



# Sutherland North Public School

Grounds to Grow

Schooltalk – 4 December 2013

## Principal's Message

*Leanne Noon*

### Thank you morning tea

A thank you morning tea for the helpers in our school will be held tomorrow Thursday 5 December at 11.00am in the Library. Invitations will be sent home this week. This is our chance to show our appreciation to all the wonderful parents, grandparents & friends who support our school. Please accept our apologies if for some reason your invitation doesn't arrive home and you are most welcome to attend the morning tea.

### Canteen

Please note that this is the last week for Canteen for the year. There will be special treats for sale including lollies and drinks this Friday 6 December. Thank you to all parent and friends who have volunteered to work in the Canteen this year. We look forward to your continued support in 2014.

### BEAR Program

Thank you to the parent tutors who have given up their valuable time throughout the year to assist with our BEAR (Being Excited About Reading) program. All the students have made significant progress with their reading through the regular practice and guidance provided by the tutors. Mrs O'Hare

### Semester 2 Student Reports

Student Reports will be sent home on Monday 16 December. Parents who would like to discuss their child's progress should make an appointment with the class teacher. Please be aware that we follow a mandatory state-wide reporting format used in all NSW Public Schools.

### Year 6 Farewell

The staff and Year 5 will farewell Year 6 from 6pm – 9pm on Monday 16 December at Club Kirrawee, Oak Rd Kirrawee. Parents who would like to have the last dance with their children are asked to arrive at 8.45pm. All students must be picked up by 9pm.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Kindred and the children who did an amazing job representing our school at the Schools Spectacular last week. Well done!

## Diary Dates

### December

*Thursday 5*

Mufti Day for Christmas  
Raffle

*Friday 6*

Last assembly

*Monday 9*

Christmas hampers  
helpers needed

*Monday 16*

9.30 - 11am  
Presentation Day  
6pm Year 6 Farewell

*Tuesday 17*

Picnic Day

*Wednesday 18*

Last day for children

### 2014

### January

*Tuesday 28*

Staff return

*Wednesday 29*

Students Yr 1 – 6

*Wed 29 – Fri 31*

Kindergarten 2014  
(on invited day only)

### February

*Monday 3*

Kindergarten 2014

*Monday 10*

Music groups commence

*Tuesday 18*

Swimming Carnival

## School starting time

Parents are once again reminded that supervision is not available before 8.30am and children are not to arrive before this time.

## Band & Ukulele 2014

A note was sent home earlier this week with all children in Years 1 – 5 (band) and Years 2 – 5 (ukulele) asking parents to indicate if they would like their child to join or continue with the band or ukulele group next year. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible so that I can confirm with the tutors that we have sufficient numbers to continue in 2014. Payment is not required until next year.

## Last Day for Students

The last day for the year for the children is Wednesday 18 December. The farewell parade for the Year 6 children will commence at 2.45pm in the COLA area. Parents are very welcome to attend.

## School Resources

Please ensure your child has returned all school resources that you have at home including home readers, Library Books, sports uniforms & band instruments. It is very important that school resources are returned promptly as all items are very costly and items lost or damaged will need to be replaced. Thank you for your support.

## School Start 2014

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 has been sent home 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.

## Ethics Classes Request

We now have a trained Ethics teacher, Mrs Sonya Bradford who commenced a class in Term 2 for the Year 3 & Year 4 children. To offer additional classes we will need more volunteers or someone willing to take over from Jean Barrett as the Ethics Coordinator. I would like to thank Jean & Sonya for their commitment to introducing Ethics at Sutherland North. If you are interested in being an Ethics teacher at our school please speak to Jean or Sonia. There is more information and you can apply online at [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au)

## From the Library...

Last week the students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge 2013 attended their well-deserved Pizza Party celebration. I'm sure they all enjoyed themselves. They should be very proud of their efforts!

When the Premier's Certificates arrive at the school they will be distributed to the students. As some students are keen to read over the summer holidays, all students were given the details and registration forms for the 2014 PRC. These forms need to be read and the bottom section signed and returned to the class teacher or myself if you want your child/children to be involved next year.

Happy reading!

Mrs Connor

**ANNUAL PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY**  
**9:30AM**  
**MONDAY 16 DECEMBER**  
**SUTHERLAND NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**12 – 18 AUBURN STREET, SUTHERLAND**

### Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets have been sent home to each family, for our annual Christmas Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each. There will be many beautiful, big hampers to be won. Tickets are to be returned by Friday 13 December. There are more books of raffle tickets available at the office if required. Mufti Day will be on Thursday 5 December. Please bring in a gift for the Christmas hampers in lieu of coming to school out of uniform. Some suggestions include chocolates, serviettes, tinned food, custard, bon bons, lollies, chips, biscuits or anything else that would be useful for Christmas day and the holidays. (No items with nuts please). Please remember that children need to wear closed in shoes & a hat on mufti days. The Fundraising Committee would appreciate some help organising the hampers at 9am on Monday 9 December in the school hall.

### Canteen Roster

	Monday 10.30am – 2pm	Tuesday 1pm – 2pm	Wednesday 10.30am – 2pm	Thursday 1pm – 2pm	Friday 10.00am-2pm
Week 9			4/12 Anne Davies	5/12 Cathy Whittingstall	6/12 Nicole Mogensen Lisa Brooks
Week 10 & 11	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

### 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 8				
Award		Student Names		
Principal's Award for Kindness		Miah N Yr 6		
Winning Class - lines		Year 5		
RFF – Mrs Rollason		Abbey W 2/3, Evie C KK		
RFF – Mr Allan Symes		Patrick M 4/5, Erika S 4/5		
Library		Tom N 4/5, Joshua S 4/5		
Infants Sport		Grace M 2/3, Jenna F KK		
Class	Student of the Week	Class Awards		
KK	Evie C	Tyler M	Betty N	
KP	Jessica B	Taylor C	Malcolm S	
1DG	Hayden S	Simone B	Oliver W	
1M	Oliver I	Madison H	Kiera D	
Yr 2	Brock F	Jack B	Leah H	
2/3	Cody C	Brayden S	Britney S	Nikita B
3/4	Ethan R	Claudia H	Lily J	Jack W
4/5	Joshua S	Daniella B	Jeremy J	Noah L
Yr 5	Luca S	Jai C	Hayden F	Melissa M
Yr 6	Jeremy S	Luke H	Billy Z	Zac B
Bronze Pennants				
Samantha D Yr 2, Scarlett H 4/5				
Silver Pennants				
Mitchell B 1M, Jordan T 1DG, Hayden S Yr2, Amelia J 2/3, Alexander J 2/3				
Kristin O 2/3, Inosi S 3/4, Theresa E 3/4, Hannah H 4/5,				
Gold Pennants				
William J 2/3, Sarah K 3/4, Lucas C 3/4, Ruth H 4/5				
Environment Club				
Natsuki F Yr 2, Chloe E Yr 2				

## Websites of the Week

### Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Preview app is a great way for students to find new books and track their progress in the challenge. It's free to download. To download the

app: <http://apps.microsoft.com/windows/en-au/app/nsw-premiers-reading-challenge/7a451df8-214b-4cd7-92a8-f8a4ea6dbe78>

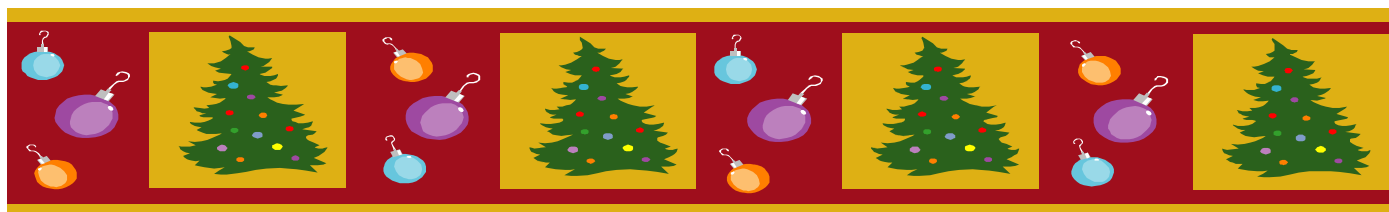
## Art about Australia

The Aussie Art competition invites primary school children (K-6) to enter an artwork with a brief description of why 'Australia is the best place in the world' for a chance to win a P&O family cruise or a 16GB iPad 2. The competition closes on 17 February 2014.

Enter the competition: [www.aussievault.com.au](http://www.aussievault.com.au)

## School Banking

Thank you for supporting the School Banking Program at Sutherland North Public School. The final school banking day for 2013 will be Thursday 12 December. If you have 10 tokens or more, please remember to exchange these for rewards by the end of this term as you will only be able to transfer up to 9 tokens in 2014. Alex Stone – School Banking Co-ordinator.



### ***Sutherland North Public School Mufti Day and Christmas Raffle***

***On Thursday 5 December 2013, the children will have a Mufti Day as payment for being out of uniform they need to bring in a **festive pantry item** for us to place in Hampers.***

***These hampers will become prizes in our Annual Christmas Raffle. Tickets cost \$1 each (\$10 per book) and must be returned to school **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2013**. Raffle will be drawn on Presentation Day, Monday 16 December 2013 at the final assembly of the year.***

### ***CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?***

***We need help to put together the Christmas hampers – Monday 9 December -9am***

***Many thanks,  
The Fundraising Team.***



## **Start School Smiling**

**NSW Health recommends that all children have a dental check-up before they start school**

Toothache can cause children to miss school. Pain can stop children playing, eating and sleeping.

To make an appointment, contact:

- Your family dentist; or
- The public dental service

**Public dental service phone number**

**1300 134 226**

All children aged 0 to 18 years are eligible for  
**FREE** dental care at public dental clinics