



St Clair Public School Newsletter



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Upcoming Events & Activities

Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
May 14 to 20 – NAPLAN Online 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 – National Simultaneous Storytime 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 20 – Debate (vs JEPS) June 21 – NAIDOC Cup June 25 – Forensic Science Incursion June 25 – P & C Meeting 7pm June 27 – Coffee and Chat July 4 – WSU Campus Visit (Stage 3 Students) 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 13 – The Young King Theatre Excursion (TBC) Aug 15 – Debate (Vs Clairgate) Aug 22 – Greening Australia Tree Planting Day Aug 26 – 30 SASS recognition Week 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 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...

Staff News

This week we farewelled our wonderful School Chaplain, Joel Gerber. Joel has been a wonderful asset to our school over the last few years providing students, families and staff with support and comfort when most needed. I thank Joel for all he has done and wish him all the best for the future.

One of our lovely Itinerant Hearing team teachers, Erryn Franks, is also leaving us. I thank Erryn for all the work she has done with so many students across the Mt Druitt area. Her expertise and commitment will be very missed. I wish her well for her new role working in community services.

We also wish Mrs Aczel, our Assistant Principal for our Itinerant Hearing team, all the best as she continues her special study leave travelling to Darwin for the next two weeks to investigate hearing programs in indigenous communities. This study came about as a part of Mrs Aczel receiving a Premier's Teaching Scholarship. No doubt many students across the Mt Druitt network will benefit greatly from what she learns and brings back.

Morning Supervision

A reminder that supervision of students does not commence until 8.30am each morning, when staff are officially on duty. To ensure the safety of all, students should not come to school before this time. If for whatever reason they do, they must sit and wait quietly on the steps outside the office. I ask parents and carers to please make alternate arrangements rather than send children to school before 8.30am.

Opportunity Class (OC) Applications

Applications for Opportunity Class (OC) Placement close tomorrow, Friday 17th May. These applications are for students in Year 4, entering Year 5 in 2020. Applications are submitted online only. More information and application forms can be found at - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. If you have any questions regarding OC Placements, please speak with your child's class teacher.

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.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students started their NAPLAN assessments on Tuesday. These assessments are online this year, apart from the Year 3 writing component, which was completed on paper. The assessments will be completed by the middle of next week. Well done to all our Year 3 and 5 students.

Maintenance

Some of our classrooms are currently being painted. Whilst it has caused a little disruption, the completed work looks great. The schedule for painting will continue for another week or so. The library, some classrooms and other spaces will be recarpeted from 27th May. Some classes may need to be re-located for a day or so but hopefully this won't cause too much disruption for them. Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden is currently undergoing a makeover, with the area being levelled and new garden beds set up. Thank you to Caz for the work she has put into planning and getting this started.

Cross Country

Good luck to our students representing our school at the St Marys Cross Country carnival next week. I know many of them have been coming to training sessions and preparing for the event. All the best to those attending. Have a great day and run well.

Stage 3 STEM Project

This term our Stage 3 students are involved in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) project with a team from the University of Technology (UTS). They have been working in groups using coding and robotics to design and build devices to support their research and investigation about an environmental concept. This activity is on most Wednesdays throughout the term. We will look forward to seeing some interesting ideas unfold! Parents and carers are very welcome to come in from 11.30am on Wednesdays to watch this project in action.

Mother's Day High Tea

Thank you to Caz for organising this event, and to Mrs Robinson and some of our Stage 3 students for assisting. It was a lovely high tea with a number of mums, grandmothers, aunts and other special ladies coming along. Caz cooked the most amazing food for all to enjoy. Look out for information about the next one, and if you're able to support this event, please do!

Walk Safely to School Day

Tomorrow is *Walk Safely to School Day* so put on your walking shoes and head off to school carefully obeying pedestrian and road rules! There will be some teachers at the gate on Friday handing out little rewards to students as they arrive.



Coffee & Chat

Thank you to those who came along last Friday. The next coffee and chat will be Thursday 27th June. More information will come home closer to the day.

P & C News

Thank you to our dedicated P & C team for their commitment to the school. The recent Mother's Day stall was fabulous with our students given the opportunity to purchase some lovely gifts for the special ladies in their lives. A big thank you to the parents and carers who gave their time to assist at the stall and also to those who donated items for sale.

This Saturday, the P & C will be holding a sausage sizzle in the school car park so if you're popping into the school to vote in the Federal Election, pick yourself up a sausage and a drink and help raise funds for our students.

The next P & C meeting was due to take place on Tuesday 18th June. However, due to a number of committee members being unable to attend that evening, the meeting has been moved to the following week and will now be on **Tuesday 25th June**. This is in Week 9 of this term. Coming along to a P & C meeting is a great avenue to hear about what's happening in the school and to also support the events and activities planned by the committee. If you have the time, come to a meeting and see what it's all about!

Warm Regards,

Dale Bruce
Principal

Awards

Mini Merits

Riley W, Zoltan A, Koby G, Emily B, Kingston F, Ngahina K x2, Bronte J, Hunter M, Kaleo T, James D, Lucas M, Noah C, Nathaniel C, Jayden B, Kheilan E, Kapish B, Krishika P, Kaito F, Harmony L, Taryn R, Ella C, Julia I, Tyler M, Kyle W, Nate N, Brenden S, Cooper J, Jasmine G, Elwyn C, Lucian R-M, Anna I, S.F, Bowen G, Jenny A, Akira W, Marie S, Maddison B, Morgan S x3, Makaylah P, Braxton P, Jordan W x2, Om U, Bronte J, Levi G-W, Kingston T, Shayne S, Rathushaan M, Matilda V, Chloe W, Emily B, Paige W, Tito E, K.F, Antony A, Scarlett F, Holly F, Oliver M, Mackenzie H, Asher I, Jasmine R

Principal's Awards

Rochelle C, Bowen G, Kingston F, Bryzbyn W, Jordan W, Ashton R-W, James D, Brenden S, Oliver M

School Award

Jordan W

Positive Behaviour for Learning Awards (PBL) Awards

Holly F, Kiarah B, Bronte J, Emily W, Samantha M, Tyler M, Khloe K, Yousif M, Asher I, Manaia W, Maddison R, Marley L, Calais D, Logan L

Aussie of the Month – April (always displaying good sportsmanship)

Jordan W & Krishika P

Aussie of the Month – May (always doing your best)

Asher I & Lyla D

Merit Awards – Term 2 Week 2

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Stephanie M & Curtis H	7	Brenden S	12	Tyler S & Emily W
3	Jordan F & Amy H-L	8	Shane S	13	Maddison R & Zaiden D
4	Maikel A & Joshua B	9	Logan O	15	Netallie P & Liam B
5	Ashton R-W & Kimberly N	10	Riley B	16	Emir E & Janessa L
6	Ana I & Benjamin K	11	Rathushaan M	18	Gulnaz K & Sienna M

Merit Awards – Term 2 Week 3

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Sandra S & Liliana C	7	Tyler M	12	Samantha L & Jonah S
3	Emeka B & Jessica B	8	Lachlan H	13	Catalina A & Tile R
4	Billy P & Jenny A	9	Logan S	15	Cooper B & Duggu T
5	Danirah B & Lucas M	10	Corey N	16	Elisha G & Miguel G
6	Jasmine G & Scarlett F	11	Shayne S	18	Maddison B & Eva G

Upcoming Assemblies...

Monday 20 th May (Term 2 Week 4)	Monday 27 th May (Term 2 Week 5)	Monday 3 rd June (Term 2 Week 6)	Monday 10 th June (Term 2 Week 7)	Monday 17 th June (Term 2 Week 8)
• Cross Country Presentation	• Trade-Up Awards • PBL Awards	• Verse Speaking Competition	No Assembly. Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.	• Trade-Ups Awards • Merit Awards • Class 12 Item

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

Verse Speaking Competition Final

The Verse Speaking Competition Final is quickly approaching and will be held on Monday 3rd June 2019. It is anticipated that there will be four finalists from each grade who will take part in the School Final. The finalists will be determined after the Class and Grade competitions have been completed. Finalists will receive a letter at the end of Week 4 informing them that they have progressed to the School Final.

Please note the School Final is replacing our weekly Assembly for Week 6.

All parents and family members are invited to come and watch the School Final whether your child is participating in the final or not.

The final will be held in the school hall and will run over two sessions.

- The K-2 Final will run from 1:20pm – 1:50pm (approximately)
- The 3-6 Final will run from 2:00pm – 2:50pm (approximately).

Please be aware that if you arrive late for the starting time you will not be able to enter the hall whilst a student is in the middle of their Verse as it has the potential to distract the Finalist. Once there is a break you will be able to enter and take a seat to watch the remaining finalists. It would also be appreciated if you remain and listen to all the speakers in either session.

Thank you for your support,

Kathy Minard
Organising Teacher

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at St Clair PS!



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**Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
Superhero Theme**

When? Thursday 23rd May, 2019

Time? 11:00 - 11:30am



**Australia's
Biggest
Morning
Tea**

What? The SRC will be holding a cake stall with lots of yummy treats for you to purchase. K-2 families are kindly asked to provide the delectable delights this year. For a donation, tea and coffee will be available for adults.

Our theme for this year is 'Superheroes'.
Come dressed as your favourite superhero and help in the fight
against this terrible disease.

Where? Artificial grass

Why? ALL of the money raised on the day will go directly to the Cancer Council.

Who? We would love to see as many of our parents, caregivers, grandparents, uncles, aunties, cousins and friends attend this very special event!

*Thanks in advance for supporting such an important event.
We look forward to seeing you on the day!*



NSW PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE



Term 2 has begun with the students of St Clair Public School taking on the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge. The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport and physical activity to lead a healthy lifestyle. The aim is for students to work towards an average of at least 60 minutes of activity per day for ten weeks.

Benefits of Physical Activity

Physical activity is valued for its physical, social and emotional benefits. It also helps young people to develop communication skills, confidence and resilience. We would like to invite families to support us in encouraging students' healthy use of leisure time and to experience the joy of being active together.

How the Premiers Sporting Challenge operates

Over the ten week period students will be monitoring their physical activity levels during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport lessons. Any activity that is moderate to vigorous in intensity can be accrued, including activity outside of school hours.

Award Levels

Award levels reflect a daily activity time commitment- either as part of a class team or individually. Kindergarten to Year 2 are logging their activity as a class and students in years 3-6 are logging their activity at an individual level.

Award	Daily Activity Time
Bronze	30 minutes per day
Silver	45 minutes per day
Gold	60 minutes per day
Diamond	80 minutes per day

At the end of the 10 week Challenge, students will receive a personalised certificate (Diamond, Gold, Silver or Bronze), signed by the Premier of New South Wales.

PSC Student Leaders

Congratulations to our PSC student leaders who received their badge at assembly on Monday. They are already doing a wonderful job fulfilling their responsibilities. Well done to Eva-May, Harley, Dominic, Arnica, Jasmine P and Amalie!

If you would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Belinda McCann
PSC School Coordinator



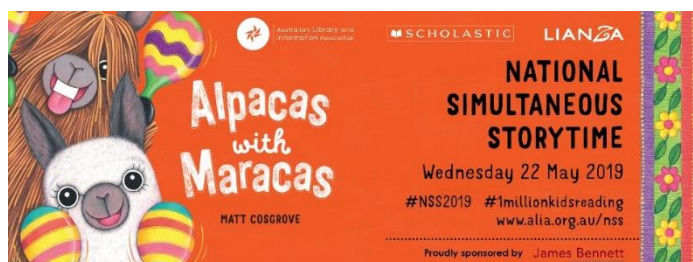
Library News

This term our aim is to have 100% of students borrowing and returning their books consistently each week. Congratulations to Class 1 who have nearly 90% of their books returned each week.

Library Day	Classes
Monday	1, 4, 5, & 6
Tuesday	12, 13 & 15
Thursday	3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16 & 18

Please encourage your child to bring their library bag and books in each week. The library is open most lunchtimes so children also have an opportunity to return or borrow books.

Next Wednesday 22nd May is National Simultaneous Storytime. Students are invited into the library at recess to hear the story "Alpacas with Maracas". Schools, libraries and preschools across Australia participate in this event each year. We have been busy decorating the library to prepare for the event. More pictures to come in the next newsletter.



Thank you to those students who have ordered from Book Club this term. We hope to have books arriving in the next week or two.

Thank you,
Mrs Farlow



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News

Last Thursday saw the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden host our first Mother's Day Buffet High Tea.

It was very pleasing to see so many mothers, grandmothers, aunts and other special women in our students' lives attend. We hope they had a lovely time.

A huge thank you must be extended to our amazing Kitchen Garden Specialist, Cazendra. Much time was spent by Cazendra, not only organising the menu and preparing the food, but also in training the Class 1 student helpers who assisted on the day. These students were very capable assistants and should be commended for their hard work.

The garden is currently undergoing some renovations, including the levelling of much of the soil, along with the construction of new garden beds and a new chicken coop. These renovations have meant that the students have not been able to garden since returning this term, however they are vital in ensuring the continued success of the program.

Initiatives such as the Mother's Day Morning Tea and the \$5 Voluntary Contribution are essential in securing funds for the completion of the works mentioned above and the general day to day running of the program.

Cazendra also cooks staff lunches once a week. Staff pay \$5 for lunch, which Cazendra prepares, often at home in her own time, in an attempt to further generate an income for the garden.

A huge thank you to all of the members of the school community who support the program in some way. Again, a special thank you to Cazendra for always going above and beyond to continually improve the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and the experiences the students have there.

Keep an eye out for other initiatives we are planning for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden a little later in the year.

Thank you

Mrs Robinson



Bringing Back the Bush Tree Planting Day

Last Thursday 9th May, a group of Stage 3 students were involved in planting some trees (approximately 700 trees!) at the Western Sydney Parklands site. They all had a great time contributing to this project whilst enhancing their appreciation for environmental education. Well done Stage 3. Thank you to Ms Menezes, Mrs McCann and Ms Goundar for taking the students on this excursion.





ST CLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

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Meetings: Tuesday Week 3 & 8 every Term at 7pm

Everyone Welcome

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Election Day P&C BBQ

Come and join us for a BBQ while voting at our wonderful school on Saturday 18th May.

8am-4pm or until sold out

Sausage on a Roll \$2.50

Soft Drink or Water \$2.00

Fruit 50c

Volunteers Needed!

Please let us know if you can help out for any amount of time on the day.



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