



# St Clair Public School Newsletter



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## Upcoming Events & Activities

Term 3	Term 4
<p>Aug 12 to 16 – Swim Scheme (Support Unit Students)            Aug 12 – Krispy Kreme Orders Close            Aug 13 – The Young King Theatre Excursion            Aug 14 – Coffee &amp; Chat (2.15pm)            Aug 15 – Debate (Vs Clairgate)            Aug 15 – STEPS Book Forum at St Clair HS            Aug 15 to 22 – Book Fair            Aug 20 – Book Week Activities (Book Character Mufti Day &amp; 'Bake-a-Book')            Aug 21 – Closing Date for Note and Payment for Stage 1 Zoo Excursion            Aug 22 – Greening Australia Tree Planting Day (Stage 2)            Aug 22 – Debate            Aug 26 – 30 SASS Recognition Week            Aug 26 – Father's Day Stall            Aug 28 – Ripples Water Safety Show            Aug 28 – Krispy Kreme Orders Arrive            Aug 29 – Pyjama Mufti Day            Sept 4 – District Athletics Carnival            Sept 5 – Stage 1 Excursion to Taronga Zoo            Sept 10 – P &amp; C Meeting            Sept 17 – Public Speaking Finals            Sept 18 – Stage 3 Basketball Gala Day            Sept 19 – Footy Colours Mufti Day            Sept 20 – Coffee &amp; Chat (9am)            Sept 23 &amp; 24 – Stage 2 Survivor Camp            Sept 25 – Stage 2 Basketball Gala Day            Sept 25 to 27 – Stage 3 Overnight Canberra Camp            Sept 27 – Last Day of Term 3</p>	<p>Oct 14 – Students Return            Oct 22 – Dance Sport Championship            Oct 29 – P &amp; C Meeting            Nov 6 – Coffee &amp; Chat (9am)            Nov 7 – Debate (Blackwell)            Nov 7 – Coding &amp; Robotics Excursion to IMC            Nov 21 – STEPS Rotary Public Speaking Evening            Dec 3 – P &amp; C Meeting            Dec 6 – Presentation Day            Dec 11 – Year 6 Farewell            Dec 13 – Coffee &amp; Chat (9am)            Dec 16 – End of Year Picnic / Movie Day            Dec 18 – Last Day of the Year</p>

This table will be updated with each newsletter.

## The Principal's Message...

### Staff News

I am very excited to welcome our new Chaplain, Juanita McMillian, to St Clair Public School, starting next week. Juanita will be here on Mondays and Tuesdays and will be involved in a number of programs we have operating across the school to support our students and families in a variety of ways.

### Music Festival

What a fantastic evening celebrating the talent across our St Clair & Erskine Park schools. Well done especially to our senior dance group, junior dance group, choir and signing choir. Their performances were wonderful. I felt so proud watching and cheering them on. Congratulations to all involved. A special thank you to the teachers who gave so much of their time to rehearse and prepare for the festival – thank you to Mrs Papasinos, Ms Delfs, Mrs Wood, Mrs Aczel, Mrs Sebelic, Mrs Peachey and also to our wonderful parents, Mrs Faalogo and Mrs Rodrigues-Molesi, who spent many hours working with the dancers to perfect their routines!



## Education Week

Our week started with our dance groups and signing choir performing in front of a huge audience at Westfield Mt Druitt. Well done to all these performers. On Tuesday, it was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and family members come along to our open classroom session and also stay for a picnic lunch. Yesterday saw our Kindergarten students head off for their first excursion to the farm. Another busy week at St Clair!

## Book Week (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August)

This year we are celebrating book week in Week 5. Activities will include:

- Monday to Thursday – Book Fair. Lots of great books and other items on sale in the library.
- Tuesday – Book Character Mufti Day & “Bake A Book” event (more information about this will go home soon)

There will not be a book character parade this year but instead we encourage our students to come as a children’s book character on the Tuesday.

## Public Speaking

The public speaking finals will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September in the hall at 2pm. In the past, we have held this event during the last assembly in Week 10, however due to Stage 2 having their Survivor camp, we have moved the finals to the previous Tuesday. This competition is for students in Years 3 – 6.

The topics for this year are:

- Year 3: A Family Story (2 minutes)
- Year 4: An Australian Story (2 minutes)
- Years 5 & 6: Own choice of topic (3 minutes)

Information has been sent home with the students but if you have any questions regarding this activity, please contact your child’s class teacher.

## Swimming Scheme

Swimming scheme has been on this week for our mainstream students and then next week it will be for our support unit students. Swimming is such an important skill to have so it is great to see this program always so well supported. I hope all the students participating enjoy their swimming lessons whilst learning some vital swimming skills.

## Kindergarten Excursion

Kindergarten went on their very first excursion yesterday. They were so excited as they headed off to the farm for the day. They had a great time looking at and learning all about the animals. Well done Kindergarten! Some photos have been included in this newsletter.

## Environmentors Workshops

Well done to our Stage 2 and support classes who attended the Environmentors workshops last week. It’s wonderful to see our students develop their understanding of the importance of looking after our environment. Such an important consideration for future generations.



## Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Don’t forget to get your orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts in by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August. This is a Year 6 fundraising initiative with money raised going toward their farewell at the end of the year. Thank you for supporting their efforts! Another order form has been included with this newsletter.

## Coffee & Chat

I am looking forward to the next coffee and chat session which will be next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 2.15pm 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

## 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 will begin interviewing our 2020 Kindergarten students later this term and transition dates are being finalised.

Thank you for your support.

Karen Farlow  
K-2 Assistant Principal



## Awards....

### Mini Merits

Samantha L, Jenny A, K.F, Miguel G, Braxton A, Chrissy B, Sadie-Rose C, P.T, Mia W x2, Bronte J, Zac H, Emily B, Rochelle C, Om U, Tyler S, Zipporah H, Cooper J, Duggu T, Morgan S, Matilda V, Cooper B, Jenny A, Amy T, Emma S, Zavier S, Bryzbyn W, Riley B, Levi G-W, Jordan M, Julia I

### Principal's Awards

Tyler S, Zipporah H, P.T, Cooper J, K.F

### School Award

Makaylah P

### Aussie of the Month – Honesty

Nate N & Marley L

### Excellence in Science Awards (Week 2)

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Leinard S	7	Kyle W	12	Hannah D
3	Ethan A	8	Jaslyn W	13	Chloe W
4	Rochelle C	9	Lucas B	15	Kiana S
5	Madison B	10	Corey N	16	Caleb E
6	Samantha M	11	Shayne S	18	Kaemon R

### Merit Awards (Week 3)

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Alexa B & Harshiv S	7	J.R N	12	Braxton P & Noah C
3	Jasmine R & Elise H	8	Obinna B	13	Akira W & Bilal K
4	Lachlan S & Tito E	9	Seeley J	15	Oliver M & Caleb M
5	Samuel S-O & Zinhle M	10	Lachlan J	16	Ella C & Xavier M
6	Zoltan A & Sorato F	11	Jacob W	18	Emily G & Matthew S-O

## Upcoming Assemblies...

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August (Term 3 Week 4)	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August (Term 3 Week 5)	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August (Term 3 Week 6)	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September (Term 3 Week 7)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trade-Up Awards</li><li>• Merit Awards</li><li>• Class 13 Item</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trade-Up Awards</li><li>• Merit Awards</li><li>• Class 4 Item</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trade-Up Awards</li><li>• Aussie of the Month</li><li>• PBL Awards</li><li>• Class 9 Item</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trade-Ups</li><li>• Excellence in Spelling Awards</li><li>• Merit Awards</li><li>• Classes 16 &amp; 18 Item</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.....

### Book Week Celebrations

Book Week is fast approaching. The students are very excited to share their ideas for the first ever 'Bake a Book' competition on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Students are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character on this day however we will not be having a Book Parade this year. Students bringing cakes in are asked to bring them into the library from 8:30am with any containers clearly labelled for easy return. Parents are welcome to come into the library from 2:45pm on this day to vote for their favourite cake.

Cakes will be cut up and sold on Wednesday with all proceeds going towards more books for the library.

### Book Fair

The Book Fair will also be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 5. A catalogue will be sent home later this week with some of the specials that will be available. The fair will be open at lunchtime for students only.

The fair will be open to parents and carers:

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 8:30am-9am
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 8:30am – 9am  
2:45pm – 3:30pm
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 8:30 – 9am

EFTPOS is available during these times.

## P & C News.....

This week we held our first P & C meeting for Term 3. This forum is a great way to be involved in the school, to share ideas and to hear about everything that's happening around the school. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September and it would be great to see our team grow!

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August we will be holding our annual Father's Day stall. This year we have set up a token system with students able to purchase a token which can be used to buy an item at the stall. Information about this has gone home with the students, explaining how to order a token or tokens, if they wish to purchase more than one gift. Please take the time to read the information and return the order form so your child doesn't miss out.

Thank you for your continued support of the P & C.

## Wrap With Love.....

I would like to pass on a very big thank you to those who knitted squares or donated wool for Wrap with Love. I have counted all the squares received just from our school. Our students, parents, family members, friends and staff knitted 474 squares! That's right - 474 squares just from our school community! Thank you for your generosity and time in supporting such a great cause. It is nice to know that we are making nights warmer for others.

Some of our STEPS schools also supported this initiative. Once all the squares have been collected from across the other schools, they will be sent off together, ready for many warm blankets to be made.

.Thank you again – What an amazing effort!  
Mrs Papasinos



## Kindergarten's Day at the Farm.....



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



Winter is a slow time of the year for the garden but it is still a great time for planting winter-loving vegetables. Broccoli, peas, cabbage, spinach and cauliflower are all frost resistant. All these vegetables are looking very healthy in our garden along with other vegetables such as kale, silverbeet, radishes, lettuce, beetroot, chards and wombok. I was tempted to put covers on some of the vegetables to protect them from the white butterflies but so far we have not seen any eggs or caterpillars in the garden. Will they appear in spring time? I hope not! I guess spraying them with garlic, chilli and bio-degradable soap is a must for extra protection! This month will be the last month of winter and we are going to start thinking about planting new seasonal vegetable seeds. Last week I added more chicken manure, mushroom compost and organic fertilizer in our soil. With healthy soil and healthy seedlings, our goal is to have an abundance of vegetables in spring!



Last week we cooked some amazing dishes. Our kitchen focus last week was Australian native bush tucker. Students enjoyed making many dishes using lemon myrtle and wattle seeds. Beef, lemon myrtle rice pilaf was the favourite! We used very small amounts of minced beef, sautéed with lemon myrtle, garlic and onions and added it to the cooked rice. Students added rosemary, parsley and a squeeze of lemon for extra freshness. Labneh was also prepared by the students. Labneh is made by removing whey from yoghurt, which results in a velvety, sour cream-like cheese. We hung the yoghurt in advance and shaped the labneh into a ball. They beautifully decorated it with olive oil, paprika and sprinkled it with lemon myrtle and wattle seeds. Some classes made pumpkin soup served with flat bread with lemon myrtle. Some



enjoyed the rice pilaf and labneh with roasted pumpkin, sweet potatoes, potatoes and carrots. We were fortunate to have Tia, a student from The Ponds High School, doing work experience at our school to help us in the kitchen. For the next few weeks, we will continue to cook and use some native Australian bush spices and seeds in our dishes.



Next week we will be identifying the edible plants in our school garden native to Australia and planting some colourful native flowers ready for spring!

Thank you to all the parents, teachers and staff who donate kitchen supplies. We love and appreciate your continued support. We received rice, olive oil, canned tomatoes, vegetables and more! Would you like to donate to our SAKG? We need butter, plain flour, S/R flour, dishwashing detergents, aluminium foils and baking paper please.

Until next time,  
*Cazendra.*





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## KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUT DRIVE

St Clair Public School is holding a Krispy Kreme Fundraising drive to help raise money for our Year 6 Farewell. This is a great opportunity to order some world famous doughnuts and help support our students. Even better is the convenience of having them delivered directly to our school for a quick and easy pick up!

We have 2 delicious options available:



Original Glazed Doughnuts (\$19.00)



12 x Assorted Doughnuts (\$23.00)

- 6 x Original Glazed
- 2 x Chocolate Iced
- 2 x Strawberry Iced
- 2 x Chocolate Iced with Sprinkles

Attached is your order form and please note all orders must be pre-paid. All orders are due back by **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019** and orders will be available for pick up on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019**.

### Year 6 Fundraiser - Krispy Kreme Donuts

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Original Boxes: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Assorted Boxes: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Method of Payment

- Cash Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Cheque Enclosed (made payable to St Clair Public School): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Online Payment: Receipt No: \_\_\_\_\_
- Credit Card Payment: *(In Office Only)*

