

St George School

8 November 2016

Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Reports home to parents
Monday 12 December

Coffee & Chat

Friday 18 November 2016

At 10.00am
Guest speaker:
Garry Morris, Trustee, St
George Children with
Disabilities Fund

End of Year Concert
30 November

Variety Christmas
party
6 December

Message from the Principal

Dear Families

We have had a busy and productive start to the term. The highlight to date has been the **Year 12 formal** which was held on Saturday 29 October 2016 at the Beverly Park Golf Club. Our graduating students, their families, friends, staff, drivers and volunteers celebrated this momentous event. Graduation and the Year 12 formal are the rites of passage for all students moving from school to adult life and it was a pleasure for everyone who was present to share this special occasion with our students from St George School.

Halloween has also featured at school. Our Sensory Theatre was revamped as a 'pop up' Halloween set with the literary texts matched to the theme. Our students delighted in being immersed into the world of haunts, ghouls and dress ups.

The **sensory theatre** has since had another makeover in preparation for the festive season. Classes can choose book/s and songs related to the themes of Christmas. One of the books being used by some classes is 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'. Classes will be able to display their Christmas craft on the Christmas tree in the sensory theatre.



Next P&C Meeting

This Thursday
10 November
2016.

From 11.30am
In the staffroom

All welcome



ST GEORGE'S GOT TALENT

Concert Rehearsals

Staff and students are busy preparing for the end of year concert. It promises to be a rich experience for our students who are shining in the rehearsals and are looking forward to showing us their talent.

Please keep **Wednesday 30 November 2016** free for this special event.

Coffee & Chat - new date

Unfortunately Garry Morris was not able to make the Coffee & Chat session scheduled for last week. The **new date is Friday 18 November**.

Garry Morris who is Trustee of the St George Children with Disabilities Fund will talk about the Fund and how it can support families.

Coffee & Chat is an informal parent network session commencing at 10.00am – Garry will talk from 10.30am,
All welcome!



Celebrating Student Achievement

Congratulations to our students who have received awards at assembly this term:

Class awards:

Primary 1: Anthony Qiu

Primary 2: Ittai Shveibish, Eva Giatsios, Lara Palmer

Primary 3: Rehan Jaffer, Ben Rein

Middle 1: Lachlan Guiotto

Middle 2: Vanessa Gazal

Secondary 1: Natalie Tassone, Thomas McMahon

Secondary 2: Jim Chen, Michaela Brown

Secondary 3: Angela Zhu, Hayden McIvor, Nafez Mohamad

Library awards: Kara Crawley, Hayden McIvor, Hailee Scifleet, Mouemin Hammoud

Music award: Hayden McIvor

Remembrance Day Assembly

This Friday we are commemorating Remembrance Day with a special assembly. Staff and students are asked wear red for the occasion. Students will decorate a wreath with the poppies that have made in class.

Families are welcome to attend the assembly which commences at 10.30am



Rehearsals for the **Schools Spectacular** are progressing well. Last week there was a combined schools rehearsal at Qudos Bank Arena in Homebush.

Congratulations to our participants:

Nicholas Threlfo, Hailee Scifleet, Dean Parratt, Ashleigh Kelly, Angel-Rose Papapavlos, Bella-Rose Thiel, Joshua Welch and Allegra Watkins.

The performance will be televised by Channel 7.

For further information, visit the website:

<http://www.schoolsspectacular.com.au/>

Tickets are available from Ticketek:

<http://premier.ticketek.com.au/>

The Schools Spectacular is in a new venue this year with better accessibility options for our students both during the performance and between performances.

Some important dates

9 Nov: Schools Spec rehearsal - Busby West PS
9 Nov: Staff training (from 4.00pm) CPR & Anaphylaxis information session
23 Nov: Schools Spec rehearsal - Busby West PS
24 Nov: Schools Spectacular rehearsal - Homebush
25 Nov: Schools Spectacular performances
26 Nov: Schools Spectacular performances
30 Nov: School Concert: St George has Talent
6 Dec: Variety Christmas party
12 Dec **Reports and Yearbook home to families**
13 Dec: **Year 12 Leavers Assembly**
16 Dec: **last day of school for students and majority staff**
20 Dec Staff training: CPR & anaphylaxis training (for drivers)

The school year for students ceases on **Friday 16 December 2016**. The school will remain open until Tuesday 20 December 2016 although the majority of staff will have commenced their holidays. **School reopens** for students after the January break on **Monday 30 January 2017**. The staff school development day is Friday 27 January 2017.

Classes 2017

Advice regarding your child's class in 2017 will be sent home before the end of term. As there are possible changes to our current staff, notice will be sent home once staffing has been confirmed.

UTS Nursing Students

For four weeks commencing this week, we have the privilege of hosting the practicum placement of nursing students from UTS.

Supporting practicum placements is a regular occurrence. In addition to nursing students, we host practicums of pre-service teachers, post graduate special education teachers, TAFE student undertaking disability and community programs,

secondary work experience students and secondary VET work placements.

Community notices

Sans Souci Public school – School Fair 12 November 2016

Kogarah Community Services – Family Fun day – 12 November 2016

James Cook Boys Technology High School – 60th Anniversary Open Day – 19 November 2016

Taronga Zoo – EOI – Dreamlight at the Zoo – Thursday 1 December 2016



Supporting research into Mitochondrial Disease
We have some very enthusiastic and brave staff members who will be doing the 35 Km **Bloody Long walk** or part thereof on Sunday 13 November 2017. If you would like to support the team and help raise funds for research into mitochondrial disease, you can donate at

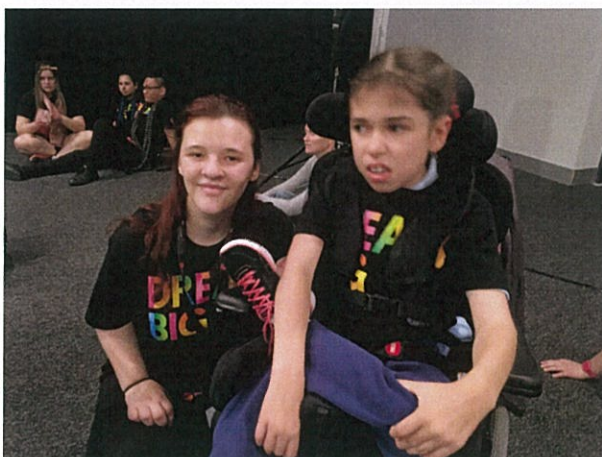
<https://neurogenetics.everydayhero.com/au/the-blistering-st-george-babes>

Renault available for loan

This is a reminder to families that an accessible vehicle, a Renault is available for families to borrow at a small cost of \$5.00 per day.

The vehicle was donated to the families of the school by the St George Children with Disabilities Fund.

Please ring the office on 9588 2400 if you would like to book the vehicle.



School Spectacular
rehearsal shots

Year 12 Formal

