



St Clair Public School

Newsletter

Issue: 2 Friday 24th February 2023

Upcoming Events & Activities

Term 1	Term 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 3rd March – District Swimming Carnival Friday 10th March- Responsible Pet Incursion TBC Tuesday 14th March – P & C Meeting 7pm Wednesday 15th March to Monday 27th March- NAPLAN Test Window Tuesday 28th March- School Cross Country Wednesday 29th March WSU First Foot Forward Visit Wednesday 5th April – Class 4 (Year 4) CARES Excursion Thursday 6th April – Easter Hat Parade 2pm Thursday 6th April- Last Day of Term 1 <p>Weekly events Basketball Clinic- Thursdays & Fridays Assemblies – Thursday 2pm – Week 6,8 & 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 26th April – Students Return Wednesday 26th April- 11:30 ANZAC ceremony Every Tuesday from 2nd May to 27th June- Stage 3 Panthers on the Prowl program Thursday 4th May Selective High School Test for Yr 7 2024 Monday 8th May- – Class 6 CARES Excursion Wednesday 10th May – CARES Excursion Class 13 Year 3 (only) & Stage 2 Support Friday 19th May- Walk Safely to School Day Wednesday 24th May – Sydney Writers Festival Tuesday 6th June – School Athletics Carnival Friday 9th June- Sydney West Cross Country Friday 30th June – Last Day of Term 2

The Principal's Message...

Thank you to our community for the support they have provided to Jackie Aczel's family and friends. Jackie was the Assistant Principal Itinerant Teacher Hearing Support based at our school, a parent to Zoltan who attended St Clair Public School until last year, and an active member of our school community. Jackie's family advised the school that her passing was sudden after a short illness on Saturday 11th February. She will be sadly missed, and we will continue to provide ongoing support to her family, friends, and colleagues.

Newsletter going digital.

This will be the last newsletter that we will print and distribute to the youngest child in the family. From Week 9 of this term, you will be able to access the newsletter via our website and the Schoolstream app. We will also post a message on Facebook to let you know the newsletter is available to read. I have made this decision to enable the newsletter to have more photos and content whilst being mindful of our carbon footprint. If you require a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the office.

Morning Drop off and afternoon pick-ups.

- Drop Off – students are not able to enter the school before 8.30am. We encourage families to say goodbye to your child/children at the gate. Students will then drop their bag off outside their classroom and go into the playground until the bell goes at 9am.
- Dismissal – There are two exit points in the afternoon which are the front gate and back gate. Dismissal for mainstream students is at 3pm. The back gate will be opened at 2.55pm and we ask families to wait at the bottom hardcourt for their child/children. Class teachers will supervise the dismissal of students from the bottom hardcourt.
- Front gate -Students will exit from the front gate at 3pm once the bell has gone. Parents are to wait for their child/children outside the front gate. Please do not wait in the car park due to safety reasons.
- Please talk to your child about where they will be picked up and feel free to send a message to the classroom teacher via Seesaw.

Assemblies

Assemblies will commence this term and families will have an opportunity to attend. Assemblies will be Thursday fortnightly in Weeks 6, 8 and 10 at 2pm. Visitors are asked to go straight to the hall and not wait in the student playground. Instead of class items at assemblies we will have an Education Week Concert in Term 3.

Basketball

During Term 1 from Week 4 to 10, each class will participate in a weekly Basketball Skills Clinic. The clinic will be implemented by coaches from Blacktown Basketball Association. The program will operate weekly.

Please see the timetable below for your child's day:

Thursday: Classes 7, 10, 11, 1 (odd weeks), 6 (even weeks), 13, 15 & 14

Friday: Classes 1 (even weeks), 3, 4, 6 (odd weeks), 8, 9, 12, 16 & 18

The program teaches the skills of basketball in a fun, safe and positive atmosphere. The clinic will also teach the importance of physical activity to health, resiliency, sportsmanship, and being a supportive individual. The lessons will be individually designed for the age and skill level of each class. The clinic will be conducted on our Hardcourt/COLA area.

The cost of the clinic is being subsidised by a donation of \$2500 from St Clair Public School P & C as part of their giving back initiative. The remaining funds are from the Premier's Sports Grant and school funds. There is no cost for your child to participate.



PSSA Representative Trials

Last Friday 17th February, eight students from St Clair PS trialled for the representative PSSA teams in rugby league, soccer and touch football at Mark Leece Oval. The boys represented the school with pride and showed skill and determination as they played their respective sports.

Great effort by Soakimi and Theo (touch), Jayden, Mehmet and Noah (soccer) Hunter, Matthew and Caleb E (U/11s rugby league).

Congratulations to Soakimi who made the St Marys District U/12 Rugby League team and Mehmet who made the open boys' soccer (football) team.

A wonderful achievement for these two boys who will continue to train with the teams in preparation for the Sydney West carnivals.



Fridge Flyer

The March/ April fridge flyer will come out early next week.

Mini Merit Trade Up (From Term 1 Week 2-5)

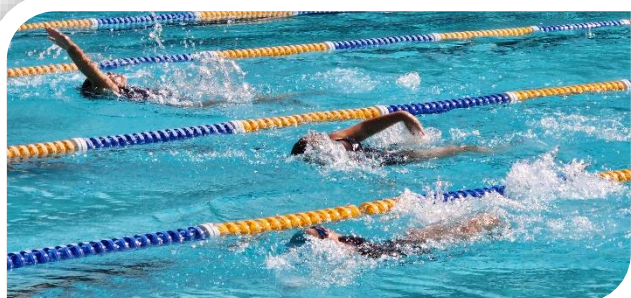
Kaleb Z, Riley C, Mason F, Tanvee T, Saxon Z, Willow M, Taryn R, Logan O, Kaemon R, Quin M, Jayden B, Mason F, Jackson J, Levi G, Isaaq A, Theia W, Sophie W, Ella C, Jordan L, Catalina A, Aiden W x 2, Seeley J, Andrew P x 3, Miguel G, Alex H, Lucas B, Ashton K, Connor M, Matthew S x 5, Akira W, Veronica G, Liana M, Abdul A, Senara I

Principal Awards (From Week 2-5 Term 1 2023)

Marie S, Zac M, Phoenix R, Dominic C, Lucy B, Eli B, Joshua S, Mason F, Veronica G, Taryn R, Jackson J, Roman K-W, Anastasia A

Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 15th February on a warm, sunny afternoon staff and students attended Mt Druitt pools for our twilight swimming carnival. We had 11 competitors, and their families attend. It was great to see the students hard work from swimming lessons and training payoff for all students.

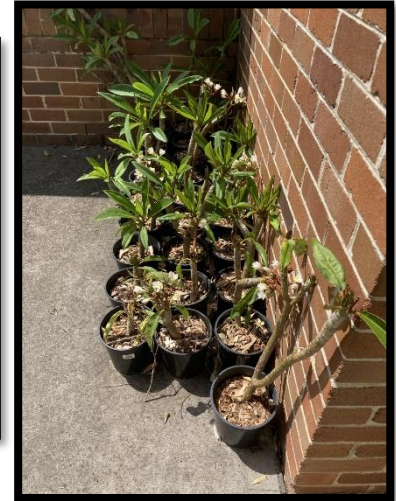


Results

Age	Event	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
8y Girls	50m Freestyle	Willow M		
9y Girls	50m Freestyle	Chloe M	Ella C	
10y Boys	50m Freestyle	Kaemon R	Michael F	
11y Girls	50m Freestyle	Taryn R	Ava K	Jenesis J
11y Boys	50m Freestyle	Phoenix B		
12y Girls	50m Freestyle	Hannah D		
10y Boys	100m Freestyle	Kaemon R		
8y Girls	50m Breaststroke	Willow M		
10y Boys	50m Breaststroke	Kaemon R		
11y Girls	50m Breaststroke	Ava K	Taryn R	Catalina A
12y Girls	50m Breaststroke	Hannah D		
9y Girls	50m Backstroke	Chloe M	Ella C	
10y Boys	50m Backstroke	Kaemon R		
11y Girls	50m Backstroke	Ava K	Jenesis J	Taryn R
12y Girls	50m Backstroke	Hannah D		
12y Girls	50m Butterfly	Hannah D		

Year 6 Fundraiser

Year 6 are selling 28 Frangipani trees. The trees have been propagated from the frangipani tree outside of the kindy room. They are selling for \$10 to \$15 each! First in best dressed. Please contact the office to order your plant.



Additional OOSH Services

The Department of Education has been working with Penrith City Council to support local families who require OOSH services. Bennett Rd PS will start an onsite OOSH hub for Bennett Rd PS, Clairgate PS and St Clair PS families commencing early Term 2. The OOSH will be providing morning and afternoon services and will be operated by Penrith City Council. If you are interested in accessing the OOSH services, please return the form at the end of the newsletter by Wednesday 1st March. Please note this does not guarantee a place but enables the planning of service delivery to our community.

Voluntary Contributions

As a NSW Public School, we do not set compulsory fees, however, schools may request a voluntary contribution. For us this is \$40 per child or \$60 per family. Please find more information about voluntary contributions at the end of this newsletter. All contributions are very much appreciated and go toward providing extra resources for our students. Students are not disadvantaged should you choose not to contribute.

Seesaw, Mathletics and Reading Eggs

A note was sent home recently about parents providing consent for third-party web and cloud-based service providers. Your consent is required for your child's information to be provided to these third-party providers. Before giving your consent, it is important you understand what student information is collected, how it will be used, and who may have access to it. See the table below for our service providers.

Service provider details	Services	Student Information required
3P Learning platform (Reading Eggs and Mathletics) Readingeggs.com.au Login.mathletics.com	Online interactive learning platform. Delivers engaging content for students to develop reading and numeracy skills.	Student first name, last name, class and school name
Seesaw: https://web.seesaw.me/	Interactive learning platform with digital portfolios and online communication tools.	Student first and last name

Please return the consent form back to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Warm Regards,

Elizabeth Goodwin
Relieving Principal

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG)News...

Welcome to Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden 2023! We have so much to look forward to in this year's program. I have some exciting new recipes to cook with the students and fun activities to do in the garden.

As for mandatory lessons in the kitchen... Students, so far, know how to be safe in the kitchen and in the classroom. Though most of the students were familiar with how to be safe in the kitchen, it is always good to be reminded. The participating SAKG students started their first lesson in week 3 and what a success it was!

A very exciting time for everyone, especially the year 3 and newly enrolled students as they joined us in the kitchen for the very first time.

The focus of our Week 4 lessons was how to be safe using a knife, peeler, and grater. The students, especially stage 2 students, were so eager to be in the kitchen and start cooking. Of course, our cooking lessons for year 3 are going to be very simple and I assured them the tool they will be using most is their fingers.

Next week is our garden week. We are going to focus on how to be safe in the garden, and how to use gardening tools. I am looking forward to having everyone learning together and most of all growing food together.

Thank you to all the parents who visited our kitchen and garden during the Meet-the-Teacher session last week. We are so proud to show everyone what we have achieved so far in this amazing program. We also thank all the families who have continuously supported us throughout the years. Your encouraging comments truly mean a lot.

What's growing in our garden this season? Though we have had some hot weather, our vegetables (amazingly enough) have survived. We have pumpkins, silverbeet, chards, zucchinis, cucumbers, tomatoes, okra, bitter melons, Chinese long melon, amaranth, long beans, tomatillo, potatoes, grapes, herbs, and corn. Most of these vegetables are ready to be harvested. In week 6, it will be our first cooking lesson and we will enjoy these delicious vegetables.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the garden next week. Until next time.

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Would you like to donate? We thank you in advance. Our SAKG WISH list items are:

Olive oil

Canola oil

Balsamic vinegar

White vinegar

Basmati rice

Self-raising flour

Plain flour

Bread flour

Tomatoes, canned

Butter (unsalted or salted)

Cheese (any type)

Dishwashing detergent

Dishwasher tablets

Seeds (spinach, corn, carrots, parsley, capsicum, lettuce)

Wooden crates



SCPS P & C News...

Hello SCPS Community!

Firstly, I'd like to thank everybody for their support of the P&C through the past year. We've run fun events, raised money that's gone back into the school and couldn't have done it without you.

-We will be starting our Wonder White bread bag collections shortly. Keep a look out for announcements, any brand bread bag can be collected and at the end of the year they will be traded for sports equipment. Thank you for last year's collections, the kids have been enjoying some new equipment donated from Wonder White since November.

-The 2022 colour run raised just over \$10,000 and has fuelled our Giving Back Initiative, starting with partially funding weekly basketball for Term 1. This means no family is out of pocket!

-Our pavers for the 40th anniversary are in safe storage and will be installed shortly-they look beautiful! We appreciate your patience as our school undergoes physical transformation.

-Our next general meeting and AGM will be held in the SCPS staff room on Tuesday, March 14th at 7pm. New and old faces are welcome and encouraged to join in on our P&C Community.

Please follow us on Facebook (St Clair Public School P & C) or contact me for more information.

Warm Regards,

Anita Jurd - SCPS P&C President

Attendance Matters...

Please let us know if your child is absent from school. Ways to let us know:

- Phone call
- Seesaw
- Letter
- Email
- SchoolStream App

Explaining every absence



If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business



Let us know

So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing



Every day matters



Clair Bears Playgroup



ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME. 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



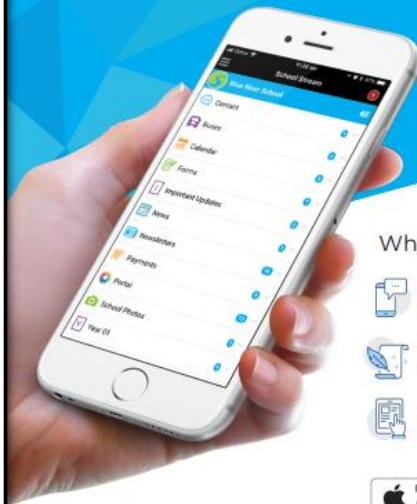
9-10AM EVERY
WEDNESDAY DURING
SCHOOL TERMS






ST CLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOL
LIBRARY
(ENTER VIA TIMESWEEP DRIVE)

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

Download our school app for free!



Why download the app?

-  Receive instant notifications for important news.
-  Easily register absentees and excursions.
-  Keep up to date with events and set reminders.



Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.



SCPS LIBRARY NEWS

READ, GROW, INSPIRE

LIBRARY LOVERS DAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Students from all grades were enthusiastic about Library Lovers Day. They showed their passion for books by listening to stories, creating themed art and leaving messages about what the library means to them.

I love that it's a quiet, safe place to read and play games. M Kynli Yr 6.

Watch out for our next library celebration day on March 2nd, Dr Suess' Birthday!



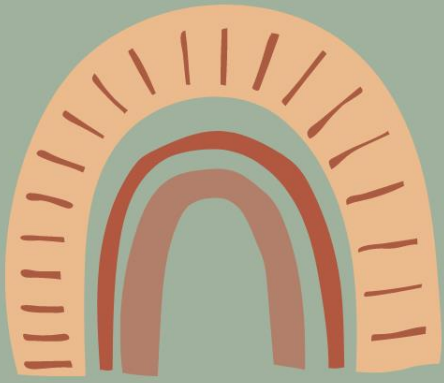
BORROWING

We love to see students borrowing from the library and experiencing the joy of reading.

To support your child's borrowing we ask that all students bring a library bag.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our library please contact Mrs Weibye on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

MORE LIBRARY NEWS COMING SOON



Positive Behaviour Learning



PBL

PBL at St Clair Public School looks different in 2023.

Our **Positive Behaviours for Learning** focus on our school's core expectations of being a Safe, Respectful Learner.

So far this term, we have focused on lining up safely, and putting rubbish in the bin.

Our focus will change to help support our students in identified areas of need.

Rewards

Students who follow the focus have a chance at receiving a PBL Mini Merit.



Our Current Focus

Appropriately use the Artificial Grass



School Expectations

Be safe,
be respectful,
be a learner





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Bennett Rd OOSH Hub

I am interested in using the Bennett Rd PS OOSH Hub commencing early Term 2 2023. The service will be operated by Penrith City Council, and transport will be provided to and from the service. Please note this is not a guarantee of services. The information will be used to plan the provision of services.

My child/ children require OOSH services:

Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

Tick Days and session you may require OOSH Services

Session	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM					
PM					

Parent Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Please return by Wednesday 1st March to the school office.



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Voluntary School Contributions

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a NSW Public School, we do not set compulsory fees, however, schools may request a voluntary contribution.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of \$40 per child or up to a maximum of \$60 per family. This equates to about \$1 per week per child towards providing additional resources for your child's education.

These resources include technology devices such as laptops and iPads, art resources, sport equipment, access to online programs such as Mathletics and Reading Eggs, and general classroom equipment and supplies.

It would be appreciated if you could make your voluntary contribution as soon as possible by returning the completed slip below with the correct money in an envelope marked 'School contribution' to the black box outside the school Office. Alternatively, you can pay online through the school website. These contributions are strictly voluntary and should you choose not to contribute, your child will not be disadvantaged.

Already this year, we had had many enquiries and contributions made and we thank our families for doing this.

If you have any questions or would like more information about voluntary contributions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for supporting St Clair Public School and educational opportunities for our students.

Warm Regards,

Elizabeth Goodwin
Relieving Principal

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Voluntary School Contributions

My Voluntary Contribution:

Single child contribution for _____ of Class _____

Family contribution – Family Name: _____

Payment Method:

Please find enclosed: \$_____ being \$40 per child or \$60 per family.

Online Payment – Receipt Number: _____

Signed _____