



# Sutherland North Public School

*Grounds to Grow*

*Schooltalk – 5 February 2014*

## Principal's Message

*Leanne Noon*

### *You're invited to Meet the Teachers*

Parents are invited to attend a Meet the Teachers' function being held on Wednesday 26 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.

### *Classes 2014*

This year we have an enrolment of 243 children which has enabled us to form 10 classes. I'm pleased to report the children have settled in extremely well. A great deal of time, planning & thought went into the formation of classes and many factors were taken into consideration including social and academic needs. We find that the children settle quickly into their new classes when parents are positive about the changes that occur at the start of the school year. KK – Mrs Kinred, KW – Mrs Whicker, 1DG – Mrs Dugan & Mrs Greaves, 1O'H – Mrs O'Hare, Yr 2 – Mrs Buckle & Mrs Dargaville, 2/3 – Mrs Soames, Yr 3 – Mrs Moseley, 4/5 – Mr Menegazzo, 5/6W – Mr Warwick, 5/6F – Mr Fleming

### *Parent Information Meetings*

Parent Information Meetings will be held during Week 6 from Monday 3 – Thursday 6 March. 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 4 March 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.

### *Assembly*

Our Friday assembly commences Week 3. At this stage it is for children only while we organise new routines. Parents will be invited to attend later in the term.

## **February**

*Monday 10*

Music groups commence  
Canteen opens

*Tuesday 18*

Swimming Carnival

*Wednesday 26*

6.30pm Meet the Teachers  
7.30pm P&C Meeting

## **March**

*Mon 3 – Thurs 6*

Parent Information Meetings

*Wednesday 5*

Yoga program commences

*Wednesday 19*

7.30pm P&C Meeting

## **April**

*Monday 7 – Thursday 10*

Parent/Teacher Interviews

*Thursday 10*

Easter Hat Parade

*Friday 11*

Last day Term 1

## **Term 2**

## **April**

*Monday 28 April*

School Development Day

*Tuesday 29 April*

Children return Term 2

## 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) has updated their Permission to Publish note. We would like all students to have parental permission for photos and videos to be taken and used for the purposes described above. All children have received a permission note and I would ask that every student return this note. Please note that for our school publications children's photographs are not identified by name and only first name & initial are used in the newsletter.

## 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.

## 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**.

## From the Library

At this time of year our Library is a very busy place..... loaning out Atlases, Dictionaries and library books to class rooms and completing the School Stocktake. If you are able to assist in any way (no experience needed) on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, please come and see me. I'd be most grateful.  
Gaynor Connor - Teacher Librarian

## School Banking Day Reminder

Don't forget that Thursday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. This year the rewards on offer are handballs, scented pencils, pencil cases, plush toy key rings, moneyboxes, swimming bags, projector cups and sea streamers. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Sutherland North Public School.

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## 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: .....

## Student Welfare Policy - Behaviour

All students at Sutherland North Public School are expected to:

- ✚ attend every school day and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- ✚ behave safely and responsibly at all times.
- ✚ show respect at all times for their peers, teachers and other school staff, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities;
- ✚ care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Students are placed on discipline levels as a consequence of inappropriate behaviour in the classroom, playground or during any school activity. They are placed on levels through the classroom behaviour management system or by referral to the Assistant Principal or Principal.

Level	Behaviour	Action/Consequences
<b>LEVEL 1 Behaviour Notification</b>	<u>The student:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>repeatedly displays inappropriate behaviour and has their name recorded in the class behaviour book three times.</li> <li>is involved in behaviours such as fighting, hurting others, stealing or any other behaviour deemed serious.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The classroom teacher completes a behaviour notification which is then signed by an Executive and sent home to be signed by the student's parent.</li> <li>The student spends 1 lunchtime completing <i>School Service</i>.</li> <li>The classroom teacher will contact the student's parents to discuss the behaviour.</li> <li>A behaviour contract is put in place if necessary.</li> </ul>
<b>LEVEL 2 Green Card Referred to the Assistant Principal</b>	<u>The student:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>repeatedly displays inappropriate behaviour or has had 3 behaviour notifications sent home.</li> <li>is referred to the <u>Assistant Principal</u> for being involved in behaviours such as fighting, hurting others, stealing, vandalism, arguing with staff, serious bullying, inappropriate language or any other behaviour deemed serious.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student completes 1 day <i>School Service</i> followed by 4 days in lunch time <i>Passive Play</i>.</li> <li>The student's parents are contacted by the Assistant Principal to discuss the behaviour and a notification is sent home.</li> <li>A behaviour contract (Green Card) is put in place for 1 week with possibility of extension – monitored by AP.</li> </ul>
<b>LEVEL 3 Red Card Referred to the Principal</b>	<u>The student:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>persists with inappropriate behaviour while on Level 2;</li> <li>is referred to the <u>Assistant Principal</u> or <u>Principal</u> for being involved in behaviours such as fighting, hurting others, stealing, vandalism, arguing with staff, serious bullying, inappropriate language or any other behaviour deemed very serious.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student completes 5 days <i>School Service</i> followed by 5 days in lunch time <i>Passive Play</i>.</li> <li>An interview with the student's parents is held and a <u>Formal Caution letter</u> is issued.</li> <li>A behaviour contract (Red Card) is put in place for 1 week, followed by a Green Card for 1 week.</li> <li>The student will not participate in PSSA sport or attend excursions.</li> <li>The student is not eligible for any awards.</li> <li>The student will remain on Level 3 for 1 week and Level 2 for 1 week providing there is no further misbehaviour.</li> <li>A referral to the Learning Support Team will be made for the student.</li> </ul>
<b>SUSPENSION Referred to the Principal</b>	<u>The student:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>displays serious inappropriate behaviours as outlined in the DEC Suspension and Expulsion of Students Policy.</li> </ul>	<p>The student will be suspended at the discretion of the Principal and in accordance with the DEC policy:</p> <p><a href="https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_serv/v/discipline/stu_discip_gov/PD20060316.shtml">https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_serv/v/discipline/stu_discip_gov/PD20060316.shtml</a></p>

## Canteen 2014

**SNPS Canteen – “The Lunch Box” will open on MONDAY 10 February 2014.** Please see the roster below. At this stage, only these 4 weeks are confirmed, as we need volunteers to assist helping in the canteen. First timers more than welcome – training will be provided. Even one day per term helps to fill the roster. Without enough Volunteers the Lunch Box will be closed. **Lunch orders are only available on Monday, Wednesday & Friday and snacks Tuesday & Thursday.** 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. Please complete the form below and hand back into the office, or you can call/SMS on the numbers below with your details.

Thank you, and be sure to look out for some exciting new menu items throughout the year.

Jemima Jupp (0411 521 621) and Nikki Hill (0404 040 818)

TERM 1	MON	TUES No lunch orders	WED	THURS No lunch orders	FRI
<b>WEEK 3</b> 10/2 - 14/2	Jemima Jupp Nikki Hill	Anita Oze	Jean Barrett Katrina Briancourt	Leanne Pullen	Jen Swan Lesley Wells
<b>WEEK 4</b> 17/2 - 21/2	Elisa Fulton	June O'Brien	Beth Kendrick & Vanessa Do Como	Fiona O'Brien	Emma Hall Vanessa Streater
<b>WEEK 5</b> 24/2 - 28/2	Kate O'Brien	Jo Hunnisett Megan Salomo	Jean Barrett Katrina Briancourt	Jo Hunnisett	Nic Mogo Jemima Jupp
<b>WEEK 6</b> 3/3 - 7/3	Ray & Brenda Leonard	Brooke Moody	Vanessa Do Como Jean Barrett	Sonya Bradford	Monica Brabant Annika Leonard

### Canteen Volunteer Form 2014 – Term 1

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 <b>NOT</b> available				
Monday 10.30am-2pm	Tuesday 1.15pm-2pm	Wednesday 10.30am-2pm	Thursday 1.15pm-2pm	Friday 10.30am-2pm
Comments:				



# Starting Kindergarten at Sutherland North is fun!





## TAKE CARE GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Welcome back to a new school year! Sutherland Shire Council Parking Officers will be out at all schools again this year helping you to ensure that all children get to and from school safely.

### DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN

Schools are areas where there is a lot of interaction between cars and pedestrians: your children. Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably, and are extremely vulnerable.

Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. Boys are twice as likely to be involved in pedestrian accidents as girls and children 10-14 years have the highest rate of child pedestrian casualties (RMS).

- Children up to eight years old should hold an adult's hand on the footpath, in the carpark or when crossing the road.
- Children up to ten years old should be actively supervised around traffic and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- Take the time to make sure your children are aware of, understand and follow traffic safety regulations when they are walking.

### HAVE A PLAN

Plan with your son or daughter how you will collect them. When and where will you be after school? Where should they wait? Make sure they know not to try and get into your vehicle while it is still in traffic, even if you are stopped; they should wait until you have parked at the side of the road.

Plan to arrive AFTER the school bell goes in the afternoon, so your children are ready and waiting for you and you are not blocking traffic.

### NO PARKING ZONES

A No Parking zone is a pick up and drop off area: you can stop here for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers and must remain within three metres of the vehicle. When parents park in a No Parking zone for longer than two minutes they prevent other parents from stopping to drop off or pick up their children, creating frustration and dangerous situations. If you arrive before the school bell and block the pickup areas, you risk a fine.

Parking offences in school zones carry heavier fines and loss of demerit points. Sutherland Shire Council makes no apologies for fining drivers who break the law around schools and in school zones.

See the Roads and Maritime Authority website at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au) for more about Australian Road Rules and other road safety information.

### SOME SIGNS YOU WILL SEE AROUND YOUR SCHOOL

#### NO PARKING

##### What does it mean?

You CAN stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.



##### Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children

#### NO STOPPING

##### What does it mean?

You CANNOT stop in this area FOR ANY REASON.

##### Why is it there?

To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes.



#### BUS ZONE

##### What does it mean?

You must NOT stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

##### Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of 'their' safety zone.

