



Semester 2, Term 4 2019

CALENDAR CHECK

Term 4

Week 10 Wed 18 Dec 2019: Last day of Term 4

Week 1 Wed 29 Jan 2020: Yrs 7, 11 and 12
Start Term 1.

Week 1 Thurs 30 Jan 2020: Yrs 8, 9 and 10 start
Term 1.

Week 3 Thurs 13 Feb 2020: Swimming Carnival

Week 7 Mon 9 Mar 2020: School Photos

Week 7 Wed 11 March 2020: School Photos
Catch Up Day

Week 8 Mon 16 Mar 2020: Vaccinations

Week 9 Mon 23 Mar to Wed 25 March 2020:
Year 7 Camp

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Congratulations to the entire St Clair High School Community for a very productive year of learning for our students. It has been a wonderful experience working side by side with you all as we move forward together to make SCHS the first choice for educating the young people of the St Clair community.

As a school, 2019 has seen our focus very much on learning, improving student performance and recognising and rewarding achievement and effort at all levels. We also add value to the schooling experience for students with a full range beyond the classroom. 2019 has seen the relentless pursuit of a culture of learning solely focused on success for *every student in every classroom*, a mantra modelled across the school in everything we do, by all our staff.

We are excited to have received generous funding from Chris Bowen under the local Schools Community Fund Committee to assist in the purchase of a school bus in 2020 which will be a valuable resource for our school community to assist in the provision of learning outside the traditional 4 walls.

We have been overwhelmed by the community support we have received this year with so many of our projects, in particular our Boys on Board farm project which has benefited from support by our parents/friends offering their services to support the learning and engagement of our students, we certainly look forward to continuing to build this partnership next year. Community partnerships enrich the teaching and learning of our students in so many ways, providing valuable resources and learning for us all.

In terms of staff movement for 2020 we welcome Mr Frank van Zanten into the Head Teacher Administration position. We also welcome Mr Mitch Peachy who will be joining our Industrial Arts team, and Ms Kathy Whittaker, who is returning to our CAPA team, and Mr Anil Kuma to our Industrial team.

We say goodbye to Mr Reddy HT Ind Arts, who is taking up a place at UTS for 2 years. We also farewell Mr Clive Van Capelle who is taking up a position at Mt Druitt Chifley College, Mr Jo Badrov will be leaving us for a year to take up a position at St Marys Flexible Learning Centre, Ms Andrea Fernandes who has accepted a position at Pendle Hill HS and Mr Darren Albano from HSIE. We acknowledge and value their contributions to the school.

I would like to acknowledge the work of the Parents and Citizens Association and thank them for their active involvement and commitment to the school over the past year. They are a newly formed team and have been eager to assist in the provision of resources for our school community. They are always interested in the operation of the school and the achievement of students. As our Newsletter goes to press, they will have hosted our first Carols by the Stars event as they begin to raise funds for the provision of shade sails in the playground. The P & C looks forward to welcoming any new members. We look forward to their continued support in 2020.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to personally acknowledge our school staff who have been tireless in their commitment to supporting the journey SCHS has undertaken this year. I thank and acknowledge the staff for the valuable contribution they make every moment, each day, every day for our students.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Mrs Julie Tegart

Principal



Carols under the Stars



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

As the year comes to a close, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Beslic would like to thank students and their parents for their support during 2019. Without this support in terms of time and reinforcing the need to maintain St Clair High School as a safe, respectful place of learning where students take P.R.I.D.E, our job would be more difficult. All of us value the partnership we have forged with our parents and the broader St Clair Community.

We would like to wish all students and their families a safe and enjoyable summer break. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! We look forward to seeing all students in 2020 ready to achieve their personal best as we hold high expectations for all members of the school community.

Mrs Shepherd
Deputy Principal
Years 7, 9 and 11

Mrs Beslic
Deputy Principal
Years 8, 10 and 12

MASTERMIND

In November, St Clair HS played host to History Mastermind for the 4th year running, welcoming 29 schools and 350 students for the day. The event is a huge History trivia quiz, where teams of 4 or 5 compete throughout the whole school day. Our hall was absolutely full, bursting at the seams with eager young students keen to show off their knowledge. Our Yr 7 and 8 students did us proud, competing hard, while about 10 Year 10 students assisted with marking and admin for the day. The event also gave our Yr 11 Hospitality class the opportunity to run catering for the day and they did a fabulous job of it.

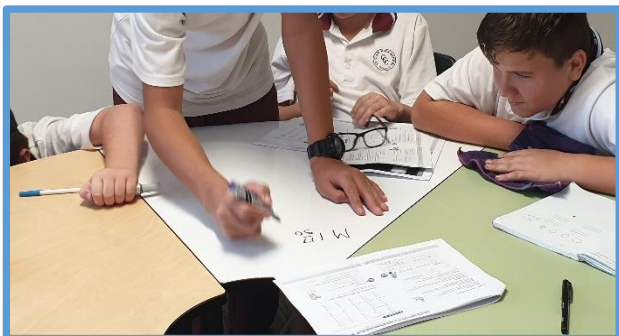


MATHS CLUB

Maths Club has continued to tutor students in the lead-up to the Yearly Examination period. Teachers and students in Maths Club have been working extremely hard to ensure Personal Best this semester. Some students have worked on individual tasks and have consolidated their learning from the classroom. Other students have been working on their understanding of Mathematics in general.

Next year, the Mathematics Faculty will be continuing its mentoring program, asking students in Year 9 and Year 10 to buddy up with students from Years 7 and 8 to walk them through key processes. The idea is for mentoring students to build their leadership and speaking skills as well as furthering their own understanding through explaining and teaching concepts to others. Buddy students will be partnered with their mentor through parental request.

We invite all students to attend Maths Club on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30 either regularly or on a needs basis. We have enjoyed this year's learning so far and are looking forward to next semester. ☺



SCIENCE HEROES SUPPORT TOY DRIVE

The Social Justice Team and SRC have been running a Toy Drive, which was an initiative developed at the Respect Matters Breakfast. The Science Faculty have donated \$250 worth of brand-new toys to the Toy Drive which will be going to children who won't be at home this Christmas due to domestic violence. Thank you, Science. You are heroes!

If you would like to donate to the Toy Drive, we will be accepting donations of brand new, unwrapped toys until Monday of Week 10.

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM AND SRC
PRESENT

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE



NOV 25 - DEC 16

Seeking brand new, unwrapped toys for West Connect Domestic Violence Services to bring gifts to children who won't be home this Christmas due to domestic violence.

DROP OFF LOCATION
ENGLISH/MATHS STAFFROOM

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SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM UPDATE

On the 21st of November, the SRC and Social Justice Team, with the assistance of Ms Halaunga and Mr McNulty, ran a BBQ to close Respect Matters Month and the fundraising for West Connect Domestic Violence Services. They raised \$300, bringing the total raised for West Connect Domestic Violence Services over the semester to \$860. This is an incredible effort from our Social Justice Team who have selflessly and tirelessly worked hard to help an important organisation in our community.

I would like to make particular mention of Zoe Haber and Georgina Saliba, who are year 7 student members of the Social Justice Team. They took part in the Respect Matters Breakfast and developed the Hygiene Drive initiative. Their aim was to gain hygiene products to be donated to WCDVS. Zoe and Georgina wrote a letter detailing their plan and took it over to Woolworths in St Clair after school. They received \$50 worth of donations from the store. The care, organisation and initiative shown by these two students is impressive and should be celebrated. Thank you for your work, Zoe and Georgina.

The donations, along with the hygiene products and toys collected in our drives will be presented to WCDVS in Week 10.



OPERATION ART

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.

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.

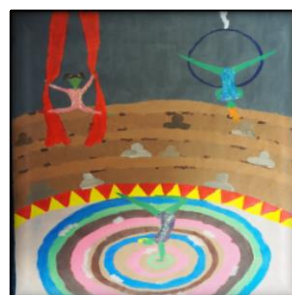
Jodvel Fatheiburgh

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 *Visual Arts Teachers*



CAREERS NEWS

We have had a busy term with lots of opportunities for students to learn about a variety of career pathways.

A number of students have participated in a variety of TAFE YES (Youth Engagement Strategy) programs including Beauty and Makeup, Café skills, Barbering, Retail and Health Services.

The Western Sydney University Fast Forward program hosted a day at the university campus for targeted students to explore the university and participate in problem solving and teamwork activities.

Eight Year 10 students attended the 'Green Light Day' to Woolworths Regional Distribution Centre where they learnt all about the many opportunities in warehousing and logistics.

A group of interested students participated in an excursion into the city to visit a marketing business called 'Hubspot'. They were able to network with the staff and learn about how the company supports small business with web-based marketing and sales tools.

Year 10 and 11 were inspired by the Year 13's 'The Truth Project' where they introduced to goal setting and reaching their potential.

Eight Year 9 students attended the 'Inspiring Careers in Health' to learn about the different types of jobs in the area of health care.

Over 20 Year 11 students attended the Western Sydney University 'U' Day to explore the variety of options WSU offers.

A number of Stage 5 girls participated in the S.A.L.T (Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen) workshop where they were instructed by tradeswomen to use tools and build a wooden caddy, which they were able to take home.

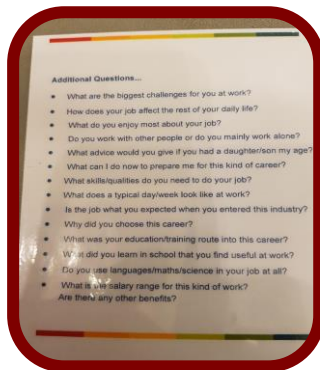
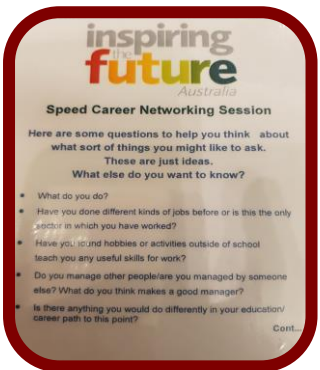
A number of students will be gaining their Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) accreditation in the last week of school to help them gain employment in the hospitality industry.

Learn more about careers by visiting St Clair High School's careers website at www.stclairhighcareers.com

SALT Workshop



Inspiring Careers in Health



The Truth Project



WSU – U Day



City Kids 4 Country Kids

SCHS participated in the 'City Kids 4 Country Kids' initiative run by the office of Tanya Davies.

Our school was asked to provide letters/cards/creative items of support and encouragement to students in drought affected schools.

The following schools were partnered with SCHS to receive encouragement and support at this difficult time:

- Wyalong Public School (approx., 100 students)
- Barellan Central School (approx.. 70 students)

Wyalong Public School



Barellan Central School

