

ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

What's Happening?

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 J-D & Joshua Rademeyer. We trust you both settle in quickly and really enjoy your time at our school.







Brain Development ... what do you know about it?

Recently Ann Stevenson and Shannon Te Huna went to Melbourne on a Board of Trustees scholarship to further their learning about 'brain development'. Did you know that we learn...

-  10% of what we read
-  20% of what we hear
-  30% of what we see
-  50% of what we both see and hear
-  70% of what is discussed with others
-  80% of what we experience and
-  95% of what we teach?

(William Glasser)

This research helps shape the way we teach and learn here at St Clair School. For example:

-  our children have regular 'brain breaks'
-  we use play based learning and have a Discovery programme in the junior school
-  early intervention is put in place for children requiring additional support
-  some children participate in a perceptual movement programme
-  we provide stimulating environments that cater for different learning styles and emotions
-  Te Manawanui allows the children and teachers to work collaboratively

True or False?

1. Basic brain connections are laid down before birth.
2. Good nutrition is one of the best ways to aid healthy brain development
3. Every 4-8 minutes the brain seeks other stimuli.
4. The brain makes connections from pre-birth to 3 years. After the age of 3, the 'window of opportunity closes'.

Our School Values

Kindness, Caring and Manners

This week's values focus is:

~ **Manners** ~

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

Our next focus will be:

~ **Kindness** ~

A word of kindness costs nothing but gives much.

It's been a busy week or two...

Over the past couple of weeks our children have had the opportunity to see / participate in a variety of activities.

Children in the Senior Team celebrated Music Month last week with a visit from musician Trevor Coleman and Nick Cornish. Trevor and Nick performed on piano, trumpet and saxophone, demonstrating how to improvise in a jazz style. You can also see them perform at Swell Cafe on most Saturday afternoons. All of the children watched a hilarious performance by the NZ Playhouse called 'The Great Rugby Robbery'. We have also had a number of fun events running around the school to celebrate 'Book Week' and it was topped off with a fabulous dress up day today.



WELCOME!!!

As many of you will know, Shannon Te Huna, room 6 classroom teacher, finishes with us today to go onto maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and look forward to her happy news in due course. In Shannon's place, we welcome Mr Nick Williamson. Nick is a beginning teacher and brings loads of enthusiasm and a love of teaching. We also welcome, Mrs Nicola Jelgersma to our teaching team. She will be working 1 day per week in room 6 to provide Nick with the release time attached to a beginning teacher.

*If you missed our concert with Julian Raphael at the start of the term, it can be viewed on the St Clair Sounds blog at:

<http://stclairsounds.edublogs.org>

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has made a wonderful effort to ring in when your child is sick. It makes life so much simpler at our end.

P5 Sign

You may have noticed that a new P5 sign has been erected directly outside the hall in Albert Street. This applies to Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8 - 8.30 a.m. and allows the Nova Gas truck to refuel our gas tanks instead of coming onsite. This is a much safer option for our children and we thank you in advance for your support in observing the sign.

Answers to our brain development questions:

1.T 2.T 3.T 4.F

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kid Station School Care Programme (based at St Clair School). Quality before and after school care for your child/ren. Casual bookings welcome. Ring Kevin on 0274 492 102 or 4559344 for further information.

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