



St Clair Public School Newsletter



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2018 Events & Activities

Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
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) May 31 – Biggest Morning Tea (Purple Mufti Day) June 1 – 2nd Instalment Payment for Stage 3 Bathurst Camp Due June 1 – PSSA begins June 4 – Responsible Pet Education (K – 2) 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 2 – STEPS Music Festival (Day Rehearsal & Night Performance) 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 18 – Stage 1 Excursion to Australian Pioneer Village 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

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The Principal's Message.....

Welcome back to Term 2. The term has already been very busy and as you can see by the calendar above, there are still many more events and activities to come!

Koleby

Thank you to the many students, staff, parents, carers and families for the messages of love and support to Koleby's family. Koleby fought a very long battle with Leukaemia but sadly she passed away during the school holidays. At the upcoming Biggest Morning Tea, we are asking students to come dressed in purple mufti as purple was Koleby's favourite colour. More information about the Biggest Morning Tea is in this newsletter. This event is always so well supported by our school community, however this year it has even more meaning and significance as we help to raise funds for the Cancer Council in the hope that more lives can be saved.

Department Changes

There were some departmental changes at the beginning of this term. Our school is now a part of the Eastern Creek network of schools. This network consists of 20 schools. Previously we were part of the 36 school Penrith network. Our new Director, Educational Leadership is Karen McSpeerin. Karen came for a visit to our school last week and was very impressed with the students she met and the wonderful programs we have. I will be inviting Karen to a number of school activities during the year, including one of our coffee and chat sessions.

Tathra PS Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported our Friday 13th Mufti day at the end of Term 1. We raised a little over \$300 for the Tathra PS Bushfire Appeal. There were certainly some freaky, crazy and weird outfits on the day. Well done everyone! What a kind and generous community we have.

Student Attendance

If you are planning a holiday and your child will be absent from school, for more than 15 days, you must apply for them to be granted 'leave' from school. You can pick up a leave application from the office or download one from the Department website.

NAPLAN

This week, students in Years 3 and 5 completed their NAPLAN test in language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy. Well done to all students for their wonderful attitude during these assessments. NAPLAN results will come back later in the year and parents will receive an individual report for their child.

Parking

A reminder the school carpark is for staff only, and for those parents who have a parking permit. These permits are given on a temporary basis and we ask parents and carers with them to continue to be careful when accessing the car park.

Also, please be mindful regarding road rules when dropping off or picking up your children. Stopping on the crossing is not appropriate and people can be fined. Whilst I appreciate there is not enough street parking, the shopping centre carpark is a good option. Thank you to the vast majority of our families who do the right thing and make sure the safety of all our students is a priority.

Cross Country Presentation & District Carnival

This coming Monday (21st May), Cross Country medallions will be awarded to the students who came first in their age division. Well done and congratulations to those students. Good luck to all the students representing the school at the district carnival on Wednesday 23rd May. Have a great day and run fast but remember to pace yourself for the long distance!

Verse Speaking Competition

It has been amazing hearing so many students reciting some wonderful poetry for the upcoming annual Verse Speaking competition to be held on Monday 28th May from 1.30pm. Please note this is during assembly time and an early start has been organised as there are a number of students reciting their poems. Thank you to Mrs Clark for the organisation of this event. Well done to all students who made it through to the finals and also to the many others who participated in their class and grade auditions.

STEPS Junior AECG

This year, the STEPS Learning Community has initiated a Junior AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group). Yesterday, I took four of our senior students to a meeting where, along with students from across the seven STEPS schools, an organising committee was established. This group will meet once a term and share information and ideas to enhance Aboriginal Education in our schools, which is not just about catering for our Aboriginal students but for all students within the school. Our senior students will be coming up with ideas about how best to do this. Well done to Dominic, Codey, Crystal-Marie and Chelsea on your participation at yesterday's meeting.



Brain Awareness Competition

Congratulations to Anabel from Class 4 who came third in the whole of Australia for her entry into the Brain Awareness competition. Anabel received a prize of some books for herself and also some for the school. The school also received a \$250 gift card for resources which Class 4 will choose. Arnica, Addison and Lavayen from Class 4 also received certificates as they were shortlisted as finalists. Well done!

Next Coffee & Chat Session

My next coffee and chat session will be tomorrow, Friday 18th May at 9am in the school staffroom. I look forward to seeing lots of our parents, carers and family members there.

Staff News

Ms Salter has had to take some extended leave for personal reasons. Class 6 will be taught by Ms Terri Truong on Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of the term. Ms Truong is an experienced teacher who will continue with the planned teaching and learning program for the class. We welcome Ms Truong to St Clair PS.

I will be on leave from Monday 21st May until Thursday 7th June. During my leave, Mrs Goodwin will be relieving Principal.

Wishing everyone all the best for a busy and exciting Term 2!

Warm Regards,

Dale Bruce
Principal

School Awards

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

Pranav S x3, Leinard S, Sarah R, Krystal B, Mia W, JR, Noah C, Kyle W, Jenny A x2, Alexa B, Abdullah AS x2, Kieran A, Oliver M, Jaylah K, Brenden S, Jayden S, Ashton R, Rathushaan M, Faith G, Hunter M, Nathaniel C, Tyler M, Shane Sa, Antony A, Kay A, Rochelle C, Kaitlyn B, Elaine C, Makaylah P, Braxton P, Lucian R-M, Brayden E, Rhys M, Jessica B, Sebastian P, Williams T, Liam B, Emma L, Logan O, Kaylee H, Khloe T, Dakota R, Chloe W, Ivana V, Anabel F-G, Jordan M, Tyler S, Charlotte W, Jasmine R, K.F, Hannah B, Andrew B, JT. E, Dominic G, Jonalyn D, Zaiden D, Crystal D, Kyle P, Amy T, Shae S, Zacchaeus H, Jasmine G, Brayden S, Hannah D, Alexis D, Koray K, Mikayla B, Angelo R

Principal's Awards

Pranav, Tyler Su, Kay A, Zachary S, Braxtynn G, Cahllil S, Noah C, Ashlee B, Harmony L, Rochelle C, Kaitlyn B, Jenny A, Amy T, Hannah D

School Awards

Pranav S & Sarah R

Aussie of the Month - March (Sportsmanship)

Jaylah K & James D

Aussie of the Month - April (Fair Go)

Charlotte Wr & Izaak D

Merit Awards Term 2 Week 2

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	William S & Suhanni S	7	Yousif M	12	Manaia W & Olivia I
3	Denis C & Jye E	8	JR N	13	Amara S & Mackenzie M
4	Lavayen S & Sophie G	9		15	Faith K & Liam N
5	Bowen G & Om U	10	Kieran A	16	Andrew P & Duggu T
6	Rochelle C & Ngahina K	11	Jordan M	18	Liam B & Lewis C

Merit Awards Term 2 Week 3

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Abdo A & Taylah W	7	Mitchell L-S	12	Tile D'Sean E & Jennifer S
3	Mackenzie B & Mandla M	8	Kyle W	13	Zoltan A & Braxton P
4	Harshiv S & Holly F	9	Katrina E	15	Krishika P & Noah C
5	William S & Bianca H	10	Rathushaan M	16	Ruby M & Matthew S
6		11	Riley B	18	Caleb M

Excellence in Reading Awards

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Darlene P	7	Seeley J	12	S. F
3	Amy T	8	JR. N	13	Jonah S
4	Matilda V	9	Asher I	15	Kay A
5	Samantha M	10	Rathushaan M	16	Lucian R-M
6		11	Shayne S	18	Elwyn C

St Clair PS

Commonwealth Games Day

~ Thursday 14th June ~

The grit, excellent sportsmanship and goodwill spirit demonstrated by the athletes from all nations at the recent Commonwealth Games has been an inspiration to many.



Our Commonwealth Games Day is fast approaching! Information has been sent home this week, along with a sponsor card for students. On the day, the students will be in ten groups with each group representing a particular country. There will be a wonderful opening ceremony and then the students will rotate around ten athletics events.

Student Prizes

For every \$5 raised by the students, they will receive a token for a student raffle. These raffle prizes will include gift cards and other things kids love! Completed Sponsor cards must be returned by Tuesday 12th June. This is to ensure they have their card on event day.

Family Raffle

We have sourced some amazing prizes for our family raffle. Tickets for these will go home next week.

Families and friends are very welcome to come along and support and cheer along our athletes! The Outback Steakhouse in Penrith has kindly offered to supply items and run a sausage sizzle for athletes and visitors on the day. For a small cost, you can purchase lunch with ALL proceeds going to the school.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News

Welcome to Term 2! The garden is looking beautifully green and open since the shade cloths finally went down. The plants are very relaxed and the vegetables are growing strong since the intense heat is finally over. Sometimes the mornings feel like winter is already here. We even forget that it's still only autumn! However, our vegetables are doing just fine despite the extreme temperatures we've experienced this year. In the garden we have crops of



bright French breakfast radishes, wombok, cabbages, silver beets, Asian greens, beans, celery, pumpkins, snow peas, broad beans, beetroot, potatoes, carrots, parsley, coriander, passionfruit, broccoli, garlic, lime, kohlrabi and lettuce. Some of the produce is not yet ready for harvest but we do have our green leafy veggies which are ready for picking! Unfortunately, we've lost a few seedlings to birds pulling them out whilst looking for worms to eat but we've now got a few

growing to make sure we have some beetroot, wombok and celery ready to be cooked in a few weeks. The students planted more seeds ready for winter and they will hopefully be transferred into the garden beds in about six weeks' time. At the beginning of the term we had nets on some of the beds, which serve as great protection from the birds, white butterflies and snails. We also now have four new garden beds to replace the old ones; just at the perfect time to get the soil nice and healthy again. This week, students have been a great help in the garden and Joel has also earned our many thanks for putting the garden beds together.



Our kitchen and garden focus for Term 2 is based around eggs and chickens. Last week students cooked okonomiyaki (Japanese pancakes) with our cabbages, shallots, carrots, wombok, eggs and flour. Students were exercising great learning and listening skills by following the recipes and instructions on how to put the ingredients together and how to carefully cook and flip the dish without it breaking.

Utilising the appropriate kitchen safety procedures was another valuable trait the students have proven to have; well done all! Besides okonomiyaki, we also cooked rice soup and egg mini muffins. Students harvested four cabbages, one large wombok, two bunches of shallots, eight carrots and used thirty free range eggs from our beautiful chickens. There's nothing like harvesting your own vegetables, cooking them and most importantly - eating it as a team!

Week 3 is a garden week. We have so many things to do but we're also eager and excited to cook the following week. Thank you to those who donated seeds, egg cartons, flour, and of course the same goes to students and teachers who put in the rewarding hard work.



Would you like to donate? We need: Olive Oil, butter, cheese, tinned tomatoes, rice, garden seeds, and flower seeds.

Until next time,

Cazendra



P & C News

Annual 5 Cent Coin Race with a twist!

Our coin race is well underway with all classes collecting coins. Keep a lookout in the display window outside the office for our running total. Congratulations to Class 15 who have won the trophy for the first two weeks.

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

Keep bringing in your spare change!

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



Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to everyone who supported the Mother's Day Stall this year. We sold out of everything! Thank you to the parents and carers who came along to help on the day as well. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you,
P & C Committee

Gumbirra Children's Centre

(Before and After School Care)

Is a Penrith City Council Service who is offering before and after school care for those children enrolled at St Clair Public School from:

Monday 4th June 2018.

Location: 97A Cook Parade St Clair

Hours of Operation: BSC 6:30AM to approx. 8:30AM drop off at St Clair Public School.

ASC: 3PM pick up from St Clair Public School to 6PM

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Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

♥ Purple Mufti Day In Memory of Koleby ♥

When? Thursday 31st May, 2018

Time? 11:00 - 11:30am

What? The SRC will be holding a cake stall with lots of yummy treats for you to purchase.

Years 3 - 6 families are kindly asked to provide the delectable delights this year.

For a donation, tea and coffee will be available for adults.



This year's Biggest Morning Tea will be held in the memory of Koleby.

As purple was her favourite colour, we are asking everyone wear something purple on the day.



Where? Artificial grass

Why? ALL of the money raised on the day will go directly to the Cancer Council.

Who? We would love to see as many of our parents, caregivers, grandparents, uncles, aunties, cousins and friends attend this very special event!

*Thanks in advance for supporting such an important event.
We look forward to seeing on the day!*



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 18 MAY 2018

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Not only is walking a wonderful way to get you where you want to be, but it also gets your health – and your child's health on the right track too. So that's why this year our school is participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 18 May 2018.

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 18 May 2018!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au