Welcome to 2015 at St Clair PS

I would like to welcome all of the staff, students, parents and caregivers back to St Clair Public School for 2015. I would especially like to welcome the many new families and staff to the St Clair Public School community.

We have had a great start to 2015 and all of the students have started the school year ready and eager to learn. St Clair is a well respected and popular school and we have had 23 new enrolments causing our primary classes to become very large. This has meant a slight reorganisation and 30 students changing classes, as well as, Mrs Solomons Year 1 & 2 class being changed into a Year 2 & 3 class. We changed the students yesterday so they could quickly settle into their new permanent class.

Our Kindergarten students started on Monday and have settled quickly into their classes and have enjoyed their first few days at ‘Big School’.

Support Unit

Please note that our Support Unit has changed classrooms this year so they can utilize the new fenced playground withdrawal area. The Unit classes are Classes 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 18th February will be our annual Swimming Carnival. Again this year only competitors are able to attend. At this stage we have only 5 students competing. Swimming Carnival notes are due back by Monday 16th February.

Later this year students will have the opportunity to participate in Learn to Swim lessons. With so many students unable to swim 50 metres I hope parents take this opportunity to improve their child’s swimming ability.

School Rules

The School Rules are:

• Be a Learner
• Be Respectful
• Be Safe

These rules and associated expectations are being taught in class. Please help reinforce these rules at home.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

PBL encourages positive behaviour from students, which has been shown to improve their self-concept and motivation to learn. The current focus is Lining Up Appropriately.

Judy Loader  Principal

P & C Meeting
Tuesday 10th February
7.00pm in the Staffroom

P & C News

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Calendar

Thursday 5th Feb to 2nd April
Dance Fever lessons
Tuesday 10th February
7pm P&C meeting
Wednesday 18th February
Swimming Carnival
Thursday 19th February
School Photos
Wednesday 25th February
Support Unit Reviews
Friday 27th February
Clean Up School Day
Friday 6th March
District Swimming Carnival

Assembly News

♦ MONDAY 16th February SRC & House Captain Induction
♦ MONDAY 23rd February Aussie of the Month

Newsletters and notes are available on the school website:
www.stclair-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
2015 School Leaders
The 2015 Captains are Jasmin Seko and Judyann Sabbagh and Prefects Beondce Kalepo, Neda Stancev, Eddie Faamausili Paese and Christian Solomon. I look forward to working with you this year.

Student Representative Council (SRC) & House Captains
During next week Year 2 to 6 students will elect their class SRC representatives and House Captains for 2015. Parents are invited to the induction assembly on Monday 16th February at 2.00pm.

Class Requirements
Lists of class requirements are available from the stand in the foyer of the Office or from the school website.

Farewell Mrs Renshaw
Last Monday was Mrs Renshaw’s last day at St Clair PS before going on leave and retiring. Mrs Renshaw started as a teacher at St Clair in 1992 and was promoted to Assistant Principal in 2000. She has demonstrated enthusiasm, dedication, extraordinary knowledge and a passion for teaching. She will be a great loss to our school and to Public Education.

On Monday the students and teachers formed a tunnel down the walkway so as to give the students a chance to say goodbye.

Farewell Mrs Renshaw we will miss you!

Awards System
Students receive ‘mini merit’ awards frequently for following school rules in class and in the playground. The students can trade;

5 mini merits for a Merit Award.
5 Merit Awards for a Principal’s Award
5 Principal’s Awards for a School Award and pick from the prize cupboard (ball, book, game etc).

Merit awards will also be given out at assembly by the class teacher. Principal’s awards may be given to students who show outstanding improvement or achievement.

Trading Up Awards
Students place 5 mini merits, 5 merit awards or 5 Principal awards into the wooden letter box in the Office foyer. These awards will be punched with a small star and the traded up award will be given out at the next Assembly. The student will also have their name published in the next Newsletter.

Printable 2015 homework calendars
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out School A to Z’s 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Find out more at http://bit.ly/2015SchoolCalendar.

WANTED
Donations of toys / puzzles / blocks / lego and / or games for our Support Unit.
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**Support Staff**

- Learning Assistance Support Teacher (LAST): Mrs Beggs & Ms Young
- Release from Face to Face (RFF): Mrs Condie, Mrs Rigg, Miss Ricketts
- English as a Second Language: Mrs Peachey
- Reading Recovery and LAST: Ms Young
- Library: Mrs Burke
- School Counsellor: Mrs Zoll
- School Administrative Manager: Ms Lisa Brooks
- School Administrative Officers: Mrs Sue Healey & Mrs White
- Student Learning Support Officers - Unit: Mrs Bonning, Mrs Buttita, Mrs McGrath, Ms Mitchell, Ms Porter
- Student Learning Support Officers - Mainstream: Mrs McPherson
P&C News

Welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to all the new families to St Clair Public School!!!

We hope everyone is settling in well to their new classes. And a special welcome to all the new Kindy kids and families which we hope are settling in well and are making lots of new friends.

We have some great fundraising events scheduled for this year. One of our most popular ones is back this year, the 5c drive, which we will be conducting during Term 3. The class with the most amount raised will get a Pizza party for their class!!! So start collecting your 5c pieces to hand in during Term 3.

We will be holding our first P & C meeting next Tuesday 10th February at 7.00pm in the staff room. This is a great opportunity to find out what is happening at our school, meet some other parents and have a say on matters relating to the P & C. We look forward to seeing old and new faces at our meetings.

At this meeting we will be discussing where our fundraising funds will go best to help our school and students. Last year our fundraising efforts went towards fixing and installing new air conditioners into our kid’s classrooms to help them cope with the hot weather and learn in a comfortable environment.

P & C Tips:

Only half freeze your child’s drink bottle then top it up in the morning. Your child will be able to enjoy a cold drink at recess and the frozen amount will be defrosted by lunchtime ensuring they have a cold drink at lunch as well.

It is the start of the new year and so are new shoes!! To avoid blisters from wearing shoes rub Vaseline around the inside rim of the shoe and on the areas of the foot prone to blisters e.g. heals or toes.

We have set up a Facebook page to notify our families of upcoming events at our school.

Check it out at:

http://www.facebook.com/stclairpublicschoolpandc

Meeting Date: - Tuesday 10th February 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Membership

The cost of becoming a member of the P&C is $1.00 per year. Once you are a member of the P&C, you are able to vote at our meetings, as well as ensuring that you are covered under the P&C Insurance if you decide to volunteer for a P&C event or in the school canteen. Membership for 2015 are now being taken.

The Executive Committee

The current committee is Mr Mark Rutledge (President), Mrs Kelly Price (Vice President), Mrs Tracey O’Brien (Secretary) and Mrs Mandy Vorhauer (Treasurer). If you have any queries regarding the P&C, please do not hesitate to send us an email at: stclairpandc@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at our school!!!!

Mark, Kelly, Tracey & Mandy

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CANTEEN NEWS

At the beginning of each new year, we ask Mums, Dads, Grandparents, family members, to volunteer to help in the canteen. We start at 9.00am and finish between 1.30 & 2.00pm but that is flexible.

We sort out the money for lunch orders, sell snacks & drinks at morning tea and lunch. After recess we put food into the ovens and make the salads, sandwiches, burgers and whatever is needed on the day. Put the orders in the paper bags just before lunch and put them in the class baskets. We do the dishes, wipe down the benches and when finished sweep the floor and put the rubbish in the bin. That’s it, it’s easy!

We need 2 people each day but we only require you once a month. We offer you a free lunch and tea & coffee to say thank you. Please come to the canteen and speak to Kim if you are able to help.

As a bonus your kids can pop down and say hello & if they are lucky you may buy them something. Unfortunately children are not allowed in the canteen due to Work Health and Safety reasons.

We are lucky at St Clair PS as a lot of primary school canteens have had to get contractors because they could not get enough help. We have been very lucky to have parents who want to help & this enables the P&C to keep our prices low.

If you are able to help please see Kim in the canteen or leave a message in the Office for Kim.
Why are parents asked to make Voluntary School Contributions?

The NSW Government policy enables all schools, public and private, to request contributions from parents to enhance their educational and sporting programs. The level of voluntary contributions is made by the Principal in consultation with the P&C Association. The School Voluntary Contribution fee for St Clair Public School is $30 per child with a maximum of $70 for those with more than 2 children attending SCPS. This equates to 75c per week. The NSW Government suggest that the schools voluntary fee be set at $45 per child, based on NSW school’s statics for yearly classroom expenditures.

What does our Contribution pay for?

The School Voluntary Contribution payment goes directly to the school. It pays for everyday consumables used in the classrooms. For example exercise books, paper, photocopying, laminating, stationary, toilet paper, individual class art and craft needs, such as Mother’s and Father’s day cards. There is a lot of “behind the scenes” activity and teachers currently purchase materials needed for class projects from their own purses, and consequently, need to be reimbursed, this cannot happen if the school doesn’t have the funds. Based on SCPS 2014 expenses, it is estimated that it will cost approximately $2,800.00 in 2014 to run 1 class or almost $100 per child.

Why should I pay a School Voluntary Contribution fee, doesn’t the NSW Government pay for my child/children’s education?

The NSW Government pays Public Schools a yearly rate of approximately $66 per child (33c a day per child) for their schooling supplies. $66 per child does not cover the out of pocket expenses the school incurs when trying to provide the very best environment to enable our children to reach their highest potential, both academically and socially. The NSW Government actually pays private schools more per child and in addition, they have compulsory fees per term paid by families. All schools whether public or private ask parents to supply their child with “Class Requirements” at the beginning of each new school year, this is to help supply the classroom with essential consumables. It cost our School in 2014 approximately $36,000.00 for classroom consumables. Although the Voluntary School Contribution is “voluntary” and the decision to pay is a parent/s choice, we should point out that while the school is paying for these everyday necessities, it moves further away from the ability to fund such goods as new technology and maintaining the general up keep of our school, this ultimately leads to the necessity of more fundraising for these items.

As an incentive, the P&C have decided that families who pay their Voluntary Contribution fee by the end of term 1 will go into a draw to win one of two (2) $30 Woolworths Wish Cards. Monies can be placed into a clearly marked envelope with your family name on the front and put in the black box outside the office. Mrs Healey will see that you are entered into the draw. In doing this, the P & C are hoping to encourage more families to pay this school necessity, by informing parents of the reasons for a voluntary contribution fee. Please assist your School.

Kelly Price (Vice President)

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Thursday 19th February school photos will be taken.

The students have already taken home photo ordering envelopes. Each child MUST have their own envelope. Although payment for multiple children’s envelopes may be placed in one envelope. Please write on the outside of the other envelopes which child’s envelope contains the full payment.

Please note payment can also be made online– see photo envelope for details.

Envelopes with payment or online receipt details must be returned by Photo day. Late payment and late orders MUST be arranged by contacting ‘The School Photographer’ personally and not through the school.

Family photos are also available, please collect a ‘Family Photo Envelope’ from office and return before Photo day.

ALL students to wear their full Summer School Uniform for the photos and black shoes.
2015 Term 1 Overview of Program Costs per child

School Photos - From $20.00 to $40.00 - due 19 February 2015. (envelopes sent home earlier this week)

Mathletics - $10.00 towards your child access at school & home. (See pg. 13, separate page with Newsletter)

Bug Club - $3.00 towards your child access at school & home. (See pg. 13, separate page with Newsletter)

Reading Eggs /Express - $5.00 towards your child access at school & home. (See pg 13)

Dance Fever - $ 20.00 for the term (or $2.50 per week) for a dance program (notes already sent home)

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden lessons - $ 25.00 for Years 3 to 6 (Maximum $50.00 per family) Note to come home at the end of February.

Voluntary Contributions $30.00 towards classroom resources, maximum $70.00 per family. (See pg. 14, separate page with Newsletter)

Additional cost:
For Year 6 - shirts @ approximately $ 35.00
For Years 5 & 6 - Term 2 Camp @ approximately $300.00

Choir - for transport to rehearsals for STEPS concert - $30.00

I know this is a large amount of money to pay all together, therefore parents may pay for just 1 item at a time or a set amount fortnightly. I hope this will assist you in budgeting for these costs. ALSO remember the school now has EFTPOS and credit card facilities.

Any family who is having difficulty paying please see Mrs Loader.
Library News

The school Library is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Teacher Librarian is Mrs Burke

All students visit the Library each week for Information Skill activities and for borrowing. The Library is also open at lunchtimes for quiet activities. Books that are borrowed from the Library are kept for one week. The books are then returned and the students are able to make new choices.

Students in Kindergarten through to Year 4 will require a Library bag to protect the books.

All students are encouraged to borrow regularly.

Students at St Clair P.S. also participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge. Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will complete the challenge as part of their Library and class program.

Students in Years 3 to 6 must complete the challenge independently and are assisted with this process. The challenge concludes early August.

Once a term, Bookclub brochures are sent home. Students will receive only 1 brochure this year each time. Orders can be placed in the box on the Circulation Desk. Please label the orders very clearly with name, class and return with the correct amount of money.

Students are encouraged to join the local Library at St Clair Shopping Centre. As well as books to borrow the Library offers services to support students and parents.

Mrs S. Burke - Teacher Librarian

Blacktown Premier Spurs Soccer Club Inc.

Join the “Champion” Blacktown Premier Spurs Soccer Club

Online registrations will open on the 2nd January 2015 (U5 - Youth League Boys & Girls)

2015 registration includes Soccer Starter Pack Valued at over $100.00

Go to: www.premierspurssoccer.com.au and follow the links

Don’t miss out, register early & keep your kids active with the largest participation sport in Blacktown and the world SOCCER!

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A family orientated soccer club playing in the Blacktown District Soccer Football Association (BDSFA) competition. Spurs fields teams in the U5 – Youth League, Senior Men’s and Ladies League’s and O/35 competitions. Last season Spurs had almost 300 players registered...


Blacktown Premier Spurs Soccer Club Inc.
P: Terry Isaaks 0419306904 Email: blkpremier@hotmail.com

St Clair BJP Physie Club

Physie is a “fun dancing sport” which develops:
Strength – Flexibility – Good Posture – Fitness

Classes for Girls from 3 years right through to Ladies are held at
St Clair Public School & Banks Public School

For more information email: physie.stclair@hotmail.com

Or visit our web site – www.stclairphysicalculture.com.au
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1/12 Parklawn Place
North St Marys NSW 2760

Make an appointment today!
Junior Indoor Cricket

STARTING Thursday 19th MARCH 2015

- Thursdays and Fridays U/8's, U/10's, U/12's, U/14s and U/16s
- Times from 4:20, 5:10, 6:00 and 6:50pm
- 6 a side
- U/8- U/16- Boys and Girls
- $7 per game per child. A free team shirt when registering!
- Individuals and teams welcome!
- Register any Thursday or Friday 3-6:30pm from January.

Where to Find Us:
20 Forthorn Place
St Marys NSW 2760
www.stmarysindoorsports.com.au
info@stmarysindoorsports.com.au

Junior Indoor Cricket.
Rego only $40 per Child.

WHEN YOU PLAY INDOOR CRICKET AT OUR CENTRE $5 FROM YOUR REGO IS DONATED BACK TO YOUR OUTDOOR CLUB!

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THE BEST COMPETITION IN THE WEST!

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0406 237 779

STARTING MONDAY 20th April 2015

- Times from 4:30, 4:55, 5:20 and 5:55pm
- 5 A SIDE
- U/6- U/16- Boys and Girls
- $7 per game per child
- Individuals and teams welcome!

ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS: January 2015

Where to Find Us:
20 Forthorn Place
St Marys NSW 2760
www.stmarysindoorsports.com.au
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UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY
PENRITH OBSERVATORY
FAMILY ASTRONOMY NIGHTS
Saturday 14 February and 28 February
8pm – 10 pm
These nights will include a multimedia presentation with question time, a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes. Our programs will run regardless of the weather.
Cost: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On
Contact: Tel: (02)4736 0135
Email: penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au
www.uws.edu.au/observatory,
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LEARNING LOUNGE

The Learning Lounge is a FREE service offering educational support for primary and high school students.

PRIMARY AGED GRADES 3 - 6

Bookings are essential
The Learning Lounge is a TUTORING service offering educational support for primary school aged students. Book and pay online: www.scnt.org.au, Family and Community Services - Community Services

WHEN: Tuesdays’
during school terms
TIME:
4:30-6:00pm.
WHERE:
St Clair Youth Centre
974 Cook Parade St Clair
(next to Gumibnia Pre School)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 7 - 12

Bookings are essential
The Learning Lounge is a HOMEWORK HELP service offering educational support for high school aged students.

WHEN: Tuesdays’
during school terms
TIME:
3:15-4:15pm.
WHERE:
St Clair Youth Centre
974 Cook Parade St Clair
(next to Gumibnia Pre School)

Please visit our website www.scnt.org.au to download the registration form for primary aged tutoring
Or contact the team for more information on 9834 2700

SCNT gratefully acknowledges support received from Family and Community Services - Community Services
Welcome Back! I’m sure everyone had an enjoyable holiday. I would like to welcome back all of the students and parents. We had so much fun in the kitchen last year and I am confident it is going to be great again this year. What a great start to 2015; all of the participating students for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program have started the school year ready and eager to start cooking.

We all need reminders when it comes to safety especially in the kitchen so for the next few weeks we are going to learn and discuss kitchen safety, knife skills, hygiene and responsibilities in the kitchen. To all new participating students, there is lots to learn about this exciting program, we can’t wait to have you in the kitchen.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to Mrs Reinshaw for making this program run smoothly for the last 3 years. We have learnt so much from you and your hard work is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank and welcome Mrs Condie. No doubt many of us know how much she loves the program. Mrs Condie has already done a lot of great things in the garden; Juanita and I are pleased to have you with us.

Parents, thank you for all your support last year and I am sure you will support us again this year. If you have any questions or would like to know more about the program, please come and visit us. Have a great weekend and see you all next week.

Happy Cooking! Cazendra

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

- white sugar
- brown sugar
- butter
- plain flour
- self-raising flour
- olive oil
- vegetable oil
- dishwashing detergent
- rice.

Student Representative Council

One student from each of the classes (Year 2 and up) is chosen by the class to be their student representative on the SRC. The SRC meet at lunchtime and discuss ways the students would like to improve the school. They also organise fund-raising activities for the School’s World Vision sponsored child, Petro. Petro lives in Tanzania and our sponsorship allows Petro to go to school and has helped supply clean water to their village.

A Christmas card from our SRC sponsor child Petro
**Staff Car Park**

Parents are again reminded that they are not permitted to drive into the school grounds or car park and there is strictly no parent parking on school grounds other than those with a school parking pass.

**Student Safety**

Students and parents are reminded to use the pedestrian gate when entering or exiting the school. Please do not use the car entrance gates.

**School Parking Passes**

School Parking Passes are ONLY available to parents who have a severe mobility disability or parents of a student with a physical disability or where there is a safety concern for their child. Please see Mrs Loader if you require a school parking pass.

**Class Requirements**

Lists of class requirements are available from the stand in the foyer to the Office.

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**Early Arrivers**

The school playground is **not supervised** before 8.30am and **no students should not arrive** before this time. Any student who arrives before this **MUST sit** on the steps or seats outside the office.

**Playground Reminder**

No student is allowed into the classrooms, library or hall without a teacher present. Parents please don’t enter bag areas to put your child’s bag away. The teacher will direct the children to bring their bags into the buildings with them after the bell has gone.

**High School Students**

Many of our students are picked up by older siblings that attend High School and it has already come to my attention that some of these students are being noisy and rude whilst waiting for the 3.00pm bell to go. Unfortunately for all of the High School students I now must ask them to wait for their brothers or sisters in the area outside the canteen or office until the bell rings. They may then walk to their classroom if necessary to pick them up. **No High School Student should be playing on our hard courts. They must sit and wait quietly.**
Dear Parent/Caregiver

Mathletics is an online Mathematics program that compliments the teaching of Mathematics within the classroom. Mathletics is fully aligned to Syllabus Outcomes and tailors questions based on the ability of individual students. It provides immediate feedback to students, teachers and parents which motivates the student to strive for better results.

Reading Eggs(K-2) / Reading Express (3-6) and Bug Club also are online Reading and Comprehension programs that complement the teaching of reading within the classroom. Both programs have a range of reading material suitable for students in Kindergarten to Year 6. Each program has its own digital texts and exciting and engaging activities that can be used at school as well as at home. Both programs provide immediate feedback to students, teachers and parents which motivates the student to strive for better results. We are continuing to use both programs in 2015 as they allow teachers a wider range of texts which suit individual student needs.

Mathletics, Reading Eggs/Express and Bug Club will be used by all grades within the classroom and teachers will be encouraging students to use the programs to practice their skills for homework. Students can also use the programs independently to improve their own results. If your child does not have access to the Internet at home, they will be able to access the programs at school in class on their XO laptops and on school computers as well as at lunchtime in the library.

We are asking parents to pay a small fee of $10.00 for Mathletics, $5.00 for Reading Eggs / Express and $3.00 for Bug Club for their child to use the program. This special school offer is at a greatly reduced price. If you were to personally subscribe to just Mathletics for home use only, the cost is $99.00.

For the small fee of a total of $18 per student you will find that your child will:

• love Mathletics, Reading Eggs/Express and Bug Club and be challenged in a stimulating, interactive environment
• be engaged and motivated to learn and work through the curriculum, at their own pace
• improve their Mathematics and Reading results
• have 24 hours a day, 7 days a week access
• have assistance from an online support centre
• revise skills learnt at school in a fun, well supported format.

Your child will receive Hall of Fame certificates and rewards for participation and achievement.

Students will receive cards with logon details, their user name & password within the next few weeks. These programs provide the perfect link between home and school, where results flow seamlessly. Please help your child improve their Maths and Reading skills by completing the note below and returning with $18 in an envelope and placing in the black box outside the office by Friday 12th March 2015.

Judy Loader
Class Teachers
Principal

Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Bug Club

Child’s name: _____________________________ Class:___
Child’s name: _____________________________ Class:___
Child’s name: _____________________________ Class:___

Please find enclosed: ___________ Please note a maximum of $50 per family (credit card slip available page 14)

$10 for each child for Mathletics.
$ 5 for each child for Reading Eggs or Reading Express
$ 3 for each child for Bug Club

_________________________________________ ____________
Signed Parent / Caregiver Date
Dear Parents

Although Public Education is seen to be free, the government funds do not allow the school to purchase additional resources beyond that which is essential. It is for this reason we ask that you pay a small contribution towards your child’s education.

This year our focus is to continue to supply additional reading books for class use and as home readers. Additional resources for practical Mathematics activities and upgrading the technology in the school.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of $30 per child with a maximum of $70 for those with more than 2 children attending St Clair PS. This equates to less than 75c per week per child towards providing additional resources for your child’s education.

It would be appreciated if you could pay your 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.

The P & C are donating two $30 gift cards if you pay your contribution by the end of Term 1 Your child/children’s names will be placed in a draw and you will have a chance to win the gift card.

Thank you for supporting St Clair Public School and the students’ educational opportunities.

Judy Loader
Principal

Voluntary School Contributions

Please find enclosed voluntary school contribution for

Child’s Name ______________________________________  Class_______
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Please find enclosed: $___________ being $30 per child or $70 per family.

Signed _________________________________________   Date________

St Clair Public School

Credit Card Authorisation:   Card Type:   □ Mastercard   □ Visa

Card No: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

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Cardholder’s Signature: ......................................................

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