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ST CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

At this time of the year the school is heavily involved in evaluating what it has done in the current year, as well planning for the year ahead. It's an exciting time, and also a very hectic one for all of the staff. 2017 is without doubt a year in which we can take great pride for what the school has achieved.

One of the most exciting things occurring at the moment is the work being done in planning for our new buildings. This is proceeding well thanks to some great weather. The new basketball area will be handed over shortly. We have opted at this stage to hold off on the tiered landscaping area to allow the grass time to establish.

We continue to meet regularly with our architects, project manager and assets department. Fortnightly I also visit the site for site meetings and contract meetings. The contractors have been fabulous to work alongside. It's a fantastic outcome for our students and the St Clair community.

Thank you to all those parents who have supported our new late processes. This has resulted in an improvement in the number of students getting to school on time. It has ensured that teaching and learning is the priority and that classrooms are not interrupted when students filter in.

Congratulations to our Pacific Islander students for their leadership and performances in Sydney Pacifica 2017. The students have received a leadership award for the way they conducted themselves throughout the program and the leadership they demonstrated to other schools and students. This is an extremely prestigious award and I am so proud of all these students and Miss Saisithidej.

Whilst the term has only just begun, please keep in mind some of the key dates for the end of the term. Our Year 10 Graduation will again be an evening event with a supper on Monday 11th December and our Annual Presentation Night is on Tuesday 12th December. Both events are important and are always a wonderful celebration of student achievement across a range of areas of school life.

Also related to our evaluation of the year and plans for next year is a lot of work on finances. We are in the process of sending out reminders for outstanding fees. Please keep in mind that this is a school that

struggles with funding issues, especially in relation to parent and community contributions. The payment of subject fees is not voluntary and is a debt that remains until a student leaves the school, usually at the end of Year 12, when it must be paid. Some parents get a shock when they leave it to that time to pay, as the amount can grow to fairly high proportions. We ask that you please pay these fees each year, and if you are experiencing financial hardship let me know so that we can work out an instalment agreement.

Congratulations!

I would like to say "Well done" to two groups of students and the teachers who have worked so well with them. Our outgoing Year 12 made us all very proud with the way they conducted themselves at the Year 12 Graduation and Year 12 Formal. They were superb. We look forward to, and anticipate, very strong results in the HSC.

Our incoming Year 12 has recently completed the Australian Business Week (ABW) program and they have maintained the fantastic standard we have seen for many years. We seem to get better and better at this program every year. The way the students committed themselves to the program throughout the week was superb and their performance at the ABW dinner makes us all very proud. I would like to thank all the parents that have attended the ABW dinner. This community involvement continues to increase each year. I would also like to thank the amazing team of staff and community helpers that make this program such a success.

Sally Smithard
Relieving Principal

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to St Clair High School. Term 4 is always a busy term with lots of activities both within the classroom and opportunities to engage in extra-curricular activities. Towards the end of the term there are opportunities for students to celebrate their achievements, successes and personal best, and many of these also include parents. Please keep track of the school calendar for all of these events.

Our wonderful Year 12 class of 2017 have returned to school to complete their HSC examinations after enjoying some fantastic celebrations at the Year 12 Graduation and Year 12 Formal that took place at the end of Term 3. Thank you to all staff for guiding these students through their HSC year, in particular Mr Landon Dowson as the Year Adviser, and Ms Jasmine Robertson as the Assistant Year Adviser. Good luck Year 12, we look forward to you returning at the end of the year to celebrate your results.

Welcome to Year 12, the class of 2018. Congratulations to the Australian Business Week Team and Year 12, 2018 for completing Australian Business Week. This program has a long tradition at St Clair High School and once again the quality of program delivered challenged the students to reach standards many felt they could not at the start of the week. The students worked constructively in their teams and the competitiveness between teams was evident from the start of the week. The mentors all commented on how effectively the students worked cohesively together. We were fortunate to be able to be a part of the week and also celebrate the achievements of the students at the ABW Awards Dinner. Well done and congratulations to the team of mentors as well as all of the students who participated. Thank you to those parents who were able to visit the school to view the trade displays and/or attended the ABW Awards Dinner.

We are looking forward with anticipation to the opening of the first stage of the building works later this term with the much anticipated new ball courts. Thank you to both staff and students who have been very patient and tolerant with reduced learning and playground spaces and construction noise. The final product is going to be a really exciting indoor and outdoor space that will cater for generations of students. We meet regularly with the Project Manager, Site Manager and our Director NSWPS to be kept up to date with all progress. After a very long consultation period it is very exciting to finally see the end product taking shape. Best wishes for a wonderful term.

Mrs K Shepherd and Mrs R Dickson
Deputy Principals

DEADLY DONATIONS

**PATHWAYS TO DREAMING
ST CLAIR
HIGH SCHOOL
2017**

THE ST CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAYS TO DREAMING STUDENTS WANT TO GIVE BACK TO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FAMILIES IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. PLEASE DONATE AND SUPPORT THE STUDENTS IN HELPING OTHERS!

DONATE FOOD & ESSENTIAL ITEMS BY 6TH DEC 2017
AT THE FRONT OFFICE OF ST CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL
(see list below)

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE ORGANISED INTO CARE PACKAGES AND GIVEN OUT AT A COMMUNITY EVENT:
3PM TO 5PM
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER
@ ST CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

A LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY!

NEW ITEMS YOU CAN DONATE

- CANNED PRESERVE FOODS
- COFFEE & TEA
- WATER
- PASTA
- RICE
- DRIED FRUIT →
- NAPPIES
- CEREALS
- WIPES
- FLOUR
- DETERGENTS & CLEANING PRODUCTS
- LONGLIFE MILK
- JUICE
- SANITARY ITEMS
- TOILETRIES
- WASHING POWDER →
- CRACKERS/BISCUITS →
- SUGAR
- BABY FORMULA
- TOYS & BOOKS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE TALK TO MRS SUSNJARA OR EMAIL JACQUI CORNFORTH
WSU PROJECT OFFICER:
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ST CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL
ENDEAVOUR

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Performing at Sydney Pasifica

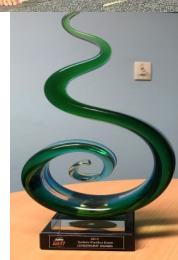
The long road to Sydney Pacifica finally culminated in a performance by some of our Pasifika and Maori students at the 2017 Sydney Pacifica Day at Woodward Park in Liverpool. After many, many hours of rehearsals, the students took to the stage and performed two items – they sang a beautiful Maori folksong and performed a traditional Samoan dance. Their performance was well received by an appreciative crowd. The students did themselves, their culture and the school proud. The school was also given the Leadership Award for the students' participation in the Student Leadership Program which ran earlier in the year.

Please congratulate Aaliya Peniamina Yr7, Jasmin Seko Yr8, Margaret Suluape Yr9, Inah Falefata Yr11, Kiarna Filisi Yr11, Bethany Patea Yr11, Riley Tauvao Yr11, Paige Teariki Yr11 and Priscilla Aleni Yr11 who performed with a Tokelauan Youth Group.

Ms Jackie Saisithidej, Pasifika Co-ordinator



Performing at Sydney Pasifica



LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to Lara Sarkawt from year 9 and Cameron Edwards from year 8 on successfully completing the NSW 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge. Lara and Cameron are eligible to receive a PRC certificate which are sent to schools later in term four to enable presentation to successful candidates.

Congratulations also to participating students of the 2017 Steps Book Forum held at Erskine Park High School in the library. The speaking representatives, book trailer videos and artworks were a credit to all those involved and particular thanks go to Monique Zammit, Cameron Edwards, Jennifer Pruyn, Fadel Ibrahim, Raghav Puri, Calinda Surene and Emma Tidyman along with the supportive families who were able to attend on the day.

Thankyou to Belinda Doyle for hosting the event and to Jackie Hawkes as moderator for her thoughtful questions and literary analysis.

Teacher Librarian
Mrs. Cheryl Saunders

2017 OPERATION ART

Congratulations

Four of our students Jennifer Pruyn, Jessalyn Dizon of (year 8) and Aachal Chand and Melinda Rogers of (Year 10) had their artworks selected for Operation Art, which is on display at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park from the 9th September- 29th October, 2017. Over nine hundred entries were selected this year from all over NSW. The opening was on the 9th September, 2017. All of above students have also had their artworks selected for this major exhibition. 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).
Operation Art Opening Jessalyn Dizon





Careers Corner

Upcoming in Careers – Term 4

Friday 27th October – Apprenticeship Support Mock Interviews

Friday 17th November – Year 11 WSU ‘U’ Day Excursion

Tuesday 28th November – Taronga Zoo Career Talk Excursion

Thursday 30th November – White Card Training Incursion

- **Interested in traineeships?** Applications for Penrith City Council’s 2018 Traineeship Program are now open. It offers more than 50 temporary positions in these fields:
Business Administration
Childcare
Information Technology (IT)

<https://www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/Council/Careers/Traineeships/>

- **Interested in Automotive?** My Trade Start and Apprenticeships R Us are running FREE pre-apprenticeship courses in Light Vehicle Mechanical across various locations (Penrith, Rooty Hill, Blacktown, Parramatta and more) for students aged 15-24.
Call 9891 6900 to enrol now!
- **Having trouble finding employment?** Community Junction is running a free Youth Employment Program for young people aged 15-24 at Erskine Park Community Centre.
Call 9834 2708 for more information or to make a booking!



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AUTOMOTIVE PRE-APPRENTICESHIP COURSE

AUR30616 – Light Vehicle Mechanical

My Trade Start alongside Apprenticeships R US is conducting training for those considering a career in the Automotive Industry.

- PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS HELD ALL OVER SYDNEY
- SUBJECTS CREDITED TOWARDS YOUR FIRST YEAR OF YOUR AUTOMOTIVE APPRENTICESHIP
- FREE COURSE – FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS BETWEEN THE AGE OF 15 TO 24

Training involves a combination of theory and practical work that runs for two weeks, followed by a work placement that allows you to apply your newly learnt skills.

Units:

AURASA002 – Follow Safe Working Practices in an Automotive Workshop

AURTTK002 – Use and Maintain Tools and Equipment in an Automotive Workplace

AURFA002 – Read and respond to automotive workplace information

AURAEA002 – Follow environmental and sustainability best practice in an automotive workplace

AURTTA004 – Carry out servicing operations

AURETR015 – Inspect, test and service batteries

AURTE004 – Inspect and service engines

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP COURSE DETAILS

Location	Start Date	End Date	Work Ex Start Date	Work Ex End Date
Auburn	28/8/2017	8/9/2017	11/9/2017	15/9/2017
Auburn	4/9/2017	15/9/2017	18/9/2017	22/9/2017
Parramatta	11/9/2017	22/9/2017	25/9/2017	29/9/2017
Parramatta	25/9/2017	6/10/2017	9/10/2017	13/10/2017
Auburn	25/9/2017	6/10/2017	9/10/2017	13/10/2017
Auburn	9/10/2017	20/10/2017	23/10/2017	27/10/2017
Campbelltown	16/10/2017	23/10/2017	30/10/2017	6/11/2017
Auburn	23/10/2017	3/11/2017	6/10/2017	10/11/2017
Auburn	6/11/2017	17/11/2017	20/11/2017	24/11/2017
Auburn	6/11/2017	17/11/2017	20/11/2017	24/11/2017
Auburn	20/11/2017	1/12/2017	4/12/2017	8/12/2017
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Parramatta	20/11/2017	1/12/2017	4/12/2017	8/12/2017
Auburn	27/11/2017	8/12/2017	11/12/2017	15/12/2017
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Campbelltown	4/12/2017	15/12/2017	18/12/2017	22/12/2017
Auburn	4/12/2017	15/12/2017	18/12/2017	22/12/2017
Artarmon	4/12/2017	15/12/2017	18/12/2017	22/12/2017
Taren Point	4/12/2017	15/12/2017	18/12/2017	22/12/2017
Blacktown	4/12/2017	15/12/2017	18/12/2017	22/12/2017
Penrith	11/12/2017	22/12/2017	8/01/2017	12/01/2017
Auburn	11/12/2017	22/12/2017	8/01/2017	12/01/2017
Central Coast	11/12/2017	22/12/2017	8/01/2017	12/01/2017
Rooty Hill	11/12/2017	22/12/2017	8/01/2017	12/01/2017
Wollongong	11/12/2017	22/12/2017	8/01/2017	12/01/2017



This course is funded by Smart and Skilled.



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Some safety messages – please help!

From time to time it's important to remind everyone about some things that need constant attention. We ask every parent for your understanding and support in relation to the following;

- ♦ Full school uniform includes the correct footwear. No parent should allow their son or daughter to come to school without safe footwear. Fashionable canvas shoes, no matter what colour are not safe and should not be worn to school under any circumstances. Yes, everyone, both junior and senior students!
- ♦ Deodorant sprays are a health hazard to some of our students and staff. Please understand that some people suffer from Asthma and other related respiratory conditions and spray deodorants can cause a serious risk to them. Please don't allow your children to bring these to school. Also, if your child does suffer from Asthma we ask that you provide the school with your child's Asthma Action Plan. Pro-formas are available from our Library SASS staff to assist you in the preparation of this important document.
- ♦ Please be aware that the school day starts at 8-30am. Students are expected to be at school when the warning bell rings at 8-25am, ready to start period 1 at 8-30am.

In the interest of safety, please help us out!

From time to time it's understandable that your son or daughter may become unwell at school. We have strict procedures in place to manage these situations. This involves contact by the school administrative staff to a parent, caregiver or emergency contact person. This contact must come through the school, **not directly to you from your son's or daughter's mobile phone.** There have been some occasions when students have used their phone from a classroom (which is in breach of school policy anyway) and asked a parent to come to school to collect them. When the parent arrives, the school is unaware that the student is sick or has called the parent, and is **sometimes abusive of our office staff for not being aware of the situation. This abuse is in itself totally unacceptable.**

Please ensure that if your child calls you, that you refer them to the front office and then contact the school to advise them of the call you have received before coming to the school.

Too sick for school?

As the season changes from winter to spring, we often see a jump in people with various viruses. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Road safety tips

Kids can be easily distracted on busy roads. Here are some tips to help you show your child how to make safety a priority when they're near traffic.

Go to: <http://www.kidsafensw.org/road-safety/>

If a student's mobile phone is damaged or lost, is the school liable to pay any compensation?

Students and parents should be reminded on a regular basis that students bring mobile phones to the school or institute at their own risk – schools and institutes will not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones.

STORYFEST – POETRY SLAM

On Friday the 13th, 15 students from across grades 8, 9 and 10 went into The Rocks, Sydney, for the annual Poetry Slam run by Story Fest. Students had the opportunity to develop their skills at poetry writing and to walk through The Rocks where they viewed live poetry performed by the organisers. To cap off the day students then had a chance to check out the local market stalls and grab some ice cream by the harbour.



Arriving at Circular Quay



Watching live poetry



Rhiannon Williams
performing her poetry



Year 9 girls working hard on
their poetry.

SAFE SEXTING: No such thing



Parents are urged to warn children about the dangers of 'sexting'– the growing trend for young people to send provocative images of themselves to their friends via mobile phones.

Once photos are sent, it is an almost instant push of the button to forward them or load them onto the internet. These pictures then become part of a young person's 'digital footprint', lasting forever and potentially damaging future career prospects or relationships.

Images sent by mobile phone can easily fall into the wrong hands, and once they are in cyberspace it is impossible to remove them or control who sees them.

More and more young people seem to be distributing highly suggestive or even sexually explicit photos of themselves to their friends, often without a real understanding of the consequences.

The easy availability of new technologies and social networking sites can turn what can seem an innocent joke or flirtatious fun into a potentially devastating experience – with young girls most at risk.

Sexting can lead to public humiliation, cyberbullying, or even sexual assault.

The message to young people is – don't post images of yourself and don't distribute any sent to you.

It is illegal to take sexual photos of children and young people and it is also an offence to pass them on.

Parents are encouraged to get advice on sexting through the 24-hr parenting advice line, Parent Line 1300 1300 52. The line is staffed by highly trained and experienced counsellors.

Parents can learn about how technology is used in their child's life by visiting the Education Department's website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/technology/index.php.

For more advice on parenting and sexting, visit the Department of Community Services website www.community.nsw.gov.au.

Tips for parents

- Warn your children about the consequences of sexting.
- Remind children to think before they act.
- Tell children that sending or possessing child pornography is illegal.
- Warn them about sexual predators.
- Parents should learn how to use and monitor their children's mobile phones.
- Parents should check photo galleries on their children's Facebook and MySpace accounts.
- Give your children clear rules on what they can and can't do with their mobile phone.





What is bullying?

Bullying has three key features. It:

- involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- is ongoing and repeated, and
- involves behaviours that can cause harm.

Bullying can also occur online. This is known as cyberbullying, which is using technology such as the internet or mobile devices to bully someone. It can include sending abusive texts and emails, posting hurtful messages and putting inappropriate comments on pictures of others.

Bullying of any kind is not acceptable in NSW schools, whatever the reason. Schools are committed to working with parents, staff and students to prevent bullying and respond quickly and effectively if it does occur.

What can you do if your child has been bullied?

Listen calmly and get the full story

Your child needs to know that they are being heard. Their feelings matter and their concerns should be taken seriously. Encourage your child to talk about what happened. Explain to your child that reporting the bullying is okay.

After listening to their concerns, ask questions to get more details if needed: who, what, where, when.

Reassure your child that they are not to blame

Children may blame themselves and this can make them feel even worse. Say supportive things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with', or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should feel safe at school'.

Ask your child what they want to do – and what they want you to do

It is important to help your child to find their own solution as this will help them feel that they have some control over the situation.

If your child is not in any immediate danger and they feel confident, they could try these strategies:

- Ignore the bullying.
- Turn their back and walk away.
- Act unimpressed or pretend they don't care.
- Say "No" or "Just stop!" firmly.

If the bullying happened at school, support your child to tell a teacher. If your child wants to talk to someone other than the school or you think added support would help, you could tell them to go to the Kids Helpline website. They can also call for free on 1800 55 1800.

When do I contact the school?

Your child may be reluctant for you to speak to school staff. Discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help.

If needed, make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. You could also ask to talk with the principal.

Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.

Support for parents and carers

Kids Helpline also has a parent line with trained teams who provide support, information and counselling for parents of children aged 0-18 years. You can call them for the cost of a local call from 9am to 9pm Monday to Friday and 4pm to 9pm on weekends on 1300 1300 52.

Telephone interpreter service

If you would like to contact the school or Parent Line NSW and need assistance with English please call the telephone interpreter service on 131 450, tell them what language you need and ask the operator to make the call. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

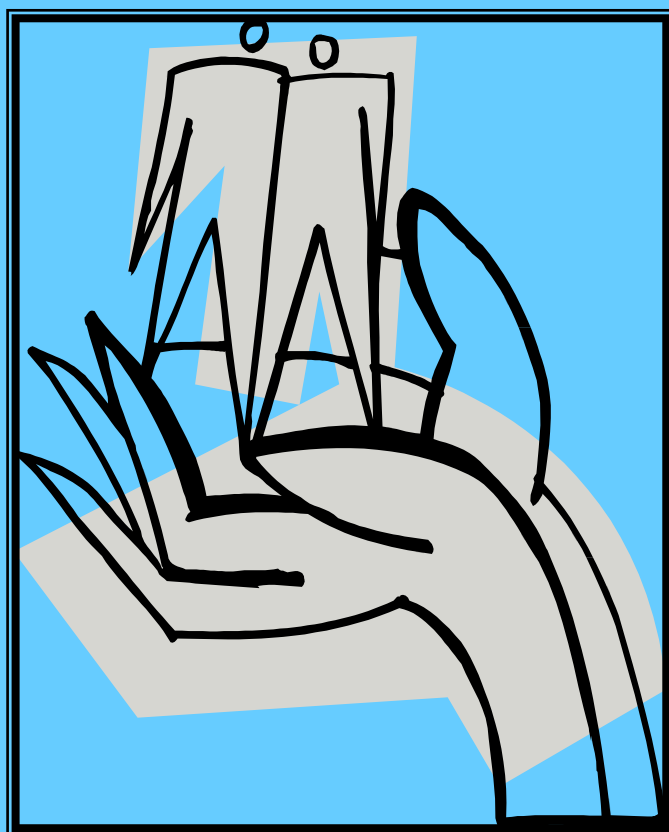
for homework help

Does your child need
a hand with his or her
homework?

Has an assessment or
assignment got them

What about getting
some handy study

Need study space?
Access to printers?



- Get your child along to the Homework Centre in the school library.
- Staff will be available to help St Clair High students with their homework, assignments and with study skills.

WHAT: Homework Centre

WHERE: School library

WHEN: Every Wednesday

TIME: 2:35pm - 3:45pm

COST: It's FREE!

QUESTIONS: Contact

Ms Saisithidej (Ms.S) on
9670 6700 at the school.



ST CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL CHANGE OF DETAILS FORM

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____ / ____ / ____ **YEAR:** ____

DETAILS WHERE STUDENT RESIDES: (PLEASE PRINT)

Family Mailing Title(e.g. Mr & Mrs J Smith)		
New Address		
	Post Code:	
Previous Address		
	Post Code:	
Phone Number	Home	
Father/Guardian Phone	Work	Mobile
Mother/Guardian Phone	Work	Mobile
Email Address		

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Please ensure that this table is completed as we **MUST** have the name of someone we can contact in an Emergency situation (**other than mother or father**).

Emergency Contact	#1	#2
Telephone Number		
Mobile Number		
Relationship to Student		

TERM 4 2017**Week 3 – A**

Mon 23/10 HSC Exams (ALL WEEK)
 Thur 26/10 Gatehouse Girls, Mountain view Nursing Home

Week 4 – B

Mon 30/10 HSC Exams (ALL WEEK)

Week 5 – A

Mon 6/11 HSC Exams (ALL WEEK)
 Thur 9/11 PASS Excursion Active 1 day camp

Week 6 – B

Mon 13/11 Elevate Seminar 1.15pm Careers Yr11
 Thu 16/11 Pulse Concert 9 am

Week 7 - A

Fri 24/11 Mastermind Competition
 ATSI Pathways to Dreaming 8.30am

Week 8 - B

Thu 30/11 White Card Course
 Fri 1/12 Yr7-10 Rewards Day Cables Water Park

Week 9 - A

Tue 5/12 Yr7 Orientation Day
 Fri 8/12 Yr12 Clearance Day Pd3 and P4

Week 10 - B

Mon 11/12 Year10 Graduation
 Tue 12/12 Presentation Evening
 ATSP Pathways to Dreaming

**Next P&C
 Meeting
 and report from
 previous meeting,
 check out the
 following link for
 lots of
 information!**

www.sites.google.com/site/schspandc



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