At the time of writing this month’s newsletter our Year 12 students are in their final weeks of preparation before the Higher School Certificate examinations and the end of their years at St Clair High School. This group of students has been very special and I am looking forward immensely to celebrating with them at the Year 12 Graduation and Formal this week. I am also very confident that they will produce outstanding HSC results – something of which they are certainly capable of doing.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a friendly reminder about payments of school debts. We are of course all coming into a fairly expensive time of year as Christmas approaches and some parents can take the attitude that their child’s school debts can wait until later to be paid. Just keep in mind that these debts mount up and some parents get overwhelmed when they reach the point of finalisation of payments in the senior years. Please let me know if you need to apply for the very limited Student Assistance funds we have, or if you would like to enter into an Instalment Agreement.

We must never lose sight of what matters most, and that is ensuring that every student has access to the best possible educational experience every day. We all share a responsibility in delivering this. As Principal I place a great deal of emphasis with all of our staff on developing the expertise to perform their work to a high standard. I also expect every parent to fulfill their side of the partnership by ensuring that each son or daughter has the necessary material to do their work, brings it to school, is in full school uniform and is ready to work hard every lesson.

On another note, a very exciting event at this time of year is the election of our incoming Captains and Vice Captains. The process we instituted a few years ago is quite rigorous and involves an application, a formal interview, a speech to the whole school and then an election. It is a challenging one for the nominees, but is very valuable for the school. The caliber of every one of the students who nominated for the incoming roles this year was again outstanding. It gives me great pleasure to announce that our new School Captains are Amanda Stannett and Shaye Fox, and our Vice captains are Dayle Williams and Connor Jaksa. This is a great honour for them and I am confident that they will be outstanding ambassadors for our school.

Congratulations!

Once again, well done to the various students who recently won prizes at the Penrith Art Show. They feature a little later in this month’s newsletter, and we are all delighted at their success. The work Mrs Rainsford does with our students in Art Shows is amazing.

I would like to make special mention of our outgoing School Captains Janet Tefaili and Cameron Shamsabad, and our Vice Captains Taylor Vaughan and Abdullah Jat. Their leadership qualities have certainly been tested given the events of the past few months and I am delighted to say that they have done an absolutely fantastic job. On behalf of the whole school I thank them for their efforts and wish them every success for the future.

Chris Presland
Principal

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Junior Students
A reminder that students in Years 7 to 10 are not permitted to leave the school grounds at any time during the school day (8.25 am – 2.30 pm) without signing out at the Roll Office. Students seeking permission to leave are asked to bring a signed note from a parent that they have signed by one of the Deputy Principals before 8.25 am. The student then shows their teacher the note at the time they need to leave and then sign out at the Roll Office.
Students in Years 7 to 10 are not permitted to leave the school grounds during recess and lunch breaks to visit the shopping centre.

Year 12 have reached the end of 13 years of schooling in Public Education. Students are excited about celebrating this at their Official Year 12 Graduation and Formal. Beyond this they are preparing for their HSC examinations and planning their futures beyond school. The Deputy Principals wish them good fortune and success in their future endeavours.

In addition both Deputy Principals would like to publicly acknowledge the work of the teaching staff. It is a privilege to be allocated a year 12 class in your teaching load. The staff at SCHS have worked beyond expectations to show case their personal best to guide, teach and support all year students. We would also like to recognize Mrs Salt; the Year 12 Year Adviser and Miss Arndell; the Year 12 assistant Year Adviser for the work and support of Year 12.

Year 11 will be completing their Preliminary HSC course examinations in Weeks 9 & 10 of Term 3. They will start their HSC year in Term 4, following Australian Business Week. Given the number of commendation letters that are being mailed out, Year 11 students have applied themselves to their studies throughout the year and should be congratulated on the hard work they have put into preparing themselves for their HSC Year. Year 11 begin Term 4 with Australian Business Week that has become a “rite of passage” into their final year of schooling. We look forward to working with them over the next 12 months.

Australian Business Week will launch the Term 4 curriculum for the new Yr 12 cohort (currently completing Yr 11). This program is designed to engage all students in business enterprises that will allow them to demonstrate their skills in planning, team work, cooperation and creativity. We look forward to seeing the teams in action during that week and also thank the business sponsors from the local community who have kindly offered their services to support and mentor our students.

At the Term 3 Recognition Ceremony we recognised and celebrated the achievement of a large number of students. These students have shown diligence and talents in a wide range of endeavours. In addition we continue to recognise the achievement of students in our Gifted and Talented programs led by Mrs Laiju Menon. We were both proud to see the range of talents demonstrated in the various programs. Well done.

Mrs Smithard       Mrs Shepherd
WELFARE UPDATE

Important Dates this Term
17 Sept Year 12 Graduation
18 Sept Year 12 Formal

Recognition Ceremony
Congratulations to all the students who received their awards at this ceremony. It’s always pleasing to see so many of our students being recognized for their academic and/or personal and social growth.

Year 12
The end of this term is also the completion of schooling for our Year 12 students. On behalf of the welfare Team I would like to wish them ever success in their endeavours after the HSC. Mrs Ros Salt has provided excellent support and guidance to this year group as both Assistant Year Adviser and this year as Year Adviser. Miss Megan Arndell has step into the role this year as Assistant and has done a great job. I would like to pass on my sincere thanks for all their efforts.

Uniform
Second hand uniform is available for $2 per piece. Donations will now be gratefully accepted as I have a storeroom to place them in. Students can see me during the day. Parents can ring up and leave details for me to follow up later.

Careers Adviser
On behalf of the Welfare team I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Robyn Elks for her 20 years of dedicated service to the students at St Clair High. She has made a significant impact on the school helping to establish programs such as ABW, Scholarships, Curriculum opportunities of VET subjects and TVET subjects, E Club, Nepean Careers Market, etc. These have an enabled students to access opportunities to develop their confidence and ability to successfully transition form our school into the community. We hope she enjoys a happy, healthy and enjoyable retirement.

Regards
Sue Beamer
Relieving Careers Adviser
Head Teacher Welfare

A Personal Message from the Principal
Many years of highly competitive sport, primarily football, have finally taken their toll on my body. Despite my relatively young age (stop laughing!) the time has come when I need to have surgery for a knee replacement. This has been scheduled for early Term 4 and will mean that for about 4 weeks I will be absent.
During that time Mrs Smithard will be Relieving Principal.
FREE

TAFE NSW Blacktown College

Introduction to Retail / Customer Service
Vocational and Community Engagement Course # 10696

This is an entry level course designed to assist unemployed people wishing to participate in a learning environment and learn skills to join the retail workforce.

Learn how to:
- Locate job and training opportunities in retail
- Use retail terminology
- Perform basic tasks on the cash register
- Identify workplace practices
- Identify employment and training pathways

Information and enrolment session
Wednesday 8th October at 9.00am
Blacktown College, South Campus
Block E, 2nd Floor, Room E2.03

Classes start Wednesday 8th October 2014
Course finishes 26th November 2014

1 day per week for 8 weeks

For general enquiries please contact Course Information on 9208 1836

*This is a free course for Australian citizens, Permanent Residents and some Visa Sub Class holders and students not currently enrolled in another “Free” TAFE course. *Course commencement is subject to funding and demand

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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.

Nepean Community College

Did you know that our school here at St Clair High hosts courses run at night by the Nepean Community College? It’s great fun, very educational and a nice way to meet new people.

There are so many programs to choose from including photography, arts and crafts, cooking, computers and heaps more. We are really lucky to be one of only a few schools in the Nepean / Blue Mountains area that is able to offer our community such a service. It all here for you!

For more details go to www.ncc.nsw.edu.au

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!
**SPORT NEWS 2015**

**Swimming**

*School Carnival*  
on Friday 30\textsuperscript{th} January  
at Ripples, St Marys

**Cross Country**

*School*  
NO carnival  
Nominations taken in Term One for  

*Zone Carnival*  
on Tuesday 5\textsuperscript{th} May  
at Penrith Lakes, Cranebrook

**Athletics**

*School Carnival*  
on Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} May  
at Blair Oval, St Marys

**St Clair High Netball Team**

The school netball team has recently competed at the CHS netball carnival. The two-day event was held on 2-3 September at Illawarra Sports Stadium. The girls played their hearts out, never giving up in their 11 games of netball. The team has finished 16th in the state. Being the first time the school had made it to the CHS carnival in 9 years, this result is an amazing achievement.

Congratulations to the following girls:

Shekinah Edwards  
Morgan Farley-Taipeti  
Taylah Hall  
Madeleine Hill  
Mariah Leger  
Taylor Lowe  
Leilana Ngalu  
Monique Sinadinos  
Taylor Vaughan  
Muriel Wright

Ms Owston    Miss Arndell  
PE Teachers
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CURRENT FEE OF $267
This course will cost between $870 and $1040 from 2015

TAFE NSW – WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE

NIRIMBA COLLEGE
Nirimba Education Precinct
Eastern Road, Quakers Hill

Fast-track BUSINESS/COMPUTING COURSE
FOR TERM 4, 2014

Duration: 8 weeks – 7 October to 27 November
Attendance: Monday to Thursday and/or online

Interested?

Please phone for more information:
Myrna Seeruthun – 9208 7064
Building T1, Block C, Level 1, Room 15

High School Holiday workshop courses at JMC Academy in music, film, animation, audio, film and television, game development, entertainment business management and digital design. September School Holidays. $15 including lunch Register at www.jmcacademy.edu.au!
SCIENCE THIS WEEK
On Thursday 11/09/14 students from Banks Primary school and Blackwell Primary school experienced a taster lesson in Science with Mrs Menon. The students had the opportunity to get hands on with some exciting experiments. They explored the human body performing “surgeries” and enjoyed mixing colours and playing with magnets. On Friday 12/09/14, we invited St Clair Public school to our labs to enjoy some breathtaking experiences with our teachers and science ambassadors. The students took away some memorable lessons and were excited to watch and perform a variety of experiments including the lava lamp, tornado and bunsen burners.
What do a teddy bear, a computer mouse, an elaborately designed jewellery box and a doll have in common?

They are all special objects to students who attended a poetry workshop run by The Red Room Company, a not-for-profit organisation that aspires to open up poetry to all. Year 9 students Julia Simon and Alyssa Harris take up the story.

“The Casula Powerhouse in Liverpool was the venue for the workshop. We were greeted warmly and shown into a large hall full of helpers including a photographer, a sketch artist and professional poets.

We were taken through a series of activities aimed at drawing out the significance of the special objects to us. We started with drawing and labelling what we saw as important to us through the objects. We also went through the foundations of writing poetry. Some students had more difficulty than others but soon silence captured the room, with only the faint sound of pencils scratching down poetic thoughts reminding students that they weren’t alone. Emotions filled the room as the special objects held most dear to the students’ hearts and memories were soon poured onto paper. Being told that there was no right or wrong way to write the poem helped encourage the students to explore their writing skills.

The workshop opened up a lot of minds to the importance and the fun of poetry. As one student said, “Poetry is putting your heart and soul into a pen.”

Some students were selected for interviews and were recorded reading their poems. A series of photos were also taken of students holding their special objects for possible entry in The Poetry Object exhibition in Liverpool Library in November.”

Students were able to enter their poems into the Poetry Object 2014 national-poetry writing competition for students. To see of the students’ poems go to http://redroomcompany.org/poetry-object/poems/?group=St+Clair+High+School

Jackie Saisithidej, English/EAL/D Teacher
Year 12 HSC Exhibition 2014

Students of Year 12 have just completed their Body of Work for their HSC. An exhibition of their work was on display on the 29th August, 2014. This was a fantastic afternoon and was attended by many members of staff; Principal, Deputies students, family and friends. This year students displayed a great diversity of expressive forms which included drawing, screen printing, photography, painting, mixed media and ceramics. The subject matter included portraits, landscape, floral, indigenous themes and the environment.

I wish Year 12 the very best for their Higher School Certificate and all future endeavours. Congratulations and well done Year 12.

Ms Rainsford,
Visual Art Teacher
Year 12 HSC Exhibition 2014
Penrith Show 2014

The 171st Penrith Show was held on the 30th and 31st August 2014 at Penrith Showground Station St, Penrith.

There were 39 budding artists from years 7-11 who entered their artwork in the Penrith Show “Shields for Schools” art exhibition from St Clair High School. The categories ranged from Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Ceramics and Photography. Prizes, ribbons and certificates for all of these categories were awarded to a number of our students.

Joshua De Laza of year 8 received 2 major prizes. 1st in Drawing and 2nd in Printmaking /Hand coloured.

The following students also won places in various expressive forms and the Penrith Art Show:

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16 students were awarded Highly Commended Certificates for their work in the various expressive forms. I also won the Penrith City Council Award and Penrith City Council Encouragement Award 1st and 2nd place in ceramics and sculpture.

I would like congratulate all the students who submitted artworks and received awards and prizes.

Ms Rainsford
Art Teacher
Mamre Magic
Try new things activity day
October 30th
10am to 12:30pm

A day for people of all abilities & ages. Activities are mixed ability inclusive.

181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills

$20 per person (includes a choice of 3 activities)

Lunch pre-order $8 per person
Include
A wrap (with roast chicken, salad & aioli), a cookie, a piece of fruit & a drink

Choose 3 of the following activities
Each activity is approximately 35 minutes
Session times are 10:15am, 11:00am & 11:45am
Witches Hat Ring Toss & Pumpkin Ball Toss & Ping Pong Pumpkin
Pumpkin Scone Making & Eating (6 spaces per session available only)
Halloween Dance Party
Making a “Green Head Planter” [activity location has uneven ground/grass]
Spider Suckers & Trick or Treat Bags & Creepy Coaster Making

Numbers are limited - Bookings & Prepayment Essential
Email Zuzana at setl@mamre.com.au or call 9002 3188
(book by 23/10/2014)

Next Activity Day is on November 27th 2014
Casual Christmas Jobs – Information on applying

Bonds
Here is an opportunity to be part of one of Australia’s most loved and trusted brands. This year they are on the hunt for Christmas Casuals to work in their stores. It’s their wish that their Christmas casual deliver a little Christmas cheer. Bonds are looking for people with an absolute passion for the latest trends and retail.

Key points
- Energy – you have got lots of pizzazz and liveliness about you.
- Customer Service – You enjoy meeting new people and going the extra mile to help them.
- You are a team player, outgoing and friendly

You have clear and upbeat communication skills

Interested?
- Prepare a cover letter and resume/CV outlining who you are and what you had done
- Decide what store location suits you
- Submit your application...
- Go to www.bondsjobs.com.au
- Or pop into the local bonds store and hand in your Résumé.

Kmart
If you’re interested in working @ Kmart over the Christmas period, then fill out the ‘Kmart Team Member application form below and drop it off along with your resume to the customer service desk at any Kmart store(s).

Click here for the Kmart Team Member Employment Application Form.
To find out what it’s like to work @ Kmart then visit our Kmart Jobs page

Both Sussan & Sportsgirl are excited to announce that we are now commencing our intake of Christmas Casual employment with fantastic opportunities for your students to join a leading Australian retailer.

With over 500 stores across Australia, The Sussan Group is an employer of choice for women in the retail and fashion industry. We strive to continually lead the competitive fashion retail market and are passionate about creating a work-place which encourages and fosters ongoing learning for all team members. Click here for an insight into what it’s like to work for us!

Students can now apply online via our careers websites for one of these exciting casual opportunities. We are looking for flexibility in hours across the busy summer period November to January. There is the added potential of securing full-time, ongoing work within our stores and for some perhaps even an ongoing future career with our company.

Please direct your students to our careers websites below to find out more and apply:
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.

Super Retail Group

They are looking for passionate and customer focused young Team Members to join their team and support their stores during the peak trading months. As their customers will be shopping throughout the peak trading period, students will be required to work weekends and extended trade times, including Christmas Eve and Boxing Day. Shifts will be determined in accordance with the trading pattern and hours of each store.

The rewards are;
- On the job training & support
- Competitive Hourly Rates
- Possibly the best Team Member discounts schemes on offer across all their brands.

Great Christmas Casual Opportunities for your students Australia wide Regional; and metropolitan Super Retail Group is a leading Australian retailer; passionate about helping their customers make the most of their leisure time.

Their iconic brands include:
- Christmas Casuals will commence in store from early October through to early January 2015 with contracts ending by March 2015 subject to business requirements.
- Your students just never know where this opportunity could take them.
- A large number of opportunities are available throughout all states and regions of Australia.

Please go to www.shareourpassion.com
Does your child need a hand with homework?

Has an assessment or assignment got them stumped?

What about getting some handy study hints?

Just need a quiet place to study?

- 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)

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