



St Clair Public School Newsletter



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Upcoming Events & Activities

Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
April 30 – Students Return May (Most Wednesdays) – Stage 3 UTS STEM Program May 9 – Greening Australia Tree Planting Day (40 Stage 3 Students) May 9 – SAKG Mother's Day High Tea May 9 – P & C Mother's Day Stall May 10 – Coffee & Chat May 14 to 20 – NAPLAN Online May 14 – P & C Meeting May 17 – Walk Safely to School Day May 18 (Saturday) – Federal Election May 21 – STEPS Mass Choir Rehearsal (at Blackwell PS) May 22 – District Cross Country Carnival May 22 – Penrith Council Student Leaders Civic Reception May 23 – Debate May 23 – Biggest Morning Tea May 28 – PBL Award Recipient Morning Tea June 11 – STEPS Mass Choir Rehearsal (at Clairgate PS) June 12 – School Athletics Carnival June 18 – STEPS Junior AECG Meeting June 18 – P & C Meeting June 20 – Debate (vs JEPS) June 21 – NAIDOC Cup June 25 – Forensic Science Incursion June 27 – Coffee and Chat July 5 – Last Day of Term 2	July 23 – Students Return July 31 – OC Placement Test Aug 1 – STEPS Music Festival (9.00 – 2.30 Dress Rehearsal / 7.00 Evening Performance) Aug 5 to 8 – Education Week Aug 6 – P & C Meeting Aug 7 – Kindergarten Calmsley Hill Excursion Aug 9 – Public Education Concert Aug 15 – Debate (Vs Clairgate) Aug 22 – Greening Australia Tree Planting Day Sept 4 – District Athletics Carnival Sept 5 – Stage 1 Excursion to Taronga Zoo Sept 10 – P & C Meeting Sept 19 – Debate (vs Banks PS) Sept 23 & 24 – Stage 2 Survivor Camp (TBC) Sept 25 to 27 – Stage 3 Overnight Canberra Camp Sept 27 – Last Day of Term 3	Oct 14 – Students Return Oct 22 – Dance Sport Championship Oct 29 – P & C Meeting Dec 3 – P & C Meeting Dec 6 – Presentation Day Dec 11 – Year 6 Farewell Dec 16 – End of Year Picnic / Movie Day Dec 18 – Last Day of the Year

This table will be updated with each newsletter.

Our Calendar seems to be growing with each newsletter. Don't forget to update your fridge flyer or personal calendar with newly added events and activities.

The Principal's Message...

Welcome back to school for another busy and exciting Term 2. I hope our students, families and staff had an enjoyable school break. There are many events and activities planned for this term, so please keep a lookout for relevant information.

Staff News

Mrs Clunes will be on leave for the duration of Term 2. We welcome Miss Lozada as the teacher on Class 10 during this time. Miss Lozada is very excited to be teaching Class 10 and no doubt the students will enjoy having her as their teacher. Miss Stellino will fill the position of Relieving Assistant Principal for the support unit in Mrs Clunes' absence.

We also welcome Mrs Lauren Johnston and Ms Nanduli Goundar who are completing teaching practicums on Classes 1 and 4 respectively, for the next 4 weeks.

Canteen

A reminder, the canteen will be **closed every Tuesday** for the rest of the year. Please make sure your children bring their recess and lunch with them on Tuesdays. There will be no lunch orders or canteen sales of any type. Occasionally the SRC, P & C or other group may run a special fundraising event e.g. cake stall or sausage sizzle on a Tuesday. When this happens we will provide plenty of notice.

Attendance

A reminder that all days absent from school must be explained. Thank you to the vast majority of parents and carers who contact us to let us know why their child is away from school. If planning a holiday during school time, please let

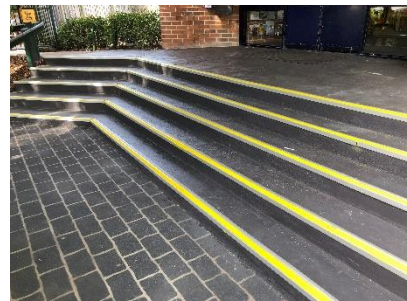
us know so we can record it as leave. In some cases an application for leave must be submitted and approved. Thank you to our parents and carers who value their child's education by ensuring their attendance at school is regular and punctual. Last term we had approximately 80 students receive a mini merit for 100% attendance for the term. Well done to those students!

NAPLAN

This term, our Year 3 and 5 students will be completing NAPLAN Online. These assessments will take place between 14th and 20th May. Information about NAPLAN Online was sent home last term, however should you wish to discuss any aspect of it, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.

Maintenance

Over the holiday break, a number of maintenance jobs took place including rebuilding part of the front steps, some painting of poles and walkway lines, the installation of some handrails, the removal of the brick wall on the top hardcourt as well as the removal of part of the fence surrounding the oval. Some plants were also planted in a number of the gardens, particularly along the walkways. There are still a number of things to still occur including carpeting and painting in some classrooms and the library.



UTS Visit

This term our Stage 3 students will be involved in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) project with a team from the University of Technology (UTS). They will work in groups to determine an issue in the 'Living World' for which they will use coding and robotics to design and build devices to support their research and investigation. This activity will occur on most Wednesdays throughout the term. We will look forward to seeing some interesting ideas unfold!

Coffee & Chat

The next coffee and chat session will be on Friday 10th May at 9am in the staffroom. Please feel free to pop in and enjoy a tea or coffee and have a chat about what's happening at St Clair. This is a great opportunity to hear and share information about many aspects of the school and the community, in an informal and friendly setting.

P & C

The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th May commencing at 7pm in the school staffroom. Please feel free to come along and support the P & C. The P & C will also hold their annual mother's day stall on Thursday 9th May. More information about this will come home soon.

All the best for a great Term 2!

Warm Regards,

Dale Bruce
Principal

Upcoming Assemblies...

Monday 6 th May (Term 2 Week 2)	Monday 13 th May (Term 2 Week 3)	Monday 20 th May (Term 2 Week 4)	Monday 27 th May (Term 2 Week 5)	Monday 3 rd June (Term 2 Week 6)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade-Up Awards • Aussie of the Month • Merit Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade-Up Awards • Merit Award • Class 5 Item 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Country Presentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade-Up Awards • PBL Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verse Speaking Competition