



Semester 2, Term 3 2019

CALENDAR CHECK

Term 3

W10B Tues 24 Sep - Year 12 Graduation

W10B Thurs 26 Sep - Year 12 Formal

Wk1A Mon 14 Oct to Fri 18 Oct – Year 11 ABW

Wk1A Wed 16 Oct - Whole School Assembly

Wk1A Thur 17 Oct – HSC Commences

Wk1A Fri 18 Oct – Story Fest Workshop Yr9 & Yr10

Wk2B Mon 21 Oct – Yr 11 Commencement Year

12 HSC Year

Wk2B Wed 23 Oct –Yr 10 Leadership Day

Westmead

Wk2B Thur 24 Oct – Think U Know Presentation
commencing at 5.00 pm.

Wk 5B Tue 12 Nov – Year 12 Student clearances
between 9 – 11.15 am in the café.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Congratulations to our school community for participating in what has certainly been a very busy Term. Students have certainly taken the opportunity to engage in their learning and participate enthusiastically in a range of experiences.

We have shown exceptional growth in our Literacy and numeracy results via the release of the National NAPLAN testing, in particular reading and numeracy growth. One of the few things we can be certain of, in a world of so many uncertainties, is that you need to be able to read. Whilst we have areas we need to work on, the important thing is that our students, your sons and daughters, are participating in a learning environment what will allow them to achieve.

We are very proud of the achievements of our Learning and Support team. Ms Holt, Ms Sharma and Mr Thurtell have received the DoE Executive Director's Recognition Award. The team have been recognised for their Re-Set program that addresses the needs of our student re-engaging in their learning. The Award recognises excellence in teaching expertise across the 18 Networks of Schools in the metropolitan North Operational Directorate. This is wonderful feedback on the tireless work that goes on in our school community to support ALL students being able to access their learning and achieve.

On a final note, we end the term celebrating the success of our Yr 12 students with a fabulous Graduation ceremony, and then their Formal Celebration at Panthers. To Year 12, I would like to leave you with the following:

"Keep all the ideals and values you have developed from attending a fully comprehensive public high school, for they will hold you in good stead. Maintain that commitment and spirit you have displayed throughout your time here, but keep that sense of fun, we will miss you, thank you for enriching the life of the school and in turn, we hope and trust that we have enriched yours."

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday

Julie Tegart

Principal, St Clair High School

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

2019 Year 12 students have completed their schooling. Year 12 Graduation, Year 12 Formal and the completion of their final examinations as secondary students mark the end of their time as high school students. We congratulate them all in achieving this milestone and wish them all the best in their upcoming final HSC examinations which begin Thursday 17th October 2019.

Year 11 are currently completing their final exams for their preliminary courses. They will return Term 4 and complete the Australian Business Week (ABW) Program Week 1 before commencing their HSC coursework. A fantastic program that builds resilience and develops skills in time management, working collaboratively and thinking critically. These skills will assist students during the HSC and in later life in achieving their personal best.

Year 10 have completed compulsory HSC Minimum Standards testing in reading, writing and numeracy. Congratulations to all students who have gained this accreditation. Students who are yet to satisfy all requirements will be given another opportunity towards the end of the year.

With the warmer weather arriving students will be transitioning to SCHS's summer uniform. The school website outlines the requirements for junior and senior students. It is imperative for everyone's safety that all students are easily identifiable by wearing full school uniform including the correct leather footwear for practical subjects. We appreciate parent support in ensuring everyone's safety and wellbeing.

All students are finalising their coursework for Term 3 and are undoubtedly looking forward to the holiday break. We wish all students and their families a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 4.

Mrs Beslic (Yrs 8, 10 & 12)

Mrs Shepherd (Yrs 7, 9 & 11)

State Theatre Excursion

In August, forty students from the year 7 and 8 enrichment classes went on an excursion to the State Theatre in Sydney to see the World War I based musical; 3 Weeks of Spring. It was a fantastic experience for the students to be viewing a play in the stunning State Theatre and we were fortunate enough to be seated in the front rows, giving us the unique opportunity to view a production up close. The students enjoyed the performance and were able to engage with the historical nature of the Gallipoli campaign, viewing this period through the eyes of young soldiers who had been swept up in the call for bravery and adventure. This excursion was a great opportunity to further enrich these classes in ways that closely link with their learning through the historical content of the play, performance and voice techniques, understanding of production and the way in which a script comes to life through the actors' dramatic interpretations. It was a very enjoyable day for all.

Mrs Brady.



Poetry Incursion

The Enrichment classes in years 7 and 8 had the incredible experience of being involved in Spoken Word Poetry workshops hosted by Pola Fanous, the 2018 Australian Poetry Slam Champion. Pola immersed the students in the art of spoken word poetry and linked their learning in English to the skills they would require to write their own poetry. The students were challenged through a range of writing tasks that drew out thoughts and ideas about life and their identity to give them the basis for their own poems. Some students in the classes took on the challenge to perform some of their raw pieces of writing, utilising voice and performance techniques to enhance their performances. We were exceptionally fortunate to be able to host these workshops and have a young person like Pola with such talent and charisma able to deliver them. These enrichment students will continue working on their poems for submission into the Red Room Poetry Object Competition, which is an Australasian poetry competition open to students and teachers alike.

Mrs Brady.



Year 12 Visual Arts Body of Works Exhibition and Afternoon Tea 2019

Congratulations to Year 12 Visual Arts who completed a successful Body of Work for the HSC this year. Students worked hard to complete a series of works based on a theme and media of their choice. The works will be marked in October according to their conceptual strength and technical resolution. Good luck to all students from Ms Strouthos!



Social Justice Team Update

This term the Social Justice Team conducted its first fundraiser for West Connect Domestic Violence Services (WCDVS). The team enthusiastically ran a BBQ and sold ice-cream spiders raising an incredible \$335 for our chosen organisation. All the students worked hard serving long lines during lunch and managed the clean-up and packing away. The students in the Social Justice Team are developing a huge range of organisational, management and interpersonal skills through the process of planning and running their fundraising events. A big thank you to the students and their families as well as the teachers who run the team for supplying all the ingredients to ensure that all the profits could be delivered straight to WCDVS and to Blaxland East Butchery for donating half of the sausages.

Congratulations to the whole team on the success of the fundraiser. They should be incredibly proud of their efforts just as we are proud of their commitment, compassion and kindness.



Operation Art 2019

Congratulations

Four of our students Calinda Surennne, Zoe Kaldas, Jodvel Fatheiburgh (year 9) and Jennifer Pruyn, from (year 10) had their artworks selected for Operation Art, which will be exhibit at the Armory Gallery, Jamieson St, Sydney Olympic Park from September 14th-16th November, 2019. Over nine hundred entries were selected this year from all over NSW schools. I would like to congratulate to all our exhibiting artists and thank you for being part of this unique project – it is always a wonderful opportunity to recognise the many achievements and talents of our students and a huge honour for them to exhibit their artworks. Well done and Congratulations.

Doris Rainsford (**Visual Arts Teacher**).

Calinda Surennne

My artwork uses bright colours to express how the circus is fun and exciting. The scene is of acrobats and their movement and how they can catch ones eye.

Zoe Kaldas

Title: The Dancers in the Ring. I used mixed media such as paint and coloured pencils. I love the movement that I have captured and detail in the costumes.

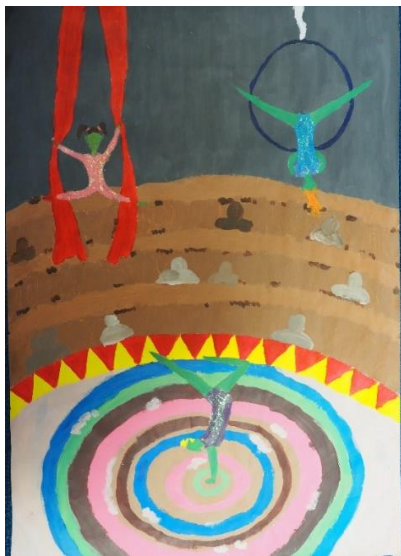
Jodvel Fatheiburgh

I used mixed media. I was inspired by artists and my own drawings. I wanted to show the movement, fun and colours of the circus.

Jennifer Pruyn

My work signifies subtle contrast of colour from inanimate objects within our life. The use of plants and glass in my work helps to emphasise the beauty of transparency and nature.

Doris Rainsford and Maria Strouthos
St Clair High School.



Year 7 - RUOK Day?

