



ST CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It seems extraordinary that we are approaching the end of Term 2 and the half-way point of the school year! As amazing as that may seem it's true. Half Yearly examinations, assessment tasks and reports are now been finalised and will be distributed very soon. I would like to acknowledge and thank the teaching and administration staff for their efforts in getting so much of this done so professionally. Our staff works under enormous pressure in all sorts of ways and does an outstanding job.

This is a really important time for our Year 12 students. They continue to impress us in so many ways. As we approach the end of Term 2, they approach a period of time of intense study and pressure in the lead-up to their Trial HSC. A clear study plan, keeping up to date with class-work and assignments, and a balanced lifestyle are all key ingredients in a successful outcome. As always with the combined support of families and our school, we can all ensure these students achieve their Personal Best.

We are currently working our way through Year 7, 2019 enrolment requests for St Clair High School. This is a long process given the amount of applications we receive especially from families where St Clair is not their local school. I would like to thank the placement panel for their time and intelligence working through these applications. In 2019 we will continue to expand our enrichment class to this new cohort of students.

Building update



We are nearly there! On 7th June we were able to open the first phase of the rebuild – the ball courts. This was greeted with cheers from the students as they finally were able to enjoy our new state of the art facilities. On 8th June Minister Tanya Davies attended the school for a more formal opening of the courts. Her commitment to our rebuild has been relentless and inspiring. She has invested time through advocacy to the government. Thank you Tanya. Over the Winter holiday period removalists will be transferring furniture and teaching resources from the demountables to the new building ready for classes in Term 3. This

is an exciting time for us, the students and the community. Throughout Term 3 the demountables will be extracted from our site and relocated to schools requiring additional teaching space. As a learning community we have achieved an amazing outcome from a devastating event, please take the time and reflect on this achievement.

It is with a sense of sadness that this will be my last newsletter I contribute to at St Clair High School. In Term 3 I will take up the position of Principal at St Marys Senior High School. My time at St Clair High School has been incredible, rewarding and has provided me with an opportunity to serve an amazing group of students. I have appreciated the opportunities that have been provided to me during the eight years I have been at St Clair High School. The staff are an amazing group of committed intelligent professionals that work beyond what is expected of them with a clear focus to improve student academic and wellbeing outcomes. I have valued the connections I have made with our families. Thank you St Clair and farewell.

Congratulations!

Our student leaders represented our school with great dignity at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at St Marys RSL and at the St Marys ANZAC march. It is important that our students are involved in and aware of the significance of such events, and equally important that our community is aware of how well our students carry themselves on such occasions.

We have also had a lot of very positive media coverage in both local and metropolitan newspapers, recognising the wide array of student achievements at St Clair High. It's always a great delight to see our students recognised so publicly.

Sally Smithard
Relieving Principal

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DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Congratulations

We would like to publicly congratulate Ms Sally Smithard on her successful appointment by merit selection to the position of Principal at St Marys Senior High School. Sally has worked tirelessly for the SCHS community and is an amazing advocate for our students. As Deputy Principals we have had the immense good fortune to work closely with Sally in the management of our school community and have greatly appreciated the collaborative manner in which we work to support staff, students and parents. St Marys Senior High School are incredibly fortunate to have gained such a compassionate, inspirational and passionate educational leader.

Building Update

Students are very excited to finally access our fantastic new ball courts. Whilst it has taken longer than initially anticipated the final product looks amazing and is an exciting asset to our school. We are now all eagerly anticipating the handover of our new building which is on track to occur in the next few months. Staff have been meeting with 'relocation' experts and making important decisions regarding purchasing furniture that will enhance the amazing learning spaces being created. There will undoubtedly be a large number of staff who will spend significant amounts of time at school during the July school holidays to allow for this transition to occur smoothly. All of the hard work will ensure that the students of St Clair High School will benefit from facilities that will be the envy of many other schools.

Leadership Conference

Over the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd June, approximately 30 staff from St Clair High School attended the school's Leadership Conference, this time held at Rushcutters Bay. This conference allowed Head Teachers to lead their faculty teams through refinements to programming, assessment and meeting syllabus requirements as well embedding our reading and writing platform REPOWER into teaching and learning programs. The high level of attendance reflects the commitment of staff at St Clair High School towards their own professional learning and the learning outcomes of all students.

Half Yearly Examinations

Years 7 to 10 have just completed their half yearly exams and assessment tasks for core and elective subjects. Following the examination period staff will be finalising student reports for Semester 1. Comments will reflect your child's achievements and provide advice on how they can make improvements to improve their performance. Reports will be issued in Week 10. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions relating to the Semester 1 reports.

Uniform

The colder weather has led to students wearing their winter uniform. The line up at the uniform shop on Tuesdays has indicated to us that students are endeavouring to be in the correct uniform and parents have recently been sent a letter reminding them of uniform requirements. Students are reminded regularly of the uniform requirements and of the procedures if they are out of uniform. Junior students should wear a maroon fleecy top and maroon micro fibre track pants during winter. Senior students should wear grey long pants and a grey fleecy top during winter. Parents, on the whole, are supportive of our efforts. Black and navy blue are not acceptable colours to be worn. Black tights are also not part of the school uniform. They are inappropriate and are only to be worn with a school skirt over the top. Any long sleeved shirts worn underneath the school t-shirt should also only be in the school colours.

A special reminder to our senior students – the Senior School Charter is an agreement between students, parents and the staff at St Clair High School. The Charter provides privileges to our senior students reflecting their maturity and the expectations we place on them as leaders in the school and community. Part of the responsibility of all senior students is to be in the correct school uniform. The Senior School Charter agreement allows for privileges to be withdrawn if senior students fail to uphold their part of the agreement.

School Buses

Students eligible for an Opal Card for travel by public transport to and from school are reminded that it is imperative that they tap on as they get on the bus. This provides the bus company with important data regarding the use of public transport and determines routes and the frequency of buses.

Athletics Carnival

On 18th May the school held its annual athletics carnival at Blair Oval St Marys. The day had a fantastic atmosphere due to the 'superhero' theme that saw all staff dressed as their favourite superhero and the day ran smoothly thanks to the organisation by Mr McCarthy, the support of the teaching staff and the cooperation and enthusiasm shown by the students from St Clair High School. Congratulations to those students who will participate in the Zone Athletics Carnival.

As this will be the last newsletter for this semester we would like to wish all students and their families a wonderful winter holiday. For those heading off with their families on a holiday, we wish you safe travels.

Mrs Shepherd – Deputy Principal Years 8, 10 and 12

Mrs Dickson – Relieving Deputy Principal Years 7, 9 and 11

DRAMA NEWS: STAGECRAFT WORKSHOP

On the 15th May a group of keen Year 10 and 11 Drama students attended a stagecraft workshop at The Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre. The workshop involved giving students an insight into the dimensions, layout and architecture of the Q Theatre stage. Students also learnt about sound, lighting and other media options available to inform the development of a performance. Finally, students were able to collaborate with Cambridge High School Drama students and meet the creative team for the DE-CODED performance that they will be involved in throughout June and July. Ms Robertson



St Clair High School Annual Athletics Carnival

On Friday, the 18th of May, the annual St Clair High School Athletics Carnival was held. We were greeted with a beautiful sunny day. We had close to 300 students attend on the day. It was an enjoyable day, full of great competition, house spirit, and an outstanding sense of school pride on show. Our “Superhero” theme was a great success, with staff and students dressing up as their favourite super-heros, which helped to create an outstanding vibe among all in attendance.

The award recipients on the day were as follows:

CHAMPION HOUSE: PONTING

AGE CHAMPIONS: 12 YEARS GIRLS: Tayleah Pasili

12 YEARS BOYS: Nicolas Erifolami/Steven Fransses

13 YEARS GIRLS: Tahmayne Frail

13 YEARS BOYS: Nicholas Haber

14 YEARS GIRLS: Sky O’Hare

14 YEARS BOYS: Elijah Pettit Young

15 YEARS GIRLS: Jasmine Richardson

15 YEARS BOYS: Hayden Vaccari

16 YEARS GIRLS: Nyah Mason Whaitiri

16 YEARS BOYS: Brayden Turner

17 YEARS GIRLS: Hayley O’Hare

17 YEARS BOYS: Cody Moxham Young

17 + GIRLS: Priscilla Aleni

17 + BOYS: Spencer Abraham

All in all, a fantastic day. Thank you to all staff and students involved for making both our Swimming and Athletics Carnivals so successful in 2018!

Mr McCarthy
Sports Coordinator



NIGHT GARDEN 2018



On the 1st June, 2018 St Clair High School was a part of the Penrith Regional Gallery & the Lewers Bequest's, Night Garden Youth Event.

The current Year 9 Visual Design and Year 7 Visual Arts, Aboriginal artefacts, entered their artworks into the exhibition which included African drumming and three piece bands along with four other schools. On display were a range of drawings, printmakings, ceramics, installations, Aboriginal artefacts and music performances.

Miss Rainsford, Miss Strouthos, Miss Whittaker and Mrs Cenda organised our school's involvement along with 3 other Year 9 students, Eliz Buke, Jennifer Pruyne, and Cameron Williams, who helped photograph and protect the artworks throughout the night.

Many of the students' parents and friends attended the event along with many teachers.

Renay Xuereb did us all proud as the guest speaker and opened the Night Garden Exhibition.

The night was a huge success with many of our students saying that the exhibition had provided them with inspiration, creativity and motivation to expand both artistically and musically.

It is a great achievement and honour for all of the involved students to have their artworks displayed at our local Regional Gallery's exhibition and provide a venue to perform.

Thank you to Miss Strouthos for installing the exhibition and packing up the exhibition, John Downie for the transportation of artworks, easels, and packing up, Miss Whittaker and Mrs Cenda for giving St Clair High School music students the opportunity to get involved and perform for the community and also to Naomi McCarthy, the Education Manager for allowing our participation in the event."

[Student Comments from year 7](#)

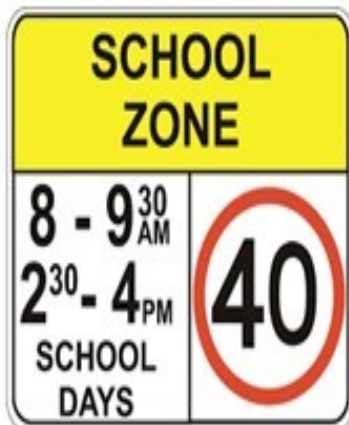
"I really enjoyed the presentation of the artworks in the Gallery and all the arrangement. I felt proud of myself and was really excited that my artwork was chosen, my parents were very happy." Prabyot
 "The best part there was when I saw my artworks in the gallery. I felt proud and my parents were impressed." Lynda Sua-Olo

**Congratulations to all the artists.
 Well Done CAPA Miss Rainsford**

Below Images from the “Night Garden” at the Penrith Regional Gallery 2018



SCHOOL ZONE Parking Infringements



NSW Police Force



\$183
+ 2 demerits

\$330
+ 2 demerits

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<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au>

School Zone Infringement as @30th January, 2018



COMBINED SINGLE NAME PAVER & HAND DRAWN TEMPLATE

Clairgate Public School - P & C Fundraiser

Dear Clairgate Community, We're excited to commence our Paver Fundraiser. This is a great way to leave your mark on Clairgate Public School and make a donation at the same time. There are 2 styles to choose from, the details are listed below and there is a sample in the office for you to look at.

Please pass on the word to anyone who you think might be interested, past students, families, staff or even community members are welcome to participate in the venture. Orders are open until **JUNE 15TH 2018**

Thank you.

Clairgate Public School P&C

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OFFER 1: \$40 INDIVIDUAL PAVER

Your donation of \${Amount} or more entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed at

Clairgate Public School proudly showing your donation

Size: 230 x 115 x 40mm

Emily Fielding
2014 ❤️
I am 6 years old

OFFER 2: \$45 HAND DRAW PAVER

Your donation of \$45 entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed in

Clairgate Public School proudly showing your donation

Size: 230 x 115 x 40mm *See page 2 for hand drawn template.*

Please print clearly in CAPITAL letters. Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). Max 16 characters per line, three lines per paver. See over the page for Hand Drawn Paver template.

NAME
PAVER

LINE 1															
LINE 2															
LINE 3															

Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment by cheque, cash or money order to:

Clairgate Public School P & C
Colorado Drive, St Clair
NSW, 2759

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ORDERS DUE – June 15th 2018

For engraving details please complete the form on the reverse.

Please copy and pass on to any friends & family.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

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In Concert 2018

On Tuesday, the 22nd May, music students and staff from St Clair High School had the privilege of performing at the iconic Town Hall in Sydney as a part of In Concert.

Our singers were Kasandra Green, Jodvel Faitheiburgh, Angelina Bahdi, Riley Byrne, Cydel Hemara, Tia Simpson and Brooke Phillips.

In Concert is the culmination and collaboration of multiple school choir ensembles from all over NSW to form a 700-voiced choir accompanied by the NSW Public Schools Symphony Orchestra. The works performed by students included two pieces based on Grimm's fairy tales, the highly regarded 'Messiah' by baroque composer George Frideric Handel and finally, two songs with the critically acclaimed acapella group, The Idea of North.

The entire performance was filmed and uploaded to YouTube and can be found at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEV41cjLEA8>



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.

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.

Have you changed your address or phone details?

Please let us know the new details immediately.

If you don't let us know, and something happens to your child requiring us to contact you urgently

If there's an emergency we need to be able to reach you!

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. 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.



It's dangerous!

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Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. 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

HOMEWORK

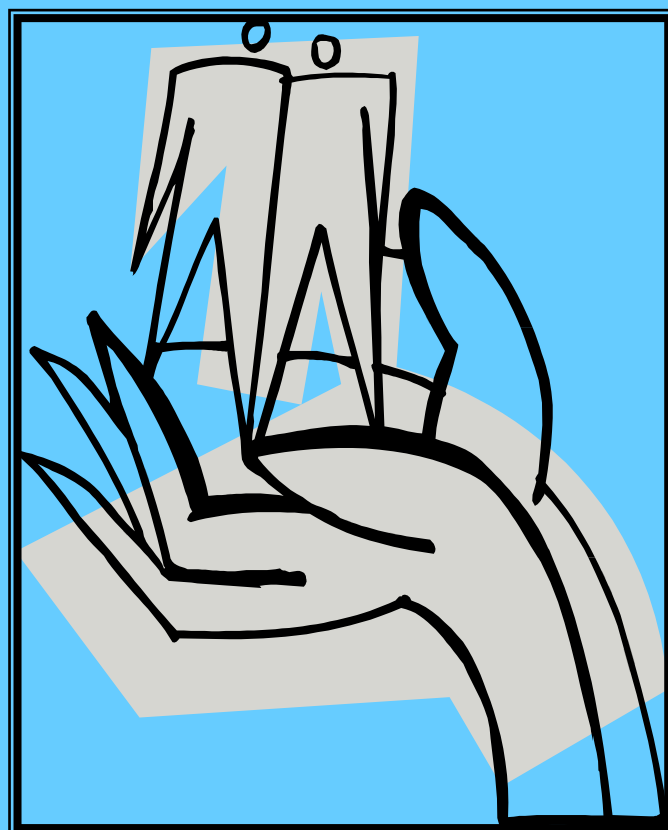
for homework help

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

Has an assessment or assignment got them

What about getting some handy study hints?

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.

TERM 2 2018**Week 8 - B**

Tue	19/6	P&C Meeting
		Zone Athletics Carnival
Thur	20/6	Recognition Ceremony 7.50am

Week 9 - A

Wed	27/6	Formal Assembly Yr7, 9 and 11 Year Assembly Yr8, 10 and 12
Fri	29/6	i STEAM Excursion to Luna Park

Week 10 - B

Wed	4/7	Formal Assembly Yr8, 10 and 12 Year Assembly Yr7, 9 and 11
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TERM 3 2018**Week 1 - A**

Mon	23/7	Staff Development Day
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Week 2 - B

Tue	30/7	Year 11 Business Services Work Placement (all week) ICAS English Competition
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Week 3 - A

Mon	6/8	Yr 11 Hospitality Work Placement (all week)
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Week 4 - B

Mon	13/8	HSC Trial Exams (All Week)
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Week 5 - A

Mon	20/8	HSC Trial Exams (All Week)
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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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