills at home and at school

DATE & TIME:

Monday 16th April 2018 – 12.30pm – 2.30pm
Tuesday 17th April 2018 – 12.30pm – 2.30pm
Wednesday 18th April 2018 – 12.30pm – 2.30pm

LOCATION

Penrith Baptist Church
11 Morello Terrace, Kingswood (Caddens) 2747

COST

\$175.57 per session (\$526.71 TOTAL – 3 Days)
Covered under NDIS, HCWA or Private Payment

**PLEASE RETURN THE ACCEPTANCE FORM
ATTACHED TO SECURE YOUR PLACE.
SPACES ARE LIMITED!**

Required skills

Your child should have verbal language and be toilet trained. This is due to the language required within the program, and as toileting support is not available.

If your child displays any challenging behaviours that may impact their or others safety, please contact the coordinator to discuss e.g aggressive behaviours, running away.

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Holiday Therapy Group Social Communication Skills

A 3 day small group program for children aged 6-9 years of age.

This will be facilitated by therapists with the aim of the developing the skills required to communicate socially with others, delivered in a fun and friendly play based setting. The sessions will focus on:

- Greeting other people
- Conversation skills including turn taking, waiting and listening
- How to talk to different people e.g. teacher vs a friend
- Joining in and working within a group
- Understanding body language
- Providing practical strategies for use at home and at school

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The Grub Spot Asian Theme Lunch Day

Dear Families,

The Grub spot will be holding an Asian themed lunch order day on **Wednesday 11th April 2018**.

Students can chose from one of 4 dishes listed below plus a drink and a Want Want biscuit for \$6.

All orders with full payment must be in no later than Friday April 6th to ensure our suppliers have stock to us in time. This cut off is final and no late orders will be accepted. We will post a reminder to our *The Grub Spot* Facebook page closer to the cut off day. Don't forget to join our Facebook page if you are not already a member.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021451514769680/>

Please ensure that a separate form is filled out per student with full payment. The canteen does not give credit.

Thank you for your support.

The Grub Spot

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Meal – Choose 1:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Fried Rice | <input type="checkbox"/> Honey Soy Chicken with Steamed Rice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hokkien Noodles (Contains Meat) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet n Sour Chicken with Steamed Rice |

Drink (Focus Flavoured Water):

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lemonade | <input type="checkbox"/> Raspberry | <input type="checkbox"/> Lemon Lime | <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Water |
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Please return one order form per student with payment to the canteen NO LATER than Friday 6th April.

Thank you.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____