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# ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

## *What's Happening?*

### **February**

Waitangi Day - closed - 6 Feb

Senior Team Picnic Night -

5.30pm -7 Feb

School Photos - class groups  
and individuals - 8 Feb

Middle Team Take Aways Night

5.30 p.m. - 8 Feb

Junior Family Night - 9 Feb

R 17 & 18 Beach Ed - 20 Feb

R 9 & 15 Beach Ed - 22 Feb

R 10 & 13 Beach Ed - 23 Feb

R 11 & 12 Beach Ed - 24 Feb

R 14 Beach Ed - 27 Feb

### **March**

Year 6 Camp ~ 12 -16 March

Year 5 Living and Giving Week  
~ 12-16 March

School Fair - 17 March

Middle Swimming - 16, 19, 20,  
22, 23 March

Otago Anniversary Day -

School Closed - 26 March

Camp Sharing Evening - 27  
March

## **WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME**

We warmly welcome Grace Gardner, Amanda & Tyrone Wright, Paige Quine, Olivia Dungey, Hasan Sheikh, Lucas Harvey, Rachael Harris, Nav Gee, Lucy Morrison, Harry Hawken, Tate Cameron, Lucy Maole, Daisy Cumberland, Leila Bevin, Clariza Genobe, Izaac Taylor, Blake Taylor-Hobbs, Chakra Mattingly and Alisha Hunter. We trust you all settle in quickly and really enjoy your time at our school.

## *A New Year Begins*

The staff and Board warmly welcome everyone back to school for 2012. We trust that you have all had a relaxed holiday and been able to make the most of the glorious summer weather.

We especially welcome our new children (detailed above) and their families, along with new teachers: Amy Alison, Shannon Buchanan and Renee Stewart, and new support-staff member Sandra Austen.

## *Stationery and Contact Cards*

Thank you to all families who have already purchased stationery for the year. Packs are being delivered to children daily. We hope that all children will have their stationery needs sorted by the close of next week.

Many thanks also for the return of blue 'contact cards'. Please return any outstanding cards to the office.

## *Our School Values* **Kindness, Caring and Manners**

*This week's values focus is:*

**~ Kindness ~**

*Random acts of kindness towards others brings a smile to the face of both the 'giver' and the 'recipient'.*

*Our next focus will be:*

**~ Caring ~**

*Caring for the environment and our school's resources helps to conserve and make the best use of our precious resources.*

## Thank You For Your Support for Shania and Her Family

On December 22, one of our Year 5 pupils, Shania Hutton, was struck by a car and seriously injured. She remains in hospital but is making steady progress. Shania's family called into school this week to express their heartfelt thanks for the level of support they experienced from the wider community. They were deeply touched by the many messages and practical acts of kindness during this very difficult time in their lives.

### School Photos

Families are reminded that class and individual photos will be taken on February 8.

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE  
SCHOOL ZONE CONSULTATION  
LETTER SENT HOME TODAY  
~ BOARD OF TRUSTEES ~

### Summer Sport

School sport starts progressively over the next few weeks. Sports offered at school this term include: Rippa Rugby, Touch Rugby, Futsal, Flippa Ball & Teeball. Registrations will be collected over the coming weeks. Teeball registrations and teams are carried over from 2011 so no new registrations can be taken this term.

St Clair School fields a large number of teams in both summer and winter competitions. This is made possible by parent volunteers. We look forward to this continuing in 2012.

If you have any queries regarding summer sport please contact: Rebecca Avery: [ravery@stclair.school.nz](mailto:ravery@stclair.school.nz) (rippa & teeball) or Sally Marett: [smarett@stclair.school.nz](mailto:smarett@stclair.school.nz) (touch, futsal & flippa ball).

### Specialist Music & PEd Programmes Recommence

Next week our specialist music and physical education programmes recommence for all children. These high quality programmes provide our children with many enriching learning opportunities.

A comprehensive insight into the quality of school music programmes can be gained by visiting our music blog at: <http://stclairsounds.edublogs.org/>

We have arrived back to find almost all classrooms beautifully lined with plush new wall coverings.

This year's school fair will be held on Saturday, 17 March. The PTA organising committee are holding their first meeting in the staffroom on Tuesday evening (7pm, 7 Feb). All interested parents are welcome to attend. Being involved with the fair is a great way to meet other parents and learn more about our school.

### School Fair

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Kid Station School Care Programme** (based at St Clair School).

Quality care for your child. Ring Kevin on 0274492102

**Dunedin Gymnastics Academy - Rhythmic**

Ages 5 and up, boys and girls. small classes.

Caledonian Gym. Call 021 242 2274 for information.

Contact us: 455 8199  
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