POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING FOCUS

PBL encourages positive behaviour from students, which has been shown to improve their self-concept and motivation to learn. The focus is respecting each other.

Congratulations

The District Public Speaking Competition was held yesterday at Dawson Public School. Hannah Rutledge, Athena Auw and Judyann Sabbagh represented the school at the District Finals. We would like to congratulate Athena for winning the Year 4 section. Well done Athena! Photos also on page 2.

Kindergarten Excursion

Kindergarten attended their first excursion last Friday when they went to Calmsley Hill Farm. All of the students were praised for their excellent behavior and listening skills. They enjoyed learning about and touching lots of different farm animals. This experience has led to some great writing. See photos and writing samples on page 9.

Stage 2 Camp

At the end of Term 3, Stage 2 students enjoyed a Survivor Camp at School. They had an excursion to Australiana Village (photos page 10) and returned that night for a barbeque and fun activities. The second day the students participated in survivor type fun cooperative games and activities around the school and enjoyed a pizza lunch (photos page 11). A big thank you to Mrs Burke, Mrs Clark, Mrs Solomon, Mrs Menezes, Ms Balloch and Mrs Renshaw for organizing such a fun camp.

Kindergarten Transition

2015 Kindergarten transition starts tomorrow. The students will be learning about school expectations, playing games in the playground and with toys in the classroom. Transition is a great way for children to learn about ‘Big School’ in a friendly and non-threatening way.

School Planning and Evaluation

Have Your Say! We are currently asking parents to contribute to an online survey as part of our whole school evaluation and planning. We are also asking for your thoughts on areas that we may focus on in the future. Please contribute to the survey, your feedback and comments are valued. If you wish to contribute to the survey please go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NNWDR5C

The survey closes 24th October 2014

Judy Loader
Principal

Calendar

Friday 17, 24 & 31 October
Kindy 2015 Transition
Monday 20 October
Australian Youth Choir Auditions
Tuesday 21 October
Smart Saver Lessons
Thursday 23 October
Stage 2 Cricket Blast Cup
Thursday 30 October
Music Count Us In
Friday 7, 14, 21 November
Kindy 2015 Transition
Tuesday 11 November
Remembrance Day
Tuesday 18 November
Dance Sport Championships
Wed 19 & Thurs 20 November
SAKG Training
Wednesday 26 November
Year 6 Fun Day
Friday 28 November
Kindy 2015 Orientation
Friday 5 December
Presentation Assembly

P & C Meeting
Tuesday 25th November
7.00pm in the Staffroom

Have Your Say Survey
Community Announcements & Advertising
6 to 8

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Assembly News
- MONDAY 20 Oct - Class 1 Item & Merit Awards
- MONDAY 27 Oct - Aussie of the Month, Excellence, Playground Stars & Dance Sport Presentation
- MONDAY 3 Nov - Aussie of the Month, Excellence, Playground Stars & Public Speaking Trophies, Junior Dance Presentation

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NEWSLETTER
ST CLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOL
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A lighthouse school for outstanding Kindergarten & Year 1 programs

Newsletter available online @ www.stclair-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Principal’s Awards

**Congratulations:**
Amy Tidyman, Zuzanna Najda, Jonalyn Dizon, Laith Jebril, Liam Ommundson,

For trading
5 Mini Merit

Mackenzie Hodgkinson, Liam Ommundson, Hayley Dowds, Maddison Roth, Jordan Fell, Laith Jebril, Grace Simpson, Drew Grant, Ryan Shipley x 2, Khoi Nguyen, Emily Hardy, Arushi Bangia, Tayla Russell, Mia Nikua, Faran Ahmad x 2, Qiyara Young-Ngaha, Emma Tidyman, Christian Vivares, Genevieve Russell, Brandan Thurgar, Crystal Drury, Owen Kendrick, Nathaniel Coban, Jamie Jackson, Jonalyn Dizon, Hennah Simi x 3, Jake Whelan x 2, Sarah Roser, Isaiah Marsh, Joshua Richardson, Kayla Fairweather x 2, Taylor Williams, Mark Isaak x 2

Merit Awards

| Class 1 | Russell Ross, Victor Castiglioni |
| Class 3 | Ashleigh Britton, Corey Daley |
| Class 4 | Emma Tidyman, Pou Simi |
| Class 5 | Hennah Simi, Jack Bugeja |
| Class 6 | Bianca Gravina, John Ah Mann |
| Class 7 | Jye Henderson, Maria Chrisanthakopoulos |
| Class 9 | Chloe Giddy |
| Class 10 | Layton Smith |
| Class 11 | Talen Berry |
| Class 12 | Shayne Shahla |
| Class 13 | Darlene Faamausili, Sameer Jaleley |
| Class 14 | Laith Jebril, Joshua Springall |
| Class 15 | Johbe Reid-Ie, Pranav Sharma |
| Class 16 | Javytah Leulusoo, Koby Thorne |
| Class 18 | Anabel Fratti-Greenlees, Curtis Howell |

Public speaking made easier.

Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it’s an important skill for kids to master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence. Here are practical tips any parent can use: [http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB](http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB)

Judyann Sabbagh and Hannah Rutledge presented their speeches confidently at Dawson PS against 12 other local Public Schools. Although they didn’t win I would like to congratulate the girls on their fine effort in representing the school.

Classes 10 and 9 did a brilliant job leading our assembly on Monday. They entertained us with some groovy dancing and taught us some sign language to help us communicate without words. We learnt, quiet voice, calm, good choice, hands down and happy. Thanks Layton and Koleby.
ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015

Please see office for enrolment form.

Please let your friends and neighbours know if they have a child who is turning 5 before 31 July 2015.

Orientation Interviews, meetings and transition sessions are taking place.
OUR FETE IS ONLY 12 DAYS AWAY!!!!

We hope everyone is getting excited!!

Just to remind everyone about the fun things we will have at our fete:
Rides, BBQ food cooked by Outback Steakhouse, show bags, petting zoo, fairy floss and popcorn, dog show, performances by Carol Murray Performing Dance School, St Clair Karate, Our School Dance Group, coloured hair spray, temporary tattoos, photo booth, side show alley, competitions, chocolate wheel, Vintage FM, cake stall, book stall and over 60 other market stalls!!!!

It is going to be a HUGE fun filled day for all the family so remember to come and support your school and kids.

We would like to send a HUGE thank you to the wonderful parents, grandparents and students who have delivered over 6000 flyers to our community to help spread the word of our fete. Without your help we wouldn’t have the people turn up to our great event. So THANK YOU – Simone & Bryce Fairweather, Nina Hoven, Colleen Patterson, Jake & Jorja Whelan, Kylie Towner, Debbie & Lachlan Vecchio, Mark, Hannah & Jasmine Rutledge and Mandy, Annie and Matilda Vorhauer.

**Ride armbands are still available.** Please see the office if you would like to purchase one. They will be $25 each prepaid and $30 on the day. Your armband will include unlimited rides on the jumping castle, rock climbing wall, chair-o-plane, giant inflatable clown slide, Jurassic park and dodgem cars. There will be water balls there on the day but they are not included in the armbands.

If you are unable to purchase them from the school we will be selling them at St Clair Shopping Centre on Saturday 18th October along with raffle tickets and entries for the guessing competition.

We have had a great response from our request for volunteers on the day of our fete however, we still need more. If you can spare as little as an hour between the hours of 8.00 – 3.30 on Sunday 26th October 2014, please consider helping to make our day a great success. We will need some help manning our school stalls which will be a cake stall, used book stall and show bags as well as needing assistance at our “Side Show Alley” games. That will leave you plenty of time to enjoy the fete yourself with your family. We will also be giving our volunteers a 20% off voucher for Payless Shoes who generously donated for our fete.

We have set up a Facebook page to notify our families of upcoming events at school and keep everyone updated about our fete! Check it out at: [http://www.facebook.com/stclairpublicschoolpandc](http://www.facebook.com/stclairpublicschoolpandc)

**PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS FOR YOUR KIDS!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

Our email address for any P&C communication is stclairpandc@gmail.com

P & C Calendar

**26th October – School Fete**

**Future Meetings – 7pm in the Staffroom** – Tuesday 25th November

**Canteen News**

We would like to welcome Ms Kim Burrell as our new Canteen Supervisor. Kim started working in our canteen on Tuesday 7th October. It has also been brought to our attention that due to Workplace Health & Safety requirements from the Department of Education & Communities, the Canteen can no longer heat up food from home. We know that quite a lot of kids bring leftovers etc to school but due to safety concerns, they can no longer be heated by the volunteers in the canteen.
St Clair Public School

FETE

26th October

Showbags
Pre-loved Books

10am To 3pm
BBQ & Drinks
Rides & Games

Cake Stall
Chocolate Wheel

Australian Snake Catchers

Norwest Thunderdogs

OVER 60 STALLS

Sponsors

Timesweep Drive
St Clair

Outback Steakhouse
Aryzta

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**Be REaD with Rooby Day**

‘Celebrating National Children’s Week’
Erskine Park Community Centre
57 Pepper Tree Dr - Opposite Aldi

**Thursday 23rd October 2014**
10:00am - 1:00pm

- Have fun with Rooby Roo
- Best Dressed in RED Prize
- Craft Activities
- Lunch & Refreshments
- Colouring-in Competition
- Face Painting

Come along to Erskine Park and REaD with me!
Make sure you wear your best RED outfits!

For more information on how to enter the colouring-in competition
call 9894 2708 or email info@scint.org.au

RSVP for catering purposes by Monday 20th October 2014

SCINT gratefully acknowledges Clubs NSW funding received from Kingswood Sports Club

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**Bedwetting Information Evening for Parents**

Do you have a son or daughter aged 5-18 years with a bedwetting issue (nocturnal enuresis)?

Come along to this seminar and hear all about:
- family history and bedwetting
- types of enuresis
- causes of bedwetting
- how constipation may contribute to bedwetting
- treatment of bedwetting
- when and where to get professional help

**Continence Foundation of Australia in NSW Inc.**

7pm Tuesday 28 October 2014
Paraquad Building
6 Holker Street Newington
(near Newington Shopping Centre)
Children welcome too!

$10 donation (Tax deductible)
RSVP: 21 October 2014
Email: cfaehpo.nsw@gmail.com  Phone: 02 8741 5699

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On Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th November 2014, the seventy fourth MindQuest program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1 to 6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, Lego robotics, chemistry and much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students’ evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is $175 (including GST).

More information and brochure available from stand in school office or call Shelagh 02 4232 2494

Closing Date: Tuesday October 2014

UWS 25th Anniversary event: UWS Penrith Observatory turns 20!
The UWS Penrith Observatory has recently undergone some refurbishments to mark its 20th year of service to UWS and the wider community.

The School of Computing, Engineering and Mathematics along with the UWS Penrith Observatory team (winner of the 2013 VC Excellence Award in University Engagement) would like to invite you and your family to UWS Penrith Observatory on Friday, 24 October 2014 to take part in this special astronomy night.

Our special guest for the evening is Dr John O’Sullivan, the 2009 recipient of the Prime Minister’s Award for Science. Come along and hear from the Australian CSIRO astronomer whose study into black holes led to the WiFi technology that is now used in everyday life worldwide.

Public lecture and astronomy night -7.00pm - 9.00pm
Welcome by Associate Professor Jonathon Allen, Provost Penrith Campus, University of Western Sydney.
Public lecture by Dr John O’Sullivan - "From Black Holes to WiFi".
Tour of the observatory.
Stargazing (weather permitting).

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL AS PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED.
Register online - www.uws.edu.au/observatoryrsvp
If you would like any further information about the event, please contact the UWS Observatory on (02)4736 0135.

Lunch box ideas
Kids tired of the same old sandwich-es for lunch each day? School A to Z’s Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches. http://bit.ly/gsfDOE

Getting organised for Term 4
Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each Term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with School A to Z’s monthly planners. They're easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child's bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities. http://bit.ly/UbmQz8

Selective schools
Are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You’ll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: http://bit.ly/selectiveHS

Workshop Program 2014
Wednesdays 15 Oct to 3 Dec. - Drawing School 9-12 yrs, 4.00-5.30pm $130
Saturdays 18 Oct to 6 Dec. - Art Attack 5 - 9 yrs , 10am-12 noon $130

Bookings and pre-payment essential     Pay by credit card over the phone on 47351100
Penrith Regional Gallery, 86 River Road, Emu Plains, NSW, 2750

MindQuest 2014
Glenwood HS, Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Ave Glenwood 2768
Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th November 9.30am-3.30pm
Motivating “laid-back” children

Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical? Find out more: http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z
On Friday Class 18 went to the farm. At the farm I went on a bumpy tractor ride and I milked a cow and I saw a baby rabbit and a chick. By Rochelle.

On Friday Class 18 went to the farm. At the farm we milked a cow and at the farm we saw a baby piglet By Billy
Stage 2 at Australiana Village
Stage 2 Survivor Camp
Look at all the kids having a great time in their first gymnastics lesson. During this lesson the students were building upper body strength as well as participating in balance activities.
It is the last term of the year and as they say, “time flies when your having fun”. Last week, The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden training for new schools was held at our school, it was such a privilege to be part of it and show other schools how successful St Clair Public School is. Everyone loved the garden and how beautiful and healthy our vegetables are. They also acknowledged how spacious our kitchen and dining area is, which is something we definitely are proud of.

It was a busy week for all of us, but we managed to cooked some stellar food. We had dozens of eggs, lettuce, spinach, parsley and silverbeets from our garden. Class 4 cooked Spiced Eggs served with Salad, Class 7 cooked Garlic Brown Rice and Stir Fry, Class 6 cooked Spiced Boiled Egg Curry served with Avocado and Lettuce Salad, and Class 1 made Fresh Spring Rolls with Sweet Chilli Sauce served with Asian Slaw.

Thank you for those who participated in the kitchen. Well done! Happy Cooking! Cazendra.

Please visit us at the school FETE, on Sunday 26th October, we have some wonderful and yummy goodies for sale on the day.

If you wish to donate kitchen supplies, we still need items such as:

White sugar  Brown sugar  Butter
Plain Flour  Self-raising Flour  Olive Oil  Vegetable Oil

School Website

Please check out the school website: http://www.stclair-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. For information about upcoming events check the Calendar or Newsletter tabs, for copies of permission notes check the Notes tab and of course check out the Photo Gallery to see lots of photos of different events.

If there is something you would like to see added to the school website and it abides by DEC policy please let the school know by dropping us an email or sending a note to the office.

Email Address

St Clair PS continues to try to improve its digital communication with parents. If you would like email notifications for the Newsletter, notes or other important events happening in the school please supply or update your email address below.

Child’s name _______________________ Class ___ Parent name: __________________________

Email: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Please print clearly
Lots of changes have happened in the garden over the school holidays. I planted some grape vine cuttings and sweet potatoes donated by Mrs McGrath (thank you very much for them). Also, as an experiment, I planted pineapple heads from the fruit shop out in the hottest part of the garden so with a bit of good luck, TLC and sunny skies we should be eating pineapples this time next year. The summer crops of zucchini, tomatoes, eggplants, capsicums, watermelon and rockmelon have also been planted, plus Jerusalem artichokes and beans.

We are still fighting a never ending battle with the snails - look at the photo of just some of the many we found under a box recently. It is an ongoing concern and it doesn't seem to matter how many we feed to the chooks or kill, there are still thousands more! Some days I am amazed there is anything left for the kids to cook with!

On a brighter note, the miniature nectarine tree has lots of beautiful healthy fruit and has had to be netted off from the birds, who have already destroyed more than 20 of the fruit. The apricot tree that was nearly dead when I started at the school is also loaded with fruit and most of the citrus trees are covered with a delightful mixture of flowers and developing fruit.

Spring is such a beautiful season in the garden and there are many jobs needing to be done to make the most of this productive time of the year. The kids have been carting mulch to cover weeds, refilling the growing beds with mushroom compost and continuing to get our water gardens ready for planting. I've been putting irrigation systems over most of the garden so it will be easier to maintain during the summer months.

Thank you to all those children who work so beautifully in the garden, especially Jake, Faith, Isaiah, Nia, Jessalyn, Josh, Ryan, Kyle - it is a delight to have your help and thank you for being so reliable and sensible! I do greatly appreciate all the great work you do!

Until next time, happy gardening! Juanita

Donations wanted:

- Vegetable & herb seeds, seedlings & fruit trees, shooting potatoes, onions, garlic
- Oven dried egg shells & Snail pellets (for snail prevention)
- A continual supply of fertiliser (Seasol and Rocket Fuel)

Special Thank You To Our Supporters of the Stephanie Alexander Garden Project

- Minchinbury Fruit Market - donation of fresh vegetable leaves for chooks.
- Austas for the large wooden boxes
- Camden Farm Mushrooms - for free delivered mushroom compost

Have Your Say

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Survey closes Friday 24th October 2014