



St Clair Public School Newsletter



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Upcoming Events & Activities

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Clair Bears Playgroup (runs every Monday) Run West Program (runs every Friday) ATSI "Welcome Project" (runs every Tuesday) Feb 26 – School Photos (Classes and Groups) Feb 26 – St Marys District Sport Trials Feb 28 – Zone Swimming Carnival Feb 28 – Fireys Mufti Day Feb 28 – Clean Up Australia Day March 2 – Sibling Photos March 2 – National Young Leaders Day March 3 – P & C Day March 4 – Pet Ownership Program (for K – 2 students) March 9 – Graffiti Prevention Program March 10 – Years 5 & 6 Peer Support Training March 17 – Junior AECG Meeting March 17 – P & C Meeting + AGM March 19 – Harmony Day (Orange mufti day) March 26 – School Cross Country Carnival April 6 – Easter Parade April 7 – TOPSTEPS Day (TBC) April 7 – Debating Workshop April 9 – Last Day of Term 1	April 28 – Students Return Clair Bears Playgroup (runs every Monday) May 5 – Sydney Writer's Festival Workshop (for some Stage 3 Students) May 11 to 22 – NAPLAN Online May 12 – P & C Meeting May 20 – Zone Cross Country Carnival (TBC) May 22 – Coffee & Chat June 1 – Verse Speaking Competition (at Assembly) June 10 – School Athletics Carnival June 16 – P & C Meeting June 24 – Coffee & Chat June 25 – Uni Visit (Stage 3) July 3 – Last Day of Term 2	July 21 – Students Return Clair Bears Playgroup (runs every Monday) July 30 – STEPS Music Festival Aug 3 to 7 – Education Week Aug 4 – P & C Meeting Aug 11 – Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm Aug 14 – Coffee & Chat Sept 2 – Zone Athletics Carnival Sept 8 – P & C Meeting Sept 9 to 11 – Stage 3 Bathurst Camp Sept 16 – Coffee & Chat Sept 25 – Last Day of Term 3	Oct 12 – Students Return Clair Bears Playgroup (runs every Monday) Oct 27 – P & C Meeting Nov 13 – Coffee & Chat Dec 1 – High School Orientation Day Dec 1 – P & C Meeting Dec 2 – Presentation Day Dec 9 – Year 6 Farewell (TBC) Dec 14 – End of Year Movie / Picnic Day Dec 16 – Last Day of Term 4
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The Principal's Message...

2020 Student Leadership

Congratulations to our student leaders for 2020. They each received their badge at this week's Induction assembly and they are already carrying out their leadership roles responsibly. Well done to all! Our leadership groups are:

Captains & Prefects	SRC	Sport House Leaders	Library Monitors
Brayden S (Captain) Holly F (Captain) Harshiv S Julia I Lucas E Jessica B	Kiarah B (Class 1) Samantha M (Class 3) Makaylah P (Class 4) Braxton P (Class 5) Alex N (Class 6) Logan O (Class 7/8) Brandan T (Classes 10/11) Makayla B (Class 12) Kiana S (Class 13)	<u>Eagles</u> Captains – Jenny A & Billy P V/Captains – Mia W & Ashton R <u>Emus</u> Captains – Bronte J & Darin H-S V/Captains – Rochelle C & Jack J <u>Kingfishers</u> Captains – Jordan W & Leo A-C V/Captains – Sandra S & Aiden C <u>Rosellas</u> Captains – Jasmine Z & Anna S V/Captains – Javytah L & Riya G	Abigail W Hannah D Harrison B Lachlan S Leah Y Molly S Tyler M

Staffing News

We welcome Mrs Silvia Azzopardi to St Clair Public School. Mrs Azzopardi takes up the position of Assistant Principal Learning and Support and although based at our school, she will be supporting all the schools in the Eastern Creek Network.

Maintenance

Work is continuing with the parts of the new roof, including guttering and downpipes. The recent rain has certainly been a test of its success and for the most part all has been OK. This week saw new backboards installed on the top basketball court, along with some doors replaced around the school. In the next week or so, some of the student toilets will have tiling fixed and replaced.

I know there was quite a bit of concern about the pathway leading into the school, especially after the deluge of rain and subsequent mud, a week or so ago. Thank you to the people who came to discuss this with me. I always appreciate the positive approach you take with the school when addressing concerns or issues. I have contacted a couple of contactors to ask them to develop a plan for how to improve this area. As things progress in this space, I will keep you all informed. In the meantime, I thank you for your continued patience.

Parking

Thank you to everyone for following our request regarding not accessing the school car park. It certainly appears to be a calmer and much safer place for all, especially at the peak morning and afternoon times.

School Photos

School photos (class, groups & individual) will be taken on Wednesday 26th February with sibling photos on the following Monday. Information about school photos will go home very soon. Online orders can be made by going to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code **BND CZE HMQ**. If you are returning a photo envelope with payment inside, please make sure you have the exact amount of money, especially if you are paying on the day of photos, as the office staff do not handle any photo money. If ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope.

P & C Meeting

The first P & C meeting was held last week and what a fabulous turn out it was from our school community. It was wonderful to see some new faces and of course, the regular faces. The next P & C meeting will be on Tuesday March 17. This will also include the P & C's Annual General Meeting.

Warm Regards,

Dale Bruce
Principal

Student Awards

Mini Merits Trade ups

Lucas W, Jaslyn W, Rathushaan M, S.F, Braxton A, Dominic C

Merit Awards Week 3					
Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Onur S & Jasmine Z	7	Bryson N-M	12	Duggu T & Christopher A
3	Aiden C & Lillie B	8	Kyle W	13	Lee-Anna L & Mahi P
4	Ashton R & Mackenzie M	9	-	15	Chelsie S & Caleb E
5	Chaise M & William J	10	-	16	Mitchell D & Samantha H
6	Jonah S & Danirah B	11	Abdullah A-S	18	Avarie M & Ryan W

P & C News.....

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who came to our P & C Meeting on Tuesday 11th February. We had a fantastic meeting with lots of new members!

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on the 17th March at 7pm in the staffroom. The AGM will be followed by a general meeting.

P & C Day

P & C Day will be celebrated on Tuesday 3rd of March with the sale of ice-blocks for 50c at lunch time. A note will be sent home shortly with more information.

Easter

We will be holding an Easter Raffle again this year. Anyone who would like to donate eggs or baskets for prizes can bring them to the office where we will put a box for collections. If you have a business that would like to donate a prize, please let us know. We will also be having an *Easter Egg* guessing competition. More information will go home as we get closer to Easter.

Mother's Day Stall

After the success and positive feedback from our Father's Day Stall last year, we will be keeping the same format for the Mother's Day Stall this year. Stay tuned for more information.

Thank you,
P & C Committee



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News...

Welcome back to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. A special welcome to our Year 3 students and to all new students who will be participating in the SAKG 2020. I am very excited to be gardening, cooking and eating with you all. We are going to be learning exciting new things and trying new recipes!

I met many eager students who are keen to cook up a storm in the kitchen! Some have already suggested “new” dishes such as pink cupcakes and chocolate chip cookies. Needless to say, for the last couple of weeks, we have been discussing the purpose of the SAKG; how to grow vegetables, take care of plants and harvest crops. In this program, students are encouraged to try new seasonal vegetables, herbs and fruits. We are going to prepare simple, inexpensive, healthy and delicious meals. The SAKG program aims to educate future generations about healthy eating and encourage better food choices. We will also learn some simple housekeeping skills, such as setting the table, washing dishes and cleaning.

After the discussion about the purpose of the program, our first session was spent learning about rules and safety. We also revised on knife skills and the use of sharp equipment. Students were reminded of kitchen terms, such as the “pinch grip” (how to hold a knife properly), “the claw” (grasping fruits and vegetables by curling fingers when cutting), bridge cut and aeroplane cut. The year 3 students will need to learn knife skills and will be individually monitored for the rest of the term. In the meantime, we will be making dishes out of the fruit or vegetables they practice on.

My news regarding the garden is somewhat better. Yes, it was such an eventful couple of months; the heat was intense and the bush fires we had were so tragic. Sadly, the majority of our vegetables, plants and trees did not survive the heat. Now we are facing flooding in the garden, which has caused our mulch to wash down to the back of the school’s ‘wild’ area. Week 5 will be a busy time for us in the garden. There is plenty to be done and many weeds to get rid of. Students who absolutely love gardening cannot wait to start. For Week 4, it is kitchen week and we are going to be making pasta!

Until next time,
Cazendra

Would you like to donate? We thank you in advance!

Kitchen: dishwashing soap, brown rice, white rice, canned tomatoes, plain flour, butter, blocks of cheese, olive oil

Garden: sprouting potatoes, sprouting sweet potatoes, mushroom compost, garden soil, seeds (lettuce, spinach, beetroot, beans, broccoli, cauliflower, corn)



SRC News....

The SRC are excited to be planning a couple of upcoming events.....



This event has been created to honour and thank our brave and courageous firefighters Australia wide on **February 28th**

'Thank You Fireys' Mufti Day

The recent bushfires have impacted all Australians.

Through the tragedy and despair, we have been reminded of the bravery and selflessness of the fire fighters, many of whom are volunteers.

To show our gratitude to these amazing Australians, we are joining in the 'Thank You Fireys' day on Friday February 28.

We ask that, for a donation, students come to school in red mufti, or an outfit that represents the 'Fireys'.

Thank you in advance for supporting such an important cause.

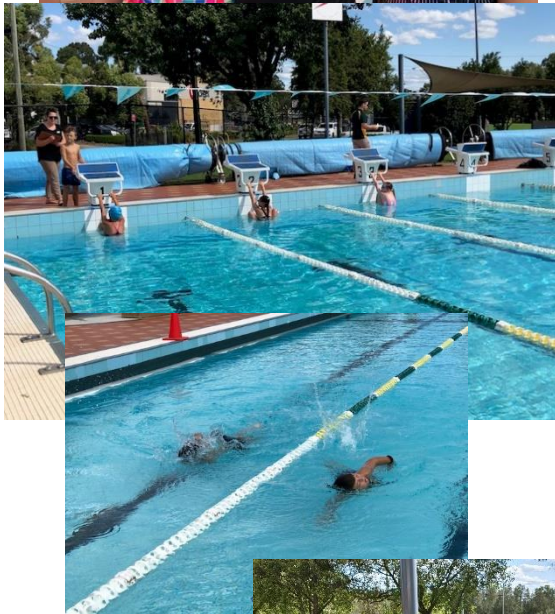
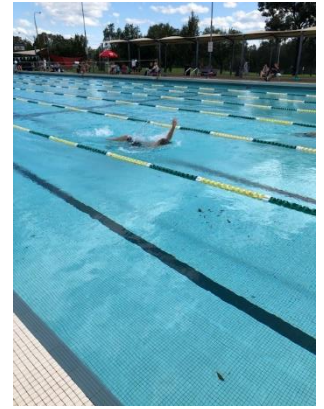


Sunday March 1 is the official date for Clean Up Australia Day. This yearly event aims to put a spotlight on the environment and raise awareness of why we need to look after it.

On Friday February 28, classes will be responsible for cleaning up a designated area around the school.

While a number of gloves and bags will be available for each class, students are welcome to bring in their own to use on the day.

Well done to all the students who attended this week's twilight swimming carnival at Ripples. Thank you to the staff who assisted and to the parents and family members who came along to support. Good luck to the students who will be representing the school at the district carnival!





Council would like to encourage all students and parents to have their say on the new playground at Regatta Park that will form part of a larger enhancement of the Regatta Park precinct.



Have your say... consultation will be open until 21 February 2020 penrith.city/RegattaPark



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Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

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... to pack a healthy lunch box .

Does packing lunch boxes feel like a chore? We are here to help you kick start the year easily, packing healthy lunch boxes your kids will enjoy.

Healthy lunch boxes don't have to be boring.



We are very excited to bring you our new look [healthy lunch box website](http://healthy-lunch-box.com.au) that has been improved with new features and functions based on feedback provided by you! You can now search for gluten free and vegetarian recipes, as well as **easy to freeze** and **quick and easy** recipes because as parents, we know how important it is to pack lunches quickly.

You can sign up to the [Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter](http://healthy-lunch-box.com.au) for ideas, updates and recipes delivered to your inbox throughout the year.

[Check out the new website now!](http://healthy-lunch-box.com.au)

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