# Congratulations to our award recipients at our most recent assembly

**Many happy returns to our**

**July Birthdays**

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Aaron McEwan turned 18 on

10 July

Hayden McIvor turned 17 in 11 July

Angel-Rose Papapavlos turned 8 on 12 July

Vanessa Gazal turned 11 on 13 July

Aggie Szyszkowska turned 9 on 22 July

Natalie Tassone turned 15 on 26 July

Luke Hanna turned 11 on 29 July

# Key Dates:

**Friday 7 August**

Inter-school Boccia competition

**12 August 2015**

Deadly Beanie day

**13 August** NRL Activity Day

**Science Week**

commencing 17 August 2015

**Book Week**

commencing 24 August 2015

**National Literacy and Numeracy Week** commencing 31 August 2015

**Friday 18 September 2015**

End of term 3

Dear Parents/Carers

It was wonderful to have such a positive responee from families to our Education Week celebration this week. I would like to thank families, relatives, community supporters and volunteers for supporting the event.

# Education Week – Celebrating Local Heroes

Our program provided the opportunity to give certificates to special people amongst us and in the wider community.

We celebrated family heroes. Thank you to the families who responded to the request for family heroes. We were able to present certificates to siblings, grandparents, aunts & uncles, carers, mothers, fathers. Our families, yourselves, are all heroes and it was a positive experience to reflect and acknowledge the work that our families do.

Just a few example of **siblings:**

Nicholas Threlfo’s sister, Alexandra, is his hero:

*Every afternoon my sister Alexandra takes my shoes off and rubs my feet then puts a pillow under my legs. After she has made me comfortable she talks to me about my day. She is my hero*

Matthew Chiotis’ brother, Anthony, is his hero:

*Anthony is a loving and caring brother and gives me cuddles and kisses at the beginning and at the end of the day.*

**Grandparent** recognition

Kara Crawley’s grandmother, ‘Oma’ is Kara’s hero:

*Oma has love and patience and sits patiently for hours and we do lots of things together and she always rings and pops in to say ‘hi’.*

Angel-Rose’s grandmother, Rosie, is her hero:

*Yaya Rosie is loving and caring , drives for hours to see me and she has super stamina.*

We recognized our community supporters **- Heroes in our Community:**

Garry Morris and the St George Children with Disabilities Fund

Phil Favero from the Good Guys in Rockdale

Lions Club Kogarah

Pam and Phillip Miller from Masonicare

Annette Mulcahy from the 2CH Bexley Ladies Golf day

Jan Gartrell from Rotary Club Hurstville

Men’s Shed Hurstville

11.00am: Volunteers – heroes amongst us

# Message from the Principal

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St George School Newsletter

Diana Murphy Principal 31 July 2015

# C:\Users\dmurphy9\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\XKL0TTR6\gold-red-star-clip-art-thumb3312717[1].jpgBoccia Competition

St George School aims to provide a stimulating learning environment that has

high expectations for all students, focuses on the abilities of students and

promotes and celebrates student successes (School Plan Strategic Direction 1).

Congratulations to our recipients at our last assembly (in week2):

Primary: Eva Giatsios, Aggie Szyszkowska, Angel-Rose Papapavlos, Dominic Cheuk

Middle: Darcie Glacken-Tonnet, Brett Houdek

Secondary: Natalie Tassone, Elliot Austin, Samantha Gutierrez, Gabby Nappa

Environment Award: M1

# Education Week Heroes continued:

**Heroes in our Community** who were not able to attend but were recognized:

NSW Police, especially Catherine Burn, Deputy Commissioner, and Joanna Holland, Office Manager at Waverley Police station.

Rockdale Council

Sailors with Disabilities

Sailability

Josh Oshlack, musician and teacher.

Our volunteers are unsung heroes at St George School. Our programs are enriched by their presence. Some of our volunteers have provided support to St George School for 10, 15 and 20 years. They are true, selfless heroes.

We recognized the following:

Michael Delmar, Elizabeth Langton, Linda Wickens, Ibtesam Joseph, Robert Mola, Sue Hazali, Ron Watson, Violeta Bakrdanikoska, Gary Sue, Tracie Sammut.

## Superheroes Day

We had a great response to our superheroes dress up day. We raised $134 for Bear Cottage. It was a fun day and we had Superheroes parade after recess with some outstanding dress ups. Special thanks to the families who supported the event and to the staff who got into the action too.

## P&C Notice

# **Next P&C Meeting**

# **Thursday**

# **6 August 2015**

# **in the staffroom at 11.30am**

## All welcome

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# P&C Fundraiser

**InnQUIZitive Trivia**

**Thursday night**

**3 September 2015**

**at Beverly Park Golf Club**

**7.00pm – 9.30pm**

**Further information on the trivia night to follow after our next P&C Meeting**

Next Friday 7 August St George School is competing against other schools in a Boccia competiton. Our team has been practising and we are hoping for a great outcome. Special thanks to our Boccia coaches: Leah Ponzio and Betty Mak. They have done a tremendous job preparing our students for this event.

# Excursion report from Secondary 4

**Visit to Circular Quay**

On Tuesday 23 June, 2015, the students of Secondary 4 had an excursion to Circular Quay via train. Those attending were Gabby, Nasya, Nafez, Aaron and Michaela. We were supported by our teacher Stephen, our School Learning Support Officer Annette, as well as Nasya’s mother Sue, Gabby’s mother Neovy, Mrs Joseph and Khristian, a student from Carinya School on work experience.

At lot of planning went into this excursion, such as contacting Kogarah Railway Station about the proposed rail journey, risk assessments and student permission notes.

We set out at 10.00am on a clear sunny winter’s day, with Ross driving us to Kogarah Station. We then took the lift down to Platform 3 and waited for the train. When the train arrived, the guards laid out special ramps so our wheelchairs could easily glide up into the carriage. We were divided into two groups and were placed at both ends of one carriage. The rail journey was a lot of fun. Gabby really enjoyed the rocking motion of the train. When we arrived at Town Hall Station, two station guards had ramps ready for us. We got off the train and then proceeded to the other platform to catch the Circular Quay train. On arrival at our destination we had morning tea near the ferry terminals. After this the adults had a much needed strong cup of coffee.

We then went for a walk along the Quay where we noticed the sun sparkling on the harbour and clear blue skies. We stopped off at McDonalds and bought and ate some lunch. Once lunch was over, it was time to head back to Circular Quay

We arrived back at Kogarah Station at 2.10pm where Ross was waiting for us. We boarded the bus and headed back to school to get ready for home. It was a great experience for all of us, and one we hope to do again very soon.

A special thank you goes to Sue, Neovy, Mrs Joseph and Khristian for volunteering to support us on this very special occasion. Thanks also to Ross for driving us to and from Kogarah Station.

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## Superheroes Day

Lots of Superman



and Batman: