



# St Clair Public School Newsletter

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## 2018 Events & Activities

Term 3	Term 4
Basketball Clinics – Weekly all Term Sept 5 – Zone Athletics Carnival Sept 7 – Coffee & Chat Session (9am – Staffroom) Sept 11 – Debate (vs JEPS) Sept 11 – P & C Meeting (7pm) Sept 17 – Public Speaking Finals (Assembly) Sept 18 – Stage 1 Excursion to Australian Pioneer Village Sept 24 & 25 – Stage 2 Camp Sept 26 – Stage 3 Students First Foot Forward Program Sept 28 – Last Day of Term	Oct 15 – Students Return to School Oct 16 to 22 – Life Education Program Nov 1 – Dance Sport Championships Dec 7 – Presentation Day Dec 10 – Last School Assembly for 2018 Dec 12 – Year 6 Farewell Dec 17 – End of Year Movie / Picnic Day Dec 19 – Last Day of the School Year

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## The Principal's Message.....

### Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Jackie Aczel, our Itinerant Support Teacher (Hearing) Assistant Principal, who was successful in her application for a Premier's Teaching Scholarship. I was fortunate to attend the Premier's Reception on the 14<sup>th</sup> August and see Mrs Aczel presented with her scholarship by the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian. She also had a wonderful write up in the Western Weekender. Congratulations Mrs Aczel!



Congratulations to Mrs Sue Healey who this month celebrated 30 years as a much loved member of our school staff. Sue is such an important and integral part of our school. I loved hearing a student say to her "we hope you can stay for another 30 years!" Thank you to Mrs Healey for all you do in the office to keep our school so well organised and safe!



### Public Education Concert

Well done to Rochelle and Zoltan who represented the school as speakers at the *Public Education Concert* at Rooty Hill RSL during Education Week. They both did a wonderful job speaking in front of a big audience from across the Minchinbury & Mt Druitt networks.

### Reading Program

This week some students in Years 3 to 6 have been participating in a Peer Reading Program. The program aims to get students reading more throughout the week. The students are very excited and are enjoying reading to their peers. The older students are also enjoying listening to the students read. Thank you to Mrs Farlow for organising this wonderful program.

### Stage 3 Camp

Well done to our Stage 3 students who recently attended the Bathurst Camp. From all accounts a great time was had by all. Thank you to Mr Heath, Mrs Clunes and Ms Sebelic for providing the opportunity for our students to have an overnight excursion. Photos from camp have been included in this newsletter.

### Public Speaking

The Public Speaking competition finals will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September during assembly time. The assembly will start a little earlier on that Monday. Information will be sent home to all concerned, once finalists have been decided.

### Scholarship will help build St Clair teacher's passion



Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Jacqueline Aczel and Education Minister Rob Stokes

**NICOLA BARTON**  
 Her work is not going unnoticed as the Premier's Teaching Scholarship awards some of the state's leading educators. Assistant Principal of St Clair Public School, Jacqueline Aczel, has been granted a \$10,000 scholarship to further her study into Aboriginal children with hearing disabilities. "I was so excited when I heard I was successful, I'm very passionate about my work and know it will get the ball rolling for so much stuff in our area," she said. Ms Aczel coordinates the Aboriginal Conductive Hearing Loss Program, which targets Aboriginal children as they are more likely to have middle ear conditions. The program works with students one-on-one to assist with their learning as well as providing free screenings and information for parents. "There's some amazing programs going on in rural areas such as Dubbo and the Northern Territory that have huge amounts of sponsorships and resources. I'm looking forward to seeing what I can bring back with me," she said. 20 scholarships, with a total value of \$200,000, have been awarded.





### STEPS Book Forum

Well done to Mia and Mitchell who represented St Clair PS at the recent STEPS Book Forum at James Erskine PS. They did a great job speaking about the book 'The Sloth Who Came to Stay'. Thank you and well done to the students who attended as part of the audience and also to those involved in making the book trailer and artwork (as shown here). Ours was voted as most popular on the day. Thank you also to Miss Stellino and Mrs Sparks for organising this activity. We will upload the book trailer to our Facebook page as well, so keep a lookout for it!



### Environmental Education

Recently our students attended some "Enviromentors" workshops where they learnt about caring for and protecting our environment. Thank you to Mrs Menezes for organising this valuable and important activity.



### Drought Relief Mufti Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent drought relief mufti day. Once again, our St Clair community displayed amazing support and generosity in raising \$1500 to go to our struggling farming areas. For a school of only 283 students, this is amazing. To add to this, the students from the support unit who run a café every Friday, ran a 'parma for a farmer' lunch for the teachers which raised a further \$200 for the cause. Well done!



### NAPLAN School Readiness Test

Next Monday and Tuesday, Year 3 and 5 students will take part in a NAPLAN school readiness test. Students will complete the test on a school laptop. They will need to bring a pair of headphones that can be plugged into a laptop to school. The purpose of this test is to see if our school network and equipment is ready for completing NAPLAN online. This is not about assessing the students. If you have any questions please see Mr Heath.

### Father's Day

Wishing all our dads and special men in our lives a wonderful Father's Day this Sunday!

Warm Regards,

Dale Bruce  
Principal

# Awards

## Mini Merits

Aiden C, Chaise M, Jessica B, Jonalyn D, Anabel F-G, R.C, Maddison R, Taylah W, Tayla R x2, Jordan W, Ruby M, Sandra S x2, Riley B, Nathaniel C, Corey N, Jayden S, Shayne S, Kingston F, Holly F, Scarlett F, Sophie G, Mia W, Brayden S, Frederick S, Cooper J, Brenden S, James D, Andrew P, Riley W, Gulnaz K, Lyla D, Noah C, Braxton P, A.A, Tyler S, Brandon T, Kenzie G, K.F, Sandra S, Kyle P, Faith G, Izaak D, Zaiden D

## Principal's Awards

Cydney S, Abdulla A-S, Mackenzie H, Maddison R, Brandon T, Tayla R, Cooper G, Chelsea B, Aiden C, Jayden S, Riley B

## School Award

Brandon T, Tayla R

## Aussie of the Month – August (Community Participation)

Denise P & Abdo A

### Merit Awards Week 3 Term 4

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Sarah R & Jasmine P	7	Logan O	12	Lillie B & Takirau T
3	Alex L & Jye E	8	Obinna B	13	Bailey H & Kieraleigh M
4	Daniel S-O & Harley S	9	Asher I	15	Samuel S-O & Pelenato L
5	Jericho D & Amanni E-M	10	Kieran A	16	Rhys M & Jordan L
6	Angelo R & Junior I	11	Riley B	18	Alyssa R & Catalina A

### Merit Awards Week 3 Term 5

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Elise H & Phillip N	7	Yousif M	12	Kapish B & Jamelia L
3	Mackenzie C & Johbe R	8	Sebastian P	13	Nathan B & Chloe W
4	Sandra S & Liliana C	9	Bryzbyn W	15	Rudra R & Bilal K
5	Chrissy B & Harlem S.T	10	Shae S	16	KorayK & Layla M
6	Zachary S & Amy H-L	11	Jordan M	18	Samuel K & P.T

### PBL Awards

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
1	Jonalyn D	7	N/A	12	Emily W
3	Tayla R	8	Jaslyn W	13	Samantha L
4	Hannah B	9	Asher I	15	Kay A
5	Cydney S	10	Cooper J	16	Duggu T
6	Aiden C	11	N/A	18	Cooper B

## P & C News

### Father's Day Stall

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Father's Day Stall this week. Thank you to the wonderful parents, grandparents and family members who gave their time to assist at the stall. Always very much appreciated!

Thank you to the people who donated fantastic items for the stall. There certainly was a lot of variety and amazing gifts this year.

We hope all the special men in your lives have a wonderful day on Sunday!



### Upcoming Dates

11<sup>th</sup> September – P&C Meeting in the staffroom at 7pm



# Kindergarten News

## Kindergarten Enjoying their Pizza Party!



## Kindergarten at the Farm – What a great day!





## Tell Them From Me Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 27 August and 26 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> **August 2018**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

Thank you,

Mrs Goodwin  
Acting Deputy Principal



### St Clair Public School Kindergarten Enrolment is Open for 2019



Do you have a child turning 5 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019?  
If so, they are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten in 2019.

Do you know of other family and friends in the St Clair area with a child ready for school?  
Let them know now is the best time to begin the enrolment process.

Contact our school office on 9670 1966 for an enrolment package.



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# Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News



For the past few weeks, students have been cooking some delicious dishes with legumes. Amazingly, they are all loving it and can't get enough of them. The students learnt that the legume family consists of plants that produce pods with seeds inside. Common edible legumes include lentils, peas, chickpeas, beans and soybeans. This week we used yellow split peas and green split peas in our menu. Different types vary greatly in nutrition, appearance, taste and use. Yellow split peas are the ones I love to use. They are easy and quick to prepare because of the size of the peas and are perfect for our Indian dish 'dahl'. The green split peas were perfect for making pea and ham soup, vegetarian 'sausage' rolls and even for adding them into our salad. The split peas in our fritters and egg frittatas were also yummy! What's the best thing about legumes? Not only are they nutritious and high in fibre and protein, they are also super cheap if you buy them dried (not canned). Why not try and cook some pumpkin and yellow split pea fritters? (see below for recipe).

Our garden is doing okay considering we haven't had good rain lately. I try to water it twice a week and cover the plants with sugar cane mulch to keep them moist. Some of the plants are starting to flower; in a couple of weeks those flowers will eventually dry up and produce some seeds for next year's winter crops. The students were busy helping me clear the back garden (next to the grape area) for our new and exciting Australian native bush garden. For the next few weeks, we will be doing a lot of preparation as well as planting some seedlings ready for Spring. The sunflowers, beetroot, carrots and beans are starting to sprout. We are still

waiting on some zucchinis, watermelons and rockmelons to sprout but I am confident they will appear soon. In the garden, we have loads of lettuce, coriander, silverbeet, spinach, brussel sprouts, cabbages and chards. We also harvested our potatoes, peas, wombok, snow peas and sugar snaps. These were used in our dishes!

Thank you to the parents who donated seeds and some citrus fruit. Thank you Mrs Healey for donating olive oil and Ms Brooks for the bags of rice and sugar. I would also like to thank parents who paid \$5 donations for Term 3. We will let your child/children know when we are going to have the "thank you" party. Thank you for your continued support!

Cazendra.

**Would you like to donate?** *For the kitchen, we need: dishwashing detergent, RICE OIL, butter, brown or white rice, vermicelli rice noodles, canned tomatoes, cheese and yoghurt.*

*For the garden, we need: seeds (spinach, corn, sunflowers), sprouting potatoes, sugar cane mulch and cow manure.*

## Pumpkin and yellow split pea fritters

24 servings

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup pumpkin, uncooked grated
- 1 cup yellow split peas, cooked
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- rice or vegetable oil for frying

### What to do:

1. In a large bowl, combine uncooked pumpkin, egg, flour baking powder and salt. Mix until smooth.
2. Heat oil in a pan. Gently drop batter by the spoonful into hot oil. Shape it like a pancake. Fry until golden brown, about 2 minutes. Flip and fry the other side for another 2 minutes or until golden brown.
3. Serve with sweet and sour sauce or sweet chili sauce \*optional.

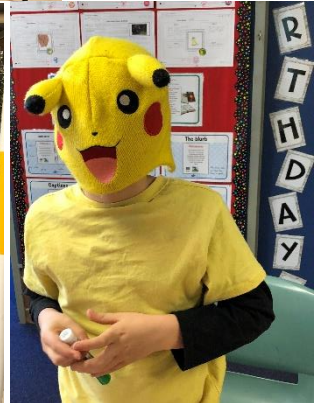




# Photos!

## Book Character Parade

Well done to all our students and staff for participating in the book character parade last week and thank you to our SRC for organising this event. It was a great day with lots of wonderful book characters roaming the school.





## Photos from the Stage 3 Camp!

