

# St George School Newsletter

Diana Murphy, Principal

9 October 2015



## Key Dates:

**Monday 12 & 13 October**

Primary 2 camp to Taronga Zoo

**Thursday 22 October 2015**

Grandparents Day Celebration

**Thursday 29 October 2015**

Music Count Us In

**10 November**

STC performance Pinocchio

**27-28 November 2015**

Schools Spectacular

**Wednesday 2 December**

St George School concert day

**Monday 14 December** - reports home

**Tuesday 15 December** - Leavers Assembly

**16 December 2015** - last day students

**18 December** - school closes

## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 4. It promises to be a busy term and we are looking forward to the events, teaching and learning programs and activities for the term.

The first special event will occur next week with the Primary 2 composite class embarking on an overnight excursion to Taronga Zoo. The students will commence their adventurous experience with an the outing to the zoo during the day on Monday. When the Zoo closes, the class will go to a large marquee overlooking a magnificent view of the harbor and where they will spend the night. In the evening there is a tour of the zoo to see the nocturnal animals. Students will wake on Tuesday to the roaring of the lions and will view the morning feeding of the giraffes and other animals. They will enjoy a second day at the zoo leaving after lunch to return to school. Our students will have 1:1 support. Special thanks to the parents who are supporting the excursion.

## Important dates for term 4

This term, teachers will be preparing your child's end of year report. It is anticipated that reports will be forwarded home on **Monday 14 December**.

The school year for students ceases on **Wednesday 16 December**. Staff will participate in two School Development Days and break up on Friday 18 December.

It would be appreciated if you could advise class staff if your child will be on holidays prior to the official closing date.

## Many happy returns to our October Birthdays



Elliot Austin turned 15 on 1 October

Michaela Brown turned 17 on 4 October

Brett Houdek turning 12 on 11 October

Samantha Gutierrez turning 17 on 23 October

## Grandparents Day

We are celebrating Grandparents day on Thursday 22 Oct (not Friday 23 Oct as advised in previous bulletin). NSW Grandparents Day is a state funded initiative that celebrates the vital role that grandparents play in our society as custodians of individual and cultural memories and as providers of care and love to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents Day recognizes the irreplaceable role grandparents have in their families and in the wider community.

A separate invitation will be forwarded next week.





## Congratulations to our award recipients at our most recent assembly

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).

We look forward to highlighting the achievements in term 4!



## Multicultural Calendar

Congratulations to the students in Primary 3! Last term the students in Primary 3 were involved in submitting an artwork for consideration for the NSW Department of Education's 2016 calendar for multicultural diversity. A large number of high quality work was received from schools across the state. Following the selection process, the artwork submitted by Primary 3 was selected for one of the months of the calendar. Special thanks to Caroline Cass for her creativity, professionalism and support of our students' participation and recognition.

## Date for your diary – Wednesday 2 December 2015

Our end of term activities will soon be underway – Please keep **Wednesday 2 December** free for our end of term concert. An invitation will be forwarded in the coming weeks.

### P&C Notice

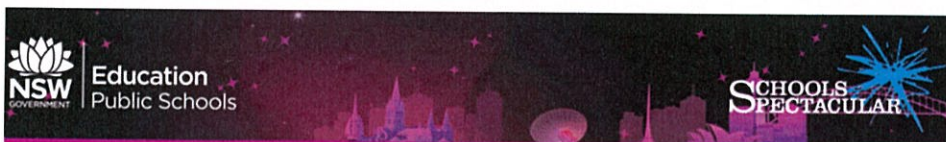
#### Next P&C Meeting

**Thursday  
29 October 2015**

**in the staffroom  
at 11.30am**

This will be our last P&C meeting for the year.

**All welcome**



## Schools Spectacular

Rehearsals commence on Friday 23 October for our participating students: Ashleigh Kelly, Mohammed Jomaa, Joshua Sale, Angel-Rose Papapavlos, Liam McManus and Kate Beardsley.

Tickets for this event are now on sale. If you would like to buy tickets for this event you need to order them through ticketek. For details about pricing, visit <http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=SCHOOLSS15> this is an event not to be missed.

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the ability of our students in an inclusive forum for all students in NSW schools. The performance will be televised by Channel 9 and shown in prime time.

## New vehicle donated to the school for families to borrow

Accessible vehicle available for families to borrow.

## Accessible Mercedes Vito for Sale

The vehicle which was used by families prior to the recent Renault purchase is now for sale by the St George Children with Disabilities Fund.

Kms: 94,701

Price: \$30,000 o.n.o.

If interested or for further details, please contact **Garry Morris** from the St George Children with Disabilities Fund on **0458 583 220**.

## Community Notices:

Whooping Cough – one of the students at school has recently had whooping cough – she is no longer contagious. Information on whooping cough is provided for your information.

School terms dates 2016 – 2020

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## SCHOOL TERM AND VACATION DATES FOR NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016 – 2020

### 2016

Term 1	Wednesday, 27 January 2016	to Friday, 8 April 2016	Eastern Division	51	Days
	Wednesday, 3 February 2016	to Friday, 8 April 2016	Western Division	46	Days
Autumn vacation	Monday, 11 April 2016	to Friday, 22 April 2016			
Term 2	Tuesday, 26 April 2016	to Friday, 1 July 2016		48	Days
Winter vacation	Monday, 4 July 2016	to Friday, 15 July 2016			
Term 3	Monday, 18 July 2016	to Friday, 23 September 2016		50	Days
Spring vacation	Monday, 26 September 2016	to Friday, 7 October 2016			
Term 4	Monday, 10 October 2016	to Tuesday, 20 December 2016		52	Days
Summer vacation	Wednesday, 21 December 2016	to Thursday, 26 January 2017	Eastern Division		
	Wednesday, 21 December 2016	to Thursday, 2 February 2017	Western Division		

No of school days: Eastern Division 201 Western Division 196

### 2017

Term 1	Friday, 27 January 2017	to Friday, 7 April 2017	Eastern Division	51	Days
	Friday, 3 February 2017	to Friday, 7 April 2017	Western Division	46	Days
Autumn vacation	Monday, 10 April 2017	to Friday, 21 April 2017			
Term 2	Monday, 24 April 2017	to Friday, 30 June 2017		48	Days
Winter vacation	Monday, 3 July 2017	to Friday, 14 July 2017			
Term 3	Monday, 17 July 2017	to Friday, 22 September 2017		50	Days
Spring vacation	Monday, 25 September 2017	to Friday, 6 October 2017			
Term 4	Monday, 9 October 2017	to Tuesday, 19 December 2017		52	Days
Summer vacation	Wednesday, 20 December 2017	to Friday, 26 January 2018	Eastern Division		
	Wednesday, 20 December 2017	to Friday, 2 February 2018	Western Division		

No of school days: Eastern Division 201 Western Division 196

## SCHOOL TERM AND VACATION DATES FOR NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016 – 2020 – continued

### 2018

Term 1	Monday, 29 January 2018	to Friday, 13 April 2018	Eastern Division	53	Days
	Monday, 5 February 2018	to Friday, 13 April 2018	Western Division	48	Days
Autumn vacation	Monday, 16 April 2018	to Friday, 27 April 2018			
Term 2	Monday, 30 April 2018	to Friday, 6 July 2018		49	Days
Winter vacation	Monday, 9 July 2018	to Friday, 20 July 2018			
Term 3	Monday, 23 July 2018	to Friday, 28 September 2018		50	Days
Spring vacation	Monday, 1 October 2018	to Friday, 12 October 2018			
Term 4	Monday, 15 October 2018	to Friday, 21 December 2018		50	Days
Summer vacation	Monday, 24 December 2018	to Monday, 28 January 2019	Eastern Division		
	Monday, 24 December 2018	to Monday, 4 February 2019	Western Division		

No of school days: Eastern Division 202 Western Division 197

### 2019

Term 1	Tuesday, 29 January 2019	to Friday, 12 April 2019	Eastern Division	54	Days
	Tuesday, 5 February 2019	to Friday, 12 April 2019	Western Division	49	Days
Autumn vacation	Monday, 15 April 2019	to Friday, 26 April 2019			
Term 2	Monday, 29 April 2019	to Friday, 5 July 2019		49	Days
Winter vacation	Monday, 8 July 2019	to Friday, 19 July 2019			
Term 3	Monday, 22 July 2019	to Friday, 27 September 2019		50	Days
Spring vacation	Monday, 30 September 2019	to Friday, 11 October 2019			
Term 4	Monday, 14 October 2019	to Friday, 20 December 2019		50	Days
Summer vacation	Monday, 23 December 2019	to Monday, 27 January 2020	Eastern Division		
	Monday, 23 December 2019	to Monday, 3 February 2020	Western Division		

No of school days: Eastern Division 203 Western Division 198

# SCHOOL TERM AND VACATION DATES FOR NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016 – 2020 – continued

## 2020

Term 1	Tuesday, 28 January 2020	to Thursday, 9 April 2020	Eastern Division	53	Days
	Tuesday, 4 February 2020	to Thursday, 9 April 2020	Western Division	48	Days
Autumn vacation	Monday, 13 April 2020	to Friday, 24 April 2020			
Term 2	Monday, 27 April 2020	to Friday, 3 July 2020		49	Days
Winter vacation	Monday, 6 July 2020	to Friday, 17 July 2020			
Term 3	Monday, 20 July 2020	to Friday, 25 September 2020		50	Days
Spring vacation	Monday, 28 September 2020	to Friday, 9 October 2020			
Term 4	Monday, 12 October 2020	to Friday, 18 December 2020		50	Days
Summer vacation	Monday, 21 December 2020	to Tuesday, 26 January 2021	Eastern Division		
	Monday, 21 December 2020	to Tuesday, 2 February 2021	Western Division		

No of school days: Eastern Division 202 Western Division 197



# Whooping Cough



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## IDENTIFY

**Anyone can get whooping cough but it can be deadly for babies**

- Babies and young children can stop breathing or develop severe coughing bouts that end with vomiting or gasping for breath.
- People of all ages can get whooping cough and can spread it to babies.
- Adults often just have a mild cough that lingers.



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## PROTECT

**Immunise your baby on time to get the best protection**

- Pregnant women should get vaccinated in the third trimester (preferably at 28 weeks).
- Get your baby vaccinated on time at 6 weeks, 4 months and 6 months of age.
- Booster vaccines for children and adults stop whooping cough spreading.



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## PREVENT

**Whooping cough spreads quickly when people cough in the early stages of the infection**

- If you have symptoms, see a doctor fast and get tested.
- Stay home until you are no longer infectious. Ask your doctor when it's safe to return to work, school or childcare.
- Keep anyone with a cough away from your newborn especially until your baby has had 3 whooping cough vaccines.