



Sutherland North Public School

Grounds to Grow

Schooltalk – 29 January 2014

Principal's Message

Leanne Noon

Welcome back

Welcome back to what I know will be another very busy and productive year at Sutherland North Public School. I would also like to welcome all our new students to Sutherland North; this is a busy and exciting time for the children and their families.

Staffing

We also welcome back our teaching and support staff. The teaching staff are Mrs Karen Kinred, Mrs Kathy Dugan, Mrs Barbara Greaves, Mrs Peta Moseley, Mrs Janeen Dargaville (Assistant Principal), Mrs Pam Buckle (Assistant Principal), Mr Matt Menegazzo (Relieving Assistant Principal), Mrs Kay Soames, Mr John Warwick, Mr Luke Fleming, Mrs Margit Doohan (ESL), Mrs Gillian Rollason (RFF), Mrs Gaynor Connor (Librarian), Mrs Karen Meacham (Learning Assistance & Support) and Mr Brian Plummer (School Counsellor). Mrs Sarah Whicker & Mrs Sue O'Hare will be working with us during Term 1 while we commence staffing procedures for at least one and possibly 2 teacher vacancies. Our Administrative & Support staff are Mrs Jennie Aberline, Ms Alysha Bryson, Mrs Marlene Sands and Mr Kevin Perry.

Classes 2014

This year we have an enrolment of approximately 243 children which has enabled us to form 10 classes. Last year parents were given the opportunity to share information about their child that they would like considered regarding class placements for 2014. It is now too late to make changes to a child's class. Please speak to the class teacher if there is any information you would like to share so that teachers can best meet your child's educational needs.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our 2014 School Captains: Hannah H & Luca S and Prefects: Marnie F, Ashleigh K, Jarrod G & Josh M. I know they will be outstanding school leaders.

Parents & Citizens' Association (P&C) Meeting

On Wednesday 26 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 2014 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.

January

Tuesday 28

Staff returns
School office open

Wednesday 29

Students Yrs 1 - 6

Wednesday 29 – Fri 31

Kindergarten 2014 (on invited day only)

February

Monday 3

Kindergarten 2014

Monday 10

Music groups commence

Tuesday 18

Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 26

7.30pm P&C Meeting

March

Wednesday 5

Yoga

Wednesday 19

7.30pm P&C Meeting

Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 18 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 will be sent home soon. 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 14 February.

School Times

School commences at 9am and finishes at 3pm. The school grounds are supervised between 8.30am and 3.00pm. Children are not to arrive at school before 8.30am. Children are to arrive by 9am or they have to be signed in at the school office by a parent. The school gates are closed each day at 9.05am and opened at 2.55pm. Entry to the school during the day is via the School Office in Auburn Street. Parents are asked not to enter the school before 2.55pm as standing outside the classrooms interrupts the children's learning. School finishes at 3pm and all children are to be picked up on time. Parents are reminded that children must be directly supervised by an adult if using the playground equipment or playing in the playground after school. Children must follow the school rules that apply when using the playground including not climbing on the "top" of the equipment or throwing sticks. It is great to see the children playing together after school, please remember that the school is not responsible for children's safety after 3pm. The school gates will be closed by approximately 3.30pm.

School Uniform & School Hats 2014

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 in making sure your child is currently wearing full **summer uniform** each day and sports uniform on Fridays with the maroon rugby style jumper if it's cool. In particular please remember that netball skirts are not part of our uniform and tights, bike pants or leggings are not to be worn under the summer tunic or for sport. We also have a no hat; no play policy which involves wearing a Sutherland North school hat. When purchasing new school shoes for 2014 please ensure your child wears black shoes with white socks for girls and grey socks for boys. Please label all items of clothing. As mentioned last year there was a discussion regarding the new style school hats at P&C and 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 this year. I appreciate your support with ensuring the children continue to look well-presented in their uniforms. It would be wonderful to see an overall improvement in the standard of the uniform and in particular the wearing of black school shoes in 2014.

Newsletter & Website

The newsletter is published every Wednesday on the school website at www.sutherland-n-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. It is recommended that parents subscribe to have the newsletter emailed directly each Wednesday by visiting our website and following the link in the Newsletters tab. A hard copy of the newsletter is being sent home to all families this week only. Families who do not have access to the internet can request a hard copy sent home and a limited number of copies are available in the office. If you subscribed last year you will continue to receive the newsletter by email. A return slip to request a paper copy of the newsletter is attached.

Band & Ukulele 2014

A note was sent home today with all children in Years 2 – 6 (band) and Years 3 – 6 (ukulele) asking parents to indicate if they would like their child to join or continue with the band or ukulele group this year. Please return the reply slip with payment as soon as possible so that I can confirm with the tutors that we have sufficient numbers to continue in 2014. Lessons commence on Monday 10 February.

Yoga Program

After a very successful trial of Yoga lessons for the children last year we will commence a 6 week program on Wednesday 5 March for all children. The cost of the program is only \$20. Additional information will be sent home soon.

Crunch & Sip




Crunch & Sip is a set break to eat fresh fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Children re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning session, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration. We would like all children to bring fresh fruit or vegetables to eat after daily fitness. We would also like to encourage children to bring healthy alternatives for recess and to make an effort to reduce the amount of packaging or even consider waste-free lunches. Waste-free lunches benefit the environment by reducing packaging waste, which in turn reduces energy and resource use. Waste-free lunches result in reduced litter and encourage healthy eating. Often, highly processed foods are packaged while unprocessed snacks, such as fruit and vegetables, are not.

Student medical forms & Medication

Last year we updated our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health. The new forms help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child. Please contact the school office as a matter of urgency if you need to update your child's medical information for 2014 or you did not return a form last year. New students including Kindergarten 2014 will receive a form to complete if you have not already done so. Please contact the office before sending any medication to school.

Anaphylaxis & general use adrenaline autoinjectors

All government schools have a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) in their first aid kit. This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

-  An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
-  There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
-  A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know – see Action steps for parents. Find out more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/anaphylaxis/index.php>

All families are asked to assist the children in our school who are anaphylactic. I ask your cooperation in not sending any of the following foods for your own children, whilst they are at school: **Peanuts and or peanut butter, other nuts (including cashews, hazelnuts, walnuts, pistachios, macadamia, Brazil nuts & Nutella) and muesli bars containing nuts.** Thank you for your support.

Birthday Cakes

To celebrate a child's birthday parents sometimes bring cakes to school. Please speak to your child's class teacher to check if it is convenient before you bring cake to school. Only cupcakes or large slab cakes (eg. Sara Lee) pre-cut into pieces will be accepted. Please provide serviettes. All cakes must be nut free. Please do not send in lolly or party bags as we are not able to distribute them. Please speak to your child's class teacher if your child is anaphylactic to make arrangements for a suitable treat or cake to be available.

Passive Play

I'm seeking donations of small cars, construction toys and games suitable for the children to play with at lunch time during passive play. The children really enjoy this area in the playground and if you have things at home that your children may have outgrown we would be happy to have them. Please leave any donations at the office.

Student Welfare Policy

Our aim in 2014 is to continue to work closely with parents to ensure all children participate fully at school. A copy of the Student Welfare Policy is available on the school website. I will also include excerpts from the policy in Schooltalk over the coming weeks.

Student Welfare Policy - Merit Scheme

Sutherland North Public School believes that fundamentally, students should be pleased with their achievements when they try their best and are motivated to succeed (intrinsic). This is achieved through the creation of a quality learning environment where students are engaged in experiences that possess intellectual quality and significance. At Sutherland North PS, intrinsic rewards are coupled with our school merit scheme which rewards students for actively demonstrating our school's core values and trying their best academically. Students are able to work towards the achievement of a series of commendation levels. Placement on these levels is earned by upholding the school's rights and responsibilities, exemplary behaviour, outstanding citizenship and working to potential within learning programs. In order to work towards the various levels students earn assembly awards. Each week the children will have the opportunity to receive the following awards at the Friday assembly:

- 🏆 Merit Certificates – 2 or 3 per class (depending on the class size)
- 🏆 Student of the Week ribbon – 1 per class
- 🏆 Library – 2 certificates
- 🏆 RFF – 1 certificate per stage
- 🏆 Spelling Award – 1 award per week on a class roster basis
- 🏆 Sports Awards – infants sport, primary sport & PSSA sport – 2 certificates per group
- 🏆 Principal's Award

All of the above awards have a value of one, except for the Principal's Award, which is worth two as it is more difficult to achieve. The following number of assembly awards need to be earned in order to achieve the commendation levels of gold, silver and bronze.

4 awards = Bronze Pennant 8 awards = Silver Pennant 12 awards = Gold Pennant

On reaching each level students are presented with their pennant at the whole school assembly. A letter is sent home congratulating the student and inviting parents to attend the assembly. The children are also recognised in the school newsletter.



Request for a hard copy of the Newsletter

I do not have access to the internet and would like a hard copy of the newsletter sent home with my youngest child each Wednesday. Please return the note to your child's class teacher.

Youngest child's name: Class:

Signed: Date:

Canteen Volunteers 2014

Please consider volunteering to assist in the Canteen in 2014. The canteen successfully ran at a profit in 2013 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 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> 1.15pm-2pm	<u>Wednesday</u> 10.30am-2pm	<u>Thursday</u> 1.15pm-2pm	<u>Friday</u> 10.30am-2pm
<u>Comments:</u>				

Websites of the Week

Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Please purchase black school shoes for your child for 2014. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

NSW public school terms and holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2014 - 2015.

Find out more: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

Outline of Costs 2014

To assist with family budgeting please find below, an outline of anticipated activities & approximate costs you can expect during 2014. Please note this list is not complete & exact costs will be notified at the time of the activity. Bus costs are likely to increase in 2014. Additional excursions may be scheduled for individual classes next year. A note outlining the Student Resource Fee and additional classroom requirements for 2014 has been sent home this week.

Term	Activity & Approximate Cost
1	School Contributions \$50 1 child, \$70 2 children, \$80 3+ children Student Resource Fee \$49 - \$55 depending on grade Yoga Program K-6 - \$20 University Competitions Yr 3 – 6 \$8 x 3 Swimming Carnival Yr 2 – Yr 6 \$14+ Yr 6 Jerseys \$50+ PSSA Sport – bus fare \$6 + registration fee \$6 Junior & Senior Choir - bus fare \$10+, t-shirt \$10 Band \$7.00 per lesson + \$14 book for new students + instrument rental Ukulele \$27 instrument + \$6 per lesson DanceSport Yr 5 – \$75 lesson fees
2	Dance Group Costumes \$15 PSSA Sport \$6 + \$6 registration fee Band \$7 per lesson Ukulele \$6 per lesson School Photographs Yr 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion \$230+
3	DanceSport Yr 5 – costumes, tickets for parents Music Festival tickets Athletics Carnival \$6+ PSSA Sport \$6 + \$6 registration fee Band \$7 per lesson Ukulele \$6 per lesson Intensive Swimming Yr 2 & non-swimmers Yr 3 – 6 \$50+
4	Yr 6 Farewell \$35+ PSSA Sport \$6 bus, \$8 Basketball bus & court + \$6 registration fee Band \$7 per lesson Ukulele \$6 per lesson Gymnastics K-2 & Non PSSA Yr 3 – 6 \$40+

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Student Resource Fee 2014

The student resource fee covers the cost of materials supplied to the children to support the teaching and learning program. Please find following the costs for each grade for 2014. As there are no textbooks a cost for printing student workbooks has been included. The School Contribution will remain unchanged in 2014. The cost is \$50 - 1 child, \$70 - 2 children & \$80 - 3 or more children and includes \$2 P&C contribution. It would be greatly appreciated if the School Contribution was paid with the Student Resource Fee. Please see over for the stationery requirements for each grade.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Kindergarten	Reading Eggs	\$ 20.00	\$ 55.00
	Mathletics	\$ 14.00	
	Home Reading Bag	\$ 6.00	
	Classroom resource fee	\$ 15.00	
Year 1	Reading Eggs	\$ 20.00	\$ 55.00
	Mathletics	\$ 14.00	
	Classroom resource fee	\$ 15.00	
	My Macquarie Word Book	\$ 6.00	
Year 2	Reading Eggs	\$ 20.00	\$ 49.00
	Mathletics	\$ 14.00	
	Classroom resource fee	\$ 15.00	
Year 3	Classroom resource fee	\$ 15.00	\$ 53.00
	Spelladrome	\$ 11.00	
	Mathletics	\$ 14.00	
	School Magazine	\$ 13.00	
Year 4	Classroom resource fee	\$ 15.00	\$ 53.00
	Spelladrome	\$ 11.00	
	Mathletics	\$ 14.00	
	School Magazine	\$ 13.00	
Year 5	Classroom resource fee	\$ 15.00	\$ 53.00
	Spelladrome	\$ 11.00	
	Mathletics	\$ 14.00	
	School Magazine	\$ 13.00	
Year 6	Classroom resource fee	\$ 15.00	\$ 53.00
	Spelladrome	\$ 11.00	
	Mathletics	\$ 14.00	
	School Magazine	\$ 13.00	



2014 Student Resource Fee

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Resource Fee: \$ _____

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\$50 - 1 child, \$70 - 2 children, \$80 - 3 or more children for School Contributions:\$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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Stationery Requirements 2014

To help parents with back-to-school preparations the following additional items are required for students in 2014. Individual class teachers may also request class specific items next year. Library and Home Reading bags can be used from previous years or they are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop for \$6.00.

Kindergarten

- box of tissues
- 4 glue sticks (not liquid)
- bottle of liquid soap
- paint shirt
- scrap book (homework)
- Home reading bag (navy) supplied with resource fee
- Library bag (maroon) supplied

Years 1 & 2

- box of tissues
- bottle of liquid soap
- paint shirt
- 2 glue sticks (not liquid)
- Home reading bag (navy)
- Library bag (maroon)

Years 3 & 4

- box of tissues
- paint shirt
- 2 glue sticks (not liquid)
- Dictionary
- **small** pencil case with the following items
 - coloured pencils
 - 2 lead pencils (HB)
 - 2 red pens
 - 2 blue pens
 - eraser (no liquid paper)
 - pencil sharpener (with canister)
- Home reading bag (navy)
- Library bag (maroon)
- **optional:** textas

Years 5 & 6

- box of tissues
- Dictionary
- 30cm ruler (mm/cm) (not steel)
- Thumb Drive (USB)
- 2 glue sticks (not liquid)
- **small** pencil case with the following items
 - coloured pencils
 - 2 lead pencils (HB)
 - 2 red pens
 - 2 blue pens
 - eraser (no liquid paper)
 - pencil sharpener (with canister)
- Mathematical Instruments
- Manila folder (cardboard)
- A4 Homework book (128pg)
- Home reading bag (navy)
- Library bag (maroon)
- **optional:** textas

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Band 2014 Year 2 – Year 6

Dear Parents,

Band tutorials will commence in Week 3 Term 1, Monday 10 February. The instruments that will be taught are flute, clarinet, trombone, trumpet, saxophone & drums (1 student). Tutorials will be held on Monday at lunchtime between 1.30pm & 2.00pm followed by a whole group lesson from 2.00pm – 2.30pm.

The cost per lesson is \$7.00 with a one off charge per year for instrument hire of \$100. \$40 will be refunded when the instrument is returned. If your child has their instrument from last year the hire fee is \$60. There is also a \$14.00 charge for a music book if your child is new to band.

The children must be prepared to make a commitment to being in the band for the whole year and fees will be charged. Children from Year 2 to Year 6 can join the band.

Fees will be charged by the term and must be paid in advance.

Please return the reply slip including Term 1 Fees:

\$177 - new band members with hired instrument and music book

\$123 – continuing band members with hired instrument additional \$60 hire fee

\$63 – own instrument or \$77 own instrument + music book (new student)

(includes 9 weeks tuition)

Yours Sincerely

Leanne Noon
Principal
3 December 2013

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School Band 2014

I would like my child to join the school band in 2014. I understand the cost will be \$7.00 per week, **payable in advance as a term fee**, with a \$100 per year hire fee for the instrument (\$40 refundable on return.) I understand that my child will be expected to be in the band for the school year and fees will be charged accordingly.

Child's Name: Class:

Parent's Name:

Parent's Signature: Date:

Enclosed Term 1 Fees:

\$177 - new band members with hired instrument and music book

\$123 – continuing band members with hired instrument additional \$60 hire fee

\$63 – own instrument or \$77 own instrument + music book

(includes 9 weeks tuition)

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Ukulele 2014 Year 3 – Year 6

Dear Parents,

Ukulele lessons will commence in Week 3 Term 1, Monday 10 February. Lessons will be held on Monday between 2.00pm – 2.30pm.

The cost per lesson is \$6.00 with a one off charge for ukulele purchase of \$27.

The children must be prepared to make a commitment to being in the Ukulele group for the whole year and fees will be charged. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 can join.

Fees will be charged by the term and must be paid in advance.

Please return the reply slip including Term 1 Fees:

\$81 - new group members with ukulele purchase

**\$54 – continuing members with own ukulele
(includes 9 weeks tuition)**

Yours Sincerely

Leanne Noon
Principal
3 December 2013



Ukulele 2014 Year 3 – Year 6

I would like my child to join the Ukulele group in 2014. I understand the cost will be \$6.00 per week, **payable in advance as a term fee**, with a one off charge for ukulele purchase of \$27. I understand that my child will be expected to be in the group for the school year and fees will be charged accordingly.

Child's Name: Class:

Parent's Name:

Parent's Signature: Date:

Enclosed:

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