



# St Clair Public School Newsletter



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## Upcoming Events & Activities

### Term 4

- Friday 10 December – Stage 3 Motiv8 Fun Day
- Monday 13 December – Presentation Day Sessions (Students only)
- Tuesday 14 December – Movie / Picnic Day
- Thursday 16 December – Last Day of Term for students

## The Principal's Message...

### COVID Update

We remain under Level 3 guidelines so what is currently in place, stays until further notice. This includes:

- Our students continue to be organised in cohorts and with separate play times, play areas and bathrooms.
- Morning drop off from 8.30am. Students will continue to move directly to their classroom once they arrive to school.
- Staggered dismissal times of 2.45pm and 3.00pm will continue.
- Students are encouraged to wear a mask indoors.
- Visitors, including parents and carers, are still not permitted onsite, unless for a specific educational or wellbeing purpose, and they must be fully vaccinated.
- Transitions and orientations can occur with one fully vaccinated parent or carer permitted to attend.
- Enhanced cleaning measures remain in place.
- P & C meetings can take place onsite. All members attending must be fully vaccinated and check in via the QR system.
- Assemblies can be held outdoors.

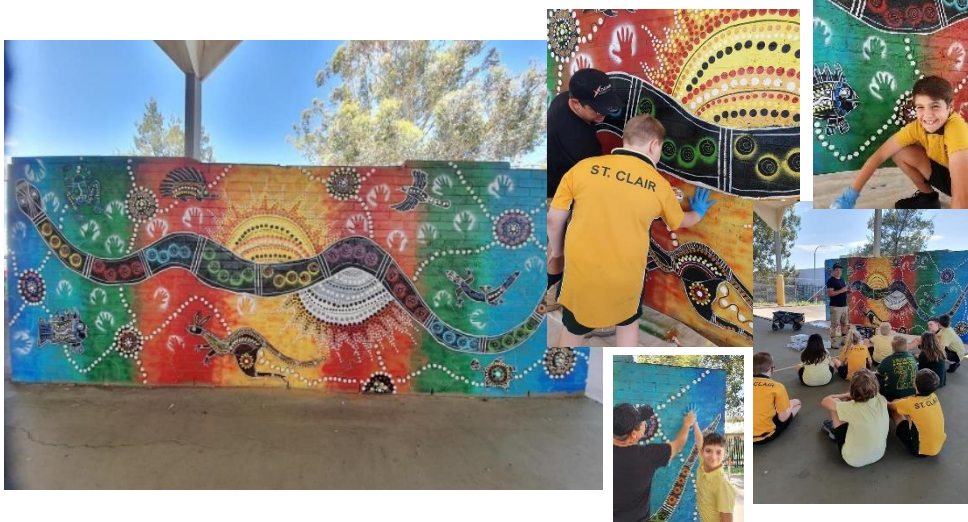
Once we receive updated information / guidelines, especially as we move into different level restrictions, we will communicate this to our community. Hopefully 2022 will see some easing of restrictions for our school community.

### Year 6

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who graduated on Wednesday morning and then celebrated their Farewell in the evening. What a wonderful way for them to finish their primary schooling. We wish the students all the best as they enter high school next year and look forward to hearing about their successes! Some photos of the Farewell have been included in this newsletter.

### Our New Mural

What a fantastic addition to our school. Our new mural certainly turned a drab old brick wall into an exciting work of art. Thank you to Mrs Peachey and the Koori kids team for doing a such an amazing job with the assistance of Trevor from Dalmari.



## Transitions and Orientations

It was so lovely to welcome our Kindergarten 2022 students and our new students in the Support Unit over the last two weeks. We look forward to them being a part of our school next year.

On Wednesday 8th December, our K-2 students enjoyed "Stepping Up" to their potential classroom for 2022. The students were very excited to explore their new learning spaces. Thank you to the teachers for arranging this activity.



## Presentation Day 2021

Our Presentation Day will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The day will run over 4 sessions – one for each of our student cohorts. Unfortunately, with current COVID restrictions in place, parents and carers are not able to attend unless formally invited to present an award (as is the case for some of our Stage 3 awards). Students receiving an award will have a photo taken which they will take home.

Also, at the Stage 3 Presentation assembly our student leadership team for 2022 will be introduced and the School Captains announced.

Students receiving an award have already taken home a letter to let you know. Congratulations to all students receiving an award at Presentation Day. Well done also to all of our students for working so hard throughout the year!

## End of Year Celebration / Movie Day

As we needed to move Presentation Day to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December, we also needed to move our planned *End of Year Celebration / Movie Day* to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. On this day the students can wear Christmas mufti (or normal mufti if they prefer). They will enjoy watching an appropriate movie with their classmates and participate in other fun activities. What a lovely way to see out what has been a challenging and interesting year!

## Reports

Semester 2 student reports will go home on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Due to the long period of learning from home, these reports are a modified version of our normal report. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the report with your child's class teacher, please feel free to contact them.

## 2022 Enrolments and Classes

Our current numbers for 2022 indicate we will continue to have 10 mainstream and 5 support classes in 2022. If you are moving or changing schools, and haven't yet informed us, please do so as soon as possible. Also, if you are returning late (after Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February), please let us know.

We have started the process of organising our classes for 2022. It is always exciting to start a new year in a different grade. Every year I ask and remind parents to trust that we place students appropriately. A lot of thought and information is considered in this process.



## School Maintenance

The canteen refurbishment is almost complete. It will be wonderful to have a lovely new canteen ready to start the new school year. Thank you to our families for your patience with this and ensuring your children have brought plenty to eat and drink throughout the day.

## Library

If you notice a school library book at home, please ask your child to return it to the library as soon as possible as the library undergoes its annual stocktake next week.

## Staff Changes

The end of this year will see several staff changes. We farewell:

- Mrs Prants has been successful through merit selection in gaining an Assistant Principal position at Banks Public School. Congratulations to Mrs Prants on this achievement. Although only with us this year, she will be very missed and I thank her for her contributions this year, particularly leading our Stage 3 group.
- Miss Gradidge is making a huge move to Queensland! Miss Gradidge has been with us for 3 years and is a wonderful teacher. She will be very missed, and we wish her all the best on this move. Queensland Education will be all the better for having her there!
- Mrs Peachey is taking extended leave and moving to Newcastle! Mrs Peachey has been here for many years and has played an integral role in the education of many students. More recently, Mrs Peachey has led the school's Aboriginal Education program, providing learning and cultural experiences for both our Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. She has already been successful in gaining a position as an Aboriginal Education teacher in the Newcastle area. A huge thank you to Mrs Peachey for all she has done at SCPS.
- Mrs Spicer will be leaving us to teach at Jordan Springs PS. We thank Mrs Spicer for all her hard work supporting students over the last 3 years and we wish her all the best for the future.
- Mrs Johnson is also moving to the Newcastle area. We have been very grateful to have Mrs Johnson supporting many students across the school throughout the year. All the best for the future Mrs Johnson.
- Mrs McColgan started with us at the beginning of this year, providing many of our students with some intensive learning support. Although having moved to the Central coast, we may still see Mrs McColgan around from time to time!

Next year we look forward to welcoming back Mr Heath as our Assistant Principal. We will also see some new faces. Once staffing is confirmed, I will let our community know early in the new year.

## Return to School Dates

A reminder, the students in Years 1 to 6 return to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022. Our new Kindergarten students will complete their individual Best Start assessments from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February through to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February before starting fulltime on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

It certainly has been a very different and challenging year and the support you have shown us has been truly amazing. Thank you! We feel so lucky to be supported by such a wonderful school community. Wishing our students, families and staff all the best for a wonderful Christmas and new year. We look forward to the 2022 school year!

Warm Regards,

*Dale Bruce*

## Awards...

### Mini Merits Trade ups

Maddison B, Erin J, Samuel S-O, James D, Daniel G, Jasmine G, Nazeef S, Harrison B x4, Sylvannas W, Zinhle M, Angel M-M, Kieraleigh M-M, Zipporah H x5, Chloe M, Paige W, Darrin H S, Isabella P, Indiana F, Andrew P, Jackson J, Hunter M, Maikel A, Abhinav M, Joshua S

### Principal Awards

Kenzie G, Ana I, Jasmine G, Abhinav M, Harrison B, Zinhle M, Zipporah H, Kay A, Maikel A, Sehajroop K

### School Award

Enrique G, Tyler M, Zoltan A, Maikel A, Kay A



## Year 6 Farewell Photos! What a great night!





## **Kids Pantry Canteen**

would like to thank the St Clair community for supporting us through another tough year!

We wish year 6 the best of luck moving into high school and cannot wait to welcome the new Kindergarten students in 2022.

Look out for canteen specials via our socials for the final week of school!

Lastly, we would like to wish the St Clair community a safe and Merry Christmas followed by a Happy New Year!

We look forward to a bigger and better 2022!

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Wishing all our families a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy new year!

All the best  
for your next adventure.  
Have a fantastic Christmas.  
Mrs Dawes

All the best  
for an exciting  
and deadly new  
adventure!  
Mrs Peachey

All the best  
for next year  
and your futures.  
Mr Rose

All the best for next  
year! Stay out of  
trouble!

Miss Curtis

Merry Christmas  
and good luck for  
high school!  
Miss Swan

Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year.  
S. Menezes

Be safe and enjoy  
your new adventure!  
EAT YOUR VEGIES!  
(Caz)

stay safe  
and all the  
best for 2022  
Mrs Tea

Have a wonderful  
Christmas and safe  
New Year!  
Ma. Prants

Have a  
wonderful  
happy  
break  
Mrs Khan

From Kindy to  
Year 6 I have  
watched you  
grow and be  
amazing.  
Dream BIG  
Love  
Mrs Minard

Wishing you  
all the best for  
your years ahead  
Miss Murphy

Wishing you  
all a wonderful  
Christmas full  
of Joy & love  
Mrs Oxlip

Thank you for an  
amazing year. See  
families. Enjoy  
a special Christmas!  
Stay Safe!  
Dale Bruce

Wishing everyone  
all the best!  
Merry Christmas  
and have a  
happy new year!

Mrs Sebelic

What an amazing,  
group of Year 6.  
We have been very  
lucky. Enjoy high school  
Mrs Healey.

Wishing you all a safe  
and merry Christmas  
and New Year  
Best wishes  
Lisa Brooks

Happy Christmas!  
Mandy Vorhag



Wishing all our families a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy new year!

To all our St Clair Families,  
Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
and a safe, happy holiday break.  
Take Care, from Miss Bernskin

Goodluck on your  
highschool adventures  
have fun. All the best.

Wishing everyone a  
very Merry Christmas  
Love from Mrs Farlow

All the best,  
good luck and  
a very merry Christmas!  
From Miss Gradidge

Have a fantastic  
Christmas and  
new year!  
Mrs Johnson

Merry Christmas  
and best wishes for  
high school!  
Mrs Bear  
xx

Merry Christmas  
to all our St Clair  
families. Enjoy your  
Summer break!  
Ms Austin ☺

Merry Christmas  
everyone, stay safe  
and well  
Mrs Halicek

wishing all a  
happy + safe  
Christmas + New Year  
Miss Stelling

Merry Christmas  
wishing you  
all a safe &  
happy Christmas!  
All the best for  
next year!  
Miss Anderson

Merry Christmas  
everyone! Wishing  
you all a happy  
and safe holiday  
break!  
Mrs Connell

Merry Christmas  
to you all. Enjoy  
your holidays, and  
best wishes for  
the future.  
Mrs Gilbert

All the best!  
Good luck next  
year!

Wishing you all a  
wonderful Christmas!  
Stay safe, look after your  
family, be grateful  
and have fun!  
Mrs Robinson xo




Merry Christmas  
wishing everyone  
a safe holiday.  
Mrs Wood  
All the best for  
a wonderful and safe  
Christmas. Enjoy your  
holidays!  
Mrs Milloff

Merry Christmas  
and happy  
holidays to all  
Miss Lozada

# Equipment List for Support Unit Classes - 2022

Below is the equipment list for Support Unit students for 2022. Could you please organise to send these items to school in the first few days of the new school year.

**Please ensure the items below are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

1 x headphones (over ear and avoid blue-tooth if possible)	
2 x A4 plastic document folders	
1 x library bag	
1 x USB - \$GB	
1 x texta pack	
1 x pack wind up crayons	
1 x paint shirt	
4 x whiteboard markers (please avoid black if possible)	

## Below are the required shared resources:

- 2 x large box of tissues
- 4 x large Bostik glue sticks (we request Bostik glue as it lasts longer, and they do not dry out like the cheaper brands)
- 2 x hand sanitiser
- 2 x packet of baby wipes
- 2 x hand soap pump bottle

The school supplies all exercise books. Pencil cases are NOT required in Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2.

Early in Term 1, some teachers will send home a note outlining any other additional requirements specific for the class.

Thank you.




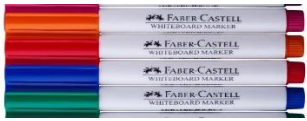




# Equipment List for Years 1 and 2 - 2022

Below is the equipment list for Year 1 and 2 students for 2022. Could you please organise to send these items to school in the first few days of the new school year.

**Please ensure the items below are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

1 x headphones (over ear and avoid blue-tooth if possible)	
2 x A4 plastic envelopes	
4 x large Bostik glue sticks	
1 x library bag	
1 x paint shirt	
4 x whiteboard markers (please avoid black if possible)	

**Below are the required shared resources:**

- 2 x large box of tissues
- 1 x packet of baby wipes
- 2 x hand soap pump bottle
- 2 x roll of paper towel
- 1 x packet of wind-up crayons
- 1 x packet of textas

The school supplies all exercise books. Pencil cases are NOT required in Year 1 or Year 2.

Thank you.





# Equipment List for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 2022

Below is the equipment list for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 students for 2022. Could you please organise to send these items to school in the first few days of the new school year.

Every child should have:

- Lead pencils - most students go through a large number in a year.
- Sharpener with barrel
- Blue, Red and Black pens
- Ruler – not metal or bendable
- Glue Sticks (one for each term)
- Eraser
- Coloured Pencils
- Scissors
- Headphones that can be plugged into a computer
- Library bag
- Whiteboard markers (one for each term)

Other useful items include:

- Dictionary
- Textas

Items required that will be shared by the class:

- Tissues
- Hand Soap Pump Bottle
- Paper Towels

The school supplies all exercise books. Early in Term 1, some teachers will send home a note outlining any other additional requirements specific for the class.

Thank you.

