



St Clair Public School

Newsletter



Issue: 5 Thursday 12th May 2022

Upcoming Events & Activities

Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tues 10th May to Friday 20th May – NAPLAN Online Test WindowWed 18th May – STEPS Mass Choir Rehearsal at Blackwell PSWed 18th May – PLP BBQ Afternoon for ATSI Students and Families 3.00pmThu 19th May – Mufti Day for KheilanFri 20th May – Walk Safely to School DayMon 23rd May – Little Athletics for Schools ProgramWed 25th May – Sydney Writers Festival (TBC)Thur 26th May – District Cross Country CarnivalFri 27th May – Little Athletics for Schools ProgramMon 6th June – First Foot Forward Western Sydney University Excursion (Stage 3)Tues 7th June – School Athletics CarnivalWed 8th June – STEPS Mass Choir Rehearsal at SCPSThur 9th June – Stage 1 Zoo ExcursionWed 15th June – Sydney West Cross Country CarnivalFri 1st July – Last Day of Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tues 19th July – Students ReturnFri 22nd July – NAIDOC DayTues 26th July – 100 Days of Learning for KindergartenWed 27th July – STEPS Music Festival (Day Rehearsal & Evening Performance)Tues 9th Aug – Forensic Science IncursionMon 22nd to Wed 24th Aug – Book fairFri 26th Aug – Activate Inclusion Sports Day (Classes 10 & 11)Wed 14th to Fri 16th Sept – Stage 3 Bathurst CampFri 23rd Sept – Last day of Term 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mon 10th Oct – Students ReturnTues 18th Oct – Calmsley Hill Farm Excursion (Kindergarten) TBCWed 7th Dec – Year 6 Graduation & FarewellMon 12th Dec – Movie / Picnic DayWed 14th Dec – Presentation DayMon 19th Dec – Last Day of School for Students

The Principal's Message...

P & C

The role of our school P & C is to work alongside of and support the school. The P & C executive team and the many other parents and carers who attend meetings and give of their time to assist with events and activities, do so on a voluntary basis. Our school P & C organise a number of events, all of which are to provide our students and community with opportunities not normally provided by the school. This includes such things as Mother's and Father's Day stalls, fundraising events such as donut drives, chocolate drives and raffles. They also work with the school in the organisation of events such as the 40th anniversary. Whilst they do arrange some fundraising, their main purpose is to provide the students and community with enjoyable and purposeful opportunities, events and activities. Any funds that are raised are usually provided back to the school to be used for specific purposes. An example of this is purchasing the new honour board, the new BBQ, creating the sensory garden, subsidising dance costumes, providing extra seating etc.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our P & C executive and to the parents and carers who regularly assist them. I would also like to thank our extended school community for the support you always provide – this may be in attending meetings, or in supporting the events they arrange, or simply by appreciating the time this group devote to all of our students and community.

100% Attendance

As you are aware, regular and punctual attendance at school is vital if students are to progress academically and socially. The last two years has certainly seen some challenges for students in regard to their attendance, especially when they have been unwell or have needed to isolate.

This term we have once again introduced our 100% weekly attendance incentive of a canteen voucher. Each Friday, students who have had 100% attendance for the week are eligible to win the voucher for their class. Congratulations to the students who have already received one!

Here are some of the lucky recipients....



Attendance Matters

A reminder that all absences from school must be explained. Each week, our office ladies generate letters regarding unexplained absences. Should you receive one of these, please fill it in and send it back as soon as possible.

Also, please be reminded that should you plan an extended holiday and students will be away from school, you need to seek approval. If you are planning to do this, have questions or need any clarification about any aspect of attendance at school, please feel free to contact me.

Civic Leaders Reception

Last Wednesday I was very fortunate to see our School Captains, Kheilan and Alexis acknowledged for their leadership at the Penrith Council Student Leaders Civic Reception at Panthers. They met the Mayor and received a special certificate. Well done to both of them on the wonderful job they are doing as captains!



Mufti Day for Kheilan

Congratulations yet again to Kheilan who has been selected to represent Sydney West in the Under 12's rugby league at the state carnival. This carnival will be held in Kiama. This adds to his selection in the Sydney West basketball team. What a wonderful achievement. Both these selections come with some significant financial commitment, so we have decided to hold a mufti day for Kheilan to help with some of the costs. Also, thank you to the P & C who have made a donation to help out as well.

All the best for both the basketball and the rugby league carnivals Kheilan!

Autism Awareness

Thank you to our wonderful community for the support of last term's Autism Awareness Day. We were able to donate \$285 to Autism Australia!

RAT Kits

This week, another set of RAT kits have been sent home. Once again, please keep these in a secure place and use as needed but especially if students have any COVID like symptoms.

Staffing

Congratulations to Mrs Halicek who was successful in her Assistant Principal application and has now been permanently appointed to our school! We are very lucky to have Mrs Halicek as a part of our school community and leadership team.

NAPLAN

Over this week and into next week, our Year 3 and 5 students have been completing their NAPLAN tests. I have been very pleased and proud with how well they have participated in these. Thank you to our staff, and our parents and carers for ensuring the children have been ready for each day and reminding them not be too anxious about the tests!

Cross Country

After many attempts, we were finally able to hold our cross country carnival last week. Thank you to the many parents and carers who were able to come along. It was wonderful to welcome you back! The students tried hard and ran really well. Thank you to Mrs Halicek, Mr Rose and the staff who helped with the organisation of the carnival. Thank you to the weather for holding out! Good luck to the students who will now go on to represent the school at the district carnival on 26th May.

Take care and stay safe.

Warm Regards,
Dale Bruce

Awards

Mini Merits Trade ups

Levi G-W, Kaylee H, Abhinav M, Seeley J, Dut M, Bryson N-M, Elliott J, Isaiah C, Anastasia A, Connor M, Lucas B (Class 8), Sehajroop K, Tile D'Sean E, Lachlan H, Nate N, Jaslyn W, Lucas W, Taryn R, Gurfateh S x3, Kiana S, Peter L, Jack J, Ava K-N, Aiden W, Nazeef S, Logan O, Joshua S, Anthony T, Sophie W, James D

Principal Awards

Kaleb Z, Kaylee H, Anthony T, Bryson N-M, Anastasia A, Peter L, Aiden W, Catalina A

School Award

Kyle W

Merit Awards Term 2 Weeks 1 & 2

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Samuel S-O & Akira W	7	Sophie W	12	Mekisa S & Jairus L
3	Tile D'Sean E & Scarlett F	8	Ashton K	13	Harnav K & Adriana S
4	Catalina A & Ageshaan M	9	Nehansa P	15	Jackson B & Archer S
5	Gulnaz K & Lucas W	10	Nate N	16	Zoe A & Elise M
6	Isaaq A & Calais D	11	Kyle W	18	Ayat K & Jaxson S



St Clair Public School Trade Up Awards

Mini Merits

Every Week

Classes 1 3 4 5 6 3 per week
Classes 12 13 15 16 18 2 per week
Classes 7 8 9 10 11 1 per week



Every Term

Students have the opportunity to receive these awards every term.

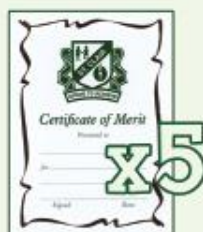
Mini Merit Trade Ups

When you have 5 mini merits you can trade up for a merit award.



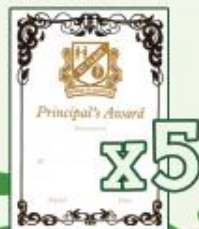
Merit Awards Trade Ups

When you have 5 Merit Awards you can trade up for a Principal's Award and morning tea with the principal.



Principal's Award Trade Ups

When you have 5 Principal's Awards you can trade up for a School Award and Medallion.



Criteria for Term Mini Merits

Uniform

I wear correct school uniform:

- Bottle green jacket
- Lemon shirt
- Bottle green shorts
- (Shoes are not included in criteria)
- School hat in hat areas only

Attendance

- 90% or above attendance

Being a Learner

- I actively participate in classroom lessons
- I support the learning of others
- I do my best for all teachers and staff
- I work independently when required

Being safe

- I move to class lines promptly
- I line up quietly and sensibly
- I follow playground rules
- I follow classroom rules

Being Respectful

- I am kind to teachers and students
- I look after and respect school property & the property of others
- I represent the school with pride
- I use good manners
- I listen when others are speaking

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) News....

What a busy start to Term 2!

ANZAC Day

We commemorated ANZAC Day at SCPS with a ceremony on Wednesday, 27th April. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 attended the service and took a very respectful approach to proceedings. The service was led by our school captains Alexis and Kheilan, with class SRC reps and prefects laying wreaths on behalf of the rest of the school.



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

We were able to hold our Cross Country Carnival as planned on Thursday 5th May, after 3 previous attempts were washed out. Congratulations to all our students for their participation. A special thank you to our house sport leaders for the setting up and packing away of equipment. The St Marys District Carnival will be held on Thursday 26th May, at Monfarville Reserve, South St Marys. Notes should go home this week to our representative team. We wish you the best of luck. We are waiting on final information from the organising school. Please note that invitations to represent the school in any sport will only be given to students who display positive behaviour both in the classroom and on the playground. Sydney West Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 15th June.

Cross Country Results

8/9 Girls	1.Sera- Emus	2.Alexya - Emus	3.Marie - Kingfishers
8/9 Boys	1.Kaemon - Emus	2.Saxon - Eagles	3.Caleb.E - Emus
10 Girls	1.Ava - Emus	2.Marley - Emus	3.Sehajroop - Emus
10 Boys	1.Duggu - Eagles	2.Ageshaan - Emus	3.Cooper - Rosellas
11 Girls	1.Elaine- Kingfishers	2. Emma - Eagles and Kimberley - Emus (Both girls ran an extra lap)	3. Scarlett - Rosellas
11 Boys	1.James - Eagles	2.Kaleb - Eagles	3.Kapish - Eagles
12 Girls	1.Rose - Emus	2. Ana - Emus	3. Marina - Emus
12 Boys	1.Kheilan - Emus	2.Alex - Kingfishers	3.Kaleo - Kingfishers

Athletics Carnival

The school athletics carnival will be held on Tuesday 7th June at Blair Oval. A note will be coming home next week with all the information, cost and permission note. The back- up date is June 15.

Links with Western Sydney University.

Year 5 and 6 students are invited to take part in the First Foot Forward program with Western Sydney University. There will be a free excursion to the university on Monday the 6th June. Parents, please ensure that the online registration has been completed. Last week teachers sent home reminder notes to those who hadn't completed the process. Students can only attend if parents have registered. If in doubt, please message your child's teacher via Seesaw.

Links with St Clair High School

I will be meeting with teachers from St Clair High School in the coming weeks to plan further transition. St Clair High representatives will be coming to visit Stage 3 on 23rd May during the morning session.

NAPLAN

Year 3 and 5 students are currently sitting NAPLAN ONLINE assessments during weeks 3 & 4. These diagnostic tests are a snapshot of where our students are, in that moment of time. It is only part of the process and is a guide to assist our staff to monitor student progress.

CAMP

The Stage 3 overnight camp to Bathurst is fast approaching. Final preparations are being made for our 14th September departure. Camp is also a wonderful opportunity for students to gain independence and engage in team building/social skills. There are a few remaining spots available for camp. Please note that students attending camp must consistently display positive behaviour both in the classroom and on the playground, for all teachers.

Stage 3 staff and students hoped that all our wonderful mums and grandmothers had a very Happy Mother's Day. Thank you to the P&C for organising the Mother's Day stall.

Kind regards,
Mrs Halicek
Assistant Principal

BEBRAS CHALLENGE

Students in Years 3 to 6 participated in the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge during Term 1. The challenge is designed to see students' computational thinking and problem solving. Congratulations to the following students who received certificates following their efforts in the challenge.

High Distinction - Oliver M & Elwyn C

Credit - Kingston F, Hannah D, Zakariah H, Lucas M

Merit - Alexis D, Denise P, Elizabeth S, James D, Kay A, Noah H, Mikayla B, Rhys M, Taryn R, Lorelle G, Koray K, Erin J, Courtney R, Zander F-W, Lucas W, Kiana S, Kaemon R, Calais D, Ashton K, Seeley J

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News....

Welcome to Term 2. Autumn has finally arrived! The time so far has been the toughest time we have had in the SAKG garden. We've had so much rain that most of the seeds planted just turned into mush or did not sprout at all. Our vegetables that were growing before the continuous rain ended up dying also. Because of the waterlogging in the soil, our silverbeet, chards, capsicums and spinach ended up dying from root diseases, as the water replaces the oxygen and the pores of the soil drown. Sad indeed. During the school holidays, I managed to start all over again. Getting rid of the old plants and topping the soil with compost, manure and organic sugar cane mulch and giving it a 'rest' made a huge difference. Last week, we bought seedlings and planted them. We are all hoping that things will work out well.

On a brighter note, our Native Garden is doing very well. All weeds and grass have been pulled and we covered the area with weed mat. We are just waiting on some mulch to cover the area, then it is going to look amazing!

This week (Week 3) is going to be cooking week. We are going to put the pumpkins and choko we harvested a few weeks ago to use. We are going to use the best of our produce and our time and we will also get to use our herbs from the garden and the frozen vegetables we saved from last season. I am very confident that students will have an amazing time in the kitchen!

Until next time,
Cazendra

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

Kitchen: dishwashing soap, butter, cheese, olive oil, rice oil

Garden: sprouting potatoes, sprouting sweet potatoes, mushroom compost, garden soil, seeds



Help us turn
BREAD BAGS into
SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT



Our school is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school earns!

Collections close 9th September.

Tip for collecting:
Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?
Our school is now in the draw to **WIN an exercise circuit** made from the soft plastic we collect!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!

* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag [@wonderaustralia](#) [#wonderrecyclingrewards](#) to share all your recycling champion stories!



Please bring your bread bags in to put in the box in the front office for recycling into play equipment for schools! Any brand, soft plastic bread bags are accepted!




A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT FOR AUTISM

- ✓ Connecting families and individuals with autism
- ✓ Free support groups for parents and carers
- ✓ Social groups for children with autism and their siblings
- ✓ Support across Sydney and NSW
- ✓ A website and social media to help share information and support

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Clair Bears Playgroup



GET TO KNOW OTHER FAMILIES AS YOU AND YOUR CHILD DO ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PLAYDOUGH, DRAWING, PUZZLES, MATCHING GAMES AND STORY TIME.





0-5 YEAR OLDS WELCOME

9-10:30AM EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING SCHOOL TERMS

**ST CLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL
(ENTER VIA TIMESWEEP DRIVE)**

Come along and have some fun!
The playgroup will be supported by an early childhood educator.

Walk Safely to School Day – 20th May!



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2022!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au