



St Clair Public School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events & Activities

| Term 1 | Term 2 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 28th March- School Cross Country Wednesday 29th March WSU First Foot Forward Visit Tuesday 4th April – PSSA Gala Day (selected students) 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 9th 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 – P & C Disco |

The Principal's Message...

This term has started off busy and it feels like we are getting back to normal after the COVID disruptions over the last few years. We have held many events already and you can read about them throughout this newsletter. Students have been working hard and learning new things. In Kindergarten to Year 2 students have been learning from the new K-2 English and Mathematics syllabus. Year 3 to 6 teachers are becoming familiar with the new English and Mathematics syllabus which are mandatory in 2024.

Cross Country Carnival

Next week we will hold the Cross Country on Tuesday 28th March at 11:45am on the school oval. Parents and carers are welcome to come and watch. Bring a chair or picnic rug to sit on. If the event is washed out our back update is Tuesday 4th April.

Cross Country Distances

8/9/10 year olds – 2km

11/12/13 year olds – 3km

The first eight runners in each age group will be given a note next term to represent SCPS at the district carnival.

Students **under eight years** will be participating in a fun run and mini games.

Newsletter is now digital.

If you require a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the office.

Assemblies

Our next assembly is Thursday 30th March at 2pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Visitors are asked to go straight to the hall and not wait in the student playground. Term 2 assemblies will be held in Week 2,4,6,8 and 10. Principal morning teas are held fortnightly on the Friday after the assembly. It has been great to see so many students at the morning teas this year.

Hat Parade

We will hold our annual hat parade on Thursday 6th April at 2pm in the school hall. Please come along and join in with the fun. Visitors are welcome to wear a hat as well.

Fridge Flyer

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

Mini Merit Trade Up (From Term 1 Week 6-8 2023)

Noah C, Isaiah C, Xavier M, Logan S, Ava N, Thomas B, Kavinesh P, Jack J, Abhinav M, Anastasia A, Dut M, Nathalie A, Daisy P x 3, Marie S, Zeljko M, Logan M, Paige W, Jacob P, Erikk T x 2, Micharli F, Liana M x 2, Tayla C, Elise M, Zander F, Jonah S x 3, Elsie S, Jacob X, Rhys M, Sienna M, Lorelle G x 7, Kuek D,

Principal Awards (From Week 6-9 Term 1 2023)

Keldon R, Elsie S, Jonah S, Ella C, Catalina A, Seeley J, Chloe W, Connor M, Saxon Z, Audrey S, Kaleb Z, Lucas B, Daisy P, Akira W, Sienna M, Sophie W, Lucas W

School Awards Week 6-8

Taryn R

Merit Awards

Week 6 Merit Awards

| Merit Awards Term 1 Week 6 | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|----------------------|
| Class | Student | Class | Student | Class | Student |
| 1 | Jayden B, Akira W | 8 | Mohammed D | 13 | Kadence C, Jackson B |
| 3 | Lyla D, Jordan L | 9 | Zara G | 14 | Ryan J, Lacey H |
| 4 | Paige W, Elijah V | 10 | Lucas B | 15 | Oliver R, Keldon R |
| 6 | Kalon M, Saxon Z | 11 | Seeley J | 16 | Lexi C, Isla P |
| 7 | Sophie W | 12 | Paame M, Alex H | 18 | Jack W, Scarlett H |

Week 8 Merit awards

| Merit Awards Term 1 Week 8 | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Class | Student | Class | Student | Class | Student |
| 1 | Noah C, Jenesis J | 8 | Elijah C-M, | 13 | Roman K-W, Boston P |
| 3 | Ageshaan M, Chaise M | 9 | Nehansa P | 14 | Zoe A, Jelleq L, |
| 4 | Miguel G, Eva G | 10 | Zander F-W, | 15 | Isla C, Josiah L |
| 6 | Gabrielle V, Zeljko M | 11 | Khloe T | 16 | Rose Anni P, Jayden G |
| 7 | Ava K-N | 12 | Mason F, Jannah D | 18 | Aaliyah S, Tommy B |

Excellence Awards

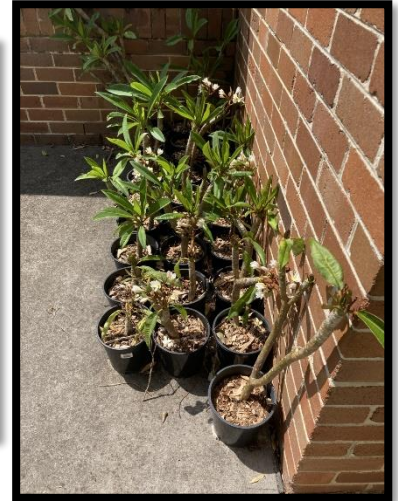
| Excellence in Mathematics | | | | | |
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| Class | Student | Class | Student | Class | Student |
| 1 | Sehajroop K | 8 | Joshua S | 13 | Thomas G |
| 3 | Savanah V | 9 | Alleria W | 14 | Thomas A |
| 4 | Kaemon R | 10 | Peter L | 15 | Elise M |
| 6 | Manansh S | 11 | Levi-James G.W | 16 | Noah N |
| 7 | Aiden W | 12 | Ben H | 18 | Kaleb M |

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.

Year 6 Fundraiser

Year 6 are selling 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.



STEPS Junior AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) Meeting

The STEPS Junior AECG group is where all the Junior AECG leaders from all the St Clair & Erskine Park primary and high schools meet. On Thursday 16th March Braxtynn and Sadie attended the Junior AECG meeting at St Clair High School. They were inducted into the Junior AECG where they received their badges. M'Kynli was absent on the day and will receive her badge at school. Nominations were asked for the office bearers for the group and Sadie was elected as the co secretary. Such an outstanding achievement for the youngest member of the group.



District Swimming Carnival

On the 3rd of March, students from St Clair PS represented our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival held at Mt Druitt Pools. Competing against other local schools, the competition was very tough, and our representatives achieved some excellent results.

In the 50m freestyle event, Chloe M achieved a time of 1minute 33.4 seconds; Kaemon R achieved a time of 1 minute, 13.69 seconds; Ava K achieved a time of 1 minute 5.62 seconds and Taryn R achieved 1minute 1.52 seconds in their respective heats. With an excellent result, Kaemon also won his 50m backstroke heat.

Congratulations to Chloe, M, Kaemon R, Taryn R and Ava K on their fantastic results and representing St Clair PS with exceptional behaviour!



Mrs Cristal Hayden

Harmony Week – Everyone Belongs

On Tuesday 21st March we participated in Harmony Week. Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We participated by wearing orange to show our support. In classroom students also participated in Harmony Week events.



Warm Regards,

Elizabeth Goodwin
Relieving Principal

Cultural Links

Each Wednesday at lunch time a group of St Clair High School students are coming to our primary school to establish cultural connections with our students. The high school students are leading and teaching our children traditional dance for girls and boys. So far it has been FANTASTIC!

It has been an absolute pleasure watching our students positively engage with high school students. It is even better watching the smiles on the boys and girls faces whilst they are dancing and exhibiting pride in their own or another culture.

We look forward to a performance where we can showcase the dances to our community.



Responsible Pet Incursion

On Friday the 10th of March, students in K-2 were excited to meet Fame and her owner Yvonne.

Yvonne taught us how to be safe around dogs, when to leave them alone and how to tell if they are happy, frightened or angry.

We learnt the 4 steps to approach and greet a dog safely:

- walk up slowly and stop
- ask the owner for permission to pat their dog
- let the dog sniff the back of our hand
- pat the dog gently along its back.

Fame was amazing and let some students practice the 4 steps.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) News...

Autumn has arrived with many lovely sunny days but there has also been unseasonal rain. The best thing about the Autumn season is that we get to take a break from our usual gardening activities as we prepare our soil and garden beds for next Spring season. Students were busy doing just that. Class 1 and Class 3 started making bio-degradable pots and planting seeds in them. Students are learning about the advantages of using biodegradable pots, that being their ability to break down quickly, allowing it to go straight into the ground, rather than having to transfer it from the pot. This means no root disturbance, no transplant shock, and so much fun making these cute pots. Some of the seeds are already sprouting; our cauliflower, broccoli and beans are doing particularly well. Fingers crossed, we will have better weather this year and can expect a bountiful harvest.

Our first week of cooking was a success. Stage 3 made some delicious **Pork Gyoza and Vegetable Gyoza**. We also enjoyed **Fried Rice** with this dish. Our fried rice consists of corn, shallots and our delicious free-range eggs. Stage 2 made **Silverbeet and Cheese Puff Rolls** alongside **Pasta with Broccoli, Lemon, and Garlic Sauce**. Surprisingly enough, our "non-broccoli eaters" enjoyed this dish. Our broccoli was from our garden last year, which we simply blanched and froze, and was perfectly delicious with this meal. It was such a great week as we were able to put into practice everything that we learned a few weeks ago.

Thank you to all the students who worked so hard. Your listening skills, following instructions and your teamwork really made our time in the kitchen successful. I am looking forward to seeing you soon in the kitchen and garden so we can plant, harvest, prepare, cook, and enjoy meals together. Until next time.
Cazendra.

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

- Olive oil
- Canola oil
- Balsamic vinegar
- White vinegar
- Basmati rice
- Self-raising flour
- Plain flour
- Bread flour
- Butter (unsalted or salted)
- Cheese (any type)
- White sugar
- Brown sugar
- Wooden crates



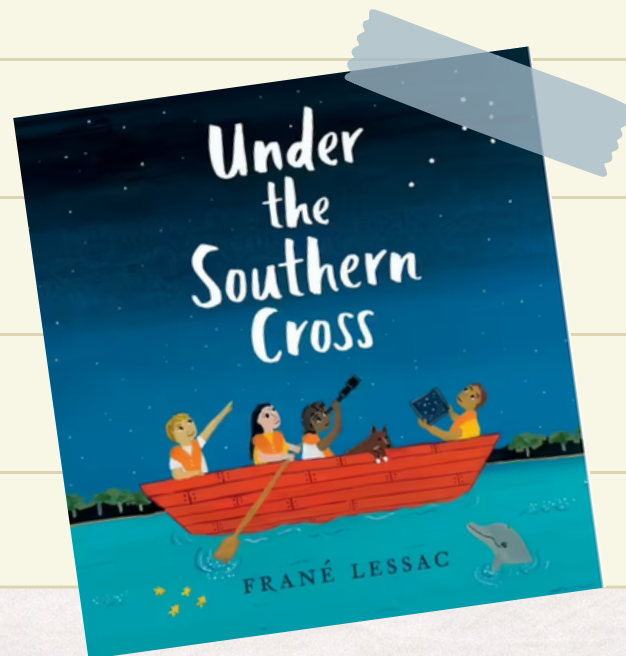




Class 15

The students in Class 15 have been working hard to write their own pages for Frané Lessac's *Under the Southern Cross*.

Click the image below to view our story.



SCPS P & C News...

Hello to our wonderful SCPS Community!

It's been an exciting few weeks in our P&C, with our AGM held in Week 8 of Term 1.

Thank you to Antje M, Hayley C, Jason N and Linda W, our exiting Executive Committee members. The four of you have served many years volunteering in the best interest of our school. Words seem futile in expressing gratitude for your dedicated time and service. We humbly thank you!

Welcome to our incoming Executive Committee-

Vice President Nicole M

Treasurer Kelly W

Secretary Mandy P

We are grateful to have your assistance in 2023!

Thanks to Wonder White, our school are collecting Bread Bags of any brand to exchange for Sports Equipment. The more that we collect to be recycled, the more sports equipment that our school is eligible to receive. Last year we gained a host of balls, including volleyballs and soft balls, that are used daily during lunch and recess! Let's earn some more by handing bread bags into the wonder white box held in the school Office.

This week a Colouring Competition Sheet will be handed to each student. The winner from each grade will be presented an Easter basket at our Easter Hat Parade on April 6th. You have to be in it to win it! Entries close Monday, April 3rd.

We are busy planning the Mother's Day stall for all our little people to celebrate by shopping for the special people in their lives. This will be held on the morning of Thursday, May 11th in the school hall. If you can put your hand up to volunteer at the stall, to help set up or help with the planning process, please do. Your time is valued and the kids love seeing their family members helping at the stall. Volunteers are the backbone of all the fun events we hold. A note for the stall will be coming shortly but you're always welcome to contact us on our St Clair Public School P&C page and our email stclairpandc@gmail.com.

Our P&C are a low key and friendly bunch hoping that some of our parents and carers would like to become more involved. Family first and volunteer as suits you! We only have 8 meetings per year, 2 each term in Week 3 and Week 8, held in the SCPS staffroom at 7pm on a Tuesday evening. We have one fundraising event per term. If you have any skills that you think may be useful, please get in touch! Your attendance and voice helps to shape our school culture and support the children as best we can.

Bring on an exciting 2023!

Kind regards,

Anita Jurd

President

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



We asked some of our students: **Why do you love coming to school?**

* These students have attended school more than 90% of the time so far this year.



Our 2023 attendance goal =

An increased percentage of students attending school more than 90% of the time

Term 1 Week 8

Percentage of students attending school more than 90% of the time =

68.88%

Term 1 Week 10

Percentage of students attending school more than 90% of the time =

Goal 75%

SCPS LIBRARY NEWS

READ, GROW, INSPIRE

MAKERS AND SHAKERS

Students are showing their creative flair in the library this term. During lunch time the makers boxes are in high demand and students create everything from kites to mythical creatures using recycled packaging, scissors, tape and glue. If you have some interesting packaging at home (bubble wrap, textured cardboard etc) feel free to drop it into the library!



WATCH THIS SPACE

Our next library celebration day is on March 20th, **Very Hungry Caterpillar Day!**



BORROWING

Students, remember to bring your library bags. Not only does this make it easier to carry your books, but it also helps protect them from damage. We want to ensure that our books are in good condition for everyone to enjoy, so please be mindful of their care and return them on time.

DID YOU KNOW...

We offer free cut fruit in the library on Wednesday and Thursday mornings!
Orange you glad! 😊

MORE LIBRARY NEWS COMING SOON

Playgroup – Wednesday 9-10am in the library

We are very lucky to have a playgroup onsite which operates every Wednesday from 9-10am in the library. The playgroup is run by experienced educators from Gumbirra Preschool. We would like more families to attend. Please share the information about the playgroup with families, friends and neighbours. Anyone from the local community can come along with children aged from 0-5 years old.

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.



BENNETT ROAD OSHC

Incorporating Bennett Road, Clairgate and St Clair Public Schools

7-9am & 3-6pm
Bennett Rd, St Clair.

Our school based Before and After School Care offers our young people opportunities to learn, discover, explore, develop new skills and share interests in a warm caring familiar environment that supports all areas of our young people's lives.

**CHILDREN'S
SERVICES**
PENRITH
CITY COUNCIL

Our service provides programs like photography, yoga, physical activities, incursions, excursions, tween workshops and more.

Breakfast and a nutritious afternoon tea is provided.

Child Care Subsidy available if you qualify.

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To enquire please contact 02 4732 7959
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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

[Signature]

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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 _____

The “**NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook**” is a comprehensive and free resource to assist parents, carers as well as teachers on a range of topics essential to child safety. The updated digital edition (link below) also includes important content updates from: NSW Rural Fire, NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW, Transport NSW, State Emergency Services, NSW Department of Family & Community Services, eSafety Commissioner and NSW Office of the Children’s Guardian.

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