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# ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

## What's Happening?

### May

Sausage Sizzle - 27 May  
20/40 Hour Famine - 28 May

### June

Queen's Birthday (school closed) - 6 June  
Sausage Sizzle - 24 June

### July

Reports posted - 8 July

Senior Swimming - 11 to 15 July

Three-Way Conferences - July 12 & 13 (school closes at 2pm on both days)

Last day of Term 2 - Friday July 15.

## \* WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME \*

*We warmly welcome Max Hodgins, Finn Aitkin and Jonathan Brauning. We trust you all settle in quickly and really enjoy your time at our school.*

## Our Goal - Clear Communication

Here at school, we place a great deal of importance on open and effective communication with you, our parents and caregivers. In doing this, we realise there are a number of challenges which include:

- the physical distance between home and school,
- not everybody has access to the internet and even if they do, not everyone has the same level of access,
- some children are more reliable than others at taking notices home and ensuring they are read.

In a bid to overcome these challenges, our school uses a multiple-strategy approach utilising fortnightly newsletters, email broadcasts, website updates and the use of static notice boards outside the staffroom and room 15.

To help us communicate with your family, please ensure:

- we have your email address,
- you regularly visit our website,
- that you check your child's bag every second Friday. Note only the eldest child in a family receives a notice,
- and the office is notified immediately of any changes to your contact details.

## Our School Values Kindness, Caring and Manners

*This week's values focus is:*

### ~ Caring ~

*Caring for our possessions not only makes things last longer but also helps minimize waste, saving money and the environment.*

*Our next focus will be:*

### ~ Manners ~

*Good manners enhance our interactions with others and help us all to feel safe.*



**Discovery Time provides our juniors with lots of fun learning experiences!**

## *New Representative on the Board of Trustees*

Following the recent resignation of Mr Martin Montgomery from the Board of Trustees, we welcomed Mr Michael Cumming to the Board this week. We are grateful to Michael for his willingness to step into this role and look forward to his input.

\*\* With the onset of the cooler and wetter weather, we have noticed a small number of children playing in the playground by themselves after the 3.15 p.m. bell has rung. 'Kidstation' offers an onsite childcare service, a nice warm, welcoming environment for your child and take the stress out of wondering if your child is okay until you get there. Casual bookings are welcome. Ring Kevin on 0274 492 102 or 455 9344 for further information.

## *Colder Weather*

As you will have noticed, the weather has definitely taken a turn towards winter. Because of this, it is an ideal opportunity to remind children to wear layers of clothing. We keep our classrooms nice and warm, however we do encourage the children to enjoy the fresh air at morning tea and lunch times. By 'layering up' and popping a warm jacket on, the times spent outside are much more enjoyable.

## *Illness*

Currently we have a number of children away due to a variety of illnesses. Can we please bring your attention to the following:

**Vomiting / Diarrhoea** - if your child has either of these, they need to be kept at home for **24 hours after the symptoms have stopped.**

**Headlice** is doing the rounds again. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat immediately if need be.

**Slap cheek** is continuing. As per our last newsletter, if your child feels unwell, please keep them at home. If their cheeks are red and your child feels well, they are fine to come to school as they are no longer contagious.

\*\*With such a large number of children away from school, it would be appreciated that if your child is sick a message is left on our answer phone preferably before 9 a.m. \*\*

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Anglican Family Care urgently needs caregivers to provide short term and respite care for children and young people 0-16 years who for a variety of reasons need time out from their home situations. Quality training and support are provided. Remuneration by way of a Board Payment. For more information please contact: Ginnie Ravell 03 477 0801