



St Clair Public School Newsletter

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2018 Events & Activities

Term 3	Term 4
Basketball Clinics – Weekly all Term Sept 24 & 25 – Stage 2 Camp Sept 26 – Stage 3 Students First Foot Forward Program Sept 28 – Last Day of Term – Footy Colours Mufti Day!	Oct 15 – Students Return to School Oct 16 to 22 – Life Education Program Oct 31 – Halloween Mufti Day (TBC) Nov 1 – Dance Sport Championships Nov 2 – White Ribbon Launch Day Nov 2 – Kindergarten 2019 Transition Program (Session 1) Nov 9 – Kindergarten 2019 Transition Program (Session 2) Nov 13 – STEPS Rotary Public Speaking Evening Nov 14 – Debating Workshop at Blackwell PS Nov 16 – Kindergarten 2019 Transition Program (Session 3) Nov 21 – White Wednesday Nov 23 – Kindergarten 2019 Transition Program (Session 4) Nov 30 – Kindergarten 2019 Orientation Day 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

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The Principal's Message.....

Public Speaking

Congratulations to the students who participated in the public speaking finals on Monday. What a talented group of students, with very close points between them all. Their topics were wonderful with each student speaking with expression and enthusiasm and really engaging with the audience. It was also wonderful to see how they supported and encouraged each other throughout the afternoon. Good luck to Mia, Faith, Tayla and Rochelle who will now go on to represent the school at the district public speaking competition. Faith will also represent the school at a STEPS Rotary public speaking evening where she will compete against Year 6 students from the other STEPS schools. Well done to all the students across Years 3 to 6 who participated in this activity as a part of their classroom program. Thank you to Mrs Clark for organising the competition and to Mrs Farlow and Miss Bernstein for judging.



NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN results this week. Letters were sent home with each student. If you would like to discuss any aspect of their result, please make a mutually convenient time to speak with their class teacher.

A Request to Parents

I would like to ask our parents and carers to be mindful about a few aspects of their involvement within the school grounds. Recently I have had a few concerns raised with me where people have been overheard discussing sensitive issues about other students and their families. It is very important to consider the feelings of those involved as sometimes incorrect information and gossip can be very harmful, especially if overheard by children who might then say things to others without understanding the impact of their words.

If you do have concerns regarding the welfare of others, please utilise the appropriate channels of communication in a sensitive and discreet manner.

Mufti Day

Friday 28th September is the last day of Term 3 and the SRC have organised a Footy Colours mufti day to raise money for cancer research. I am looking forward to seeing the students in their many supporter colours. I'll definitely be wearing Tiger colours!

Operation Art

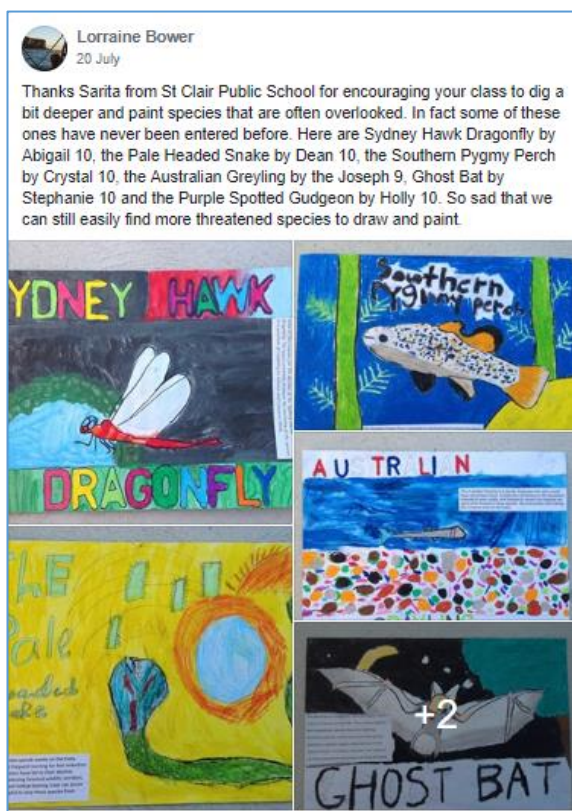
Well done to Brandan T, Riley C, Bilal K and Cahilil S on having their artwork selected for Operation Art 2018. Their artwork will be exhibited at the Armoury Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park. Congratulations.

Research has shown that an optimistic outlook reflected in art can help improve a child's wellbeing. Operation Art involves schools from K-10 in NSW creating an artwork for children in hospital. Over 700 artworks are submitted every year. Pictured here is Riley's entry which we know will put a smile on the faces of many other children!



Threatened Species Competition

Well done to Mrs Menezes and the students involved in this work. The message and images below says it all!



Staff News

It was lovely to see Mrs Spicer visit this week with her baby, Jennifer. Class 15 were very excited to see Mrs Spicer and to also meet Jennifer.



Stage 1 Excursion

Congratulations to our students in Years 1 and 2 who went to Australiana Pioneer Village on Tuesday. From all reports they had a wonderful day and represented the school with excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and a keenness to learn lots of things about our past. Well done Stage 1!

Stage 2 Camp

Our students in Years 3 and 4 will be participating in their two day 'camp' next week. On Monday they will have a Survivor day at school, participating in numerous team building and leadership activities and then on Tuesday they will head into the Sydney Observatory for an excursion. On Tuesday evening they will come back to school for a BBQ, dance and some other activities. Have a great time, Stage 2!

One more week before school holidays begin. Wishing everyone an enjoyable and happy holiday break. I look forward to seeing our students and families return on **Monday 15th October** for another busy and exciting term.

Warm Regards,

Dale Bruce
Principal

Awards

Mini Merits

Leinard S x2, Kingston J-K, Elwyn C, Hunter M, Joshua B, Matilda V, Jonah S, Stephanie M, Samantha M, Jessica B, Lucian R-M, Courtney R, Jye E x2, Dakota R, Zoltan A, Tyrone S-S, Taryn R x2, Kieran A, Isabella C x2, Akira W, Mackenzie H, Chloe W, Kyle W, Shae S. Rathushaan M

Principal's Awards

Kingston J-K, Sandra S, Jessica B, Faith G

School Award

Faith G

Excellence Awards - Spelling

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Faith G	7	Levi G-W	12	Kimberley N
3	Grace S	8	JR. N	13	Stephanie R
4	Joshua B	9	Bryzbyn W	15	Samuel S-O
5	Cydney S	10	Rathushaan M	16	Duggu T
6	Harrison B	11	Jayden S	18	Taryn R

Sport News

On Wednesday 5th September, 41 students represented St Clair PS at the District Athletics Carnival. Despite the wet weather, all students participated and achieved excellent results. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support our school on the day.

Congratulations to Mia and Tyrone who have qualified to represent the district at the Sydney West Regional Carnival. We wish them the best of luck at the carnival.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved a top 8 placing at the carnival:

- **Mia N:** 200m – 3rd, Long Jump – 7th, Shot Put – 8th.
- **Tyrone S-S:** 100m – 2nd, Discus – 6th
- **Jaylah K:** Shot Put – 3rd
- **Faith G:** Long Jump – 4th
- **Alysha K:** Discus – 5th
- **Abdo A:** 100m – 7th
- **Mandolo M:** Discus – 6th
- **Mitchell B:** Long Jump – 4th
- **Michael S-O:** Shot Put – 5th



Tell Them From Me Survey

The *Tell Them From Me* parent survey

Parent FAQ document for the parent survey:

http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/FAQs/TTFM_Parent_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T32018.pdf

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 11th September and 26th October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>. To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/stclair2018>.

The survey is available in 23 languages.

Thank you,

Mrs Goodwin
Acting Deputy Principal



St Clair Public School Kindergarten Enrolment is Open for 2019



Do you have a child turning 5 years old by 31st July 2019?
If so, they are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten in 2019.

Do you know of other family and friends in the St Clair area with a child ready for school?
Let them know now is the best time to begin the enrolment process.

Contact our school office on 9670 1966 for an enrolment package.



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<http://www.stclair-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News



Spring is here! It's the wonderful season of warm mornings, blossoming trees and flourishing gardens! I can't wait until temperatures start going up and we see our areas come back to life once more. Of course, in the past, it seemed as though summer came too early and the climate was so hot that we needed to cover the garden



with shade cloth. I'm really hoping to enjoy the beauty of the garden a little more this year. Right now, the garden is full of a variety of flowers for the bees and butterflies to enjoy. There are some birds too (some of them unwanted) that sing lovely melodies in the morning. In Week 7, the students were busy helping me mulch, pull weeds and sow seeds ready for harvesting in summer. The students have also been busy getting the new garden ready for Term 4. We are very excited to plant some Australian native plants into our new bush garden. Right now we have so much work to do, but the willing and hardworking students really make a huge difference.



Last week we made some amazing dishes that required less time but were super tasty! We made good use of our produce since our "ladies" were laying some good, tasty eggs. We made Mexican style omelettes with coriander sauce called 'mojo de cilantro' and added fresh tomatoes on top. With it, we prepared a simple salad with a balsamic vinaigrette. We made devilled eggs,



savoury egg muffins and beetroot and chocolate cupcakes. Yes, it was amazing seeing students who absolutely dislike beetroot change their minds. Using baby beets really made a difference because it has a less 'earthy' taste. I know beetroot and orange salad won't be as popular as the cupcakes, but I guess I will never know until they make it and try it. Term 4 is just around the corner and I know we will have a busy time



at school since it is almost the end of year again. Our kitchen focus next time will be on international foods. I am excited to cook Spanish, Filipino, Thai, Lebanese and Indian dishes with the students. Thank you to all the students who worked so hard both in the kitchen and in the garden. Also, a huge thank you to Mr Rutledge and Mr Woods for helping us last week. Working in the rain was not so pleasant but we are glad we got things done. Thank you to those who donated their time and garden supplies. Have a great and safe break.

Until next time,

Cazendra.