POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR 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 our school environment.

Swim school
Well done to all of the students who improved their swimming ability during last week’s swim school. I noticed a number of students who can now swim 50m, congratulations. All of the students enjoyed the warm indoor Ripples pool and showed they were safe, respectful learners. Some students from the support unit are participating in swim school this week. I’m sure they will improve their swimming ability as well. Photos on page 6.

Now the students have learnt some new swimming skills it is important to continue to practice and develop these. Ripples offers learn to swim classes in their lovely heated pool all year round. Contact Ripples for more information.

Book Forum
On Tuesday students from the 7 STEPS schools participated in a book forum at Banks PS. Each school made a book trailer about one of the Children’s Book Council’s shortlisted picture books. Our school presented a very eerie trailer about the book ‘Rules of Summer’ by Shaun Tan. Hayley and Alec were part of the forum panel who had to answer questions about the books. Well done to the whole team who worked on our presentation.

Judy Loader - Principal

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Newsletter Number 12 2014

Assembly News
♦ MONDAY 25 August - Class 6 Item, Aussie of the Month, Excellence & Playground Stars
♦ MONDAY 1 Sept - Class 4 Item & Merit Awards
♦ MONDAY 8 Sept - Aussie of the Month, Excellence & Playground Stars

Calendar
Friday 22 August
St Clair HS Trivia Night
Thursday 28 & Friday 29 August
District Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 2 Sept
P&C Meeting
Wednesday 3 to Tuesday 9 Sept
Life Education Lessons
Wednesday 3 Sept
Year 6 visiting St Clair HS
Thursday 4 September
Father’s Day Stall
Tuesday 9 September
St-2 Basketball Gala Day
Wednesday 10 September
Book Character Parade
Monday 15 September
Public Speaking Finals
Tuesday 16 September
Support Unit Reviews
Wednesday 17 September
St-2 Australiana Village
Thursday 18 September
St-1 Camp Activities
Classes 9 & 10 - Movies

P & C Meeting
Tuesday 2nd September 7.00pm in the Staffroom

School Award
Congratulations: Amara Wright
Amara chose a set of Textas and wind-up crayons as her reward.
Principal’s Awards

Congratulations:
Amara Wright x 2, Zoe Mazurkiewicz, Jessalyn Dizon, Kayla Fairweather, Grace Simpson, Caitlyn O’Brien, Sarah Roser, Jorja Whelan, Tayla Russell, Joshua Hill

For trading 5 Mini Merit Awards

Class 15 Item
What an exciting performance by Class 15. I’m glad our students don’t behave like those in the song ‘It’s raining at school today’.

| Class 1 | Linden Bahia, Christian Vivas, Joseph Santos, Hamuera Cracknell |
| Class 3 | Fenika Iupati, Hakki Simsekatan, Mathew Isaak, Lachlan Vecchio |
| Class 4 | Lilianah Martinez, Lleyton Tautua, Alek Gardner, Zuzanna Najda |
| Class 5 | Mia Nikua, Genevieve Russell, Hennah Simi, Christina Pandelios |
| Class 6 | Craig Black, John Ah Mann, Lily-Jean Hodgson, Bianca Gravina |
| Class 7 | Sean Morrison, Amelia Morgan, Troy Patea, Kayden King |
| Class 9 | Ralph Lozada, Sarah Clarke |
| Class 10 | Seth Garrow, Bryzbyn Walraven |
| Class 11 | Talen Berry, Kieran Ash |
| Class 12 | Tyler Shaw, Brandan Thurgar |
| Class 13 | Denis Crowley, Dakota Ross, Nathaniel Coban, Tagi Isaako |
| Class 14 | Ryan O’Neill, Sarah Roser, Hannah Bonwick, Leinard Samia |
| Class 15 | Morgan Savill, Seb Santos, Noah Dyble, Jahanha Leuluso’o |
| Class 16 | Anaiah Goldie-Brown, Aiden Coban, Krystal Boyd, Amy Hoven-Leonow |
| Class 18 | Rochelle Chammas, Matilda Roberts, Riley Watt, Addison Shaw |
Thank You!!!

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Tarn McDermott who after 23 years volunteering and working in our school canteen has decided to retire.

You will be greatly missed by the students, staff and community of St Clair Public School and we wish you all the best for your future!!!

We look forward to seeing you volunteering in the classrooms, helping with groups and listening to students read.

This week St Clair Public School hosted a One Education network training and sharing meeting for almost 80 teachers. One Education are the designers and program developers for our XO laptops. At the meeting the One Education CEO Rangan Srikhanta, and his team of developers introduced some new applications that teachers can use with their classes and a website for teachers to share ideas. Teachers from St Clair PS and 2 other schools shared some helpful hints and lesson ideas with those in attendance. We were also very privileged to have Mrs Tanya Davies open the afternoon with some very encouraging words.

St Clair PS Playgroup

Parents, carers, babies and children aged 0 to school age come and relax in a friendly environment. All welcome!

Fortnightly on Thursdays from: 9.15 to 11.00 am

Thursday 4th and 18th September

Where: Room 20

Contact: St Clair Public school- 9670 1966 or Catherine Harding– 4732 7914

- Playgroup gives children an opportunity to have fun, make new friends and develop new skills through informal play
- Playgroup provides parents and carers with an opportunity to meet other parents and carers, make friends and share ideas and experiences
- Playgroup also allows parents and carers to spend quality time with their children, encouraging, helping or simply playing with their children
- Playgroup provides lots of exciting activities for the children - painting, play dough, cutting, pasting, dressing up, sand play, climbing and jumping, building with blocks and so much more
- Playgroup will be held once a fortnight.
Wearing our PJs to school was lots of fun.
P&C News

With our fete only 10 weeks away we are busy organising last minute things.

We have been to our printers and have organised the printing of our flyer. We will be doing a letterbox drop and trying to put them in as many places as possible. The more people that come the more money we raise for your children and our school.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS FOR YOUR KIDS!**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We will need some volunteers to do a letterbox drop during the school holidays and early October. We are only asking you to do your immediate area, so just a few streets around your house would be great. We are targeting St Clair first followed by Erskine Park and Colyton. So grab the kids and the dog and get out there spreading the news of our great fete! If you are able to help please contact Mandy on 0416 749 734 or by email at stclairpandc@gmail.com

Ride armbands will be on sale outside the school office from 8.30am – 9.00am & 2.45pm – 3.15pm on Tuesday 8th Sept, Thursday 11th Sept, Tuesday 16th Sept and Thursday 18th Sept. 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 on the day but they are not included in the armbands.

If you are unable to purchase the armbands 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 are also in need of some pop up sun shelters, the ones that measure around 3m x 3m. We will need quite a few on the day to make sure everyone is comfortable while participating in our sideshow alley or shopping at one of our stalls and to also keep our volunteers comfortable. If you are able to help could you please email us at stclairpandc@gmail.com or call Tracey after 3.30pm on 0411 065 565. They will all be labelled clearly to ensure that they are returned to the correct person. We will be happy to pick these up if required.

We are still collecting books to sell on the day. Feel free to drop your books off at the office.

We have set up a Facebook page to notify our families of upcoming events at school and keep everyone up-dated about our fete! Check it out at:

[http://www.facebook.com/stclairpublicschoolpandc](http://www.facebook.com/stclairpublicschoolpandc)

P & C Calendar

4th September – Father’s Day Stall
26th October – School Fete

All the money we raise this year will be going towards the purchase and installation of the new air-conditioners for the classrooms.

**Next Meeting Date:** - Tuesday 2nd September 7.00pm in the staffroom.

**Everyone is invited to attend.**

**Term 4** - Tuesday 21st Oct & Tuesday 25th Nov.
Do you want to be an Aboriginal Foster Carer?

Community Services is looking for Aboriginal people willing to become a foster carer. You can be single, married, in a de facto or in a same sex relationship. You can be renting, buying or you may own your home. You can be working or not working.

As an authorised carer of a child or young person, you will receive ongoing support and you may be entitled to a carer allowance to assist you with providing care. Standard Care Allowances are detailed below:

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For more information on becoming a foster carer please don’t hesitate to contact a staff member in the Aboriginal Foster Care Recruitment Team based at the Mt Druitt Community Services Centre on (02) 8887 7400 or you can email to james.conaty@faes.nsw.gov.au

The students enjoyed the lovely warm water of Ripples indoor pool for their learn to swim lessons. It looks like they had lots of fun while developing their swimming skills.

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 and meetings are taking place.

POSITION VACANT – CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

St Clair Public School P&C Association are looking for a motivated person to become our School Canteen Supervisor. The position is currently for 4 hours per week however will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. Duties include: Maintaining our volunteer base and roster, stock takes and ordering, dealing with suppliers, regular banking and related paperwork (basic).

The supervisor is also responsible for ensuring the smooth running of the canteen, as well as, the occasional day, every now and then, working in the canteen.

The supervisor reports to the St Clair Public School P&C Association and the School Principal. Remuneration will be discussed at interview.

If you are interested, please email your details to stclairpandc@gmail.com
Registration to be held at Blair Oval, St Marys,
The home of
Nepean Little Athletics
We run on Friday Nights between 5:30pm and 9:30pm
Registration Dates for 2014 / 2015 Season

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More Information - Website: www.nepeanlac.org.au
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Nepean-Little-Athletics/205442380088

Registration to be held at Saunders Oval, St Clair,
The home of
Colyton St Clair Little Athletics
We run on Saturdays between 8am and 11am
Registration Dates for 2014 / 2015 Season

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More Information - Website: www.colytonstclairlac.com.au
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/groups/colytonstclairlac/
ImagineNations Church & Penrith Christian School present

GIRLS NIGHT IN

Join us for a fun filled night with the girls!
MINI MASSAGE, GLAMOUR SHOTS, DINNER BY OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE, DESSERT, MARKET STALLS, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS.

Friday 19th September 2014

DOORS OPEN 5.30PM • DINNER & DESSERT LIVE PROGRAM • 8 – 9.30PM

TICKETS: $20 (includes main meal and dessert)
Purchase online at www.gnpenrith.eventbrite.com.au
ImagineNations Church / Penrith Christian School
(Cnr M4 and Norrhim Road, Penrith)
Contact us on 47363000 or incchurchpenrith.com.au

CHOCTOBERFEST 2014

SHOUT!

9AM – 3PM
WEDNESDAY 1ST & THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER
PLUS CHOCTOBERFEST SPECTACULAR THURSDAY NIGHT 7PM

Venue: ImagineNations Church, Simmon Road, Oran Park NSW
Registration $30 per child • Booking fee
Groups 5 - 10 per child • Booking fee includes some supervision during performances

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: DIG & MESSY GAMES, CREATIVE WORKSHOPS, CHOCOLATE GRAB & CHOCOLATE ZONE, SNURT THE CLOWN, FUL, FAITH & FRIENDS!

INCLUDES SPECIAL GUEST WORKSHOPS WITH:
• MATHILDE DAVY – Dance, Theatre / Dearie Sisters – English National Ballet, Pop and Cabaret
• NIKKI ROBERTS – IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY
• ANA NADELLA – Multicultural creative workshop

FOR ALL WORKSHOP INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO: INCCHURCH.COM.AU/CHOCTOBERFEST14
Find out how to protect your family

Date: Saturday 13th September  
Time: 10am - 2pm

Location: Cnr Luddenham & Mawre Road
St Clair NSW 2759
Activities include: Jumping Castle, Petting Zoo, Animal Show, Emergency Services displays, BBQ and much much more.

For more information visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

MAROOTA MUSTER

MAROOTA PUBLIC SCHOOL, OLD NORTHERN RD, MAROOTA  
24th August, 2014 10am - 3pm

Classic Car Competition, Antique Machinery
Knight School, Archery & Fire Juggler
Sheep Shearing & Whip Cracking, Wood Chopping
SES and Rural Fire Brigade, Petting Zoo
Chocolate Wheel, Awesome Rides including Rock Wall
Food Stalls, Plant Stalls & Amazing Boutique Stalls

HAVE AN AMAZING DAY IN THE HAWKESBURY  
WITH SOMETHING FOR ALL THE FAMILY
Come and join in the Spirit of the Famous Maroota Muster
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AMART SPORTS

25% OFF STOREWIDE SALE

AMART SPORTS

4 DAY SALE!
Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th August
CHEAPEST IN AUSTRALIA OR WE’LL BEAT IT BY 10%
Students performed a play at assembly to reinforce the PBL focus of ‘Respecting Our School’. They demonstrated keeping our school clean by putting rubbish in the bin. Thank you Miss Johnstone for helping the students develop this play.

Book Forum @ Banks PS.
This is the panel of students who answered quite challenging questions about the Children’s Book Council’s short listed picture books.
The garden is a place of ever-changing beauty, growth and fascination. Every morning when I come to work, I take a tour of the garden to see what has changed, grown, needs pruning or picking or a little extra TLC. And how quickly change happens! Look at the transition from bud to gorgeous blossom on the miniature nectarine tree in just two days.

Despite winter’s frosts and chilly mornings, the tomato plants that sprang up in the wicking beds have continued to thrive and are producing fruit, some of which is just beginning to ripen. This summer crop copes so well with winter because the water in the wicking beds creates a more even temperature and as a result we will be cooking and eating tomatoes very soon. Look at how beautifully green and glossy they are!

Winter is a great time to transplant trees and perennials, as the colder weather makes the plants dormant and therefore less susceptible to transplant shock. I have made a new box for the apple tree which was struggling out in the wild area, and hopefully after the lovely drenching rain we’ve had it will soon put down roots and begin to thrive. The rest of the garden is doing amazingly well, with broccoli, broad beans, pumpkin, snowpeas, chard, silverbeet, rocket, lettuce, coriander, beetroot, rhubarb all being picked and used in the last couple of weeks. The young seedlings which were planted a month ago are coming along really well, and some kohl rabi are almost ready for picking, much to the children and Cassie’s delight, as they are a favourite!

Until next time, happy gardening!

Juanita

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**Donations wanted:**

- Vegetable & herb seeds, seedlings & fruit trees, shooting potatoes, onions, garlic
- Oven dried egg shells (for snail prevention)
- A continual supply of fertiliser (Seasol and Rocket Fuel)
- Irrigation materials i.e. hoses, sprinklers, tap connections, timers etc.

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

- Fresh’n’fruity - St Clair Shopping Centre - donation of fresh vegetable leaves for chooks.
- Austas for the large wooden boxes
- Camden Farm Mushrooms - for free delivered mushroom compost

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**Approaching Children**

If your child is having issues with another student at school please see the class teacher, an Assistant Principal or Mrs Loader. **DO NOT approach the student yourself.** It is against school and DEC policy and may result in you being barred from the school grounds. Parents also have the right to contact the police if you threaten or touch their child.

**Parent Behaviour on School Grounds**

Parents, caregivers and older siblings are reminded that when on school grounds they are to abide by the DEC ‘Code of Conduct’ or may be asked to leave and even be barred from the school. In the last few weeks there has been several occurrences of parents or older siblings having disagreements on school grounds resulting in students witnessing loud swearing and aggressive language. **This is not the behaviour we want our students to hear or see!** I am sure you don’t want your child to copy this behaviour. If you have an issue that is school related please see the class teacher, Assistant Principal or Mrs Loader.
For the last 3 weeks our kitchen focus was all about Legumes. Most students didn't know anything about them, some thought legumes had something to do with legs or maybe a type of vegetable but they weren't exactly sure. We learnt that legumes belong to the vegetable group of foods and there are a wide variety of legumes that grow on vines or bushes. Chickpeas, yellow, red and green split-peas, dried beans and lentils are so cheap and easy to cook. But most importantly legumes are really good for you because they are low in fat, high in protein, contain lots of fibre, and may help prevent diseases like heart disease, cancer and diabetes. Legumes have a wide range of benefits, plus they taste good!

These are the dishes we cooked Lentils & Rice with Caramelised Onion, Baked Omelette with Yellow Split Peas, Mung beans with Chicken & Spinach Served with Rice, Homemade Baked Beans served with Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread, Mixed Split Peas Balls served with St Clair PS Special Chilli Sauce and Hearty Lentil Soup. The best part about it was that the students loved every single dish. Well done, everyone! We all worked so hard in the kitchen. Next week our kitchen focus is all about Fruit and Vegetables. I am looking forward to seeing you all next week.

Happy Cooking! Cazendra

I would like to thank parents who donated oranges, lemons, flour, sugar and empty bottles. Also, we are so grateful to the Zorbas family for donating fresh fish. Thank you so much!

If you wish to donate kitchen supplies, we still need items such as white sugar, brown sugar, butter, rice, plain flour, self-raising flour, olive oil and vegetable oil.

Thank you parents for contributing items we need for this program. Our Kitchen Garden program is always in need of further assistance from the parents, community and local businesses.

**SRC Book Character Parade**

The SRC students are having a Dress as your favourite book character mufti day!

The book character parade will be held on **Wednesday 10th September 2014**

**Who:** K-6

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Where:** Hall and Bottom Hard court

A gold coin donation will be required to help support our World Vision Sponsor Child.

**UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY**

University Western Sydney, Great Western Highway, Werrington North, Building AO

**Saturday, 23 August (7pm – 9pm)**

**GALACTIC ARCHAEOLOGY**

The ongoing adventures in our Milky Way corner of the Universe

In this talk we ask a few of the big questions surrounding our own galaxy, the Milky Way:

- We've got Gravity; We've got Dark Matter; What's Missing?
- What is behind the mysterious formation of our Galaxy the Milky Way?
- What is The Sagittarius Dwarf, and how can it help us understand these questions?

This night will also include a 3D astronomy movie that will run for 15-20 minutes, a tour of the dome area and stargazing through various computerised telescopes. Our program will run regardless of the weather.

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family

Bookings are essential: Book online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory. Enquiries: Phone (02) 4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au Office Hours Mon, Wed, Thurs 8,30am-3.00pm