



St Clair Public School Newsletter



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2018 Events & Activities

Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<p>June 29 – Student Reports Go Home July 2 – Debate (vs Bidwill PS at Bidwill) 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</p>	<p>Basketball Clinics – Weekly all Term July 24 – Students Return to School July 31 – ICAS English Competition Aug 1 – OC Placement Test Aug 2 – STEPS Music Festival (Day Rehearsal & Night Performance) Aug 3 – Enviromentors Workshops Aug 6 to 8 – Book Fair Aug 6 to 10 – Swimming Scheme (Mainstream Students) Aug 6 to 10 Education Week OPEN Day (Monday 6th) Aug 7 – P & C Meeting (7pm) Aug 8 – Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm Aug 10 – Enviromentors Workshops Aug 13 to 17 – Swimming Scheme (Support Unit Students) Aug 14 – ICAS Mathematics Competition Aug 14 – Debate (vs Banks) Aug 16 & 17 – Stage 3 Bathurst Goldfields Camp Aug 21 – Book Character Parade 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</p>	<p>Oct 15 – Students Return to School Oct 16 to 22 – Life Education Program Nov 1 – 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</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>This table will be updated with each newsletter.</p> </div>

The Principal's Message.....

Communication

I must apologise for various recent communications going home with incorrect information such as dates. Our notes go through a checking process but from time to time something is overlooked. We do endeavour to have the correct information then relayed to our community. Thank you to those affected for your understanding and patience when this happens.

Student Reports and Parent / Teacher Interviews

Semester 1 student reports are due to go home tomorrow, Friday 29th 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. Parent / teacher interviews will be held next week. Bookings will close tomorrow (Friday 29th June) at 6pm so don't forget to get online and book a time. To make a booking go to schoolinterviews.com.au, use the code **wrbju** and select appropriate timeslots. If you are unable to find a suitable time, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

STEPS Music Festival

Ticket sales for the upcoming STEPS Music Festival will go on sale on **Monday 2nd July at 10am**. They can be purchased through Panthers / Ticketek. Tickets will cost \$20 each. We have our two dance groups, choir and signing choir performing at the festival on Thursday 2nd August. If you have previously been involved in this, you will appreciate what a wonderful night it is!

Debating

Congratulations to our debating teams on their successes at recent debates. It's great to know our students can argue for and against a topic, presenting their points with confidence. Well done to them all!

NAIDOC Cup

Well done to all of our students who went to the NAIDOC Cup day last Friday. I received such lovely feedback from the teachers and students about the day. Thank you to Ms Menezes for organising the day again this year.

Commonwealth Games Day

What a fantastic day our Commonwealth Games day was. Thank you to all of our students, families and staff for supporting the day and really getting behind the spirit of the day. Thank you to the organising committee, led by Mrs Roy for the wonderful organisation of the day. A special thank you to Mrs Dunlop who did an amazing job sourcing all the fantastic raffle prizes – 56 in total!

The students are asked to return their sponsor forms and money by Friday 6th July (last day of Term 2). The student raffle will be drawn early next term. There are some wonderful prizes on offer for them too!

Swimming Scheme

A note went home about swimming scheme this week. Students in Years 2 and 3 are offered places first and then any remaining places are offered to students in Years 4, 5 & 6. If you would like your child to be a part of this important program (particularly if they are a non-swimmer or poor swimmer), please return the note and deposit as soon as possible to secure a place.

Education Week / Open Day

Education Week is Week 3 next term (6th – 10th August). On Monday 6th August we will have our OPEN Day, beginning at 11.30am with my *Coffee & Chat* session, followed by classroom visits at 12.30pm and lunch with your child or children at 1.20pm. More information about this day will go home early next term.

Lost Property

It's winter and the amount of lost property seems to grow and grow every day, particularly jackets. Please label all school clothing with your child's name and class. Every few days, lost property is checked and items with names on them are returned to the students.

Social Media at Assembly and School Events

Last week I sent home a note to ask our parents, carers and families to be very mindful about posting images or names on social media such as Facebook, without the permission from the people involved to do so. We have a number of students whose parents have not consented to having names and / or images published for a variety of reasons. Please continue to take photos / videos of your own children for your own collection but please check who else is in them before uploading to social media platforms.

Bunnings BBQ

Well done to our District Hearing Team (based at our school) for their successful Bunnings BBQ on Sunday and thank you to those from our school community who went along to Bunnings to support them. A special thank you to Mr Noonan from the P & C who helped out on the day and to all the hearing team teachers and their families who worked so hard to raise funds for this program.

Staffing

We have a couple of staffing changes beginning from Term 3. Mrs Spicer will be taking maternity leave as she welcomes her new bundle of joy into the world. We wish Mrs Spicer and her family all the best for this special occasion. We welcome Miss Maddison Gradidge as the teacher of Class 15. Mrs O'Donoghue is also leaving us as she was successful in gaining a teacher / librarian position at another school. We thank Mrs O'Donoghue for her hard work and dedication to our students and wish her well as she enters a new and different stage in her career. We are still currently arranging for a replacement teacher for Class 3.

Visiting Principal

For the first 2 weeks of next term I will be hosting a visiting Principal from Nottingham in England. Ms Anne Batley will be spending quite a bit of time within our school but also visiting other local schools and participating in some professional learning opportunities. Her visit is a part of the LEAP (Leading Education Around the Planet) program. Next year, I will have the opportunity to travel to Nottingham to be hosted by Ms Batley and visit her school and other schools as well. Hopefully while Ms Batley is here, she will have the chance to meet not only our students but also many within our school community.

Upcoming Holidays

I would like to wish all our students, families and staff an enjoyable, safe and relaxing break. School will resume for students in Term 3 on Tuesday 24th July. We look forward to another busy and exciting term at St Clair PS!

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

Jasmine Z x4, Holly F, Hendrix G x5, Kapish B, Daisy P, Gulnaz, K, Angus M, Shayne S, Curtis H, Makaylah P, Madison B, Oliver M, Lorelle G, Jordan M, Frederick S, Jameliah L, Mia N x4, Daniel S, Kimberly N, Cahllil S, Sophie G, Anthony P, Kieran A, Anabel F-G, Jayden S, Abdullah A-S, Rathushaan M

Principal's Awards

Jasmine Z x2, Cooper J x2, Charlotte Wi, Hendrix G x2, Kimberly N, Miz W, Shae S

School Award

Hendrix G

Aussie of the Month – June (Being a Good Role Model)

Rathushaan M & Madison B

Merit Awards Week 8 Term 2

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Jonalyn D & Darlene P	7	Seeley J	12	Frederick S & Zakariah H
3	Sameer J & Morgan S	8	Shane S	13	Lucas M & Samantha L
4	Eva-May & Joshua B	9	Jack W	15	Meeka S-S & Leah Y
5	Mackenzie H & Mia W	10	Shae S	16	A.A & R.C
6	Brayden S & Lachlan S	11	Brandan T	18	Taryn R & Kingston F

Excellence in Science Awards Week 9 Term 2

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Abdo A	7	Logan O	12	Olivia I
3	Mackenzie E	8	Tyler M	13	Lily M
4	Holly F	9	Jack W	15	James D
5	K.F	10	Jayden S	16	Oliver M
6	Curtis H	11	Jordan M	18	Kingston F

The STEPS Music Festival

Our annual Music Festival will be held on **Thursday, the 2nd of August** at **The Evans Theatre in Penrith Panthers Rugby League Club on Mulgoa Road**, in Penrith, at **7.00pm**.

Tickets are on sale from the Monday 2nd July through Ticketek or the Penrith Panthers Box Office.

Tickets are **\$20.00 each** and you may purchase as many as you wish. **Please Note:-** Ticketek charges a booking fee per ticket which is included in the purchase price.

Children from the St Clair School Choir, Signing Choir and School Dance Groups will be performing on the night.

We hope you will be able to come and see us perform and enjoy an evening of fine entertainment from children from all the St Clair/ Erskine Park schools.

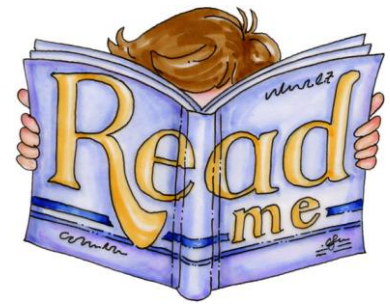
Thank you!

Library Garden News

Term 3 is a busy time for our library.

Book Fair will run in Week 3 and be open between the following times:

- Monday August 6th 8:30am - 8:55am
3:00pm - 3:30pm
- Tuesday August 7th 8:30am - 8:55am
3:00pm - 3:30pm
- Wednesday August 8th 8:30am - 8:55am
3:00pm - 3:30pm



Monday is also Open Day and the fair will be accessible at various times throughout the day.

Save the Date!

Tuesday August 21st

Get your creative caps on.... Book Parade is not that far away.

Use the holidays to get a head start on your costume! Keep in mind you need to be school safe... that means safe footwear and weather appropriate, sun safe choices!

More details to follow as the event gets closer.

Thank you,
Mrs Sparks

Photos from Our Commonwealth Games Day



Thank you to everyone for supporting this wonderful day!

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News

It's always fun hosting the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden training at St Clair Public School. As always I have learnt so much from the SAKG staff and also from the people who attend the training. The program now has over 1000 school members - what a great privilege it is to be part of it. Though our garden is looking amazing, we are still facing a few unwanted insects and plant diseases. A few weeks ago I noticed our citrus trees had lumps on the twigs and I realised that some trees were not fruiting at all. Soraya, one of the trainers from Brisbane, identified this problem and helped me fix it. She explained that the lumps on the twigs were wasp larvae growing within the citrus stems until late summer. These galls or calluses are formed in



response to the presence of the feeding larvae. Controlling citrus gall wasp can be difficult but damage can be minimised by cutting the infected area and pruning only to a maximum of 1/3 of the tree to avoid stressing it too much. So I guess that's what I will be doing during the school holidays: pruning five infected trees. Two of the trees are going to be moved to a different spot for better space and room to grow. Thank you to Suzie and Soraya from the SAKG, who had an amazing, fun and productive day. Also, thank you for the kitchen supplies and very valuable books donated to us. Mrs Robinson and I are very proud of our school, showing others how well the program is successfully running.



Term 2 has been such a busy few months at our school and now the school holidays are right around the corner. When the kitchen week was on, we managed to cook many different egg dishes such as fried rice and healthy simple salads. We have plenty of Asian vegetables growing in the garden and it was perfect for the Year 5 and 6 students to make delicious Asian inspired dishes. They made crispy and tasty dumplings and vegetarian stir-fry. We harvested and used our fresh wombok, purple beans, coriander, shallots, buck choy, radishes, purple cabbages and carrots. The fried dumplings were definitely a hit! A student said he could eat two dozens of those on his own... I definitely agree! What's in the dumpling filling? Just a few leaves of wombok, garlic, onion, ginger and bamboo shoots mixed in the food processor with a pinch of salt and pepper. The students then enjoyed filling the dumpling by scooping a teaspoon of vegetables and placing it in the centre of the wrapper then folding it into a crescent shape, then sealing it with a little bit of water. We shallow fried them with light olive oil. No doubt, everyone enjoyed all the egg dishes



we cooked for the past weeks but I am looking forward to our next kitchen focus. Since the garden is slowly growing some vegetables during this winter, legumes and pulses are perfect for our kitchen focus for Term 3.

Once again, thank you to all students who worked so well! Well done everyone. Also to all parents and staff who donated olive oil, flour, sweet potatoes, lemons and rice, THANK YOU! We really appreciate your support. Looking forward to cooking and gardening with the students next term. Have a good break and be safe!

Until next time,
Cazendra.



NAIDOC Cup Photos

