



Sutherland North Public School

Grounds to Grow

Schooltalk – 30 October 2013

Principal's Message

Leanne Noon

School Hats 2014

At our last P&C meeting there was a discussion regarding the new style school hats. It was voted unanimously that from the start of 2014 the old style school hats with the crest will no longer be part of the school uniform. Parents are asked to purchase a new style hat with the SNPS logo for next year (see above). I appreciate your support with ensuring the children continue to look well-presented in their uniforms.

2014 Class Placements and Structure

One of the most talked about topics on Day 1 of any school year is "Whose class are you in?" or, "Who is your teacher?" This is important to children, parents and staff and so during Term 4 the school staff spends a lot of time planning the class structure, staffing and class allocations for the next school year. We have started work on classes for 2014. One of the first tasks we do is to divide up the anticipated 240+ students across 7 grades into manageable classes. To do this accurately we need to know about anyone who may not have enrolled their children to begin Kindergarten, anyone who is considering repetition, or more importantly, anyone who is leaving for another school. Please contact the school office by phone (9521 2226), through an email to sutherlann-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or complete a form at the office.

Many factors are considered when grouping children into classes for the next school year and it is never an easy task to get it right for every child. Besides the Department's guidelines about the numbers in each class at different year levels we also consider:

- ✚ academic achievements levels
- ✚ special needs consideration & medical issues
- ✚ relationships that should be split or continued (teacher-child, child-child)
- ✚ behavioural issues or concerns
- ✚ numbers of boys and girls in a class
- ✚ teacher allocation

If parents have particular concerns or issues about the placement of their child for the next school year that involve any of the factors above or any other reason, then now is the time to let me know. Please let me know in writing so I can consider your concerns when forming classes. Coming to discuss these issues and a child's placement next year is too late. We always undertake to do the very best we can for every student. Please remember it is not always possible to meet all requests. By the end of term we will have a class structure developed, but we will need to review it early in Term 1 2014 when all enrolment information is finalised.

Diary Dates

October

November

Wednesday 6

9.30 - 10.30am

Kindergarten 2014

Thursday 7

Yr 2, 3, 4 Excursion

Tuesday 12

Yr 1 Excursion

Tuesday 19

Kindergarten Excursion

Wednesday 20

7.30pm P&C

Saturday 23

Family Portraits

December

Wednesday 4

High School Orientation

Monday 16

9.30 - 11am

Presentation Day

6pm Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 17

Picnic Day

Wednesday 18

Last day for children

Kindergarten Excursion

The Kindergarten excursion to the Royal National Park has been re-scheduled and will now take place on Tuesday 19 November 2013. Please remember to pack a teddy bear for the Teddy Bear's Picnic. We look forward to this exciting excursion. Miss Field and Mrs Kinred

Thank you

Thank you to Mrs Soames, Mr Fleming & Mr Warwick for organising the Yr 5 & 6 camp last week. Excursions can only take place when teachers are prepared to give up their own time to go on overnight trips with the children. I appreciate the efforts of our Sutherland North staff.

Annual School Evaluation - Parent Survey

An important part of Sutherland North Public School's commitment to continually improving teaching and learning practice and all aspects of school life is the completion of an annual school evaluation. This involves conducting surveys for students, staff and parents on nominated areas of homework, school communication and overall school satisfaction. The collection of data and feedback will then inform our planning for 2014 and assist us in setting priorities for next year. For this reason, we are asking all parents to participate in an online survey which will only take a short time to complete. If you do not have internet access or would prefer to complete a written version of the survey, paper copies are available at the office. We really appreciate your time and assistance in this important school planning process. The survey will close on Friday 8 November. The survey can be accessed on the school website or at the following link; you may need to copy & paste the link into your browser:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/MDTGWJ8

Application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2015

Application is required in November 2013 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2015. Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online application will be available from **15 October to 18 November 2013**. Application information is available on the internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement For parents without internet access, application forms will be available in schools, school education group offices and some state office locations from 22 October 2013.

Outstanding Payments - URGENT

Thank you to the parents who have paid their Term 3 invoices. A reminder to all parents that ALL outstanding invoices need to be finalised before the end of the year. At this time of year we plan for our 2014 purchases and order our classroom resources for next year. Our budget is based on all parents covering the cost of their children participating in extra-curricular activities. Please forward your payment to the office in an envelope marked with your child's name & class as a matter of urgency.

Vacation Care December/January

Cubbyhouse are hoping to run a Vacation Care program for the December/January school holidays. Please find attached the expression of interest information. The program can only run if there are sufficient numbers. Please return the form to Cubbyhouse as soon as possible.

University of NSW Mathematics Competition

In Term 3 students from Sutherland North Public School sat for the University of New South Wales International Mathematics Competition. There were a number of great results. Distinctions were awarded to Tom N, Jeremy J & Daniella B. Credits were awarded to Jeremy S, Damian K, Jai C, Joshua S, Patrick M, Kyle M, Noah L, Alessandro S, Oliver M & Alwin L. Well done to all the children who participated in the competition.

Assembly Awards – Term 4 Week 3				
Award		Student Names		
Principal's Award for Kindness		Lily M Yr 5		
Winning Class - lines		Yr 2		
PSSA		Caitlin C Yr 6, Tayla M 3/4		
Class	Student of the Week	Class Awards		
KK	Elliot M	Mitchell T	Liam N	
KP	Ewan M	Camille P	Taylor C	
1DG	Abigail H	Blake T	Konrad S	
1M	Madison H	Scott R	Blake J	
Yr 2	Kalan N	Maya V	Jayden G	
2/3	Abbey W	Hamish C	Codie F	Liam C
3/4	Sarah K	Desharn D	Claudia H	Inosi S
4/5	Hannah K	Noah L	Kyle M	Isabelle B
Yr 5	Josh M	Brooke M	Jarrod G	Lily M
Yr 6	Portia S	Mishayla J	Zac B	Billy Z
Bronze Pennants				
Tavis H Yr 6, Georgia S 4/5, Isiah L Yr 2				
Silver Pennants				
Jack D Yr 6, Oliver M 3/4, Hannah M 1M,				
Abigail H 1DG, Karissa R KP, Claudia C 4/5				

Fundraising News

Want to help our school win 3 Apple 1Pads and 1000 muffins?

Vote for Sutherland North Public School to win here: <http://greatbakesale.com.au> (must have facebook account to vote).

This competition is being run by Muffin Break and currently we are ranked 2nd in NSW and 4th overall.

Pass this along to friends and family. Competition runs till 12 November 2013.

Canteen News

Term 4 volunteers are still needed. Please complete the form below or text Nicole Mogensen on 0402349631 with your availability. The canteen will reopen in Week 2. Thank you

	Monday 10.30am – 2pm	Tuesday 1pm – 2pm	Wednesday 10.30am – 2pm	Thursday 1pm – 2pm	Friday 10.00am-2pm
Week 4			30/10 Cathy Whittingstall	31/10 CLOSED	1/11 Monica Brabant Jennifer Swan
Week 5	4/11 Nikky Hill	5/11 Jo Hunnisett	6/11 Rachael Graham	7/11 Katrina Briancourt	8/11 Nicole Mogensen Fiona O'Brien
Week 6	11/11 Kate O'Brien & Elisa Fulton	12/11 June O'Brien	13/11 Katrina Briancourt	14/11 Leanne Pullen	15/11 Phyllis & Ian Elton
Week 7	18/11 Mien Tze Ng	19/11 Anita Oze	20/11 Cathy Whittingstall	21/11 Fiona O'Brien	22/11 Nicole Mogensen Emma Hall
Week 8	25/11 Beth Kendrick	26/11 Natalie Skinner	27/11 Rachael Graham	28/11 CLOSED	29/11 Monica Brabant Jane Love
Week 9	2/12 Mien Tze Ng	3/12 Jo Hunnisett	4/12 Anne Davies	5/12 Cathy Whittingstall	6/12 Nicole Mogensen Lisa Brooks
Week 10 & 11	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

Canteen Volunteer Form 2013 – Term 4

Your Name:				
Child's Name:				Class:
Phone:		Mobile:		
<u>Names of people I would like to be rostered on with:</u>				
<u>Please circle the days that you can help - list any dates that you are NOT available</u>				
<u>Monday</u> 10.30am-2pm	<u>Tuesday</u> 1pm-2pm	<u>Wednesday</u> 10.30am-2pm	<u>Thursday</u> 1pm-2pm	<u>Friday</u> 10.30am-2pm
<u>Comments:</u>				

Yarrawarra Public School

Yulefest

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Prepurchase ride tickets at: www.trybooking.com/DOPD

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

BBQ **CAKES**

**SAT.
9th
NOV.**

RIDES

**9am
till
3pm**

**STALLS
& HEAPS MORE**

OLD BUSH RD. YARRAWARRAH

Sutherland North Public School

\$20.00 Portrait Fundraiser

Framed 10"x13" Family Portrait

Saturday 23rd November



Please fill in the voucher below and return to school with your money

You shall receive an appointment time and a beautiful gift from Laura Jean Fundraising
Spaces filling fast - additional packages available
Low overheads = great value professional portraits!

**Limited offer one voucher per person/family*

**Parent/guardian to view own portraits or p&h applies*

**No refund for failure to keep appointment*

Deanna - 0413 600 150

-or- Emma - 0407 216 476

snpfundraising@gmail.com

See sample portraits and invite a friend:

www.laurajean.com.au

www.facebook.com/laurajeanfundraising

\$20.00 Voucher*

Framed 10"x13" Family Portrait - Limited Offer

Organisation *Sutherland North Public School*

Name

Class

email

Mobile

Preferred time

9-11am

11-2pm

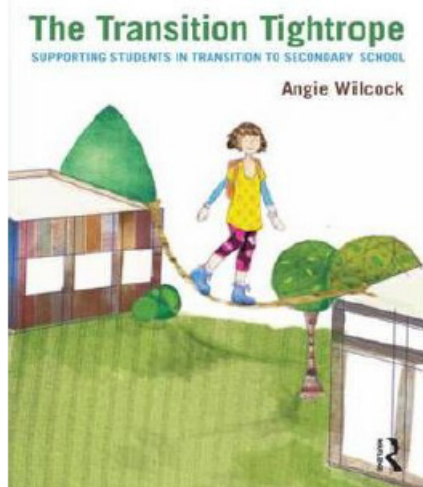
2-5pm

Thank you

Ph 1300 137 749



ANGIE WILCOCK AUTHOR TALK



When:

Tuesday 5 November

6.30pm - 7.30pm

Where:

Sutherland Library

30-36 Belmont Street

Bookings:

Are essential and can be made online or by calling 9710 0351

A highly regarded Australian expert and speaker on transitions in education, Angie Wilcock has more than 25 years experience as a classroom teacher and now works with teachers, parents and students across Australia on this critical *transition from primary to secondary school* phase.

Based on real-life teaching and parenting experiences.

The Transition Tightrope is a practical and humorous guide to understanding and supporting high school transition.

For parents of Year 5 and 6 students.

Books will be available for purchase and signing on the night.

Library Services
30-36 Belmont St, Sutherland NSW
Tel 9710 0351 Fax 9710 0236

www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/library

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COUNCIL



Go4Fun

FREE fun program for kids to become healthier, fitter and happier!

Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight. Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks during school term for children and their parents.

Sessions are each week for two hours after school and include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading and portion sizes plus much more!

Registrations are now open for Term 1, 2014. To register for your local Sutherland program or for more information contact:

Linda Trotter (local Go4Fun Coordinator) on 9382 8641 or SMS 0409 940 334 for a call back.

Free call 1800 780 900 or visit www.go4fun.com.au



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