



# St Clair Public School Newsletter



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## Upcoming Events & Activities

### Term 4

Nov 1 – Kindergarten 2020 Transition (Session 1)  
Nov 4- Clair Bears Playgroup (9am)  
Nov 5 – Pizza Lunch  
Nov 6 – Coffee & Chat (9am)  
Nov 7 – Coding & Robotics Excursion to IMC  
Nov 7 – Music Count Us In  
Nov 8 – Kindergarten 2020 Transition (Session 2)  
Nov 11- Clair Bears Playgroup (9am)  
Nov 11- Student Leaders attending Remembrance Ceremony at St Marys RSL  
Nov 12 - PBL morning Tea  
Nov 12 – Grandparents Day  
Nov 15 – Kindergarten 2020 Transition (Session 3)  
Nov 15- Stage 3 Basketball Gala Day  
Nov 18 – Clair Bears Playgroup  
Nov 21 – Year 6 Fun Day  
Nov 21 – STEPS Rotary Public Speaking Evening  
Nov 22 – Kindergarten 2020 Transition (Session 4)  
Nov 25 – Final Debate  
Nov 25 - Clair Bears Playgroup  
Nov 26 – Stage 2 Basketball Gala Day  
Nov 29 – Kindergarten 2020 Orientation Day  
Dec 2 – Clair Bears Playgroup  
Dec 3 – P & C Meeting  
Dec 6 – Presentation Day  
Dec 9 – Clair Bears Playgroup  
Dec 9 – End of Year Performance (11:30)  
Dec 11 – Year 6 Farewell  
Dec 13 – Coffee & Chat (9am)  
Dec 16 – End of Year Picnic / Movie Day  
Dec 18 – Last Day of the Year

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## The Principal's Message...

### Camps

At the end of Term 3 Stage 2 had their "Survivor" camp which involved a day of school based survivor type fun, and evening activities. On the following day they headed off to Scenic World in Katoomba. Stage 3 went for their 3 day overnight excursion to Canberra. They had 3 full days and nights of wonderful experiences. See later in the newsletter for more information and photos.

### Kindergarten 2020 Transition

It has come around so quickly. It just seems like yesterday that our current Year 6 students started their Kindergarten transition. Our Kindergarten for 2020 will start the transition program on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Lots of exciting activities are planned for our new students and their families over the next 4 weeks.

### STEPS Rotary Public Speaking Competition

Good luck to Tayla who will be representing St Clair PS at the upcoming STEPS Rotary Public Speaking competition at Twin Creeks on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019.

### Coffee & Chat

The next coffee and chat session will be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am in the staffroom. If you're here in the morning, please feel free to pop in to chat about all the great things happening at St Clair PS. No doubt Mrs Bruce will have some stories from her visit to schools in England to share!

Warm Regards,  
Elizabeth Goodwin  
Rel. Principal

## Enrolment Information – Kindergarten 2020

If you have a child who is ready to begin Kindergarten in 2020, please contact the office for an enrolment form. Enrolment forms can also be downloaded from our school website. Please visit <https://stclair-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> for more information.

If you know of anyone who has a child ready for school in 2020 please let them know that we are now accepting enrolments.

We have begun interviewing our 2020 Kindergarten students.

Thank you for your support.

Karen Farlow  
K-2 Assistant Principal



## Awards.....

### Mini Merits

Kingston T, Braxton A, Jenny A, Aiden C x 2, Yousif M, Rathushaan M, Kaylee H, Logan S, Khloe T, Rudra P, Lachlan H, Matilda V, Krishika P X2, Mia W, Tyler M, JR N, Kyle W, Shayne S, Holly F, Samantha M x3, Stephanie M x3, Sandra S x 3, Braxton P, Makaylah P, Izaak D, Daisy P, Ava K, Tyler S, Isaiah C, Brenden S, R F, Jayden B, Brayden S, Amy T, Isla M, Chelsie S, Julia I, Kaemon R, Jonah S, Adbullah A, Jessica B, Cooper G, Jenny A, Kaleb Z, Chloe W, Elizabeth S, Bronte J, Zaynn S, Jordan W x 6

### Principal Awards

Kay A, Cydney S, Madison B, Krishika P, Emily B, Mia W, Samantha M, Stephanie M, Nate N, JR N, Kingston T, Scarlett F, Shayne S, Jayden B, Sandra S, Jordan W

### School Awards

Mia W, Kingston T

### Aussie of the Month

Caleb E YK-2  
Emalia S Y3-6

## Merit Awards

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Lucas A Tayla R Morgan S Zavier S	7	Nate N Brenden S	12	Ava K Veronica G Krishika P Nathan S
3	Alex L Joseph K Jack S Mandlenkhosi M	8	Lachlan H Levi-James W	13	Lucian R-M Antony A Lewis C Mikayla B
4	Anna S Zachary S Bronte J Aiden C	9	Nazeef S Kaylee H	15	Cooper B Duggu T Caleb M-M Netallie P
5	Baydene T Bianca H James L Anna S	10	Riley B Kieran A	16	Miguel G Xavier M Hunter T Janessa L
6	Mackenzie M William S Isabella P Mikayla R	11	Rathushaan M Brandan T	18	Chelsie S Saxon Z Maddison B Lee-Anna L

## Excellence in Technology

Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
Alexa B	7	Kyle W	12	Izaak D
Eseta V	8	Khloe T	13	Maddison R
Joshua B	9	Yousif M	15	Daisy P
Bowen G	10	Lachlan J	16	Logan M
William S	11	Shayne S	18	Logan L

### Upcoming Assemblies...

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November (Term 4 Week 4)	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November (Term 4 Week 5)	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November (Term 4 Week 6)	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November (Term 4 Week 3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trade-Up Awards</li> <li>• Dance Sport Presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class 3 Item</li> <li>• PBL Awards</li> <li>• Trade-Up Awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aussie of the Month</li> <li>• Excellence in Creative Arts Awards</li> <li>• Trade-Up Awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Dance &amp; Choir Presentations</li> <li>• Merit Awards</li> <li>• Trade-Up Awards</li> </ul>

Don't forget to look after your trade-up awards and hand them in when you have collected enough to build up to your next award.

- 5 mini merits – trade up to a merit award
- 5 merit awards – trade up to a Principal's award
- 5 Principal's awards – trade up to a school award

### Library News.....

Welcome back! It's hard to believe that it is Term 4 already! All classes have enjoyed borrowing the new selection of books that were purchased with funds from the Book Fair. It is great to see so many of our students excited about reading!

This term in the library Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 have been using the laptops to practise logging on to the computers and connecting to Google Classroom. We have been exploring algorithms and using code.org to develop our skills around coding.

Stage 2 and 3 classes have been exploring Microbits. Students have enjoyed learning about these tiny machines and have found many uses for them in the classroom. Working with the Microbits has allowed students to work together and develop their critical and creative thinking skills.

Overdue notices were sent home last week. Please ensure that any overdue books are returned to the library as soon as possible.

Happy reading!

Mrs Farlow



## Kindergarten Transition.....

The Kindergarten 2020 transition program begins this Friday. The program runs for 4 weeks and allows children and their parents the opportunity to engage in activities aimed at preparing your child for Kindergarten in 2020. Parents are reminded to bring a small bag with some crunch and sip for their child.

If you know of any children that are ready for school in 2020 and are yet to enrol at St Clair Public School, please encourage families to contact the office to pick up an enrolment form as soon as possible.

Mrs Farlow  
Assistant Principal

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News.....

It is the last term of the year... Welcome to term 4! Coming back from the two week break, we took advantage of the cool weather getting ready for the hot summer that's just around the corner. Stage 3 enjoyed spreading the mulch around the garden and pulled out most of the weeds. We also enjoyed harvesting the last of our winter vegetables. We harvested 12 broccoli heads, 9 cauliflowers, a few fennel bulbs, peas, beans, leeks, beetroot, some cabbages and kale. Our cabbages are still growing and slowly maturing, and no doubt they will be eaten soon. We have plenty of potatoes, carrots and garlic, too. Last week, we started to plant some of our summer fruit and vegetable seedlings. Our shade cloth is doing its job protecting the plants from the heat. Last week the heat was quite intense in the garden. It only took two weeks for the summer heat to suddenly arrive!

Our garden is looking good and the soil is finally healthy. There are plenty of worms (which is a good sign of healthy soil) and it's definitely the reason for the abundance of crops. The smell of the citrus flowers are amazing. Busy bees are buzzing about everywhere and just loving what's around them. Our native garden is also doing well. Plants have started to flower and our kangaroo paw plants are looking amazing! If time permits, we are going start working on some more art around the school garden. As for our 'ladies', they seem very happy and healthy. They're laying good, healthy eggs and are, of course, loving their home.

We have had such an amazing time in the kitchen. The students have worked so hard preparing and cooking some delicious meals. We cooked **Vegetable stir-fry with freshly made egg noodles**, **Savoury pastry with silverbeet and leek**, **Apple and fennel salad**, our famous **Gözleme**, **Cauliflower fritters**, **Coleslaw salad**, **Lemon cake**, **sponge cake** and **Pasta with cabbage and potato**. Our favourite dish was our lemon cake. Our cauliflower fritters were a hit too! Students were very proud of what they achieved in the kitchen. They take so much pride in what they do, either preparing the vegetables, cooking or simply setting up the tables. Week 3 is going to be kitchen week. Our last term will mainly focus on international food. We have an exciting time ahead of us as we are going to use most of our cabbages, potatoes and grape leaves. I guess Chinese dumpling, Filipino spring rolls, Greek dolmades and Indian curries are going to be on the menu this week.

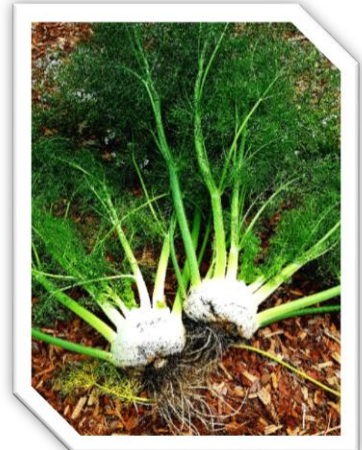
Thank you to all the families who have donated sprouting potatoes, olive oil, seeds from Woolworths and donating their \$5 per term. Your donations help this amazing program so much. Until next time, Cazendra.

### Would you like to donate?

Kitchen supplies: Cheese, butter, plain yoghurt, onions, tinned tomatoes

Garden supplies: Sprouting potatoes, seeds (spinach, corn, sunflowers), cane mulch

# Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News.....



# STAGE 3 CAMP - CANBERRA



Our Stage 3 students went on an educational tour of Canberra at the end of Term 3. They have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This rebate was considered when students were costed for camp.



Enjoy some of the photos from our time in Canberra.



# Stage 2 Camp – Survivor Day and Scenic World



Stage 2 had a sensational 2-day camp filled with great activities. On the first day they played Survivor, participating in numerous challenges. They came back in the evening for a disco and games on the oval under torchlight.





On the second day, students went to the Blue Mountains where they saw the Three Sisters and rode on the Scenic Railway and Cable Car. Students had a great time and represented the school well.





# DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK

We are pleased to advise that a new edition of this valuable safety resource is now available online with updated safety content.

We urge all parents and carers to download this latest edition and discuss the safety content with your children.

Child Safety Handbook App available for download:



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