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

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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 the school en-
vironment.
Athletics Carnival

In 2014 the winning
Sport House was the Emus.
The Junior Champions are Fine Nikua,
and Aaliyah Nikua. The 11 Years
Champions are Kadeesha King and
Noah Hardy and the Senior Champions
are Faith Rivers and Alec Price. Con-
gratulations on a great effort from all
the students.

Thank you to all of the students who
tried hard and represented the school
at the District Athletics Carnival held at
Blacktown International Sports Centre.

Judy Loader Principal

P & C Meeting
Tuesday 14 Oct 7.00pm in
the Staffroom

Assembly News
♦ MONDAY 8 Sept - Aussie of the Month, Excellence &
  Playground Stars
♦ MONDAY 15 Sept - Public Speaking Final
♦ MONDAY 13 Oct - Class 9 & 10 Item & Merit Awards

Congratulations
Lachlan Vecchio
Aussie of the Month for School
Community Participation

Calendar
Wednesday 3 to Tuesday 9
Sept
Life Education Lessons
Monday 8 September
District Spelling Bee
Tuesday 9 September
St-2 Basketball Gala Day
Wednesday 10 September
Fruit & Veg Parent workshop
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
Monday 22 Sept to Monday 6
Oct
School Holidays
Tuesday 7 October
Students return for Term 4
Thursday 9 October
Stage 3 Cricket Clinic
Friday 10 October
Kindergarten Farm Excursion

Number 13 2014
Thursday 4 September
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**For trading 5 Mini Merit Awards**

Michael Ratema-McClutchie, Seth Gundy x 2, Hendrix Gundy x 3, Sophie Grech, Jye Elliott, Brock Smith, Hayden Morgan, Anne Avecilla, Matilda Roberts, Maison Roberts, Riley Watt, Morgan Savill, Brayden Sultana, Mia Nikua x 2, Christine De Laza, Kayla Fairweather, Angelina Gardner, Hayley Spagnol, Jessica Banguis, Jasmine Zorbas, Hannah Rutledge, Hailey Kendrick, Rochelle Chammas, Rabeet Nisar, Muqeet Nisar, Genevieve Russell x 2, Bradley Reid, Qiyara Young-Ngaha, Faran Ahmad x 2, Isabella Stein, Kierra Collins, Ralph Lozada, Keely Loeckenhoff, Dominic Gardner, Chelsea Brown, Hannah Bonwick, Zoe Mazurkiewicz, Antonio Auw, Rinoa Laranang, Billy Pandelios, Christina Pandelios x 3

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**Principal’s Awards**

**Congratulations:** Bryce Fairweather, Hannah Rutledge, Hayley Dowds, Sean Morrison, Faran Ahmad

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School Award
Congratulations: Jessalyn Dizon
Jesselyn chose a little safe to lock away her valuables.

School Award
Congratulations: Hannah Rutledge
Hannah chose a set of Textas and wind-up crayons.

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

PBL Awards for Respecting the School.

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School Assemblies
During school assemblies the teachers are consistently reinforcing our school rules of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be A Learner. Every week we encourage the students to demonstrate excellent audience manners by looking at the person speaking out the front or the performance, not speaking to the person next to them, sitting still and applauding at the appropriate time. The students are becoming very good at following these expectations.

We are asking that our adult parent and friends in the audience to model these expectations to our students.

Please respect the students artwork and use the green seats provided, do not sit on the wooden steps along the side or back of the hall. Please sit quietly and not speak, turn mobile phones to silent. Remember the students have worked hard to present their item, learn their lines for the microphone or to receive an award and we all need to demonstrate good audience manners at all assemblies.
BULLYING IS:

Boys and girls can display bullying behaviour. Bullying can exist at all levels of school, primary and secondary. Bullying is not trivial and is not character building. Research shows beyond any doubt that it can have a serious impact on children, causing loss of confidence, mood change, dislike of school and symptoms of depression.

Bullying has serious consequences for the bully as well as the target. Schools act on incidents that are reported to them. Bullying may take place when there are no teachers around to intervene.

Co-operation between schools, parents and students is essential for an anti-bullying policy and programs to work.

If your child discloses to you that they are being bullied at school, please find out as much information as you can e.g. Who was involved? Were there any witnesses? Where did it happen? What did your child do? Did they report it to a teacher? If so, who? When did it happen?( please day and time, and not just last week).

Please write down this information and give it to the Assistant Principal in charge of your child’s class or hand it to the Office who will pass it on.

Assistant Principals are:
- Miss Egger - Classes 1 & 3
- Mrs Renshaw - Classes 4, 5, 6 & 7
- Mrs Watchman - Classes 13, 14, 15, 16, & 18
- Ms Twining - Classes 9, 10, 11 & 12

**MindQuest 2014**

Glenwood HS, Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Ave Glenwood 2768
Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th November 9.30am-3.30pm

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

**WANTED: DESPERATELY SEEKING CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS**

We are desperate for more volunteers to assist our school canteen. We need 5 volunteers for Mondays; 8 volunteers for Tuesdays; 4 volunteers for Wednesday; 2 volunteers for Thursdays and 4 Volunteers for Fridays. Kids love to see you, it makes them feel extra special. Just one day a month is all that P & C is asking for. What day of the week would suit you? Please consider being a volunteer by completing the slip below and returning it to the school office Thanking you in advance.

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P&C News

With our fete only 8 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 Tues-
day 9th 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 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 giv-
ing our volunteers a 20% off voucher for Payless Shoes who generously donated for our fete.

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

Father’s Day stall was today. If you forgot to send in the money, your child would have chosen a gift and
you would have received a note as to its cost. The gifts have been put in the Office. Please pay tomorrow so
as to make sure you have something special for Dad!

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

P & C Calendar

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 14th October (note change of date) 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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
Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest is doing a call out for our 2015 Gallipoli Home Front exhibition on 4 April – 24 May 2015. Do you have a long lost relative or friend that had a connection to the Gallipoli campaign?

We’re on the hunt for personal mementoes such as letters, photos, mouth accordions, pens, pocket knives, pipes, hats, or games. These personal effects will be on display alongside large scale drawings of the intimate spaces and circumstances soldiers lived in such as the trenches, fox holes and tents by acclaimed artist Catherine O’Donnell. 2015 is the 100th anniversary of the eighth month Gallipoli campaign and this exhibition aims to provide an intimate insight to the lives of the soldiers, and describe the tension of being at the war ‘front’ yet keeping a small piece of ‘home’ and identity with them – hence the title Home Front. Please feel free to circulate to friends & family and contact the gallery if you need any further information. Dimity Mullane, Manager Communication & Public Program, Wed-Fri ph:4735 1100 or email: dmullane@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au
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.

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
Starting: Thursday 18/09/14
Where: Room 20

Contact: St Clair Public school- 9670 1966 or Catherine Harding – 4732 7914
The simplest way
...to use leftovers in the lunchbox

Leftovers are an easy way to pack your kids a nutritious lunch, whilst clearing out the fridge.

Your kids will love these tasty leftovers and their lunch box will be sure to come home empty.

Try some of these ideas:
- Cottage pie or spag bol sandwiches - both taste great on wholemeal bread
- Healthy fried rice or stir-frys are a fun alternative to a sandwich
- Turn leftover vegies into a fritatta
- Add leftover baked veg to a sandwich or use steamed sweet potato or pumpkin as a sandwich spread with cheese (then add your favourite salad).

For more information visit www.eatittoBeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittoBeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well 8 School Program.

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The simplest way
...to add fruit at breakfast time

**Ingredients**
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp honey
- 1/2 cup low-fat milk
- 3 ripe bananas, sliced
- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 2 tsp margarine, melted
- 3 medium apples, peeled, cored and grated

**Method**

In a large bowl beat eggs, margarine and milk. In a separate bowl mix flour and sugar, then stir into wet mixture until smooth. Fold in apple. Heat oil in a pan over medium heat. Add 2-3 tablespoons of mixture, flip when bubbles appear and cook until golden. Serve with banana and drizzled honey. Makes 10.

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The simplest way
...to manage fussy eating

Kids can get anxious when trying a new fruit or veg, so try providing a smaller serving for the first few times.

This approach is less overwhelming and you might find that they will ask you for more.

*Did you know it may take more than 10 times before your child accepts a new food?*

Give your kids two options that you’re happy with. Rather than saying “Would you like any vegetables?” offer a limited choice, for example “Would you like peas or beans?”

Stay calm + persistent in your approach!

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The simplest way
...to food shop on a budget

Here are our five top tips to save money while shopping for your fruit and veg:

1. Create a weekly menu plan
2. Write a shopping list based on menu plan
3. Compare prices using unit pricing (per kilo/100g) if available
4. Buy fruit and vegetables that are in season, or pick the canned/frozen option if cheaper (and just swap them)
5. Limit your purchases of processed pre-prepared snacks/meals

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Is my child old enough?

Get the answers to the questions you’re asking about Instagram

Instagram is a photo and video sharing App popular with young people. Users communicate by posting comments to each other under photos and videos. They sometimes share user names from other sites or apps such as Kik or Facebook to continue chats privately. 13 is the minimum user age required by Instagram.

If your child is over 13 you should still consider the following before agreeing to unsupervised Instagram access:

Is your child able to withstand taunts from others?

If you think your child will become very upset (more than other kids) if they have a negative experience online, your child may need you to guide them through the use of Instagram. Look through their profiles and public feeds together, talk about how some people behave differently online and teach them how to block and report people.

Does your child understand what is safe to put online?

If they might put their name, address, school, sports club or information that allows people to identify and locate them (even after you have talked through the dangers) they may need your help with using Instagram. Talk about the risks of ‘checking in’, posting sexy pictures, meeting online friends in person, making offensive comments, and what is and isn’t acceptable.

Does your child know how to report abuse and offensive or pornographic content?

If not you need to visit Instagram’s Privacy and Safety Centre with them to ensure they know how to block and report people.

Are you worried your child will be left out if they aren’t on Instagram but also worried they aren’t ready?

As a compromise you may choose to let them have an Instagram account if they follow strict rules – including only using Instagram when you supervise them or you control their login. In return, and to keep them engaged with you, you can promise not to embarrass them by commenting publicly on their profile or posts. Teens tell us this is humiliating and it is their private world.

Are you going to supervise or ‘follow’ your child on Instagram?

If this is the case, be prepared to learn more than you might like about their friends. Try to withhold comment unless you are worried about safety. It is better to talk to your child in person if you have concerns than post comments publicly. If you publicly embarrass them, you will break your child’s trust and they may simply communicate with friends on a different program – or open a separate profile without your knowledge.

How do I talk to my child about my concerns?

Be honest with them. Express your love and concern about what might happen online. Ask if they have experienced bullying or sexual advances. Banning seldom works and children will find other ways to get online and may stop talking to you about issues to avoid getting in trouble. Keep the communication open. If they won’t talk to you about things, recruit a trusted family friend or family member to keep the communication going.

When should I be worried about my child?

If your child’s behaviour changes at home and/or school you should talk to them. Examples of changed behaviour could include disinterest in things they used to like, seeming very unhappy and/or their sleep and eating is being impacted. Seek professional advice if necessary from a school counsellor, your GP or a psychologist. If your child has particular vulnerabilities, be vigilant about their contacts offline and online. Help them join groups out of school where they can find friends and support. Talk to the school and make sure they are supported.

Rooby’s Book Drive
15th - 19th September 2014

Rooby is running out of children’s books to read to her friends so she is having a big book drive. Put your unwanted kid’s books to good use and donate them to Rooby!

Books can be dropped off at:
Automated Neighborhood Centre
(Cnr Autumnvale Pde & Timeswept Dr St Clair)
between 9:00am and 3:30pm Monday - Thursday
the week of the book drive.

Reading early makes you clever and super duper forever!

The Hills Sports High School
Talented Sports Program
GOLF
Tuesday 14 October 2014
1.00pm
Fox Hills Golf Club

Trials will be held by AAA Professional, NSW & Australian PGA member
Jamie Addisson

The Hills High School offers a world-class Talented Sports Program (TSP) designed to provide students who excel in particular sports with elite coaching and an academic framework that enables them to reach both their academic and sporting goals.
THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

Choose from over 30 exhilarating camps at 10 locations across NSW these school holidays.

Our Sport and Recreation Centres offer over 40 activities for kids aged 5 to 16 years. Try your hand at fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, crafts, cooking or flying fox. You’re sure to find a camp the kids will love.

Kids’ Camps from $45 per day


facebook.com/NSWsportandrecreation

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Single with Children
A non-profit social group operated by the Single Parent Family Association

ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

Every week Single with Children provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children (many activities are subsidised or even free)

It’s a great way to meet and get to know people in your area.

To find out more and get a FREE copy of our social calendar, contact us today.

Call 1300 300 496

Or visit our website: www.singlewithchildren.com.au
Holiday Activities @ Penrith City Library

School Holiday Program

Wildlife show with Featherdale – $10 Tuesday 23 Sept For 5 - 13 year olds
Magic Shows with Joel Howlett - $ 5 Wednesday 24 Sept For the whole family
Cartoon workshops – $10 Thursday 25 Sept For 7-10 year olds
Basic cartooning – $10 Thursday 25 Sept For 10-12 year olds
Advanced cartooning – $10 Thursday 25 Sept For 12 - 16 year olds
Embroidery workshop – $10 Tuesday 30 Sept For 7 - 13 year olds
Floating on a sea of stories - $ 5 Wednesday 1 Oct For the whole family

@ St Clair Library

The Dinosaur who Lost his Roar Puppet Show- free Saturday 27th September For the whole family
For Tickets:– see St Clair Library
Get your onesie, or favourite pair of PJ's on, and come along to the World’s Biggest Pyjama Party at Luna Park on Sept 25 (school holidays). From 6.30 – 10pm, come and ride the Rotor, Ferris Wheel, Wild Mouse or the Hair Raiser and all the other old favourites, all whilst dressed in your P.J.'s or onesie.

This is the first Pyjama Foundation party to be held in Sydney, and to make it a huge success, we need your support.

WHO IS THE PYJAMA FOUNDATION?
The Pyjama Foundation is a learning based charity that supports children in foster care, who are often left behind academically by their peers. The Pyjama Foundation recruits, screens, trains and supports community volunteers, known as Pyjama Angels. Volunteers are matched with a child in care and visit them each week to deliver The Pyjama Foundation Love of Learning Program®. This learning-based mentoring program has produced many positive results for the children, including improving their literacy and numeracy skills, increasing their self-confidence, and widening their networks and experiences within the community.

For every child in care that we can nurture and help educate, we change their future expectations and options and therefore also change the lives of those around them. It is truly a snowball effect, positively affecting the whole community and ending the cycle of disadvantage.

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**For Sale**
The school now has in stock fluorescent, high-visibility school bags just like this year’s Kindergarten students received.

If you would like one of these high quality back packs they are available from the office for just $30.

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**Kindergarten 2015 Transition Program**
Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2015. The transition to school program for Kindergarten 2015 families starts in Term 4. Below is a list of important dates so please ensure you enrol your child now so you can be involved. Let friends and family know!

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We would like to introduce Alison Windsor to our school community. Alison is a Teaching Artist, specialising in drama, from The Song Room program. This year, The Song Room program has been offered to students in classes 5, 6, 7, 13, 14 and 15. The Song Room program runs for 6 months, providing our students an opportunity to participate in a 30-45 minute music and the arts lesson each week. The goal of these lessons is to enhance their education and help them feel better about themselves.

Alison has been working for The Song Room program for four years. She trained in Paris at the Jacques Lecoq School, where she practised physical theatre creation. She has also had extensive training in vocals, text analysis and improvisation.

Prior to working for The Song Room, Alison worked as a Teaching Artist for over ten years in both France and Australia. Alison loves to share the creative process with both adults and children and is delighted to be working with our students on developing skills in public speaking, self-expression and story-telling. If you would like to find out more about The Song Room Programs or to support their cause, please check out their website: [http://www.songroom.org.au/](http://www.songroom.org.au/)

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Wow, what a difference a couple of weeks makes! Spring has arrived with the budding of the apple trees, flowering of the nectarine tree and mulberries forming on our two mulberry trees. The glossy green tomatoes ripened beautifully and were picked and used - a landmark moment for winter gardening! There is heaps of broccolini ready for picking, plus broad beans, chard, spinach and some absolutely amazing lettuces! The green oak lettuce in the boat bed is just enormous - check out the pictures!

Once again, our chooks were “lucky” enough to have a water feature in their pen, due to almost non-stop rain for two weeks - but what a smelly, mucky mess it was! The chooks themselves didn't seem to worry much about the rain even though they looked very bedraggled at times and their egg laying certainly was reduced. The fluffy brown bantam is looking broody again, so we might let her have another clutch of eggs to sit on and hopefully get some more lovely chicks to raise.

The rain over the past few weeks has made the garden beautiful and green, and finally the mushrooms are starting to grow! We can now look forward to some delicious mushroom dishes and hopefully have enough that we can begin to sell them like we did last year so as to raise funds to support the program. So parents, if you see us coming around with mushrooms, please buy some! Thanks to those parents who came to the Last Crumb and enjoyed Cassie's fabulous pavlova - your support is really appreciated.

Until next time, happy gardening!
Juanita

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.

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
While we are waiting for our spring vegetables to grow we still have loads of silver-beet, shallots, chard, lettuce, pumpkin, parsley and some broad beans in the garden. We cooked so many different varieties of dishes using these vegetables and the students are loving it. We collect fresh eggs in the morning and are adding them to many different dishes.

Last week we made an amazing Lebanese salad called Tabbouleh. We ate it with Garlic Sauce and Hommus. We also baked Kale Chips with Garden Salad and Boiled Eggs. Yes kale chips! All we did was dress it with olive oil and salt and baked it in the oven 180 °C for 12 minutes.

Also earlier last week, thanks to the Zorbas family who donated fish; we cooked beautiful Thai Curry Fish served with rice. Thank you to all the students who were in the kitchen, as always you all work so hard in the kitchen. It's also nice to see students who nicely set the tables and clean afterwards. Well done!

Happy Cooking! Cazendra

Thank you to all parents who donated lemons, oranges, fish and empty jars.

If you are wishing to donate items we need a continuous supply of:

- White sugar
- Brown sugar
- Butter (unsalted)
- Brown rice
- Plain flour
- Self-raising flour
- Olive Oil
- Vegetable Oil

Also needed are jars with metal lids—to be used for preserves and jams.

Kindergarten enjoyed celebrating over 100 days of learning with a variety of fun activities including making Fairy Bread and Fruit Loop necklaces.