



# St Clair Public School Newsletter



Issue: 6 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## Term Dates 2020

Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
July 3 – Last Day of Term 2	July 21 – Students Return Sept 25 – Last Day of Term 3	Oct 12 – Students Return Dec 16 – Last Day of Term 4

## The Principal's Message...

### All Back to School....

It has been wonderful to see the majority of our students back into their 'new normal' routines at school. They have returned excited to learn and happy to be with their friends again. It has been very warming to see their smiles as they enter the gate in the morning.

### Staffing News

Congratulations to Mrs Wood and her family on the birth of her baby girl, Chelsea Rose. Both mum and bub are well. Unfortunately, she won't be able to visit for a little while but we will be excited when she does!

We officially welcome Miss Rachel Curtis, who is covering for Mrs Wood whilst she is on her leave. Miss Curtis has been at our school since last term and is well known to the students.

### Current School Procedures

As a result of COVID-19, a number of school operational / organisational processes have changed across the school. These include:

- **Drop Off & Pick Up Routines**

For morning drop off, parents and carers are not to enter and remain in the school but to instead say good bye to their children at either the front gate, front office gate or side gate. The students know they are to then move to the top walkways or top basketball court. Please do not allow your children to arrive at school before 8.30am as there is no formal supervision provided.

For afternoon pickup, parents and carers only are welcome to wait at the bottom basketball court and meet their children there from 2.50pm. Those students meeting their parent or carer will be escorted to the basketball court. Students who would normally meet their parents or a high school sibling outside the school or who would normally walk home will be dismissed as usual at 3.00pm. Please make sure your child knows what their pick up arrangement is.

These procedures will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

- **School Canteen**

The school canteen is aiming to reopen next Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. More information will be sent home. A reminder that when they do reopen it will only be on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make sure your children bring recess and lunch with them every other day, if they're not ordering, as well as plenty of water. There will not be access to the bubblers until further notice.

- **Assemblies**

Our planned assemblies will not go ahead for at least the remainder of this term. Students receiving an award will be presented with them in their classroom. We are still not sure about Term 3, however when we do resume having assemblies it is more than likely they will be smaller with only a grade or stage at a time.

- **Incursions and Excursions**

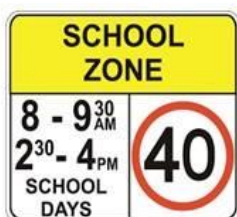
Department guidelines still do not allow for incursions and excursions to go ahead. This includes camps, out of school excursions, inter-school activities such as debating and sport. As changes to these guidelines come through to us, we will let our community know.



## Road Rules

Parents and carers, please be reminded that police and council ranger patrols are happening around schools and they are enforcing important road rules in school zones. For the safety of our students and your children, please do not stop in the 'no stopping' and 'no parking' sections outside the school to drop off your children. It is disheartening to see a number of parents stop at the crossing and let their children out. As per the information below, you may be fined for doing so and also lose demerit points. Whilst we appreciate parking is limited around the school, please make good choices for the safety of all.

# SCHOOL ZONE Parking Infringements



NSW Police Force



Roads & Maritime

School Zone Infringement as @30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018




\$183 + 2 demerits

\$330 + 2 demerits

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<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au>



**'ZERO TOLERANCE'**  
OF ILLEGAL PARKING  
IN SCHOOL ZONES TO  
PROTECT YOUR CHILD

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need you to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

WHEN AN OFFENCE IS DETECTED A FINE AND 2 DEMERIT POINTS APPLY

Illegal parking around schools endangers children's lives.

**PENRITH CITY COUNCIL**

## Opportunity Class Placement 2021

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation.

We now have a revised and simplified timeline for the OC placement process to ensure that students and families can have certainty about their placement as soon as possible. The changes include:

- A new date for online applications. Parents must apply **between 9 June 2020 and 26 June 2020**. Late applications cannot be accepted.
- A new test date - Wednesday 16 September 2020.

To ensure fair and consistent assessment of students across New South Wales, students will be offered places based only on their test results this year – there will be no school assessment scores.

There will also be no opportunity for appeals given the tight timeframes.

For further detailed information I encourage you to visit

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

## Semester 1 Student Reports & Parent / Teacher Interviews

Teachers are currently underway with writing Semester 1 student reports. This year, the report has been simplified due to the amount of time students have been learning from home. These reports will be sent home in the last week of this term. Normally during that week, we would hold parent / teacher interviews. We are hoping to reschedule these to a time in Term 3. At this stage, we do not know what format these will take. They may be by phone, online or face to face, depending upon what we are allowed to do. More information will be sent home once the situation is clarified.

## Wrap With Love

Once again this year, the wonderful Mrs Papasinos is organising the "Wrap With Love" initiative. In light of the current situation and the fact that more and more people are in need, this initiative is a particularly important one. Please take the time to read the information about this below.

Again, I would like to thank our St Clair school community for your continued support through what has been an interesting and challenging time. Our students, families and staff have worked well together to keep things 'moving along' so to speak. No doubt, there are still some challenges ahead, however I am confident we will continue to work through them.

Stay safe and well.

Warm Regards,

*Dale Bruce*

Principal

## Wrap with Love

"Cold humanity is our concern, people caring about other people."

Dear St Clair Families,

"Wrap with Love" is a non-denominational, non-racial and non-political organisation. It relies on volunteers to knit or crochet a wool square. The squares are then sewn together to create a wrap to help people from Australia and all over the world stay warm.

This is one simple way to help people in need.

It is that time of year again to get out our knitting needles and help others. I am inviting all knitters and crafts people from the STEPS community, to knit or crochet a wool square, to help make a knitted wrap, for people in need to stay warm.

### Instructions for making the square

- Squares for the wrap are to measure **25cm x 25cm**
- **Use 4mm needles**
- **8 ply wool yarn**
- **Cast on 50-55 stitches**
- **Knit in garter stitch.** No stocking stitch please (one row plain, one row purl) as the square will curl.

**Completed wraps are made up of 28 squares.**

I hope that crafts people from our community can contribute knitted squares. Let's see how many completed wraps we can achieve this year.

Please give your squares to your child and ask them to pass them onto me (Mrs Papasinos) by 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020. This will allow time for the squares to be sewn together.

Thank you for your generosity and support in advance.

Kind regards,

Mrs Papasinos



## Awards

Some of these awards go way back to Week 7 of Term 1!

A reminder to continue to hand in your trade-ups. Even though we may not have assemblies, you will still receive your trade-up award!

Congratulations to the following students....

### Mini Merits Trade ups

Emily Wi x2, Ben H, Willow M, Frederick S, Kay A, Jenny A, Jessica B, Jennifer S, Daniel G, Emily B, Rathushaan M, Bowen G, Zahra A, S.F x2, Cydney S, Cooper G x2, Cooper B, K.F x2, R.F x2, Krishika P, Ashton R, Maddison B, Abdullah A-S, Oliver M, Abigail W, Jayden B, Alex H, Brenden S, Liliana C, Jessica B, Zoltan A, Noah C, Lyla D, Isaiah C, Brandan T, Kheilan E x2

### Principal Awards

Lucas B, Emily Wi, Brandan T, Isaiah C, Rathushaan M, Oliver M, R.F, Jessica B, Zavier S

### Merit Awards Term 1 Week 8

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Mackenzie H & Prabhnoor K	7	Yousif M	12	Ashton K & Gulnaz K
3	Abigail W & Harlem S-T	8	Shane S	13	Hunter T & Riki M
4	Bowen G & Lucas M	9	-	15	Ella C & Isaiah C
5	Ava K & Tyler S	10	Jason N	16	Jacob P & Angel M-M
6	Tile D'Sean E & Amara S	11	-	18	Aiden W & Anthony C

## Library News....

Welcome to Week 6. It has been a busy time in the library over the last two weeks. We have had a large number of books returned since students have commenced to full time learning at school. Thank you to those families who have returned their library books. If you are yet to return any outstanding books, could you please ensure you send them with your child this week. There are two tubs outside the library where books can be placed.

All students across K-6 will be able to borrow books from Week 7. Please ensure your child has their library bag on their designated library day.

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

Thank you,  
Mrs Farlow

## Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

Is your child starting Kindergarten in 2021? Call the office today to organise an enrolment form to be sent out to you. If you know of any family, friends or neighbours with children starting school next year, please ask them to contact the school office on 9670 1966 for further details.



# NSW PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE



Dear Parents/Carers,

This year our school has registered to participate in 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.

Over a ten week period (1<sup>st</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> August), our school will be monitoring physical activity levels during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport lessons. Physical activity outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge award. The aim is to work towards an average at least 60 minutes of activity a day for ten weeks.

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.

Each student in years 3-6 will be issued with a logbook to record their daily physical activity. Whilst K-2 students will work towards a Gold class award level. The levels of physical activity are outlined below.

Award	Daily Activity Time
<b>Bronze</b>	30 minutes per day
<b>Silver</b>	45 minutes per day
<b>Gold</b>	60 minutes per day
<b>Diamond</b>	80 minutes per day

Students completing the Challenge will receive a personalised certificate (Diamond, Gold, Silver or Bronze), signed by the Premier of New South Wales.

Physical activity is valued for its physical, social and emotional benefits. It also helps young people to develop communication skills, confidence and resilience.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Challenge, please contact Mrs McCann who will be pleased to talk further with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs McCann

A BETTER START PROGRAM INITIATIVE



# YOUR CHILD'S NDIS PLAN



## You are invited to a free info session on how to implement your child's NDIS Plan

Designed for parents and guardians of children 0-12 years with disability or developmental delay who are looking for support with starting or using their child's existing NDIS plan more effectively.

Session topics include:

- Understanding your child's NDIS plan
- How to make changes to the plan
- Plan management
- Self-management tips
- NDIS plan reviews
- Early childhood Intervention best practice
- Finding and choosing service providers
- Latest NDIS updates on COVID-19

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know. This will help us to plan future sessions.

Contact us to register for one of the following sessions:

- Wednesday 3 June 2020  
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Friday 5 June 2020  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Tuesday 9 June 2020  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Thursday 11 June 2020  
4:30 pm - 6:00pm
- Tuesday 16 June 2020  
11.00 am - 12.30 pm
- Wednesday 17 June 2020  
4.30 pm - 6.00 pm

HOW: Online via a Zoom Meeting

COST: Free

RSVP Call: 02 9280 4744 or

Email: [betterstart@carersnsw.org.au](mailto:betterstart@carersnsw.org.au)

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