Congratulations School Leaders

At this week’s assembly we inducted our 2015 Student Representative Council and House Captains. Each Class with students from Years 2 to 6 have a representative on the SRC. Our SRC will help organise fund-raising activities that will allow us to help improve things around our school, raise money for charities and continue our commitment to our World Vision sponsor child Petro, who lives in Tanzania. Congratulations to all of the students elected. Class Representative names on Page 2

I would also like to congratulate the students elected as House Captains for 2015. The aim of the House Captain is to encourage ideals of good sportsmanship, commitment and peer leadership. Our House Captains are; Emus - Bella Lemafua & Levi Hall, Kingfishers - Shannon Wells & Amber Burns, Rosellas - Kadeesha King & Bryce Fairweather, Eagles - Isabella Stein & Lleyten Tautua.

Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 18th February we held the school swimming carnival. We had only 14 students attend and compete. All of the students tried hard. Those who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd will receive their ribbons at the Assembly on the 16th March. Only students who completed their event within set times and without hanging onto lane ropes are eligible to go to district. Notes will go home soon to those students.

Thank you to the parents who transported students to and from the pool. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you Mrs Condie for your excellent organisation of the carnival. Photos on page 2.

Judy Loader Principal

P & C Meeting
Tuesday 17th March
7.00pm in the Staffroom

Assembly News
♦ MONDAY 23rd Feb
Aussie of the Month
♦ MONDAY 2nd March

Announcements

Calendar
Thursday 19th Feb to 2nd April
Dance Fever lessons
Wednesday 25th February
Support Unit Review/IEP meetings
Scripture Starts
Friday 27th February
Clean Up School Day
Friday 6th March
District Swimming Carnival
Thursday 12th March
Selective High School Test
Tuesday 17th March
P&C Meeting
Thursday 19th March
Stage 2 T-Ball Gala Day
Stage 3 Oz tag Gala Day
Saturday 28th March
State Elections & P&C Cake Stall
Tuesday 31st March
Cross Country Carnival
Thursday 2nd April
Easter Hat Parade

Newsletters and notes are available on the school website: www.stclair-schools.nsw.edu.au or St Clair Public School Facebook Page
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**Year 2 & 3 PULSE Choir Opportunity**

PULSE is a showcase of Excellence in the Arts by students from NSW Public Schools.

This year applications are sort for Year 2 & 3 students from St Clair, St Marys and Mt Druitt schools.

Successful students will need to attend two workshops and the rehearsal and performance at the Opera House.

Cost for participation is $30 which includes a 2015 PULSE T-shirt, but does not cover travel costs.

If interested please see Mrs Loader, email the school or leave your child’s name at the Office.

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A BIG well done to the 14 students who competed in the swimming carnival. We had a lot of fun and you backed up from each race with a big smile. Well done!

**Swim School**

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.

Mt Druitt pool is also offering swimming lessons see ad on page 9 for details.
INFORMATION NIGHT
For the parents/guardians of year 5 and 6 students considering enrolment at St Clair High School in 2016 and beyond
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of St Clair High School and the P&F Association, I would like to extend an invitation for you to attend our Information Night that will be held on Monday 16th March 2015. The meeting will commence at 6.00 p.m. in the St Clair High School Hall and is expected to conclude at 7.00p.m.

From 6.00 – 6.30pm, our student representatives will be available to take you on a guided tour around our school. The tour will demonstrate the facilities that St Clair High School has to offer your child. During this time, there will be a range of displays in the hall from different faculties showcasing a range of educational opportunities that we provide to all our students.

At 6.30pm, parents and guardians will be welcomed by Miss Amanda Tannous, the Year 7 Advisor for 2016. This will be followed by important information about St Clair High School delivered by Mr Chris Presland, the School Principal and Mrs Karen Shepherd, the Deputy Principal. The information will assist you in making informed decisions regarding your child’s education in their High School years.

While this meeting is intended for parents/guardians, incoming students are welcome to attend.

We look forward to meeting you on Monday 16th March, 2015.

Mr Chris Presland
Principal

Miss Amanda Tannous
Year 7 Advisor 2016
P&C News

It has been a very busy few weeks at school with some reshuffling of classes and adjustments being made but we hope now that everyone is settling back into school life!!

Our canteen will continue to operate 5 days per week with all menu items available every day. Our Canteen Manager, Kim Burrell is also looking forward to introducing some new fresh menu items further down the track while continuing to follow the Healthy Canteen guidelines. We are also still looking for canteen volunteers to help out. If you can spare even just half a day, please do not hesitate to contact Kim on our canteen phone 0455 098 523 or you can also enquire at the school office.

We have started to organise some fundraising events for this year including our ever popular Hot Dog Days, Mothers Day Stall and Fathers Day stall and we are also looking into hosting a Bunnings BBQ. Our 5 cent drive is always popular and will be held during Term 3. The class with the highest amount of money raised will get a class party at the end of Term 3 so start saving those 5 cent pieces. We are also planning a cake stall to be held on 28th March to coincide with the NSW State Election where our hall is being used as a polling place.

Our P&C Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7pm in the staffroom twice per term – Week 3 and Week 8 (please see future dates listed below) – Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th March at 7pm – this meeting is also our AGM where all positions will become vacant. All are welcome to attend, the meetings usually go for approximately 60-90 minutes. Come along and hear about the exciting things happening at our school.

P&C Memberships

The cost of joining the P&C is $1.00 per calendar year – Once you are a P&C member, you are then able to vote at meetings as well as ensuring you are covered under the P&C Insurance should you wish to volunteer for a P&C event or in the school canteen. Memberships are now being taken and can be paid to the school office or to Mr Mark Rutledge (President) or Mrs Mandy Vorhauer (Treasurer) – once paid you will receive a receipt to confirm your membership.

Fundraising Events (so far)

28th March (Sat) - Election Day Cake Stall
Term 2 (Date TBC) - Hot Dog Day
Term 3 (all term) - 5 cent drive

Future P&C Meetings (7pm in the staffroom)

Term 1 Tuesday 17th March - AGM & General Meeting
Term 2 Tuesday 5th May Tuesday 9th June
Term 3 Tuesday 28th July Tuesday 1st September
Term 4 Tuesday 20th October Tuesday 24th November

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 17th March 7.00pm in the staffroom.

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Piano/Keyboard Lessons for Beginners

* Piano Practical & Theory
* Learn for Fun or AMEB Exam Preparation
* Assistance with Year 7 – 10 Music
* Private Lessons
* Based in St Clair or Teach Lesson at your Home
* All Ages Welcome

Call Sarah: 0404172670
Pyjama Foundation Fundraising Event
Sunday March 29 at 7am
Lagoon Reserve Queenscliff, travelling along the beautiful coastline of Manly to Shelley Beach, and then back again. The Pyjama Foundation is a learning based charity that supports children in foster care who are often left behind academically by their peers.
To register, simply click on this link: http://www.thepyjamafoundation.com/upcoming-events/
There will be some fun prizes for:
· Highest individual fundraiser.
· The first 150 registrations
· Fanciest PJ’s (if you choose to do the walk in your PJ’s)

Mt Druitt Pool
Aqua Aerobics
10.00-10.45am
Monday, Thursday & Saturday
Adults $17.50 or 10 sessions for $158.00
Pensioner/concession $ 7.80 or 10 sessions for $71.00

St Clair Netball Club
Is still taking 2015 Registrations.
Comp starts Saturday 2nd May 2015.
6-8 years $130
Juniors $165
Seniors $180
Contact appropriate registrar this week.
Juniors: Sharyn 0429 059 505
Seniors: Sharon 0409 834 347
Email: stclairnetball@hotmail.com
Website: http://stclairnc.nsw.netball.com.au
Facebook: StClair NetballClub

THE HILLS SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN AFTERNOON
WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2015, 3.30pm-6pm
2015 Year 6 students and their parents are invited to attend The Hills Sports High School Open afternoon, come along and meet staff, explore what learning opportunities are available, visit our specialist rooms and Science Laboratories for practical lessons.

Tours of the school will occur every half hour until 6pm.

Talented Sports Program
There will be an Information session hosted by the Director of Sports at 5pm in the library for interested students & parents

TALENTED SPORTS PROGRAM OPEN NIGHT
An information evening will be conducted for students and parents interested in the Talented Sports Program for 2015 on Monday 4th May, 2015 at 6.30pm. Sports on offer are AFL, Athletics, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cricket, Golf, Netball, Rugby Union, Rugby "7's" (Girls, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Touch Football, and Water Polo.

Sport and Fitness Trials will be held in May/June 2015,

Enjoy a refreshment as you tour the school. Provided by our Senior Hospitality students.
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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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

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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
St Marys
Doctors
OPENING 9/01/2015

enhance your medical care.

Offer:
- Male & Female Doctors
- General Health Check up
- Childhood Immunisations
- Travel Immunisations
- Antenatal Care
- Women’s Health
  - Allied Health
  - Dietitian
- Men’s Health
- Work Cover
- Pathology on-site
  - Hearing

......and more!

‘walk in’ or make an appointment today!

Mon-Fri 9am-6pm
Sat & Sun 9am-2pm
PH: 02 9623 0568
1/12 Parklawn Place
North St Marys NSW 2760
Make an appointment today!
Open Day
Mt Druitt Swimming Pool
Free Entry
Saturday 28th February, 10am-4pm

Everyone is welcome.
Come along and join the fun
Enjoy a sausage sizzle and deadly entertainment.
Mt Druitt Says “No” to Ice and other Substance Abuse
The simplest way
...to make a healthy breakfast.

We recommend eating two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetable every day.

Why? Because fruit and veg are packed full of nutrients and vitamins that give you energy, keep you healthy and help prevent diseases like cancer.

Try to get your family eating fruit and veg with breakfast – it will help all of you have more energy throughout the day.

You might like:
- wholegrain toast with avocado and tomato
- sliced banana on Weetbix
- frozen berries blended with reduced-fat milk and yoghurt for a smoothie.

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 @ School Program.

The simplest way
...to keep your kids safe in the sun.

Did you know that when it comes to sun protection, not all hats are equal?

We all know hats help protect against skin cancer and eye damage.

But did you know that baseball caps don’t provide much protection? Baseball caps leave cheeks, ears, chin and back of the neck exposed to ultraviolet radiation, and is the real risk of skin cancer in later life.

Choose a sun-safe hat
Sun-safe hats include broad-brimmed, bucket, or legionnaire hats. These hats are inexpensive, and give your kids the best chance of staying protected in our harsh summer sun.

Finally, don’t forget to apply sunscreen in the morning before school! Enjoy summer, and remember to be SunSmart!

The simplest way
...to stay healthy in summer.

Here’s some fun ways to get your kids eating more fruit + veg this summer...
- freeze fruit or mint leaves into ice cubes to chill + flavour water
- add vegie sticks whenever you have a dip
- throw some veg on the BBQ - e.g. capsicum, tomato + zucchini
- keep a tray of fruit pieces like orange wedges or melon slices in the fridge for quick snacks
- freeze bananas, peeled and wrapped in gladwrap, your kids will love the ice cream taste.

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 @ School Program.

The simplest way
...to make ice blocks.

Summer afternoons are hot and sticky in Australia, and kids come home from school tired and hungry. Get them eating fruit with these super easy, fruit-filled ice blocks...

Place any combo of finely diced fruit into moulds like mango, blueberries, strawberries, watermelon, rockmelon, kiwifruit, drained canned peaches, apricots or pineapple in natural juice, or passionfruit pulp. Top with a fruit juice of your choice then freeze until solid - at least 4 hours, or overnight.

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The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.
Despite my absence for much of the holidays due to unforeseen circumstances, the garden has continued to thrive, thanks mostly to Mrs Renshaw's dedication and a few good summer storms. We will definitely miss Mrs Renshaw being on hand to put in the extra hours, but Mrs Condie is a wonderful replacement, full of passion and enthusiasm for this brilliant kitchen/garden program.

The first few weeks of term have been spent reminding students of safe practices, plant and tool identification, learning to understand seed packets and the ever present weeding! The chickens are now completely free range on the days I am at school, enjoying the freedom of the wild area, but sometimes needing to be chased from my grapevines and pineapples! Luckily, the addition of chicken wire fences saves most of the garden from their depredations!

We have been planting lots of vegetable seeds over the last few days including beetroot, coriander, white onions, savoy cabbage, red and yellow cherry tomatoes, purple cauliflower, mixed lettuces, carrots, silverbeet, Chinese cabbage, broccoli, celery, radishes and kohl rabi. Hopefully, they will begin to sprout over the next couple of weeks so the beds will be full of produce in the next few months.

Attached are a couple of photos of the stages of ladybeetles - from the larval stage (long funny looking spotty things), through the “teenage” stage (semi-beetle shape) to the final stage of fully adult beetle. The garden is full of wonder and amazing things for the kids to see and learn, and your children are so lucky to have this brilliant opportunity for incidental learning at their fingertips. Please support the program by paying the small amount required to continue funding the kitchen and garden.

Thanks to my many helpers who come down at lunchtime to have fun in the garden - I appreciate all the weeding and other jobs you do!

Until next time, happy gardening! Juanita

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

- Minchinbury Fruit Market for the fresh greens for the chooks
- Austas for the large wooden boxes
- Camden Farm Mushrooms - for free delivered mushroom compost

**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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**Summer food safety**

You can greatly reduce the risk of food poisoning during the summer period by chilling food in the fridge before packing your child’s lunch and then putting a frozen drink into their lunchbox. The food will stay about 12 degrees cooler.


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**Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school**

A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school)
Our students definitely showed their listening skills last week since there was so much to learn about the importance of hygiene, safety and rules in the kitchen. Needless to say they are so eager to start cooking for the upcoming week. Our kitchen focus this week will be to learn about useful Cooking Vocabulary as well as simple types of cuts. Our goal for this year is to learn how to read, understand and follow simple recipes.

Mrs Condie and Juanita are working so hard planting new vegetables for Autumn, so for the first and second week of March we will be focusing on facts, safety and the nutritional value of eggs. Students will also start cooking different recipes with eggs accompanied by either salad or freshly baked bread. Our garden is still producing beautiful silverbeets, lettuce, basil, tomatoes, rockets, kale, herbs and zucchinis. Our chickens are still laying eggs too, so this time of year is very exciting! If you wish to donate kitchen supplies, we would greatly appreciate it. We still need the following items: white sugar, brown sugar, dish-washing detergent, butter, plain flour, self raising flour, rice, olive oil, and vegetable oil.

Happy Cooking!! Cazendra

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

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

The Support Unit had a very successful ‘Meet the Teacher Afternoon’ with 30 parents attending the afternoon tea and brief information session. The parents had the opportunity to ask questions and talk briefly to each teacher and School Learning support Officers (SLSO).

**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