



St Clair Public School Newsletter



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Upcoming Events & Activities

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
March 29 – Autism Awareness Blue Mufti Day March 30 – Classroom Visits 3.00 – 3.30pm March 31 – School Cross Country Carnival March 31 – Koori Kids Community BBQ 3.15pm April 1 – Easter Hat Parades (K – 2 at 11.30am / Years 3 – 6 at 12.30pm) April 1 – Last Day of Term 1 April 2 – Good Friday	April 20 – Students Return April 23 – Year 6 Fundraising Mufti Day May 3 – Sydney Writers Festival May 3 – Mother’s Day Stall May 4 – STEPS Student Leadership Day (at Blackwell PS) May 4 – P & C Meeting (7pm) May 11 to 21 – NAPLAN Online Testing Window May 14 – Walk Safely to School Day May 17 to 21 – NSW Dental Health Checks May 19 – District Cross Country May 28 – Activate Inclusion Sports Day (Classes 10 & 11) June 8 – P & C Meeting June 9 – School Athletics Carnival June 10 – STEPS Junior AECG Meeting June 25 – Last Day of Term	July 13 – Students Return July 26 to 30 – Education Week July 27 – P & C Meeting July 29 – STEPS Music Festival Aug 3 – WSU Visit (Stage 3) Aug 10 – Kindergarten Farm Excursion Aug 19 to 25 – Book Fair Aug 31 – P & C Meeting Sept 1 – District Athletics Carnival Sept 17 – Last Day of Term	Oct 5 – Students Return Oct 19 – P & C Meeting Nov 1 to 3 – Stage 3 Canberra Camp Nov 23 – High School Orientation Day Nov 23 – P & C Meeting Dec 1 – Presentation Day Dec 8 – Year 6 Farewell Dec 13 – Movie / Pic Day Dec 16 – Last Day of Term

The Principal’s Message...

Student Success

Congratulations to Kheilan E who recently represented St Marys District in the zone rugby league team. Kheilan received a special mention from the coach of the team for his try scoring and for making it to the final round of the selection process for the Sydney West team. Well done Kheilan!



Congratulations to Hunter M who has had some remarkable success in the junior golf world. In recent tournaments organised through the U.S kids golf tour, he has placed 1st and 2nd and in the upcoming school holidays he will be going to the Hunter Valley to compete in the Junior State Masters championship. He is well supported by his very proud family (his mum sometimes is lucky to be his caddy!). Well done and good luck, Hunter.

If you have children achieving great results in extracurricular activities outside of the school, please let us know so we can celebrate their success as a school community!

Canteen News

From the start of next term, we have a new canteen operator. *Kids Pantry Canteens* were successful in their application to lease our canteen. They will operate 5 days per week and once settled into the school will offer an online ordering option as well. Keep a lookout for more information.

I would like to thank Melissa Brown and her team for running the school canteen for the last 5 years. They have been very supportive of our school and made sure the students were well catered for and we wish them well for the future.

Classroom Visits

We are excited to have our parents and carers visit classrooms next Tuesday afternoon. Don't forget to wait until your child greets you as normal after school. They will then walk back with you to their classroom so they can show you where their room is, what it looks like inside, where they sit and so on. Please be mindful of social distancing expectations.

A Few Important Reminders

I remind parents and carers to not approach students or other parents and carers, particularly if you are upset about something. If you have a concern about someone or something, please contact us to discuss the situation and look for a positive resolution.

Mobile phones – our students are not permitted to have mobile phones or other devices at school. If they bring one, they are required to hand it into the office when they get to school for safe keeping and pick it up at the end of the day. We have a number of students who do this successfully and we thank our families for their continued support of this.

Easter Parade

It is lovely to be able to celebrate Easter again with our Easter hat / basket parade. This year we will run this event over two sessions with our K – 2 students at 11.30am and our Years 3 – 6 students at 12.30pm. A note was sent home last week about this event. It has been included again at the end of this newsletter.

Autism Awareness Mufti Day

Next Monday we have organised a blue themed mufti day to raise awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The word spectrum reflects the wide range of challenges that people on the spectrum experience and the extent to which they may be impacted. An estimated 1 in 70 Australians are on the autism spectrum. At our school, we have many students with ASD and we are proud to celebrate their differences and achievements every day. All classes will be participating in various activities to further develop their understanding of ASD.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will complete their NAPLAN online in Week 4 of next term. Information about this went home to all Year 3 and 5 students this week. Please contact the office if you did not receive this information.

School Uniform

At last week's P & C meeting I sought clarification about what the school community expect to see as our winter uniform. The school uniform is set by the school community and the following is accepted as appropriate winter uniform:

- Bottle green track suit pants or bottle green tailored pants.
- Lemon shirt (with or without school emblem).
- School tunic. If wearing stockings or tights under the tunic, they are to be bottle green.
- Bottle green jacket (either the school jacket or a generic plain bottle green jacket, sloppy or jumper)
- White socks.
- School hat or plain bottle green hat (flap hat type or broad rim).
- The sport shirt should only be worn on designated sports days.
- Year 6 students can wear their Year 6 shirt.
- Although black shoes are preferred, any appropriate closed in jogger type shoe is OK.

If you need any clarification about school uniform, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Young Leaders Day

Yesterday a group of our wonderful student leaders travelled by train to attend the National Young Leaders Day at the International Convention Centre in the city. Well done to this group who represented our school amongst thousands of other students from across the state.

Thank you Mrs Prants and Miss Stellino for organising this activity and for accompanying the students.



Bronze Awards

This week 85 of our students will receive their Bronze Award as they are able to consistently demonstrate they fulfil the following bronze award criteria:

- ❖ I wear correct school uniform
- ❖ I wear my school hat every day
- ❖ I come to school on time
- ❖ I move to class lines promptly
- ❖ I line up quietly and sensibly
- ❖ I move quietly and sensibly around the school
- ❖ I have good manners
- ❖ I follow classroom rules
- ❖ I follow playground rules
- ❖ I am respectful during the singing of the National Anthem and the school song
- ❖ I do not disturb the learning of others
- ❖ I do my best for all teachers and staff
- ❖ I listen while others are speaking
- ❖ I bring the correct equipment everyday

Congratulations to the students receiving this award and who will now be working toward achieving their Silver Award in Term 2. For students still working toward their bronze award, they will be aware of what criteria they need to work on. For many, this is only one or two things. I look forward to seeing many more students achieving their bronze award in Term 2.

Should you need to clarify anything to do with our new bronze, silver and gold award system, please contact your child's class teacher. It would be great to see parents and carers discussing the criteria with their children and what strategies they can use to help them achieve this award. Teachers do this in a very positive way, acknowledging that all children can continue to grow and progress academically, socially and with their behaviour choices.

As this is a trial year for this new system, at the end of the year we will seek community feedback before deciding whether to continue with this system. Our well-established trade up system remains in place, so don't forget to hand in those awards.

P & C

Thank you to those who attended the P & C Annual General Meeting and regular P & C meeting last week. Once again it was great to see some new faces coming along to support and build this group. Congratulations to our newly elected P & C committee:

- President – Anita Jurd
- Vice President – Hayley Cannon
- Secretary – Antje Millott
- Treasurer – Jason Noonan

All the best to our school community for a lovely Easter and a safe holiday break. See you when school resumes on Tuesday 20th April.

Warm Regards,

Dale Bruce

Office Request.....

If any parents or carers have any spare uniforms, particularly boys bottle green shorts their children have grown out of, please feel free to donate them to the school. We often have students needing to change after slipping in water or mud and we have no spare shorts at the moment. It's much easier for us to provide a pair to change into at school, then to disrupt a parent's day to bring some up.

With the cooler weather on the way, please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled, particularly jackets. When they turn up in lost property, if they have a name on them, they are returned to the children. Unfortunately, there are a lot of unlabelled and unclaimed jackets in lost property!

Awards.....

Mini Merits Trade ups

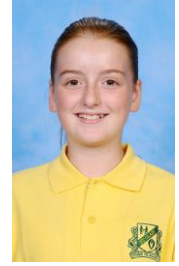
Levi G-W, Hannah D, Zaiden D, Abdullah A-S, Lucas B, Logan L, Ava K, Madison B, Yousif M, Maikel A x2, S.F, Lucas M, Gulnaz K, Alexis D, Jaslyn W, Kay A, Zoltan A, Chrissy S, Rhys M, Bowen G, Jasmine G, Lachlan H, Emily B, Makaylah P x2

Principal Awards

Catalina A, Nathan S, Logan O, Madison B, Rathushaan M, Izaak D, Zaiden D, Emma S, Sylvannas W, Logan S, Ava K, Paame M, Taryn R, Maikel A, Yousif M

School Award

Congratulations
Alexis D!



Merit Awards Term 1 Weeks 6 & 7

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Emily W & Maikel A	7	Lucas B	12	Maddison B & Lucas W
3	Samantha M & Jericho D	8	Yousif M	13	Daniel G & Avarie M
4	Chaise M & Tile D'Sean E	9	Sophie W	15	Kaidynn B
5	Liam B & Andrew P	10		16	Cody St & Anastasia W
6	Keave T & Daisy P	11	Shane S	18	Harrison K & Tayla C

Merit Awards Term 1 Weeks 8

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Mia W & Enrique G	5	A.A & R.C	10	Jason N
3	Issac H & Jason S	6	Rhys M & Koray K	11	Brenden S
4	Anna S & Chloe W	8	Lachlan H		

Excellence in Mathematics Awards

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Cydney S	7	Lucas B	12	R.F
3	Prabhnoor K	8	Levi G-W	13	Samantha H
4	Kay A	9	Joshua S	15	Aiden W & Mason F
5	Jonah S	10	Rathushaan M	16	Archer S
6	Elwyn C	11	Khloe T	18	Elijah B

Harmony Day

It was so lovely to see our students, staff and families support Harmony Day again this year. Well done to all involved and a special thank you to I & Z Balloon Creations for the wonderful balloon display.



Library News.....

Book Fair

Thank you to all the families who supported our first Book Fair for 2021. We hope that the easing of restrictions means that we can welcome parents to our second Book Fair of the year which will be held in Term 3 during Book Week.

Your support of the Book Fair has enabled the school to receive many more books for the library. Please see below for some of the new titles that will be available shortly for students to borrow.

Thank you also to Mrs Dimov and I & Z Balloon Creations for donating the amazing balloon display which brought much excitement to the students at St Clair Public School.



Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge has begun! We encourage all students in Years 3-6 to start recording books on the Challenge website which can be accessed from the student portal at: student.det.nsw.edu.au A reminder that all students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are automatically entered into the challenge as their classroom teacher reads a variety of quality books to the children each day. Congratulations to the two students who have completed the challenge already! Their names have been added to our PRC tree outside the library.

Happy Reading!
Mrs Farlow

Radical Recycling Program

The Radical Recyclers incursion for Stage 3 was a fun way of learning about the simple things everyone can do to help reduce waste going to landfill and being a more effective recycler. The performance was fantastic, engaging, and interactive and the students loved it! A big thank you to Mrs Menezes for organising this event.



Kitchen Garden News

Preparing for the kitchen lesson is always challenging. Thoroughly planning dishes, taking into consideration what's growing in the garden is a must. Of course, the big question is, will the students even eat it? Then challenge turns into success. That's exactly what happened in our lessons!



Looking at our 'harvest table', it is full of pumpkins, zucchinis, beans and silver beets. It definitely scares most of the students knowing what is going to be in their food. To our success, students made vegetarian "sausage rolls". They consisted of roasted pumpkin and onions, silver beets, parsley, thyme, garlic, ricotta cheese and tasty cheese. They absolutely loved and demolished it. Did I ever mention we harvested 22 pumpkins this year? Well, to make the most of the pumpkins we also made pumpkin soup and pumpkin pizza. Our pumpkin soup had potatoes, carrots, celery, garlic and mixed herbs - all from the garden. Our pumpkin pizza had silver beets, garlic, onions, thyme, oregano and mixed cheese. Our dough was a simple 4 ingredients and very easy to make.



Yes, success is when students prepare, cook, get the job done and ask for seconds. We also see success when students enjoy their time in the kitchen. We learn so much, not just about cooking but also team work, responsibility and being proud of what they create. Week 9 is our cooking week. Yes, another challenge but every challenge is an opportunity to do something great. I am positive it will be another week of success!



Last week, our students planted our Autumn and Winter vegetables. Year 3 and 4 in particular learned how to make biodegradable pots. They planted cabbages, lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli and Asian greens. Next week, students will be preparing and cleaning our greenhouse ready for the Winter season, in which our seeds will be stored to protect them from the upcoming cold season.

Week 10 will be the last week to prepare the garden soil. We are planning to plant all our seedlings in Term 2, including garlic, broccoli, kohlrabi, cauliflower, cabbage and other yummy Winter veggies, ready for us to use in our cooking next term. All the rain we've been having has definitely been keeping our garden at St Clair PS vibrantly green.



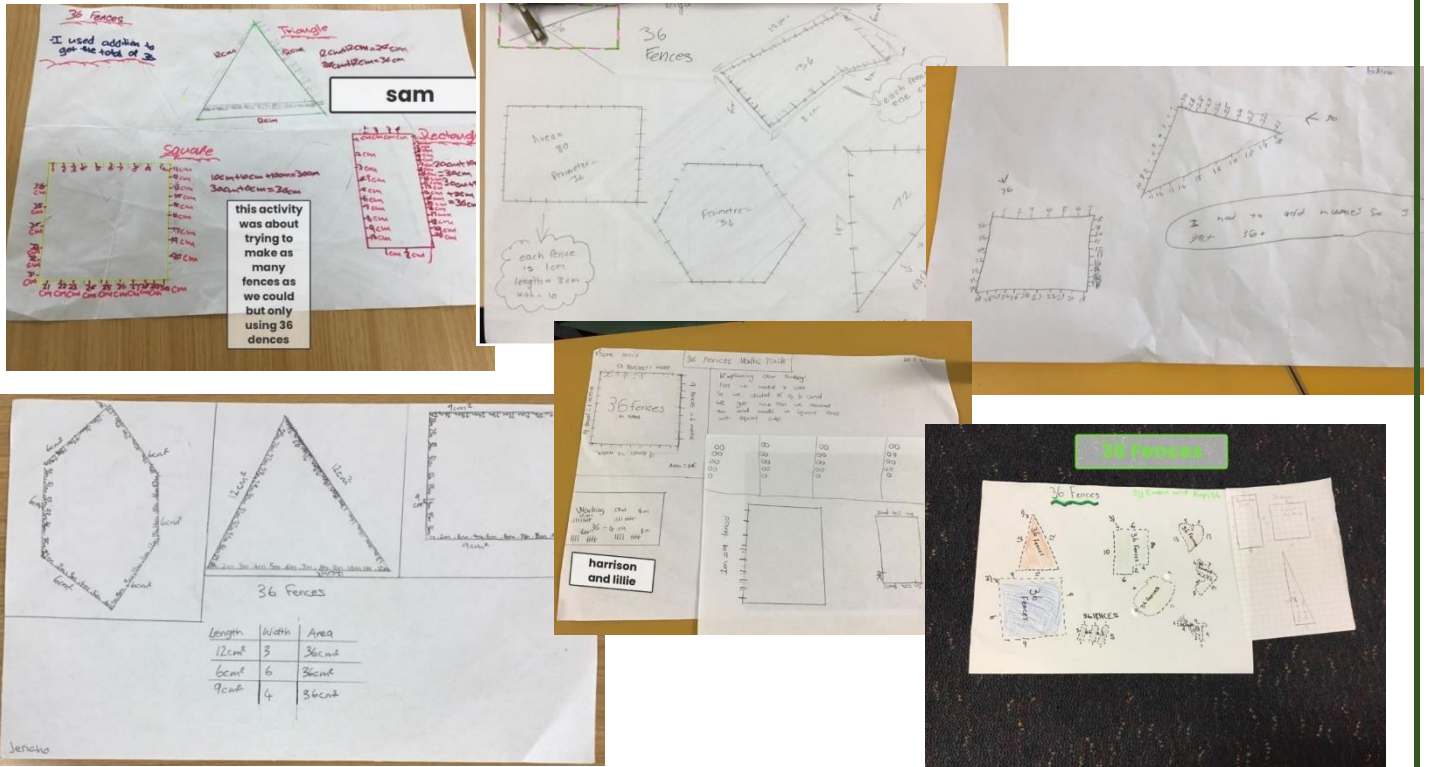
Thank you to all the students who worked so hard in the kitchen two weeks ago and in the garden last week. I am thrilled to be cooking and gardening with you for the next two weeks. Thank you also to all parents and staff who donated time, kitchen and garden supplies for our SAKG program. We are so grateful. Have a wonderful and safe break.

Cazendra



Showcasing Our Stage 3 Students.....

Students in Class 3 and some students from Class 1 were engaged in a Mathematical investigation on the task - 36 Fences. Here is a look at how they worked out their solutions with reasoning and justification.



WSU: First Foot Forward Program

Last week, Western Sydney University visited our Stage 3 students. The program aims to inspire our students to continue onto tertiary education after high school and to expose them to the hundreds of courses made available to them over all the campuses. On the day, the students learnt about sustainability, and how they, the young global citizens of the world, can make more sustainable choices in what they do day to day. They discussed current sustainable options available and also what could be invented in the future.

In the second part of the session, the students made wind turbines out of recyclable materials to represent one of the sustainable options of renewing energy that is being used today. In term 3, students will have the opportunity to go to a University campus to learn about nursing, agriculture and engineering. We are really looking forward to that experience! Here are some photos of the day.

The Stage 3 Teachers.



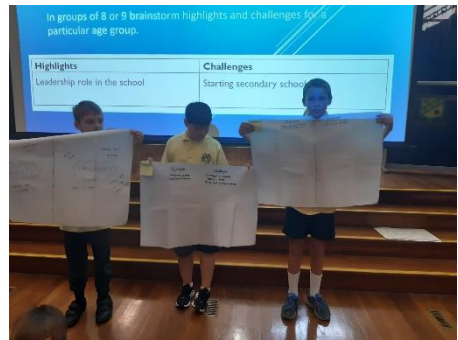
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Peer Support – Student Leader training Days

Congratulations to all Stage 3 students for a wonderful effort during the Peer Support Leader Training Days last Wednesday and Thursday.

It was pleasing to see all students participating with enthusiasm and working so well with their peers. The students have demonstrated they have learnt many skills that will assist them in facilitating the whole school Peer Support Lessons next term and we are looking forward to watching them develop their leadership skills further.

Thank you to Miss Stellino, Miss Bernstein and Mrs Robinson for organising these two days for the students.



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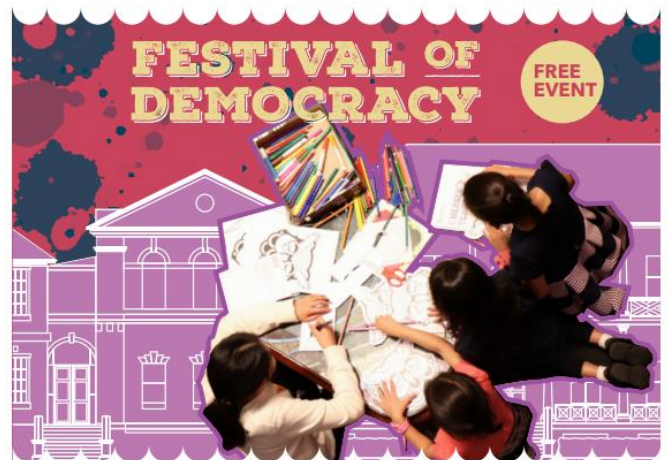
Our banana pikelets make a healthy breakfast or snack without the sugar load!

Try these healthy ideas for Easter:

- Shape apple and date bliss balls into Easter Eggs
- Carrot cake oat biscuits the Easter Bunny's fav!
- Green smoothies for thirsty bunnies

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Festival of Democracy at the Parliament of NSW these April school holidays

Friday 16 April

9 am - 10.20 am
10.30 am - 11.50 am
12 pm - 1.20 pm
1.30 pm - 3 pm

(book for an 80 minute session)

Celebrate democracy in Australia's oldest Parliament with free, fun activities for children and their families from 4 to 12 years.

- Vote in an election
- Make a speech in the historic Parliamentary chamber
- Play democracy hopscotch
- Listen to storytellers
- Make craft animals and objects
- Enter the mystery object competition
- Visit the historic rooms
- Chat with Henry Parkes

This is a COVID-safe event.



FREE ENTRY (timed)
Activities 9 am to 3 pm

LOCATION
Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



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Easter Hat Parade

We are pleased to invite families and carers to attend St Clair Public School's annual Easter Hat Parade.

To ensure social distancing measures are met, we will be holding a K-2 parade and a 3-6 parade.



When: Thursday 1st April, 2021

Where: School Hall / Bottom Hard Court

Times: K-2 – 11:30am 3-6 – 12:30pm



Students may wear mufti or Easter themed clothes/costumes and bring in an Easter themed hat to wear during the parade.

Please fill in the slip below by Tuesday 30th March if you will be attending.

Childs Name: _____ Class: _____

Number of guests attending: _____

I understand that all attendees will need to check-in via the covid QR code upon arrival and follow social distancing guidelines. Multiple QR code will be on display for easy check-in.

Signature: _____ Date: _____