

# Schooltalk 2013

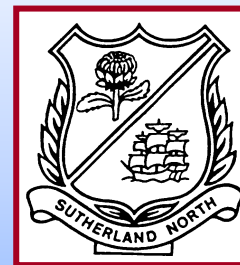
## SUTHERLAND NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL E-Bulletin

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Term 1 - Week 3

Wednesday 13 February 2013

### Principal's Message

✚ **You're invited to Meet the Teachers** – Parents are invited to attend a Meet the Teachers' function being held next Wednesday 20 February from 6.30–7.30pm in the Library. This is a great opportunity to chat to the teachers in an informal setting. All parents are invited to attend and then remain for the P&C meeting. We are hoping to increase parental involvement in P&C and other school activities this year. Nibbles & drinks will be provided by the P&C. Please note that this function is for adults only.

### Morning Assembly

It is wonderful to see so many parents attend our morning assembly. It certainly helps to maintain the friendly atmosphere we are proud of at Sutherland North. I would ask that parents stop talking and keep toddlers with them once announcements start and move away from the area at the back of the stage. Parents are also reminded that teachers are not available for interviews during morning assembly. Children need to be at school by 9am each morning wearing their school hat ready for morning fitness. Please leave the playground area as soon as the children move off to class. Thank you for your support.

### School Times (repeat)

School commences at 9am and finishes at 3pm. The school grounds are supervised between 8.30am and 3.00pm. **It is important that children DO NOT arrive at school before 8.30am as there is no supervision.** Children are to arrive at school by 9am or they will need to be signed in at the school office by a parent. The school gates are closed each day at 9.05am and opened at 2.45pm. Entry to the school during the day is via the School Office in Auburn Street. School finishes at 3pm and all children are to be picked up on time. Children are not to remain unsupervised in the playground after school hours. **The playground equipment is out of bounds before school, and after school unless children are directly supervised by an adult.** The children are to follow the school rules and are not to climb on the top of the equipment. Children are not to remove their school shoes until they leave the grounds.

### Contact Forms

It is essential that the school has up-to-date contact details, including address, phone numbers and emergency contacts for all children. We need a telephone number that will be answered at all times in the case of an emergency. Contact forms have been sent home with all children today. Please check that the details are correct, sign the form and return it school as soon as possible. ALL forms need to be returned to school as a matter of urgency even if there are no changes.

### Term Invoices & Student Resource Fee 2013

The student resource fee covers the cost of materials supplied to the children to support the teaching and learning program. As there are no textbooks a cost for printing student workbooks has been included. The School Contribution will remain unchanged in 2013. The cost is \$50 - 1 child, \$70 - 2 children & \$80 - 3 or more children and includes the \$2 P&C contribution. Term Invoices will be sent home next week. It would be greatly appreciated if the School Contribution was paid with the Student Resource Fee by **Friday 1 March. Thank you to the many parents who have already paid.**

### Year 3–6 Term One Sport

Children in Years 3-6 have recently had the opportunity to try out for the PSSA teams that are being offered this term commencing this Friday. Teams for Softball, Touch Football and Cricket have been chosen. Selection of teams is based on merit i.e. those students demonstrating the highest skill proficiency. Children not selected for PSSA Sport will be participating in a fantastic Basketball program run by John Suva from the Sutherland Basketball Stadium.

**Religious Education (Scripture)**

Scripture classes will begin next Thursday 21 February. If you do not wish your child to attend Scripture classes this year would you please return the note below ASAP.

**Passive Play**

I would appreciate donations of games, toys, toy cars, a car mat & puzzles that your family may have out-grown for the children to play with at lunch times in our passive play area. The children really enjoy this area & I like to provide different activities to keep them interested.

**Leanne Noon - Principal**

**Repeat Messages****Parent Information Meetings**

Parent Information Meetings will be held during Week 5 from Monday 25 – Thursday 28 February. The meetings give teachers the opportunity to speak to you about general class organisation, requirements, teaching programs and plans for the year. The meetings will be held during the school day and then repeated after school on Tuesday 26 February from 5.00 – 5.30pm. A note will be sent home outlining the specific meeting time for each class. Please remember that the meetings are only for parents. We cannot provide child-minding and children are not to be left unattended in the school playground. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 11 Term 1 to give both teachers and parents the opportunity to identify and discuss any issues regarding a child's progress or educational program early in the year.

**Permission to Publish**

At school there are often occasions when children (eg. classes, teams, dance groups etc) are photographed. These photos and videos may be used for a wide range of purposes including classroom displays, website information, school newsletters, promotional school flyers, Annual School Reports etc. The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) policy for child protection is that photographs displayed on school websites should not be labelled with the children's names. We would like all students to have parental permission for photos and videos to be taken and used for the purposes described above. The decision is up to parents and carers. **All children have received a permission note and I would ask that every student return this note, whether permission is given or not.** This permission must be sought and renewed annually.

**Parents & Citizens' Association (P&C) Meeting**

Next Wednesday 20 February we will be holding the first P&C meeting for the year starting at 7.30pm in the Library. The meeting includes the Annual General Meeting where the 2013 Executive Committee of the P&C is elected. The P&C is an important school group that gives parents a voice in the business of the school. We would like to extend a special invitation to our new Kindergarten parents. I am looking forward to meeting many new parents at the P&C meeting.

**Swimming Carnival**

The Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 19 February at Sans Souci Pool commencing at 9.30am. All children in Years 3 – 6 and 8 year olds in Year 2 who can **competently** swim 50m will be attending. Please see your child's class teacher for a note if your child is in Year 2 and should be attending the carnival. I hope parents can attend to support the children. A separate information note has been sent home. The permission note with an indication of your child's swimming ability and money must be returned to your child's class teacher by **Friday 15 February. Children who do not return a completed & signed permission note will not attend the carnival.**

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**Scripture 2013**

I **DO NOT** wish my child to attend Scripture lessons in 2013.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## *What's on at Sutherland North?*

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<b>Term 1 - 2013</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 15 February	PSSA starts
Tuesday 19 February	School Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 20 February	Meet the Teachers 6.30pm, P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Mon 25 - Thur 28 February	Parent Information Sessions
Thursday 14 March	Selective High School Test
Wednesday 20 March	P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 28 March	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 29 Mar – Mon 1 Apr	Easter
Mon 8 – Thur 11 April	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 12 April	Last day Term 1

### **Sutherland North Public School Policy for the Use of Mobile Phones, Portable Computer Games, iPads, MP3 Players/iPods, Cameras and Similar Devices in Schools by Students.**

#### **Introduction**

There is a range of technology available today including mobile telephones, pagers, digital cameras, portable CD and MP3 players/iPods, iPads, personal digital assistants and other similar devices. All of these have the potential to be incorporated appropriately into lessons, opening exciting new approaches to learning. When these technologies are misused by students they can be very disruptive to teaching and learning and in some cases cause harm.

Sutherland North Public School acknowledges that students may need to be in possession of a mobile telephone at school for reasons relating to their safety in travelling to and from school. As the students at Sutherland North are of primary school age it is preferable that mobile telephones are not brought to school on a regular basis.

Taking photographs or videos while at school or engaged in school-related activities by students may only occur if there is a sound reason for the photography. Depending on the particular circumstances and purpose of the photography, the permission of staff, parent/ carer or student may be required.

#### **Where students bring a mobile telephone, portable computer game, MP3 player/iPod, camera and similar devices to school:**

##### **Student Responsibilities**

- The student must take full responsibility for these devices. The school or staff will not be responsible for their loss, theft or damage. Students who bring them to school do so at their own risk.
- Students will use their mobile phone in a way which reflects the core values being taught in schools, including the values of respect, responsibility, care and fairness.
- Students must not use mobile telephones or other devices to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school. Such activities may incur disciplinary action including suspension.
- Students must not use mobile telephones or other devices to threaten, bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the telephone or for any illegal activity. Such activities may incur disciplinary action including suspension.
- Under no circumstances will inappropriate use of mobile telephones with cameras be tolerated. Students found to be using any camera contrary to this acceptable use policy will be dealt with under the school discipline policy. Disciplinary action will be taken in all cases.

##### **Improper use of mobile telephones or other electronic devices may result in:**

- Appropriate disciplinary measures as determined by the school's disciplinary policy.
- The student being required to hand in their mobile telephone or other electronic device at the beginning of the school day for collection when the student goes home.
- Confiscation of the mobile telephone or other electronic device until such time as their parent or caregiver is able to attend school to collect the device.
- Other disciplinary action in cases where students have bullied or threatened or harassed other students or staff via the mobile telephone or other personal communication device or where the device has been used to take photographs or display inappropriate material.

##### **Emergency Contact**

- If a parent or caregiver needs to contact a student at school as a result of an emergency, they are required to call the school's main office and a message will be sent immediately to the student.
- If a student needs to make emergency contact with anyone they can do so through the school's main office.

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### Canteen News

Please consider volunteering to assist in the Canteen in 2013. The canteen successfully ran at a profit in 2012 even with a small number of volunteers. 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. **The Canteen will remain closed until there are sufficient volunteers to complete the roster.** Thank you to the parents who continue to volunteer their time. The children really enjoy being able to go “shopping” at the Canteen particularly in Term 1 when they like an ice block on the hot days. Please ask other school mums, dads & grandparents to help out.

Thank you

Canteen Committee



#### CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FORM 2013

Your Name:

Child's Name:

Class:

Phone:

Mobile:

**Names of people I would like to be rostered on with:**

**Please circle the days that you can help - list any dates that you are NOT available**

**Monday**

10.30am–2pm

**Tuesday**

1pm-2pm

**Wednesday**

10.30am-2pm

**Thursday**

1pm-2pm

**Friday**

10.30am-2pm

**Comments:**

## SCHOOL BANKING



Welcome back to another exciting year of School Banking at Sutherland North Public School commencing Thursday 14 February.

This year the theme is the Savings Hunter program and will take the children on an adventure that will not only teach them smart money management skills, but also open their imagination and reward them with fantastic treasures along the way.

Every time your child makes a deposit at school they will receive a Dollarmites token. After they have saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward item. This year's rewards are more exciting than ever and include handballs, wallets, knucklebones games, torches, mini calculators and headphones!

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives \$5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

### Taking part in School Banking is easy.

- If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every **Thursday** using their Dollarmites deposit wallet (see below).



- If your child doesn't have a Youthsaver Account and you would like them to participate in school banking, you can open an account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Just remember to take identification for you and your child (eg. Drivers Licence and Birth Certificate).
- Alternatively, you can phone **13 2221** to open an account, or if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online.

## ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS IN YEAR 6

are invited to apply for  
THE JANNALI HIGH SCHOOL  
SELECTIVE CLASS YEAR 7 – 2014



*The selection process includes an external examination at The Jannali High School on 12 March.*

**Call the school on 9521 2805 for an Information Package and Application Form.**

Applications must be received by 7 March 2013.





*'the place to succeed'*

## OPEN NIGHT 2013

### Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February

5.30 – 7.00pm beginning in the School Auditorium

- ✓ Hear about the excellent education our school provides
- ✓ Talk to teachers and students about their experience of our school
- ✓ Engage in science experiments, work with wood, use our technology, including multi-media, see hospitality students in action (and taste their cuisine!), hear our school musicians and vocal ensemble, watch drama students perform....
- ✓ ... and much more

**Come and see what The Jannali High School will offer  
your child in 2014...**



# Gymea Technology High School

INSPIRE. LEARN. SUCCEED.

We warmly invite all primary students, their families  
and friends to attend our

## 2013 OPEN NIGHT

**Tuesday 5th March, 2013 – School Hall 6.30pm**

with the Gifted and Talented Information session  
commencing at 8:00pm

## Gifted and Talented Program

Academic Selective Class and the  
Accelerated Technology Program

Applications due 5<sup>th</sup> April

Test conducted at Gymea on 7<sup>th</sup> May

**Further enquiries phone 9521 3244**