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 Be A Learner,
Participate in All Activities.

Athletics Carnival Champions
Congratulations to all of the students
who received first, second or third
place at our athletics carnival. Ribbons
were handed out at last Monday’s as-
sembly. See photo page 10.

Our 2015 Junior Champions are:
Aaliyah Nikua and Troy Patea, 11
Years Champions are Paola Mayol and
Eden Devonshire and our Senior
Champions are Kadeesha King and
Kyle King.
The winning House for
2015 is the Emus.

Rugby Union Representatives
Congratulations Luron Patea and Lley-
ton Tautua for being selected in the
Sydney West Rugby Union Team.

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Calendar
Sunday 23 August
SAKG Working Bee
Tuesday 25 August
Book Forum @ Blackwell
Thursday 27 August
Stage 1 Zoo excursion
Tuesday 1 September
District Athletics Carnival
P&C mtg
Thursday 3 September
Father’s Day Stall
Friday 4 September
Kindy 2016 Interviews
Monday 7 September
Walk-a-thon
Wednesday 9 September
Zone Athletics Carnival
Thursday 10 September
Stage 2 Basketball Gala Day
Friday 11 September
Kindy Farm Excursion
Monday 14 September
Public Speaking Finals
Wednesday 16 & Thursday 17 Sept
Stage 2 Camp Activities
Friday 18 September
Last Day Term 3
Monday 21 Sept to Monday 5 Oct
School Holidays
## Principal's Awards

**Congratulations:**
Amy Tidyman, Kallum Nash, Jonalyn Dizon

## For trading 5 Mini Merit Awards
Matilda Vorhauer, Jasmine Zorbas, Genevieve Neil-Russell, Rathushaan Muraledaran, Rochelle Chammas, Cooper Jarvis, Shae Stevens, Brenden Stephen, Phillip Nguyen, Hayden Morgan, Jean-Marcel Bergerot, Scarlett Bell, Kaiden Murphy x 3, Jordan Williamson, Hayley Dowds, Taylah Williamson, Ashlee Burns, Tyrese Coban, Nathaniel Coban, Steven Nguyen, Hannah Rutledge, Cooper Huffadine, Jack Sabbagh x 3, Seb Santos x 3, Kaitlyn Beardmore, Skye Robertson, Cieren Wells, Kallum Nash x 4, Anne Avecilla, Jonalyn Dizon, Charlotte Wilson x 2, Om Upadhya

## Merit Awards

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## School Award

**Congratulations:**
Annalise Vorhauer

Annalise received a skipping rope and set of textas from the prize cupboard.
PBL Awards for being in the right place at the right time.

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Panthers Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well Awards

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It's back!

Thank you again for supporting the school to earn new educational equipment. We are now past the half way mark of the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Please continue to collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers each time you shop at Woolies. Remember – if you are not offered Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers when you shop, be sure to ask for them.

Double Sticker Weekend!
To help you collect even more, Woolies are holding a big Double Sticker Weekend this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Customers will get two stickers for every $10 they spend*. The more you collect the more educational equipment we can redeem.

Enrol now for Kindergarten 2016
Call into the Office or phone the school for an enrolment application.
Thank you to everyone who supported the Super Hero Mufti Day and Movie afternoon. Year 6 raised lots towards their farewell and gift for the school. I know all of the students really enjoyed the movie there was hardly a sound.
P&C News

Fundraising

All P&C fundraising this year will be going towards assisting our school purchase IPads. Your help makes a huge difference to our school.

Our 5c drive is going great!! – Our senior classes appear to be neck and neck at this stage and everyone is still in the running. The most current graph is attached and is updated regularly on the notice board outside the school office. There is still a couple of weeks to go for this fundraiser and the lead could change at any time. As mentioned above all of the funds raised this year go towards purchasing IPads for the school. The last collection day will be Friday 4th September. The 5c pieces are to be taken to your child’s class. The winning class will be announced at the school assembly and the class party will be held on a date to be determined by the class teacher. So please keep on collecting those little silver coins.

Fathers Day – Our Fathers Day stall will be held on Thursday 3rd September – gifts prices will be $3.00, $4.00 and $6.00 with lots of great gifts for Dad. Each class will have the opportunity to come and purchase a gift. Please note: students will only be able to purchase 1 gift initially – once all classes have been through, students will have the opportunity to come and purchase another gift – based on availability – this ensures all students are able to purchase a gift.

Just a quick note, that the school P&C are only able to accept cash or cheque for our fundraisers – unfortunately we do not have any eftpos facilities!! Cheques need to be made out St Clair Public School P&C Association.

Canteen

Important Notice: The canteen is closed On Wednesdays until further notice – this means NO lunch orders are available.

The canteen is in desperate need for more volunteers to help in our canteen, if you can help in any way, please contact Kim on the canteen phone 0455 098 523 or you can also enquire at the school office.

Next Meeting Date: - Tuesday 1st September 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Fundraising Events
3rd Sept - Father’s Day Stall
4th Sept - End 5 cent drive

Future P&C Meetings (7pm in the staffroom) – EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Term 4
Tuesday 13th October (please note change of date)
Tuesday 24th November

St Clair Public
School
5¢ Drive
In the long rough spooky rainforest, trees are glancing at the insects as they run. Gently the storm begins, rain comes chasing them down. When you look down, the ground is damp, slimy and gooey. As you are walking past the river you can see little teeny weeny tadpoles with green giant frogs bouncing like kangaroos. Enormous rocks are stuck there in the rough river, like a rhino charging at me. As we’re walking through the rainforest I look up and I see a big beautiful rainbow going from east to west. By Kyle King

Class 1 showed off their outstanding cheer leading skills last week at our assembly. Great work Class 1
Hosting an exchange student allows families to gain insight into another culture and way of living, without leaving the comfort of their own home. The personal rewards and friendships that come from hosting an international exchange student often endure for generations.

2016 is fast approaching and our students cannot wait to hear from a welcoming host family they can call their own and learn about the place they will soon call home. For more information and to see the wonderful students waiting to be placed with their host family, check out the WEP Australia website, www.wep.org.au, or call 1300 884 733.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?
Experience another culture, make new friends and improve your language studies at home

Hosting – An Experience for Life
Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

www.studentexchange.org.au
1300 135 331 (cost of local call)
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If you need advice or assistance with a legal issue, contact the experienced lawyers at Lamrocks for friendly, professional advice that offers real value-for-money.

Our office is conveniently located in Penrith, with parking outside the door, so you don’t have to travel into the city to get the best advice. Our professional staff are highly experienced in their chosen fields of law and can quickly identify the key issues in your matter, and how best to address them.

Please contact our friendly staff if you, or someone that you know, requires assistance with

Property & Conveyancing - Family Law
Compensation Law - Wills & Estates

Contributing to the community since 1882

Kids For Kids Day charity event presented by AAT Kings promises a fun-filled family day out at Featherdale Wildlife Park to raise much needed funds for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Kids for Kids Day follows National Child Protection Week and aims to help educate children, families and the community about child protection and support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation’s message of keeping kids safe. Important child safety messages will be presented throughout the day with resources for everyone to take home, so it will be educational too (just don’t tell the kids)!

Held at Featherdale Wildlife Park in Sydney, you’ll get a hands-on wildlife experience, hand feed a kangaroo or meet a friendly koala, amongst one of Australia’s largest private collections of Australian native animals and bird life. Plus there will be lots of special activities, face-painting, family fun and entertainment, and over $5000 in raffle prizes to be won!

Come along, bring your friends and family and help support a very worthy cause. All ticket sales and funds raised on the day go to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.
What Matters Writing Competition

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ST CLAIR PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2015

As an integral part of the Listening and Talking syllabus, students in Year 3 – 6 will once again practise their skills in the St Clair Public Speaking Competition. Below are the topics and criteria to help your child plan, practise and present their speech.

TOPICS:
- Year 3 – What I Would Change!
- Year 4 – An Australian Story
- Year 5 & Year 6 - Open Topic

CRITERIA:
* CONTENTS OF SPEECH   * VOICE PROJECTION
* SEQUENCE           * PERFORMANCE/PRESENTATION

Note: a 10 point deduction from each judge will occur if the student:
- uses props
- uses exaggerated body actions or tone
- doesn’t stand still

TIME
- Years 3 & 4 duration of speech is 2 minutes (5 seconds either side) (loss of 1 point for every 5 seconds, or part thereof, outside this time)
- Years 5 & 6 duration of speech is 3 minutes (5 seconds either side) (loss of 1 point for every 5 seconds, or part thereof, outside this time)

NO MICROPHONE to be used.

Sample Student Speech – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y45aAZ5-aBw
Sample Student Speech - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFu712UadOg

Class speeches will be presented in the weeks leading up to the final on Monday 14th September (week 10) according to each teacher’s timetable.

All students in Years 3 – 6 are expected to plan and present their speech at a class level.

Public Speaking Coordinator
Mrs Solomon

Athletics Carnival

All of the students who came first second or third received their ribbons at Monday’s assembly. Congratulations on a fine effort. 41 students have qualified to represent the school at the St Marys’ District Carnival on Tuesday 1st September at Blacktown Sports Park.  Students need to return their permission notes and $2.00 by Friday 28th August 2015.

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While Mrs Condie and the students are having a fun time learning about and experimenting with micro organisms, our kitchen classes are having great time making fresh pasta and baking bread! Besides tasting and learning how to cook our great dishes, we’ve learnt a lot in the kitchen during the last week. We’ve learnt about yeast and how it plays an important part in making bread dough and how to make bread!

Other classes learnt how to make pasta dough and enjoyed using our pasta machine. Fettuccine pasta with broccoli, garlic and lemon zest was a hit! The Year 3 and 4 students loved the Fettuccini pasta with tomato and mushrooms sauce. Amazingly, students who said they “absolutely hate mushrooms” loved this dish. The Year 2 and 3 students were the fortunate ones who ate our first harvested purple cauliflower. I was cooking the cauliflower, potato and silverbeet soup nervously because of the colour, but the Year 2 and 3 students didn’t seem to mind; “It’s 10/10 because the Fresh Baked Focaccia made it even better!” said one of our students.

The Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed our Pizza, Christian and Zac loved making the pizza dough! Adding fresh eggs and edible flowers into our pizzas made them extra special! We also made fresh lemonade to accompany this dish.

Great job everyone! See you all next week for our new kitchen focus: International food!

If anyone wishes to donate kitchen supplies, we still need items such as cheese, rice, plain flour, self-raising flour and legumes. Happy Cooking! Cazendra

Thank you parents for contributing items we need for this program. Our Kitchen Garden program is always in need of further assistance from the parents, community and local businesses.
There is so much to be done in the garden, with spring just around the corner. The path is finished apart from cementing the edges and is fantastic - no more overturned garden carts going up the hill! Thank you to all the wonderful kids who did such a beautiful job on the path.

The citrus trees in the wild area have been transplanted into a new large strong box, and I expect them to do really well, and possibly fruit for the first time next winter. Speaking of fruit, the nectarine tree has begun to flower - it is always delightful to see the beautiful pink flowers in late winter/early spring, and the resulting fruit in summer is always delicious!

We've been eating lots of wonderful produce from the garden including snow peas, kale, broccoli, spinach, great salads and our special purple cauliflower which was a great hit! It's also time to start our seeds for the spring crops of tomatoes, zucchini, capsicums, cucumbers, sunflowers, corn, lettuce and eggplant. In another couple of weeks it will be time to start germinating rockmelons, watermelons, pumpkins and potentially some red Aztec corn and blue corn which are good for popcorn!

The weather is already warming up out in the garden and it's time to start thinking about putting the shade cloth up soon. A massive heartfelt thank you to Metwest Engineering who were the generous benefactors who helped with the chook yard 3 years ago, and they have come to the rescue again, donating close to $2000 worth of steel poles to support the shade cloth. We are truly blessed to have these wonderful people help us out. Metwest also loaned us a dingo machine to dig the holes - a huge thank you to Darren Wood for his effort and expertise, and the use of his huge ute to transport it!

Which leads me to the Working Bee this Sunday - please come and support your children's education, health and enthusiastic participation in the kitchen/garden program. The working bee starts at 9.00am and goes until 1.00pm, and morning tea and lunch are provided for all workers! We have a range of jobs to do: dismantling a wicking bed and putting a new box in its place, levelling and paving a small area ready to make a frog pond, planting some potatoes and partially filling the bed with mushroom compost, putting fertiliser on the pawpaw and banana circle, and of course most importantly, tightening the wires over the garden and cementing in the steel poles to support the shade cloth! Every hand will make a difference, so please come and help us out!

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday at the working bee!

Cheers  Juanita

WORKING BEE
Sunday 23rd August 2015
9.00am – 1.00pm

Please come and give a hand
We need some help:
* Putting in the poles for our shade cloth cover
* Constructing the new frog pond
* Planting for spring
* Finishing the paver path
* Replacing some of the old garden beds
* weeding

Morning Tea & Lunch supplied