



Sutherland North Public School

Grounds to Grow

Schooltalk – 26 June 2013

Principal's Message

Leanne Noon

End Term 2 Message

The last day of Term 2 is Friday 28 June. The first day for staff in Term 3 is Monday 15 July which is a student free School Development Day. The children return to school on Tuesday 16 July. Thank you to the Sutherland North staff for their professionalism and hard work planning and preparing the Semester 1 Student Reports. Many, many hours go into assessing and then reporting on student progress. Thank you to our extremely busy & efficient administration and support staff who are never too busy to assist children, parents and teachers with a friendly smile. I wish all our staff a well-deserved and restful holiday.

Thank you to all the parents who have assisted the school in any way during Term 2. We really appreciate your help and support. I would particularly like to mention Deanna & Emma (Fundraising), Beth & Tracey (Uniform), Kim, Nicole & Lisa (Canteen), Julie (Book Club), Belinda & Alex (Student Banking) and Brandon, Julie, Michele & Jemima (P&C Executive) for their hard work this year. Don't forget our first P&C Meeting for Term 3 is Wednesday 17 July at 7.30pm in the Library.

Student Attendance

After reading all the Semester 1 Student Reports I am concerned about the number of unexplained or unjustified absences that some children have had already this year. Please be aware that a note is required from parents or carers within seven days when a child has been absent from school. The note should not only acknowledge the absence but also give the reason; otherwise the absence is classified as *unexplained*. If the reason given is not related to a child's illness or injury or for necessary leave eg. domestic necessity or a special event, the absence may be recorded as *unjustified*. Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children.

School Security

During the past term we have experienced 2 trespassing incidents (27/4/2013 & 17/6/2013) where an unknown person has entered the school grounds during the night and illegally dumped a truck load of green waste. It appears that this person may have a copy of the security gate key. If you notice a vehicle on school property out of school hours please note the registration number if possible and contact School Security or Sutherland Police on the telephone numbers listed below. If you have any other concerns about people in the school grounds, vandalism, suspicious or inappropriate behaviour please call School Security 1300 880 021 or Sutherland Police on 9542 0899.

Diary Dates

June

Friday 28

Crazy Hair Day
Semester 1 Reports
Last day Term 2

July

Monday 15

School Development Day
– student free

Tuesday 16 – Friday 26

Swimming Scheme

Wednesday 17

7.30pm P&C Meeting

Tuesday 23

7.30pm Starting School
2014 Parent Information
Evening

**Education Week -
Monday 29 – Friday 2
August**

Tuesday 30

Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 31

English Competition

August

Thursday 1

Jump Rope for Heart

School Swimming Scheme Reminders

The School Swimming Scheme starts on Tuesday 16 July (the first day of Term 3 for children) and continues until Friday 26 July. The children must be ready to leave school at 9.00am. The children can wear their swimmers underneath their school uniform. Please send a dry towel & underwear in a separate **sturdy bag** to be taken to the pool (no plastic shopping bags please as they break easily). Children with long hair need to tie their hair back in a ponytail so they can participate fully in the lessons. Please label all your child's belongings.

Parent Behaviour at School

Parents are reminded that appropriate language is to be used at all times when speaking to school staff and in front of the children. Parents who are unable behave appropriately will be asked to leave the school grounds.

Crazy Hair Day

This Friday 28 June, our school will be having Crazy Hair Day to support Cystic Fibrosis NSW. The children are encouraged to wear a colourful wig or style their hair in an interesting and crazy fashion. Please bring a gold coin donation to school. All money raised will go to Cystic Fibrosis NSW. Thank you for your ongoing help and support with SRC projects.

Invoices for Excursions & other activities

Unpaid accounts have an impact on the funds available to purchase essential classroom equipment and resources for all the children. Parents are reminded that payment for excursions, band, ukulele, Dancesport, swimming, sport and school resources need to be received prior to the event and by the date requested on the information note. Notes and money are to be handed in by the children to their class teacher. Term 2 Invoices were sent home to all families 2 weeks ago. Thank you so much to the families who have already paid. **Please finalise all invoices by Friday 28 June.**

Out of School Hours (OOSH) Care (repeat)

I am very pleased to announce that Cubbyhouse Childcare Australia www.cubbycc.com.au has been successful in gaining selection to provide the Out of School Hours (OOSH) Care service commencing Tuesday 16 July. The new service will operate from the refurbished space at the rear of the Canteen. I have spoken to the new operators and I am really excited about the service they will provide to our children and families. Additional information about enrolment procedures is attached to the newsletter. **Please ensure you email the Expression of Interest form to Cubbyhouse as soon as possible to secure your child's position for next term.** Please note that all enrolment enquiries are to be made directly to Cubbyhouse.

Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival (SSSMF) Tickets Reminder

There are still some tickets available for the Sutherland Shire Musical Festival. Our Year 2 Choir and Junior Dance Group will perform at 7pm on Wednesday 21 August. The Senior Choir and Senior Dance Group will perform at 7pm on Thursday 15 August. Tickets are \$17.50. Due to health and safety regulations, the Entertainment Centre will not allow children to sit on parents' laps. Each person attending the concert will require a ticket. To order and purchase tickets, go to www.trybooking.com/CUWN



P&C News

Now that the SNPS OOSH service tender has been completed, I would like to take this opportunity as a parent and a member of the P&C to personally thank the teachers and staff of SNPS for their tireless efforts this term to ensure the continuity of before and after school care. With the formation of the Homework Club this term, the staff at SNPS went above and beyond the call to make sure that we as parents did not have to make alternate plans during this difficult time. Words cannot express the gratitude we all feel, but it's a start. So thank you, thank you, thank you!! This should be a reminder to all parents of the commitment that the staff at SNPS continually show to our children.

On another note, one of the topics of discussion at last week's P&C was in relation to Social Networking by children at SNPS. If you weren't at the meeting, I want to bring to your attention that there are children at SNPS who are using Social Networking sites such as Facebook, Instagram, etc. Besides being under the age limit to use these sites (and they can be reported to the site administrators), by having access to them, they may be exposed to cyber-bullying and cyber-stalking.

My understanding is that there appears to be a "competition" among some children to see who has the most "followers" on these sites. They do this by posting "selfies" ie photos of themselves among other things. IF YOU WEREN'T AWARE, YOU ARE NOW. I'm not here to provide parenting tips, but it's important that this information is passed on to the community and that it's up to you as parents to control the use of these sites by your children. There are plenty of websites that provide information on how to restrict the use of smart phones, apps, etc, and if you don't how, try and speak to other parents or you can Google this information.

The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 17 July 2013 at 730pm. I look forward to seeing you all then.

Have a great break everyone!

Brandon Lewis – P&C President

Canteen News

Term 3 volunteers are now needed. Please complete the form below or text Nicole Mogensen on 0402349631 with your availability. Thank you from the Canteen Committee.

Canteen Volunteer Form 2013 – Term 3				
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>				

Canteen Roster Term 2

If your child is in a PSSA sport team please remember to clearly mark their lunch order with **SPORT** so that the canteen knows to have their order ready. **THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED THIS FRIDAY WHILE THE OVEN IS BEING REPAIRED.**

	Monday 10.30am – 2pm	Tuesday 1pm – 2pm	Wednesday 10.30am – 2pm	Thursday 1pm – 2pm	Friday 10.30am-2pm
Week 9			26/6 Cathy Whittingstall	27/6 Katrina Briancourt	28/6 CLOSED

Assembly Awards - Term 2 Week 8				
Award		Student Names		
Principal's Award for Kindness		Daniella B 4/5		
Spelling Award		Tara A KP		
Winning Class - lines		4/5		
Library – Mrs Connor		Grace P KP, Claudia C 4/5		
Class	Student of the Week	Class Awards		
KK	Betty N	Samuel N	Rory C	
KP	Broc B	Karissa R	Thomas G	
1DG	Oktay G	Audrey L	Matia T	
1M	Kiera D	Tyler C	Blake J	
Yr 2	Chrystal	Kosta M	Mitchell L	
2/3	Spencer K	Mariam I	William J	Codie F
3/4	Theressa E	Claudia H	Jasmine R	Jazzmine M
4/5	Waereti P	Patrick M	Claudia C	Noah L
Yr 5	Joseph W	Olivia H	Melissa M	Ella T
Yr 6	Jacob Y	Monica K	Luke W	Epeli S
Premier's Reading Challenge				
Brooke M Yr 5, Brock F Yr 2, Mitchell T KK, Jenna F KK,				
Abigail H 1DG, Hannah M 1M, Blake T 1DG, Luke K Yr 6				
Bronze Pennants				
Luca S Yr 5, Danielle B 4/5, Ruth H 4/5, Tayla J 3/4, Inosi S 3/4, Kristen O 2/3,				
Mariam I 2/3, Megan N 1M, Orlando S 1DG, Rachel E 1DG, Olivia Hall 3/4, Jack W 3/4				

Important things to do this week.....

- ✚ Send in spare change for the Spare Change Challenge
- ✚ Return the permission note and payment for the Swimming Scheme ASAP
- ✚ Pay the Term 2 Invoice
 - ✚ Volunteer for Canteen
 - ✚ Purchase Music Festival tickets

Life is good in Kindergarten

Kindergarten love dressing up! They have been dressing up as their favourite characters and presenting their news, to tell us why they love these characters so much.



What will we work as when we grow up?

Kindergarten has been dressing up for fun and to play the part of a potential future profession. They have big ambitions to be the next generation's; doctors, nurses, zoo keepers, teachers, policeman and ice-cream truck drivers.

What do I want to be when I grow up?



It has also been lots of fun exploring living things and their needs.

Look at my pet stick insect!



We have enjoyed learning about frogs and caterpillars.

