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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 recent focus has been speaking politely e.g. using please & thankyou. Awards were presented at our assembly on Monday 30th March to students from each class who were nominated by staff as being respectful learners. Well done to those award recipients!

Easter Break
Just a reminder that school resumes on Tuesday 21st April. I wish everyone in our school community a happy and safe Easter.

Emma Twining
Relieving Principal

Playground Stars
Students receive Playground Star awards for consistently demonstrating the school expectations of being safe, respectful learners when playing on the playground. Well done March award winners!

Calendar

Monday 21st April
Staff Development Day
Tuesday 22nd April
First Day back at SCPS
Friday 24th April
ANZAC Service
Tuesday 5th May
P&C Meeting 7pm
Thursday 7th May
Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday 12th – 14th May
Naplan
Friday 15th May
Naplan Make Up Day
Thursday 21st May
District Cross Country
Friday 22nd May
Walk Safely to School Day
Tuesday 26th May
P&C HOT DOG DAY
Tuesday 9th June
P&C Meeting 7pm
Friday 19th June
NAIDOC Cup
Monday 15th—Wed 17th June
Stage Three Camp
Friday 19th June
Reports go home

Congratulations
Tyrese Coban!
Aussie of the Month for demonstrating outstanding Sportsmanship!

P & C Meeting
Tuesday 5th May
7.00pm
### Principal’s Awards

**Congratulations:**
Rochelle Chammas, Anne Avecilla, Luis Contrevas Villajuan, Jean Marcel Bergerot, Nathaniel Coban, Jordan Williamson, Zachary Maalouf, Bronte Jones

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### Merit Awards

| Class 1 | Eddie Paese | Hakki Simsekatan, Louise Samia, Fenika Iupati, Angelina Gardner |
| Class 3 | Jessalyn Dizon | Levi Hall, Christian Solomon, Braydyn Collins, Alek Gardner |
| Class 4 | Qiyara Young-Ngaha | Aaliyah Nikua, Hannah Rutledge, Bryce Fairweather, Annalise Vorhauer |
| Class 5 | Seb Santos | Bianca Gravina, Cameron Opalnuik, Brodie Zeall, Sarah Chavez |
| Class 6 | Rinoa Laranang | Amara Wright, Zahra Mehd, Dakota Ross, Jayden Maalouf |
| Class 8 | Angus McArdle | Dallas Marks-Green, Biya Sara Binson |
| Class 9 | | Abdullah Al Shamri, Rathushaan Muraledaren |
| Class 10 | Sophia Clarke | Aaron Day, Jack Woods |
| Class 11 | Chloe Giddy | Keely Loeckenhoff, Ralph Lozada |
| Class 12 | Ivana Vaotuua | Sarah Roser, Joshua Hill, Crystal Druery, Brayden Brown |
| Class 13 | Anna Solomon | Eva-May Vehikite, Hannah Bonwick, Jordan Fell, Kingston Jack-Kino |
| Class 14 | Sophie Grech | Jayden Wells, Jennifer Morrison, Harley Shepherd, Matilda Vorhauer |
| Class 15 | Kayley Mitrovic | Hailey Kendrick, Zachary Spagnol, Riley Watt, Dean Collins |
| Class 16 | Harrison Bonwick | Bowen Gurney, Joshua Lane, Andrew Babikr, Angelo Robles |
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### For trading 5 Mini Merit Awards

Isaiah Marsh, Kayden King, Aiden Coban, Morgan Savill, Darlene Faamausili Paese (x2), Hannah Bonwick (x3), Jean –Marcel Bergerot, Jasmine Pajarin (x3), Taylen Birchall, Abdullah Al Shamri, Rathushaan Muraledaren, Mia Nikua, Hannah Rutledge, John Ah Mann, Billy Pandelios, Fine Nikua, Mia Wierzbicki, Kallen Warner, Joshua Richardson, Aaliyah Nikua, Zachary Maalouf, Lillie Brown, Bronte Jones, Sarah Beardmore, Emily Cunningham, Taylah Williamson, Cooper Jarvis, Ceiren Wells, Dominic Gardner

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### School Award

**Congratulations:**
Angelina Gardner & Tyrese Coban

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As part of our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) reward system Stages 2 and 3 classes have the opportunity to receive a Warami Award at the end of every Recess and Lunch for Safe and Respectful Lining Up. For Term One, Class 5 has received the most awards and as such are the winners for this term. Congratulations Class 5 and Good Luck to all the classes for next term.

Our PBL focus over the past few weeks has been ‘Using Respectful Manners’. Students can demonstrate this by remembering to use Please, Thank You and Excuse me. Winners have been chosen for their manners both inside and outside the classroom. The winners of this award are:

Neda Stancev  
Hayden Morgan  
Rathushaan Muraledaren  
Elazaya Young-Ngaha  
Madison Belbin  
Erin Dale  
Hailey Spagnol  
Shanayah Murphy  
Jasmine Rutledge  
Kaito Forrest  
Troy Patea  
Shayne Shahla  
Ralph Lozada  
Krystal Boyd  
Jai O’Connor
P&C NEWS

Fundraising

Last Saturday which was Election Day, we had our first fundraiser for the year, a cake stall which raised $152.00. While this was a good amount, it could have been a lot more if we had have received more cake donations to sell. A very special thank you to the following families who did donate cakes:

- The Jarvis Family
- The Fairweather Family
- The Mehdi Family
- The O’Brien Family
- The Vorhauer Family
- The Esekia Family
- Miss Gilbert from Class 1

Our next fundraiser will be our Mothers Day stall on 7th May, followed by a Hot Dog Day on 26th May. Also, don’t forget to keep collecting those 5c pieces for our 5c drive in Term 3!!

Canteen

We are still looking for more volunteers to help in our canteen, if you can help in any way, please contact Kim on our canteen phone 0455 098 523 or you can also enquire at the school office.

We would like to wish all our families a very Happy Easter and hope everyone enjoys the school holidays – we look forward to seeing you all back in Term 2!!!!

Fundraising Events

- 7th May (Thurs) - Mothers Day Stall
- 26th May (Tues) - Hot Dog Day
- 3rd Sept (Thurs) - Fathers Day Stall
- Term 3 (all term) - 5 cent drive
- Term 3 (Date TBC) - Hot Dog Day

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

- Term 2 Tuesday 5th May
- Term 2 Tuesday 9th June
- Term 3 Tuesday 28th July
- Term 3 Tuesday 1st September
- Term 4 Tuesday 20th October
- Term 4 Tuesday 24th November

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For further information or any questions - Tel: 9889 4366  http://www.vsoceania.com
Takashi: ushinohama@vsoceania.com  mob: 0408 468 538

CONGRATULATIONS!

St Clair Public School community is very proud of Taylah Williamson and Noah Dyble for their recent efforts at the school, district and regional swimming carnivals!

You are both fantastic ambassadors for our school—Well Done!
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Wednesday 8 April 10 am – 12 noon
ROCKET WORKSHOP Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost $15

Saturday 11 April 7pm – 9 pm
Astronomy Night GALAXIES AND BEYOND The night will include a colourful and informative multimedia presentation, a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6 m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes.

Thursday 16 April 10 am – 12 noon
Hands-on Science Program STAR STUFF WORKSHOP The program will include hands-on science activities, a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie, water rocket launches and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost $15

Saturday 18 April 7pm – 9 pm
Astronomy Night GALAXIES AND BEYOND The night will include a colourful and informative multimedia presentation, a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6 m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes. Our programs will run regardless of the weather. Cost:

Astronomy Nights -$18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family - Workshops - $15 per person
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CONGRATULATIONS!
Congratulations to Kadeesha King who has been selected in the St Marys District Netball Team. Kadeesha will be training at James Erskine P.S on Monday afternoons in preparation for the carnival which will be held on Tuesday 28th April, 2015.

Congratulations Kadeesha—everyone at St Clair Public School is very proud of you!
It is always fun cooking international food in the kitchen. Students were so proud to talk about food from their country of origin. For the last 2 weeks we cooked some amazing dishes, yes some dishes were not authentic, but they sure tasted delicious and the taste was very close. Most of our dishes were vegetarian so using pulses and legumes added the extra protein we needed.

One of the fun things we did was making our egg noodles from scratch. It was perfect for our Asian style Egg Noodles with Chicken Broth Soup. Indian dishes were also prepared and cooked in the kitchen. We enjoyed making the Indian Yellow Dhal Curry with our homemade Roti. No doubt the whole school smelt the aroma coming out of the kitchen. Year 4 made Italian Vegetarian Pizza, of course made with their own pizza dough! Our Egyptian Molokhia Soup was definitely a hit! This dish always surprises me because the students absolutely love it and the colour is khaki green! The original main ingredient for this soup is Jute leaves which are usually sold frozen but thanks to our newest vegetables growing in the garden, the Malabar Spinach was just as good and has a better nutritional value than the jute leaves. Year 5 and 6 enjoyed the soup with brown rice. Last but not least, our amazing Lebanese Hummus and Tabbouleh. These dishes were very much enjoyed by the year 2 and 3 classes. Most of the year 2 class were not sure of these dishes but when they tasted it, it reminded them of a Doner Kebab. So proud to see year 2 and 3 students trying new things. Well done everyone!

I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Mehdi. She was kind enough to donate ALL the ingredients for the Lebanese dishes and the flat bread. Thank you so much, years 2 and year 3 just loved preparing, cooking and sharing the food! Also thank you to all parents who donated plain flour, it was put to good use.

Cross Country was a great success. Thanks everyone for supporting our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, your support is very much appreciated. To all students, thank you for your hard work and I am looking forward to cooking with you all in Term 2! Have a safe break and see you all soon!

Happy Cooking! Cazendra
It's hard to believe that a whole term has gone already! There has been so much activity in the garden and so many wonderful advances in the children's understanding of recycling, states of matter, growing in the garden, the importance of composting and lots more important facts and skills. Here is a photo of just one science experiment with gases - look at the size of that bubble!

The garden has been very productive as evidenced by our lush vegetables and herbs for sale at Tuesday's cross country carnival. We had eggs, yellow cherry tomatoes, chard, silverbeet, Asian greens, mint, shallots, basil, parsley and rhubarb for sale, as well as Cassie's delicious banana bread and date cakes, and my ink berry biscuits, as well as jams, herb vinegars and mint jelly. Thank you to all those parents and students who purchased something from our stall - we greatly appreciate your support for our wonderful program.

One of the more interesting vegetables we are growing in the garden is a type of marrow called vegetable spaghetti. When cooked whole, the inside resembles strands of spaghetti with a similar texture and taste. It will be another month or so before the one in this picture is big and ripe enough to use, and it will be a very interesting new experience to taste it. Part of this program is to broaden children's taste buds as well as increase their knowledge, and introducing interesting new vegetables is a great way to do it!

As always, the recent rain has been very welcome and will no doubt bring a lovely burst of growth to the garden. Unfortunately too, that means I will be waging an even fiercer battle with the ever-present snails.....much to the delight of the always hungry chooks!

Have a safe and happy Easter. 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
Cross Country Carnival 2015
Cross Country Carnival 2015
AFL

On Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} March 2015, some very talented students from year 5 and 6 played in the AFL Paul Kelly Cup at Jamison Park, Penrith. St Clair played against three schools and won two games. It was a beautiful day and the students of the St Clair AFL team enjoyed it. Great sportsmanship was shown from other schools and especially by St Clair. Unfortunately, we didn’t make it to the finals, but at least we had fun.

A big thankyou to Ms Young, Mrs McPherson and the parents for being our cheerleading squad and for taking the time to support St Clair. Also another big thankyou to the St Clair AFL team for working hard and trying their best!

Maybe next year, St Clair is going to come back to the AFL Gala Day and make our school proud, because we all know St Clair will strive to achieve.

By Jasmine Seko Class 1
SRC News
The SRC got together to write an Easter message in a notebook for our sponsor child Petro. It is a lovely personalised gift which has plenty of pages for him to use as a diary, sketchpad or exercise book!

Well done SRC for all of your hard work this term!
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UPCOMING EVENTS

5th April – Easter Sunday
The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance, Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Crafts, Easter Activities

6th April – Mad Market Monday
The Easter Bunny will make another appearance, we will be having stalls both craft and food

Tuesday & Wednesdays of the School Holidays
7th, 8th, 14th & 15th April 2015

Minute to Win It - come along and have a try, Wally the Magician will be there with a few tricks
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