



St Clair Public School Newsletter



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Upcoming Events & Activities

Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
June 28 – Semester 1 Student Reports go Home July 1 to 4 – Parent / Teacher Interviews July 2 – PBL Morning Tea (Students) 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 2 – Enviromentors Workshop (K-2 & Support Unit) Aug 5 to 8 – Education Week Aug 5 – Dance Groups and Sign Language Choir Performances at Mt Druitt Westfield Aug 5 to 9 – Swim Scheme (Mainstream Students) Aug 6 – P & C Meeting Aug 7 – Kindergarten Calmsley Hill Excursion Aug 9 – Public Education Concert Aug 12 to 16 – Swim Scheme (Support Unit Students) Aug 13 – The Young King Theatre Excursion Aug 14 – Coffee & Chat (2.15pm) Aug 15 – Debate (Vs Clairgate) Aug 15 – STEPS Book Forum Aug 15 to 22 – Book Fair Aug 22 – Greening Australia Tree Planting Day Aug 22 – Debate (Clairgate) Aug 26 – 30 SASS recognition Week Aug 28 – Ripples Water Safety Show Sept 4 – District Athletics Carnival Sept 5 – Stage 1 Excursion to Taronga Zoo Sept 10 – P & C Meeting Sept 19 – Footy Colours Mufti Day Sept 20 – Coffee & Chat (9am) 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 Nov 6 – Coffee & Chat (9am) Nov 7 – Debate (Blackwell) Nov 7 – Coding & Robotics Excursion to IMC Dec 3 – P & C Meeting Dec 6 – Presentation Day 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

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

At the end of this term we say farewell to Ms Delfs who has received a permanent teaching appointment at Blaxland East PS. Ms Delfs will be very missed by all at St Clair PS. She has been instrumental in organising and leading many programs across the school including PBL, the *White Ribbon* initiative, debating, dance & PD/H/PE, all of which have focused on ensuring our students are provided with opportunities to grow and develop. We wish Ms Delfs all the very best as she embarks on this move and thank her for all she has contributed to making our school a great place for all.

Music Festival

The annual STEPS Music Festival will be held on Thursday 1st August at Panthers. This will involve a full day rehearsal followed by an evening performance. Our choir, signing choir, junior and senior dance groups have been excitedly practising and preparing for the festival. Tickets for the evening performance will go on sale from Monday 1st July and can only be purchased through Panthers. Please don't miss out purchasing a ticket as this is a wonderful showcase of the talent across our STEPS learning community.

Semester 1 Student Reports / Parent Teacher Interviews

Semester 1 reports go home tomorrow. Next week, parents and carers will have the opportunity to come to a parent / teacher interview to discuss their child's progress at school. Bookings can be made online by going to the website schoolinterviews.com.au and using the code **ycwzs**. If you don't have access to make an online booking, please contact the office and the ladies can make one for you. **Bookings close this Friday 28th June at 6pm.**

Focus on Ability Film Festival

Some of the senior students in the Support Unit run a café every Friday. They learn vital life skills and have fun cooking lunch for staff and themselves. This year we have a school entry in the Focus On Ability Film Festival. The school has a chance to win some fantastic prizes and by voting you have a chance to win a \$50 iTunes gift card.

Please head to the web address to view the video and vote or look for the link on the St Clair Public School Facebook page.

<https://www.focusonability.com.au/FOA/films/1820.html>

Well done to our Café Fri-Yay group and to Miss Stellino for putting this wonderful video together.

Lost Property

Now that winter is fully upon us, we notice the number of jackets in lost property has grown. Please make sure jackets have your child's name clearly marked on them so that if they are placed in the lost property box, they can be returned.

Coffee & Chat

Thank you to those who came along to today's coffee and chat session. It is always wonderful to see regular and new faces. Thank you to Jane and Monique from Community Junction who came and spoke about some of their services. The next coffee and chat session will be held on Wednesday 14th August at 2.15pm.

Warm Regards,

Dale Bruce
Principal

Sport News

Well done to Jordan W and Akira W who recently represented our school as part of the St Marys district team in the regional cross country carnival. It was great to hear how well you ran and how you represented the school and district so well. Congratulations!



Well done to all of our students who attended the school athletics carnival at Blair Oval. It was a great day with everyone competing and enjoying participating in all the events. Thank you to the many parents, carers and family members who came along to watch and to those who assisted with an activity on the day. Well done to Mr Rose and his team on organising a great carnival.



A huge congratulations to Emily Wright who was recently selected to represent NSW at the 2019 Australian Artistic Roller Skating Championships. The championships will be held in Queensland from 29th June to the 5th July. Good Luck Emily! We hope you have a great time and look forward to hearing about how you went.

Awards

Mini Merits

Kaleb Z, Maddison B, Isla M, Lachlan S x2, Hunter M, Lucas W, Logan O, Gulnaz K, Elizabeth S, Jayden B, Isaiah C, Logan S, Matthew S-O, Caleb E, Jaslyn W, Seeley J, Jordan M, Samuel S-O, Kenzie G, Taryn R, Henry O, Eva G, Lucas M, Brayden S, Khloe T, Jayden S, Shayne S, Brandan T, Veronica G, Om U, Rhys M, Zaynn S, Dominic C, Mikayla B x2, Ava K, Abdo A x3, Ashton R-W, Maikel A, Bilal K, Zipporah H x2, Harlem S-T, Kimberly N, Joshua B, Baydene T, Zacchaeus H, Zippy H, Anna S x2, Lillie B, Logan L, Julia I, Mikayla R, Kingston F, Kay A, Akira W, Mackenzie H, Danirah B, Frederick S, Elwyn C, JR N, Kyle W, Nate N, Makaylah P, Zoltan A, K.F, Lucas B, Elaine C, Corey N, Jasmine P x5

Principal's Awards

Shane S, Aiden C, Mia W, Gulnaz K, Jennifer S, Kheilan E, Lucas M, Brayden S, Rhys M, Kenzie G, Ava K, Maikel A, Elaine C, Elwyn C, Hunter M, Jasmin P

School Award

Jenny A, Brayden S, Aiden C, Jasmine P

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

Anna S & Taryn R

Merit Awards – Term 2 Week 8

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Hendrix G & Joshua H	7	Cooper J	12	Manaia W & Nathan B
3	Tilo T & Jaylah K	8	Obinna B	13	Rudra P & Mikayla B
4	Om U & Makaylah P	9	Yousif M	15	Layla M & Riley C
5	Zinhle M & Bowen G	10	Shae S	16	Logan M & Altagi R
6	Dakota F & Kay A	11	Brandan T	18	R.F & Kaemon R

Merit Awards – Excellence in Science Awards

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Caliana M	7	JR N	12	Amara S
3	Amy H-L	8	Levi W-J	13	Bilal K
4	Cooper G	9	Logan O	15	Kingston F
5	Jericho D	10		16	Sadie-Rose C
6	Harrison B	11	Brandan T	18	Marie S

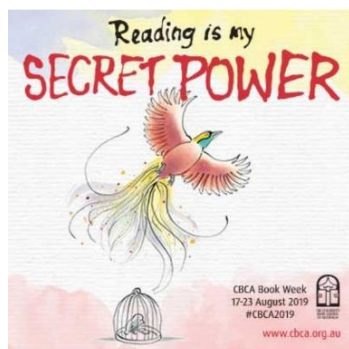
Upcoming Assemblies...

Monday 1 st July (Term 2 Week 10)	Monday 29 th July (Term 3 Week 2)	Monday 5 th August (Term 3 Week 3)	Monday 12 th August (Term 3 Week 4)	Monday 19 th August (Term 3 Week 5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade-Up Awards PBL Awards Class 6 Item 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade-Up Awards Aussie of the Month Excellence in Mathematics Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade-up Awards Merit Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade-Up Awards Merit Awards Class 13 Item 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade-Up Award Merit Awards Class 4 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

Library News



The library is busy preparing for Book Week which will be held in Week 5 next term. We are excited to be organising a few different events this year to celebrate Book Week, there will be a Book Fair and more details will be sent out about the events early next term.

The students at St Clair PS have been working hard during library lessons to develop their skills around the use of digital technologies. Kindergarten and Stage 1 have been learning to understand and write algorithms. Stage 2 and 3 have been coding and debugging and learning about how important specific instructions are when using the language of code.

These holidays are the perfect opportunity to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. There are 4 weeks to go! All students in K-2 automatically complete the challenge but students in Stage 2 and 3 have to read the books by themselves. All Stage 2 and 3 students know how to access their PRC page and add books to their reading log. I challenge all students across Stage 2 and 3 to complete the challenge over the holidays.

Keep reading!

Mrs Farlow



Debating News

On Thursday 20th June, the debating team travelled to James Erskine Public School, where we debated against Blackwell Public School. The topic we debated was 'contact sports should be banned'. The speakers for the debate were Tayla, Sandra, Matilda and myself (Morgan). St Clair argued the negative side and our team line was 'people should have freedom to choose the sport they play. Contact sport should not be banned!' As a team, we had some fantastic points and gave good reasons and examples of why contact sport should NOT be banned. The feedback we received from the adjudicators was that our team were convincing with our arguments and they liked how we linked our rebuttals to our negative side. We were so happy when we were awarded the winners of the debate.

Go St Clair!

By: Morgan Savill (Year 6)

Warp With Love

A big thank you to all the families and teachers who have kindly donated knitted squares to date. We are well on our way to making many wraps. I would also like to thank Mrs Reynolds for giving up her time to come and help me teach knitting to our students at St Clair Public School.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Happy knitting!

Mrs Papasinos



Hearing Team News

Winter is here and it is that time of the year when our children often have colds and other issues such as middle ear infections. There are many ways for us as parents or carers to prevent middle ear infections and ear blockage. A Healthy diet and regular hand washing are both good ways to prevent exposure to illness.

Did you know that up to 30% of students between the ages 2-10 have middle ear problems at school? This is usually because they have a nose tube blockage (known as a Eustachian Tube Dysfunction). The best thing to prevent this problem is for children to know how to blow their nose properly. Many children don't blow their nose properly until they are at least 10 years old!

This is the best way to teach children to blow their noses:

- 1) Close one side of your nose with your finger
- 2) Place a tissue under the open nostril
- 3) Take a big breath and close your mouth
- 4) Push all of the air (and gooey stuff) out onto the tissue
- 5) Throw the tissue in the bin
- 6) Wash your hands

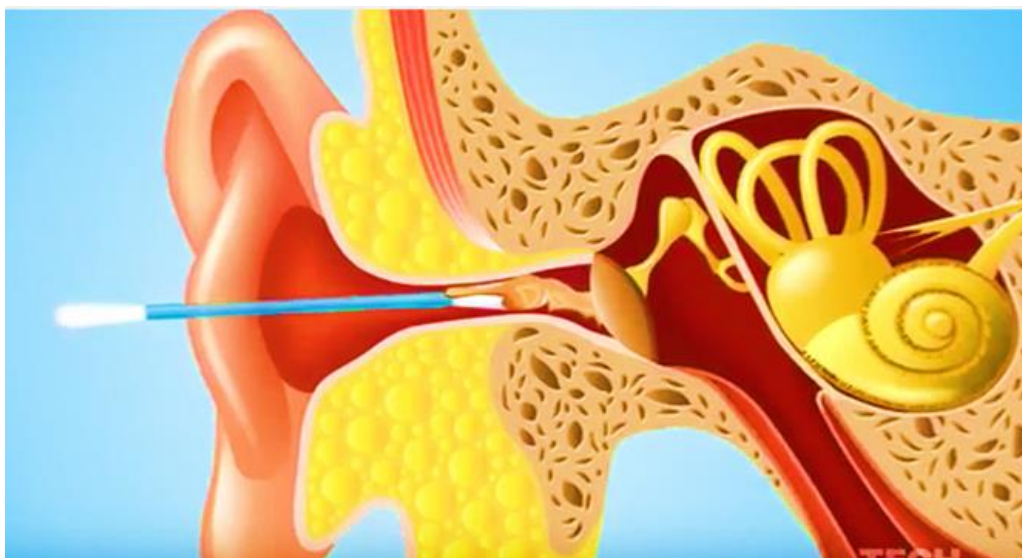
You can practice this at home with your children and should encourage them to blow their noses 3 times a day. At school we promote regular nose blowing and all classrooms have tissues and hand sanitiser for students to use.

Cotton tips are also bad. Your ear should not have anything inserted in it. Even if you think you are getting wax out you are actually pushing more down into your ear canal. If you or your child have waxy ears you can use olive oil and drop in 2-3 drops daily, or talk to your doctor about other wax clearing options. Cotton tips can also fall off and we see many that have been left behind in children's ears and caused infections.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's hearing loss or middle ear conditions we are based in school grounds, so please contact the front office and we will arrange a time to contact you.

Mrs J. Aczel

Assistant Principal Hearing.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News

Winter is such a slow season for gardeners. Right now our vegetables are only averaging 4 hours of sunlight during the day. With the thick gum leaves covering most of the garden beds, some plants only grew an inch or two. The rain, of course, speeds the growth of some of the seeds planted earlier, such as our radishes, coriander and carrots. In the next few days, we are going to start planting more seeds and make the most of the greenhouse. The greenhouse will be perfect for these seeds to grow since it gets pretty warm as soon as the sun hits the clear roof. While we wait for the seedlings, my goal is to start filling the new garden beds with soil and get them ready for planting by Term 3, Week 2. Our chicken coop is also nearly finished. All we need to do is add some roofs for shelter and extra tunnels for them to roam around. Though the chickens have a massive amount of room inside the new garden shed, they seem to only go there when they lay their eggs.



After many weeks of not cooking, we finally got back in the kitchen. The main ingredients we used were our bright yellow and sweet pumpkin, so of course we cooked **pumpkin soup served with garlic and herb bread**. People are always surprised to hear that our pumpkin soup isn't just pumpkin. We roast pumpkins, sweet potatoes, potatoes, carrots, onions, garlic, thyme, rosemary, olive oil and salt until golden

brown, then we boil it in stock and hand-blend it to make everything smooth and creamy. We made 8 litres of pumpkin soup and it was gone within 15 minutes! Needless to say, students enjoyed it. Stage 2 students made **pumpkin fritters with garlic lemon yoghurt served with cucumber salad**. We combined shredded pumpkin, potatoes, mixed herbs, eggs and flour and shallow fried it with olive oil until golden brown. Our **beef and root vegetable puffs** were also a hit! Students had fun making this dish by filling the puff pastry with beef and vegetables, folding them, brushing them with egg-wash and baking them until golden brown. The pastries were served with a refreshing glass of **homemade lemonade**. Rather than wasting our leftover beef and vegetables, we used them to make **beef and vegetable filled omelettes** and garnished it with fresh parsley. Another treat we had in the kitchen was **fish fingers**. We crumbed the fish with breadcrumbs and shallow-fried it with olive oil. It's amazing to witness the students cooking super easy and super delicious dishes and sharing it with the class; we love our time in the SAKG!



Parents, thank you for donating fresh fish, lemons, olive oil, vegetables and lots more. Your support is truly appreciated. Thank you to all teachers and staff who also donated fruit and for supporting Tuesday lunches from SAKG! I am looking forward to gardening with the students next week, just as much as I look forward to the two week break ahead of us.

Until next time,

Cazendra.

