



Sutherland North Public School

Grounds to Grow

Schooltalk – 13 November 2013

Principal's Message

Leanne Noon

P&C Meeting

Please don't forget our final P&C meeting for 2013 will be held next Wednesday 20 November at 7.30pm. This will be an opportunity to celebrate our successes and look to planning for 2014. Once again it would be great to see some new faces at the meeting. Your attendance also provides a forum to address many of the points raised in the Annual School Report Survey.

Annual School Report Survey

Thank you so much to the parents who completed our Annual School Report Parent Survey. We had 48 responses from parents which was a pleasing increase on previous years. The information received about the educational goals we feel are important for our children, the overall vision for Sutherland North, our strengths, areas for improvement and priorities for next year were extremely thoughtful and constructive. I really appreciate the effort that parents went to, to put across their point of view. Staff and Year 3 – 6 students also had the opportunity to complete surveys to ensure the ideas and opinions of our whole school community are considered. Once all the ideas and feedback are collated the information forms the basis for our 2014 school plan.

Unpaid School Contributions - Urgent

We are currently in the process of finalising all accounts for the 2013 financial year. It is essential that this is done by 22 November in preparation for the end of financial year for Department of Education schools. At this point in time we are unable to pay all of our outstanding school accounts and bills for the year due to outstanding fees for sport, band, dance, excursions and other school programs. If students have unpaid fees for optional programs such as PSSA sport, swimming, band, ukulele, choir and dance they will be unable to participate in these programs in 2014. If you have any problems, difficulties or questions regarding outstanding fees please contact the school to discuss the matter.

Kindergarten 2014 - Starting School

Next year there will be staggered visits for our Kindergarten children to come to school for the day so that they can complete their Best Start Assessments. The children will be invited to attend school for one day from Wednesday 29 January to Friday 31 January 2014 and stay at school for the full day until 3pm. The children are to wear their school uniform and bring their recess and lunch. All Kindergarten children will then start school together on Monday 3 February 2014 at 9am and finish at 3.00pm, the same time as all other classes. A separate letter will be sent home soon with the specific date the children are to attend. Children in Years 1 – 6 return to school on Wednesday 29 January. The school office opens on Tuesday 28 January.

Diary Dates

November

Tuesday 19

Kindergarten Excursion

Wednesday 20

7.30pm P&C

Saturday 23

Family Portraits

Tuesday 26

Premier's Reading
Challenge Pizza Party

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

Classes 2014

Today's newsletter contains the **second and final opportunity** for parents to share information with me that they would like considered as part of my decisions about the class structure and make up for 2014. The final date for you to let me know in writing is this Friday 15 November. When providing me with this information there are several key points to remember:

- Share information that tells me about the academic, social, emotional and physical needs in relation to your child.
- I need the information now. Next year is too late!
- The final decisions about placement are my responsibility. The class structure will not be finalised until the first week next year as changes can and will occur because of additional enrolments and staff changes.

School Uniforms

Please remember that Sutherland North is a proud uniform wearing school. Wearing full school uniform brings our students together and ensures they take pride in their school. Please assist us by making sure your child is currently wearing full **summer uniform** each day and sports uniform on Fridays. In particular please remember the following: black shoes (not sports shoes) are to be worn every day except Friday and tights, bike pants or leggings are not to be worn under the summer tunic. We also have a no hat; no play policy which involves wearing a Sutherland North school hat. 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. When purchasing new school shoes for 2014 please ensure your children wear black shoes with white socks for girls and grey socks for boys. It would be wonderful to see an overall improvement in the standard of the uniform for the rest of the year and a focus in 2014. The Uniform Room is open each Tuesday morning from 8.30 – 9.00am.

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.

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.

Message from the SRC - Christmas Giving Tree

If you would like to be a part of our Christmas Giving Tree please purchase a suitable gift for a child's Christmas present and send it to school. The gifts will be distributed to those in need in our community. Please place your gift under the Christmas tree in the library. If the library is closed please give the gift to your child's teacher. **Please DO NOT WRAP the present and please DO NOT send battery operated toys** due to the cost of new batteries. Thank you for your ongoing support with SRC fundraising projects and we hope that your family enjoys the upcoming festive season. Miss Field and the SRC

Canteen Roster

	Monday 10.30am – 2pm	Tuesday 1pm – 2pm	Wednesday 10.30am – 2pm	Thursday 1pm – 2pm	Friday 10.00am-2pm
Week 6			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 Volunteers 2014

Please consider volunteering to assist in the Canteen in 2014. Please complete the form below and return it to the office as soon as possible. Even one day per term helps to fill the roster. Thank you to the parents who continue to volunteer their time. Please ask other school mums, dads & grandparents to help out.

Thank you

Canteen Committee

Canteen Volunteer Form 2014 – Term 1				
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>				

Assembly Awards – Term 4 Week 5				
Award		Student Names		
Principal's Award for Kindness		Summer C 2/3		
Winning Class - lines		Yr 6		
Primary Sport		Tayla J 3/4, Isabelle B 4/5		
PSSA		Amelia D Yr 5		
Class	Student of the Week	Class Awards		
KK	Liam N	Betty N	Harry J	
KP	Emily H	Lauchlan C	Isabella K	
1DG	Simone B	Matia N	Emerson F	
1M	Matilda B	Shalei R	Connor B	
Yr 2	Mitchell S	Brock F	Chrystal M	
2/3	Britney S	Maggie O	Cody C	Tyeesha R
3/4	Ethan R	Lily J	Alessandro S	Olivia H
4/5	Noah L	Ruth H	Kyle M	Elizabeth J
Yr 5	Erin E	Chloe N	Liam K	Lofina N
Yr 6	Monica K	Jack D	Alana D	Jeremy S

Websites of the Week

Sun Safety

This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents. Find out

more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/sun-safety/index.php>

Digital Citizenship

We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online. Here are some tips to get you started:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>



Come and join the 'family friendly' Como Swimming Club

WHERE: Como Pleasure Grounds - 20 metre council pool
2 Cremona Road, Como

WHEN: Saturday mornings 9:30 - 11:30

WHO: Children 4 - 13 years old

The 2013 - 14 season runs from October 2013 to March 2014

For bookings or enquiries please contact us on 0420 981 330
or at comoswimclub@hotmail.com or just turn up!

'Learn to swim' is also available!

CSC is a volunteer run not-for-profit community organisation



SNPS FUNDRAISING PORTRAIT Q&A

Q. HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

A. \$20 which includes your sitting and a **framed 10" x 15" portrait**.

Q. HOW MUCH DOES THE SCHOOL EARN?

A. 100% of the \$20 fee goes directly to our school. As well as this we will receive bonuses from Laura Jean's when we reach 25, 35 and 45 families booked.

Q. WHEN AND WHERE IS IT?

A. Portraits will be taking place in the school Hall on Saturday 23 November 2013. Bookings can be made between 9am-5pm (later bookings are subject to demand) and will take 15 minutes of your time.

Q. I LIKE THE IDEA BUT HATE HAVING MY PICTURE TAKEN....

A. Portraits do NOT have to contain an adult. Portraits can be individual children, siblings, extended family, parents grandparents etc.. Why not see how many generations you can get in your shot? Please note that you can only take advantage of the \$20 framed portrait once per session except in the case of split families.

Q. I HAVE A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER THAT IS INTERESTED....

A. That is more than ok, the more the merrier. Simply have the interested person complete the form and return to the school with payment.

Q. I'M STILL NOT SURE....

A. These will make a great bargain Christmas gift and help raise much need funds for your children. WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE!

Q. OK YOU HAVE CONVINCED ME, WHAT NEXT?

A. Simply fill in the form and return to school with your \$20 payment ASAP. An appointment time will be allocated by the Thursday prior to the portraits. You should arrive at least 5 minutes prior to your appointment time.

Q. WHEN DO I GET MY PORTRAITS?

A. On the day of the portraits the photographer will allocate a date for viewing your collection. This is generally one afternoon approximately 2 weeks after initial session. If you are not available portraits can be posted at your expense.

Q. MY QUESTION IS NOT LISTED....

A. Simply contact Deanna on 0413 600 150 or SNPSfundraising@gmail.com or check out <http://www.laurajeane.com.au/>