



# St Clair Public School Newsletter



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## 2018 Events & Activities

Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
June 11 – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday June 12 – ICAS Writing Competition (TBC) June 13 – ICAS Spelling Competition June 14 – Commonwealth Games Day! June 15 – Principal's Morning Tea for PBL Award Recipients June 19 – Debate (vs Clairgate PS) June 19 – P & C Meeting (7pm) June 22 – NAIDOC Cup June 26 – Coffee & Chat session June 19 – Student Reports Go Home July 2 – Tickets on Sale for STEPS Music Festival (Ticketek) July 2 to July 5 – Parent / Teacher Interviews 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 – Final Payment Date for Stage 2 Excursion 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.....

A big thank you to Mrs Goodwin for relieving as Principal while I was recently on leave. Thank you to the staff and community who supported her during this time. Although I had a lovely time away, it is also good to be back!

### STEPS Music Festival

Ticket sales for the upcoming STEPS Music Festival will go on sale on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10am. They can be purchased through Ticketek. Tickets will cost \$20 each. We have our two dance groups, choir and signing choir performing at the festival on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. All students participating have been rehearsing and fine tuning their items, ready for the big night.

### Bunnings Garden

Well done to the students from the Support Unit who recently worked with Bunnings to put together a lovely new garden outside room 8. This was produced as a part of the FUNctional Friday groups running for all students in the support unit. Well done to all involved.



### Student Reports and Parent / Teacher Interviews

Semester 1 student reports are due to go home on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. We are using a different format this year which we hope will provide parents and carers with a clear understanding about how students are progressing in each area. Information regarding parent / teacher interviews will come home soon. As per last year, bookings will be made online. For those who do not have internet access, you will be able to contact the office and a time can be allocated for you. Parent / teacher interviews will occur in the last week of the term.

### Walk Safely to School Day

Well done to all the students and families who participated in this special day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June. It is great to know (and see) that our students are careful when walking to and from school. Thank you to Miss Bernstein for organising this event.



### Verse Public Speaking

Well done to all the students who participated in this annual competition. I know the teachers had a tough time deciding on the grade finalists and although I wasn't at the school final, I heard it was exceptional. Thank you to Mrs Clark for organising this event. Congratulations to the following students who were grade finalists and a special congratulations to the winners in each grade.

Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Courtney R	Lyla D	Kay A	Maikel A
Riley C	Kyle H	S.F	K.F
Duggu T	Maddison R	Scarlett F	Joshua L
<b>Winner: Kingston F</b>	<b>Winner: Hannah D</b>	<b>Winner: Zoltan A</b>	<b>Winner: Madison B</b>

Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jordan W	Matilda V	Faith G
Krystal B	Amy T	Isabel D
Holly F	Sameer J	Tua S
<b>Winner: Rochelle C</b>	<b>Winner: Tayla R</b>	<b>Winner: Taylah W</b>

### Next Coffee & Chat Session

My next coffee and chat session will be Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the school staffroom. I look forward to seeing lots of our parents, carers and family members on the day. This is a great forum for sharing with the community all that is happening at the school, as well as clarifying any questions you may have.

### P & C

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome to attend.

Warm Regards,

Dale Bruce  
Principal

## Bunnings – Sensory Garden



Earlier this year we wrote to Bunnings Minchinbury asking them for help to start a Sensory garden outside the support unit. Bunnings responded with a Yes! So on Friday 25 May Narrele and Jenny from Bunnings Minchinbury and Seven Hills came out to help start our Sensory Garden. We would like to thank them for their help and support and the fabulous donations and work they completed. We look forward to adding to it and making it a place for everyone to enjoy.

THANK  
YOU!



## 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

Stephanie M, Rathushaan M, Sophie G x2, Ruby M, Suhaani S, Seb S x3, Taylah W, Khelian, Angelina S, Jameliah, Cooper B, Denise P, Leah Y, Cooper J, Michael S, Matthew S, Jordan W, Hunter, Riley C, Duggu, Shae S, Anthony A, Elwyn C, Elaine C, Zachary S, Baydene, Brenden S, Brandan T x 2, Riley B, Jordan L, Matilda V, Samantha M and Liliana C

### Principal's Awards

Brayden S, Braxton P, Taylah W, Holly F, Jordan W, Curtis H, Rathushaan M, Abigail L

### School Awards

Rochelle C

### Aussie of the Month – June

K-2 Alexander N / 3-6 Stephanie M

PBL Award Week 6					
Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Phillip N	7	Khloe T	12	Alexander N
3	Codey M	8	Cooper J	13	Izaak D
4	Jaylah K	9	Johannes M	15	Leah Y
5	Jordan W	10	Brenden S	16	Daisy P
6	Anna S	11	Corey N	18	Fiona S

## Commonwealth Games Day

~ Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 this Thursday!

Students can come to school in their country colours. Keep getting sponsors to win GREAT prizes! Don't forget adult raffle and sausage sizzle for \$2 on the day.



# Biggest Morning Tea 2018

## Purple Mufti Day in Memory of Koleby

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 31st May.

To all the families who donated goodies for the cake stall, thanks so much! The treats were delicious!

It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers, grandparents, brothers, sisters and friends join us too.

We are very proud to announce that we raised an amazing \$934.70 for the Cancer Council!

Thank you again for your amazing support!





## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News



Winter is here! Two weeks ago, lots of plants finished their season and have been pulled out. This includes the tomatoes, snake beans, tomatillos, some radishes, eggplants and capsicums. Interestingly, our pumpkins, chokos, beans, bitter melons and chili are doing very well -- flowering and fruiting even though they should be all finished by now. The students started planting red and white cabbage, red onions, fennel, kale, lettuce, celery, cauliflower and beetroot. Although we have not had a lot of rain in the past few weeks, our garden is doing very well. Watering the garden twice a week is all that the plants need. Our plants are covered with good mulch and this adds organic matter to the soil, as well as helps make the garden healthier and more resistant to pests and disease. The mulch also helps retain moisture in the soil for longer and it prevents evaporation by shielding the soil from the sun. I am so pleased that we were able to get very good quality mushroom compost. I have changed four new garden beds and they are now bigger than what we had before. The mushroom compost surely did fill the new beds and by planting plenty of snow peas and peas, it surely will put extra nitrogen into the soil.



Last week, our students made some new dishes that we have not tried before. Our egg soft tacos were amazing! Just simple scrambled eggs with Mexican herbs and spices (garlic, cumin, paprika, oregano and coriander) made the dish taste of Mexico! We added our fresh harvested lettuce, tomatoes, coriander and oregano for freshness. We also used our tomatillos salsa for extra tanginess and added some cheese. Many people are not familiar with tomatillo. What is it? Tomatillo, also known as the Mexican husk tomato, is a plant of the nightshade family bearing small, spherical and green or green-purple fruit of the same name. Tomatillos originated in Mexico and is a staple of Mexican cuisine; they are eaten raw or cooked in a variety of dishes, particularly salsa verde. Another dish that was loved by many was our homemade spaghetti bolognese made with fresh pasta accompanied with fresh garden salad. Students really enjoyed making the pasta and were

surprised that all it has is eggs, flour and salt. We also cooked Chinese egg noodle soup, perfect for a chilly cold morning.



This week the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden foundation will be coming to our school for a one-day training session. I am very excited and proud to show our beautiful garden and our kitchen. I am also looking forward to meeting new people and hearing of their success in their own gardens. No doubt I will learn new things too! Thank you to all students who were so well behaved and worked so hard in the kitchen as well as in the garden. I'm looking forward to seeing you all next week for some more exciting cooking and fun gardening. Also, thank you to all the staff and teachers who support the SAKG by buying lunch every Wednesday. Your contribution has truly made a huge impact on the program. Thank you parents who contributed kitchen supplies as well as those who contribute \$5 per term.

Until next time,

**Cazendra**

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

## School Parking

ARE YOU SCHOOL SAFE - "Illegal **parking** around schools endangers children's lives".

If you've heard the expression "it's only a matter of time until someone gets hurt" then you'll understand why it is important for EVERYONE to obey the road rules.

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school.

Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate. Schools provide information in school newsletters and emails to promote safe behaviour and this includes **parking** legally during drop off and pick up times.

Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days. Observe all **parking** signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind.

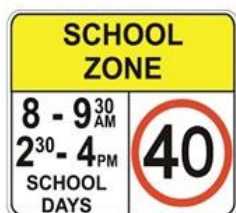
Illegal **parking** around schools puts lives at risk. That's why Council and the Police take a 'zero tolerance' approach. Council Rangers, **Parking** Officers and Police regularly patrol schools across the Penrith LGA.

**Parking** in a No **Parking** area - means you can stop to drop off or pick up passengers for a MAXIMUM of 2 MINUTES. You must stay within 3 metres of the vehicle.

**Parking** in a No Stopping area - means you CANNOT stop in this area for ANY reason.

**Parking** in a Bus Zone area - means you CANNOT stop or park unless you are driving a bus

### SCHOOL ZONE Parking Infringements



NSW Police Force



School Zone Infringement as @30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018





# We are a White Ribbon School

To end violence, we must work together to change our attitudes and behaviours.

St Clair and Erskine Park Schools (STEPS) are committed to working together to foster a culture of respect.

We support White Ribbon and promote 'respectful relationships' within our community.

At our school we say:

## YES to RESPECT

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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# Public Schools NSW

## Information Sessions for Parents and Care Givers



Wondering what **Support Classes** can provide for your child?  
Come to one of our Information Sessions.

### Hobartville Public School

16 Valder Ave, Hobartville

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – 9:30am to 11:00am

Further information: Sandra Black – Learning & Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7613

### Kingswood South Public School

Smith St, Kingswood

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – 9:30am to 11:00 am

Further information: Sandra Black – Learning & Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7613

### Springwood Public School

Burns Rd, Springwood

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - 10.00am to 11:30am

Further information: Sandra Black – Learning & Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7613

### Beresford Road Public School

Beresford Road, Greystanes

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – 9.30am to 11am

Further information: Bianca Cozad – Learning & Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7614

### Girraween Public School

Bando Road, Girraween

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 9.30am – 11am

Further information: Bianca Cozad – Learning & Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7614

### Riverbank Public School

25 Wentworth St, The Ponds NSW 2769

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am to 11am

Further Information: Natali Gulic – Learning and Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7659