



St Clair Public School Newsletter



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Upcoming Events & Activities

Term 4 2019	Term 1 2020
Nov 21 – Year 6 Fun Day Nov 21 – STEPS Rotary Public Speaking Evening Nov 22 – Kindergarten 2020 Transition (Session 4) Nov 22 – CRAZY HAIR Day! Nov 22 – Final Date for Krispy Kreme Orders Nov 25 – Final Debate Nov 25 – Clair Bears Playgroup Nov 25 – Kindergarten 2020 Support Unit Transition Nov 26 – Stage 2 Basketball Gala Day Nov 28 – Bravehearts Program Nov 29 – Kindergarten 2020 Orientation Day Dec 2 – Clair Bears Playgroup Dec 2 – Kindergarten 2020 Support Unit Transition Dec 3 – High School Orientation Day Dec 3 – P & C Meeting Dec 6 – Presentation Day Dec 9 – Clair Bears Playgroup Dec 9 – Kindergarten 2020 Support Unit Transition Dec 9 – End of Year Performance (11:30) Dec 10 – School Choir Performing at St Clair Shopping Centre Dec 10 – PBL Morning Tea Dec 11 – Year 6 Farewell Dec 12 – Aboriginal Education PLP Afternoon Tea Dec 13 – Coffee & Chat (9am) Dec 13 – Student Reports go home Dec 16 – End of Year Picnic / Movie Day Dec 18 – Last Day of the Year	Jan 29 – Students in Years 1 to 6 Begin Feb 3 – Kindergarten Begin Feb 7 – RunWest School Program (Every Friday for 8 Weeks) Feb 11 – P & C Meeting 7pm Feb 17 – Student Leaders Induction Assembly Feb 19 – Twilight Swimming Carnival (3.30pm to 5.30pm) Feb 26 – School Photos (Classes and Groups) March 2 – Sibling Photos March 17 – P & C Meeting April 9 – Last Day of Term 1

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The Principal's Message...

STEPS Rotary Public Speaking Competition

Good luck to Tayla who will be representing St Clair PS at the STEPS Rotary Public Speaking competition at Twin Creeks tonight. I have heard her wonderfully prepared speech on the topic of 'is volunteering still worthwhile?' and I am looking forward to seeing Tayla present it tonight!

2020 Student Leadership Speeches

Congratulations to the 15 impressive students who gave wonderful speeches, endeavouring to be elected as a Prefect or School Captain for 2020. They should all feel very proud of their outstanding speeches, indicating they would all make great leaders. The 6 students elected will be announced at an upcoming assembly with the 2020 School Captains announced at our Presentation Day assembly. Good luck to the students who have been nominated.

Grandparents Day

What a wonderful day! Thank you to the many wonderful grandparents and family members who came along. We hope you enjoyed the amazing morning tea, the entertainment and despite the hot weather, a nice lunch with the children. A huge thank you to Mrs Robinson for her planning of the day and the team of teachers and staff working with her to make it such a success. Thank you also to the remarkable Cazendra Rice whose cooking skills provided the most delicious treats!



Kindergarten 2020 Transition

Our transition program is well underway and what a delightful group of students and families we have starting at St Clair PS next year. It has been lovely watching the children participate in the activities and seeing how they are already making new friends.

2020 Enrolment Organisation

If your child is not returning to St Clair PS in 2020, or if they are returning late, please let us know. A note was sent home last week about this. It is also included at the back of this newsletter. It is important we have this information, particularly as we are planning our classes for next year and we base these around our enrolment numbers. At this stage our numbers indicate we will once again have 10 mainstream classes and 5 support classes.

Crazy Hair Day

I am looking forward to seeing all sorts of crazy hair this Friday! Thank you to Mrs Papasinos for organising this fun event to raise money for children in crisis situations. It's lovely to see how events like this help develop and enhance a sense of kindness and compassion for others less fortunate. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event. A special thank you to Mrs Healey and her family who have donated a considerable amount to kick-start this worthy cause.

Coffee & Chat

The last coffee and chat session for 2019 will be on Friday 13th December at 9.00am in the staffroom. Please feel free to pop in to chat about all the great things happening at St Clair PS.

Warm Regards,

Dale Bruce
Principal



Reminder this Friday we are coming to school
in our uniform with CRAZY hair!!

FRIDAY 22nd November 2019



**Change the way you look to change the
lives of others!**

Come to school with your CRAZIEST hair.
All students coming to school with crazy hair are asked to
make a gold coin donation. The fundraising will be going
towards packs being made for children in crisis situations.

~Thank you~

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 Trade ups

Noah C, Sorato F, Elaine C, Antony A, x 2 Lyla D, Maria S, Lachlan J, Cooper B, Shane S, Levi G-W, K.F, Mackenzie H, Dominic G, Emily B, Kayley M, Hannah D, Emily W, Alexis D, Chaise M, Chrissy S, Asher I, Jayden S, Miguel G, Seeley J, Samantha L, Anabel F-G, Veronica G, Hunter M, Brandon T, Billy P x4, Om U

Principal Awards

Mikayla B, Jenny A, Madison B, Rochelle C, Noah C, Cooper B, Anabel F-G, Levi G-W, Kayley M

PBL Awards

Lachlan H, Cooper J, Logan S, Scarlett F, Paige W, Braxton A, Liliana C, Elise H, Danirah B, Shayne S, Catalina A, Isaiah C, Hannah D

Excellence Awards for Creative Arts					
Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1		7	Tyler M	12	Ava K
3	Hannah B	8	Jaslyn W	13	Bilal K
4	Zipporah H	9	Logan S	15	Riley C
5	J.T E	10		16	Calais D
6	Kay A	11	Jordan M	18	Gulnaz K

Upcoming Assemblies...

Monday 25 th November (Term 4 Week 7)	Monday 2 nd December (Term 4 Week 8)	Monday 9 th December (Term 4 Week 9)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior Dance & Choir Performances• Merit Awards• Trade-Up Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classes 10 & 11 Item• Merit Awards• Trade-Up Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Assembly for 2019• Last trade-Up Awards• PBL Awards

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

Also, please remember to try and hand in your awards by Friday each week. If you wait until Monday, they may not be ready in time for the assembly!

Library News.....

As we head towards the end of 2019, could all families begin to return any outstanding library books. Week 7 will be the last week for borrowing across K-6. It is very important that any Year 6 students or any students not returning to St Clair PS in 2020 return all outstanding books.

Premiers Reading Challenge certificates were handed out last week. Any children that did not receive their certificate may have been eligible for a gold certificate. These will be presented to students later in the term.

Rural Aid

Class 3 students have been looking at the effect of the drought on our farmers. As part of their library lessons, they wrote a Christmas letter to a farmer as part of a nation-wide Rural Aid project. Please see below some of the amazing letters written by some of our students.

Mrs Farlow



Dear Farmer...

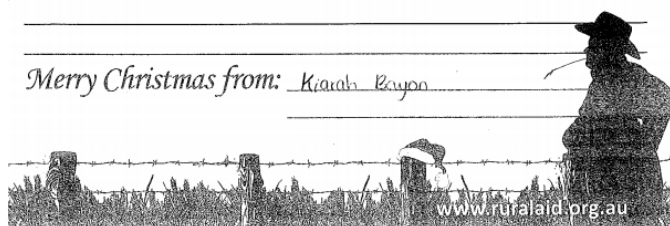
Thankyou for all the effort you put into feeding the country. You don't have to do it but you do it anyway. Waking up early and going to bed late gives me a feeling of great thanks.

What you do is helpful not just to me but the whole country. You are doing something other people do not dare to accomplish. I thank you once again for all the fruits, vegies and everything else you give us.

I encourage you to keep going, to never give up and to remember that everyone is very grateful for your help. I hope for the sake of you and other farmers that it rains very soon. It not Australia will be here to support you.

The effort you put into growing crops and feeding life stock is for us. Thankyou for all you do and I hope you have a wonderful New Years Day and a very merry Christmas.

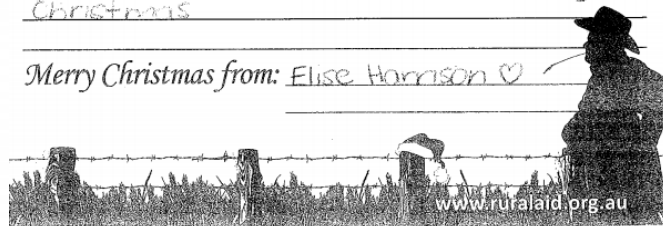
Merry Christmas from: Kiarah Bryon



Dear Farmer...

Thank you for all the amazing fruits and vegetables that you have grown. We are very thankful for everything you have done for us. We are all very sorry for you going through drought and so much more. We appreciate you getting up early in the morning and watering all the crops. Everything you do for Australia never goes unnoticed and we are truly thankful for it. I am in year 6. I take a piece of fruit every day to school and it is always delicious because of you taking care of it. Our city wouldn't be as healthy if it didn't have you to look after it with your amazing food. I really hope you don't give up and continue on with your farming career. I hope you and your family have a wonderful life and a Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas from: Elise Harrison ♥



Public Speaking News

Congratulations to the students who competed at the District Public Speaking Competition at Shalvey Public School on the 30th October.

- Year 3 – Scarlett
- Year 4 – K.F
- Year 5 – Holly
- Year 6 – Amy

All students represented St Clair Public School and did a magnificent job on the day. These students are to be commended on the hard work that went into writing and rehearsing their speeches.

Congratulations to Holly who received first place in the Year 5 competition and K.F who placed third in the Year 4 competition.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News...



Our main focus this term was cooking different types of dishes from around the world, and what a success so far. We used what was available in the garden and turned it into something amazing. We used a portion of our abundance of grape leaves, thyme, parsley, oregano, cabbages, carrots, potatoes, beans, peas, snow peas, zucchinis, silverbeet and our eggs. We are very fortunate that our garden can produce vegetables despite not having much rain. Looking at what's ahead of us, St Clair PS has so much going on. It is to be expected since we are at the very end of the term. This week is our garden week. We will plant our last seedlings in the garden including corn, okra, beans and basil.

Since our school year is finishing very soon, we are not going to plant anymore vegetables until the end of January. I will give the soil some good feed, cover it and get it ready for when the students return in the 2020.



All the students enjoyed delicious dishes in the kitchen garden. We made Greek-style dolmades, American-style vegetarian burgers with coleslaw, Indian-style curried potato balls, Persian-style spiced rice, Filipino-style stir-fried noodles, modern Australian-style zucchini slices, Turkish-style gözleme and Chinese-style spring rolls. Yes, they were all vegetarian and definitely loved by the students! From what the students have told me, they really enjoyed the vegetarian burger. To quote one student, "they looked like burgers, smelled like burgers but they tasted like burgers from the shop!" Another dish students loved was the Filipino stir-fried noodles (It's called 'pancit'). Students made their own egg noodles from scratch and precisely cut their vegetables according to the recipes. I promised the students that in Week 7, we will make sweet treats. I am sure they will love my beetroot and chocolate cupcake recipe. Well done to all students who worked hard and for being safe in the SAKG program.



Thank you to those who paid their \$5 this term. As a 'thank you' gift from me, last week students enjoyed freshly made pizza, mac and cheese, meatballs, and date cake. Thank you to all parents who donated and supported our SAKG. Also to all staff who supported 'Tuesdays SAKG' staff lunches. Thank you to all parents and staff who donated seeds from Woolworths. These were put to good use. Thank you!

Something I am dreading to write is the update regarding our chickens at school. I am devastated to announce that all our chickens passed away last Friday. With the help of the animal welfare league, they believed our chickens were killed by some type of animal - a fox by the looks of it. I could just imagine the bush fires we've had lately, there are plenty of animals that have lost their homes and are struggling to survive. Unfortunately, no matter how safe our chickens were, for some reason a predator found their way inside the chicken area where our beautiful chickens were kept. I know our chickens had an amazing life, plenty of food and had a lot of TLC with us here at St Clair PS (some were here for 6-7 years). My next project for the month of January will be renovating the chicken area. We will not buy any chickens until the end of summer and until the area is secure to the max.



Until next time,
Cazendra



Crafty Kids!.....



This term on a Monday lunchtime we have started running crafty kids. We have had a fabulous turn out. One group are currently making baskets and the other group have been knitting and are now making pom poms. A very big thank you to Mrs Reynolds, our parent helper, who has been giving her time to come along and help the kids as well.

Mrs Minard and Mrs Papasinos



Ladies of the Land - Christmas Hamper Appeal

St Clair PS is proud to support the Ladies of the Land charity. The aim of the organisation is to attempt to lift the spirits of the women who are suffering in the country due to the worst drought in recent history. The charity acknowledges that although all members of rural communities are experiencing hardship, it's often the women of the household who put their needs behind everyone else's.

To support this organisation, we are acting as a collection point for the hampers. You may either fill a hamper yourself, or place items in the collection boxes in the office.

If you are able to donate something, the items must be returned to school by Thursday 5th December.

Thank you

Ladies OF THE LAND NSW

LET'S HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS
A LITTLE BIT BRIGHTER FOR OUR
ladies of the land
DURING THE DROUGHT

Would you like to help uplift a
Lady of the Land this Christmas?
Our dedicated ladies out in the
bush often put themselves last...
it's our turn to put them first.

You can help by simply:

- Filling a shoebox with special
pamper items
- Wrapping the box in newspaper
and tying a ribbon around it
- Delivering it by 10th December (to
ensure delivery before Christmas)
to one of our drop off locations.

Find us at Ladies of the Land NSW
on Facebook or Instagram for a
full list of drop off locations and
hamper ideas.

For more information contact
Elzette Connan 0417 255 522 or Tracey Potts 0447 048 929

Once again this year, we are supporting the Christmas Food & Toy Drive.
Please place any donations in the box in the school office. Thank you!



Christmas Food & Toy Drive 2019

Community Junction Inc. in partnership with St Clair Shopping Centre and Holy Spirit Catholic Church will be accepting donations of:

**UNOPENED IN DATE
NON PERISHABLE
FOOD ITEMS & NEW TOYS**

**Drop off between
4th November - 5th December 2019**

Hampers will be packed and distributed to local families in need, in plenty of time for Christmas. Please contact Jane on 9834 2708 for more information or email jane@communityjunction.org.au

Donations can be left at:

Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre

Cnr Autumnleaf Pde and Timesweep Drive
St Clair

St Clair Shopping Centre

155 Bennett Rd St Clair

Colyton Neighbourhood Centre

Cnr Jensen and Willoughby Sts Colyton

Nth St Marys Neighbourhood Centre

Cnr Debrincat Ave and Oleander Rd

North St Marys

Arthur Neave Memorial Hall

41 Parkes Ave Werrington



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Tuesday 4th November 2019

Notification of Student Non Return / Late Return in 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are about to begin the process of structuring our mainstream classes and placing students for 2020. The number of classes we have is based on the number of students and, in particular, their grades. At this stage we will have 10 classes next year, however, depending upon the number of students who may leave, this could drop to 9 classes.

With this in mind, I am asking our parents and carers to let us know if your child is not returning to St Clair PS in 2020 or if they may be returning late. If this applies to you, please fill in the information below and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

This does not apply to our Year 6 students moving onto high school in 2020.

Warm Regards,

Dale Bruce
Principal

Notification of Student Non Return / Late Return in 2020

Name of student: _____ 2019 Class: _____

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☐ My child/children will not be returning to St Clair PS in 2020.

School they will be attending in 2020: _____

☐ My child/children will be returning late in 2020 (school starts for students in Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday 29th January 2020)

They will return to St Clair PS on the following date: _____

What is the reason they will be returning late? _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____