



St Clair Public School Newsletter



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Upcoming Events & Activities

Term 3	Term 4
July 23 – Students Return July 25 – Safety Talk from Police Liaison Officer (K-2) 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 6 – Open Classrooms (12.45 – 1.20) followed by Picnic Lunch (1.20 – 2.00) 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 20 – Book Week Activities (Book Character Mufti Day & 'Bake-a-Book') Aug 21 – Closing Date for Note and Payment for Stage 1 Zoo Excursion 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 17 – Public Speaking Finals 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 No 19 – STEPS Rotary Public Speaking Evening 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

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The Principal's Message...

Welcome back to school for what will be another exciting and busy term of learning, activities and events! I hope all our students and families had an enjoyable holiday break. It is always great to see everyone return after the break, fresh and ready for the new term!

Staff News

There have been a few staff changes beginning this term. We welcome Mrs Dawes, teaching Class 12 and Ms Austin, teaching Class 8 for the remainder of the year. We also welcome Mrs Ormshaw who will be here on Wednesdays and Thursdays covering some of the RFF program.

Congratulations to Mr Heywood (Class 11) and Mr Rose (Class 6) who recently received their permanent appointment to our school. We are so lucky to have both these wonderful teachers as part of our school. Also congratulations to Mr Vaillant who became a permanent member of the Itinerant Support Teacher Hearing team based at our school.

Music Festival

The annual STEPS Music Festival will be held next week 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 went on sale on Monday 1st July and can 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.

Education Week (Monday 5th August – Friday 9th August)

Education Week is fast approached (Week 3 of this term). There are a number of activities and events happening during the week including:

- Monday to Friday – Swimming Scheme (mainstream students)
- Monday – Sign language choir, junior and senior dance group performances at Mt Druitt Westfield
- Tuesday – Open Classrooms. Parents and carers are invited to come up and visit their child's classroom from 12.45pm to 1.20pm and then stay and have a picnic lunch on the artificial grass from 1.20pm – 2.00pm.
- Wednesday – Kindergarten on an excursion to the farm.

We hope that parents and carers are able to come and visit during our open classrooms session on the Tuesday. I know the students love to show off their work and their room!

Book Week (Monday 19th August – Thursday 22nd 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 17th 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. Information about this activity including topics will go home with the students very soon.

Swimming Scheme

Swimming scheme is on during Week 3 (5th – 9th Aug) for our mainstream students and then in Week 4 (12 – 16th Aug) 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.

All the best for a great start to Term 3.

Warm Regards,

Dale Bruce
Principal

Upcoming Assemblies...

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• 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