



Sutherland North Public School

Grounds to Grow

Schooltalk – 19 February 2014

Principal's Message

Leanne Noon

Parents & Citizens' Association (P&C) Meeting & Meet the Teacher

Next 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. At 6.30pm before P&C we are holding our Meet the Teacher event. We would like to extend a special invitation to our new Kindergarten parents. I am looking forward to meeting many new parents.

Yoga Program

Yoga lessons will commence on Wednesday 5 March for all children. The cost of the program is only \$20. Last year the teachers were very impressed with the positive improvements in concentration and attentiveness of the children and feel yoga will enhance our Personal Development, Health & Physical Education programs. The benefits of the Yoga to Go Kids program include:

- ✚ Physical movement to build strength & promote good posture
- ✚ Improves balance, coordination, agility and team work
- ✚ Increases concentration and energy levels
- ✚ Maintains and increases a child's natural flexibility
- ✚ Enhances self-esteem, self-image and confidence
- ✚ Teaches valuable life skills eg. how to stay calm when feeling stressed or overwhelmed
- ✚ Increases listening skills and the ability to follow instructions
- ✚ Promotes healthy sleep patterns
- ✚ Increases ability to express feelings, needs and wants in appropriate ways in an environment that is fun and empowering.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival held yesterday was an enormous success. We were particularly impressed with the enthusiasm, determination and positive competitive spirit with which our children participated in the event. It was great to see so many children trying their best and supporting each other through good sportspersonship which characterise Sutherland North students. Special thanks also go to our carnival coordinator Mr Fleming and the teaching staff who so smoothly organised and ran the carnival.

February

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

May

Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15

NAPLAN

Wednesday 21

7.30pm P&C Meeting

Problems at School

Parents are reminded that it is not appropriate under any circumstances to speak to other peoples' children about incidents or issues that occur at school. If your child is having a problem at school please speak to your child's class teacher.

Dogs in the Playground

Please be aware that under the Companion Animals Act 1998 dogs are not permitted on school grounds (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled). This includes being tied to the school fence. Parents who bring dogs into the school will be requested to leave the grounds.

Volunteers

It is wonderful to see so many parents volunteering to help at school. Please sign in and out at the office if you are at school in a volunteer capacity. That includes changing home readers before school. We need to have a record of everyone on site in the case of an emergency. All new volunteers are required to complete a Working with Children Check – Volunteer Declaration. Forms were sent home with all Kindergarten children last year.

Canteen

Our canteen opened last Monday 10 February. Lunch orders and recess snacks are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday the canteen is open at lunch time for snacks only. Please write your child's order on a paper bag with their name and class clearly marked and the correct money enclosed. Orders need to be placed in the box located outside the office before 9am. Please check the canteen roster to ensure the canteen is open before sending in an order. Thank you to Jemima & Nikki for organising to get the canteen open so promptly. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered. Additional volunteers are always welcome.

Religious Education (Scripture)

Scripture classes will begin tomorrow Thursday 20 February. If you do not wish your child to attend Scripture classes this year would you please return the note below ASAP.

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 will be sent home with all children this week. 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.

Primary Ethics

Primary Ethics will be re-starting tomorrow for children in Year 3 & 4 whose parents indicated previously that they would like their child to participate. This is based on a curriculum set by Primary Ethics (see: www.primaryethics.com.au) and approved by the Department of Education. It encourages children to debate issues relevant to our society and to humanitarian values, such as Lying, Greed, Intention etc. Rather than 'giving' the children the answers, they are encouraged to debate and reflect on their own values. At present, we only have one volunteer Primary Ethics teacher to teach Years 3 & 4. For more children to have access to Ethics classes we require 2 more volunteer ethics teachers, who can either be parents, grand-parents or other interested members of the community. If interested, you will be required to do a Working with Children Check, 2 days training and some reading and preparation for each lesson (which is from 9.10 to 9.40am each Thursday). You are welcome to call the current ethics volunteer teacher, Sonya Bradford, on 0407 068 082, or email Jean Barrett our Ethics Coordinator jeanmarie77@hotmail.com if you wish to discuss the role.

Canteen 2014

Fresh Fruit Cups are now available Mon and Wed for \$2.00. Just the start of some fresh changes to The Lunch Box Menu. Look out for Banana Bread in the coming weeks. Also soon to be available are Ham & Cheese Croissants and Beef Burgers, available for lunch orders only. Please complete the form below and hand into the office if you can assist, or you can call/SMS on the numbers below with your details. Thank you.

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



TERM 1	MON	TUES No lunch orders	WED	THURS No lunch orders	FRI
WEEK 4 17/2 - 21/2			Beth Kendrick Vanessa Do Como	Fiona O'Brien	Emma Hall Vanessa Streater
WEEK 5 24/2 - 28/2	Kate O'Brien	Jo Hunnisett Megan Salomo	Jean Barrett Katrina Briancourt	Jo Hunnisett	Nic Mogo Jemima Jupp
WEEK 6 3/3 - 7/3	Ray & Brenda Leonard	Brooke Moody	Vanessa Do Como Jean Barrett	Sonya Bradford	Monica Brabant Annika Leonard
WEEK 7 10/2 - 14/2	Jemima Jupp & Nikki Hill	Megan Salomo	Julie Jobson NEED HELP	Jo Hunnisett	Phyllis & Ian Elton
WEEK 8 17/2 - 21/2	Mien Tze Ng	Natalie Skinner	NEED HELP CLOSED	Leanne Pullen	Jen Swan Lesley Wells
WEEK 9 24/2 - 28/2	Mien Tze Ng	Katrina Briancourt	Julie Jobson NEED HELP	Elisa Fulton	Nic Mogo Vanessa Streater
WEEK 10 3/3 - 7/3	Ray & Brenda Leonard	Anita Oze	Anne Davies Jean Barrett	Sonya Bradford	Monica Brabant Victoria Parsons
WEEK 11 10/2 - 14/2	Nikki Hill	Megan Salomo	Beth Kendrick Vanessa Do Como	Fiona O'Brien	Phyllis & Ian Elton

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 NOT available				
<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
Comments:				

Assembly Awards – Term1 Week 3

Award		Student Names		
Principal's Award		Luca S 5/6F		
Spelling Award		Elizabeth J 5/6W		
Winning class - lines		Year 3		
Class	Student of the Week	Class Awards		
KK	Ebony I	Neve J	Lily J	
KW	Sophie H	Nelly I	Angus H	
1DG	Samuel N	Evie C	Jenna F	
1O'H	Emma K	Elliot M	Tamara G	
Yr 2	Hannah M	Scott R	Maddison H	
2/3	Liam D	Kiera D	Isabella B	Mitchell S
Yr 3	Brock F	Summer C	Natsuki F	Dylan C
4/5	Lily J	Lucas C	Mackenzie R	William J
5/6F	Erika S	Noah L	Georgia S	Damian K
5/6 W	Kaewta N	Ruth H	Scarlett H	Zack J

Websites of the Week

Learning to read

Learning to read is hard work and can be frustrating at times for parents and their kids. Watch the video to hear what these public school teachers have to say to help, with quick tips on how to make it easier. Learning to read: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5Om77mluKU&feature=share>

Staying in touch with the school

As a parent it's much easier to have difficult conversations about your child's behaviour with the teacher if you've established a relationship with them at the start of the year. Read this article or watch the video to hear teachers talk about the importance of staying in touch with your child's school. Communicating with your school: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/development/communicating-with-your-school>

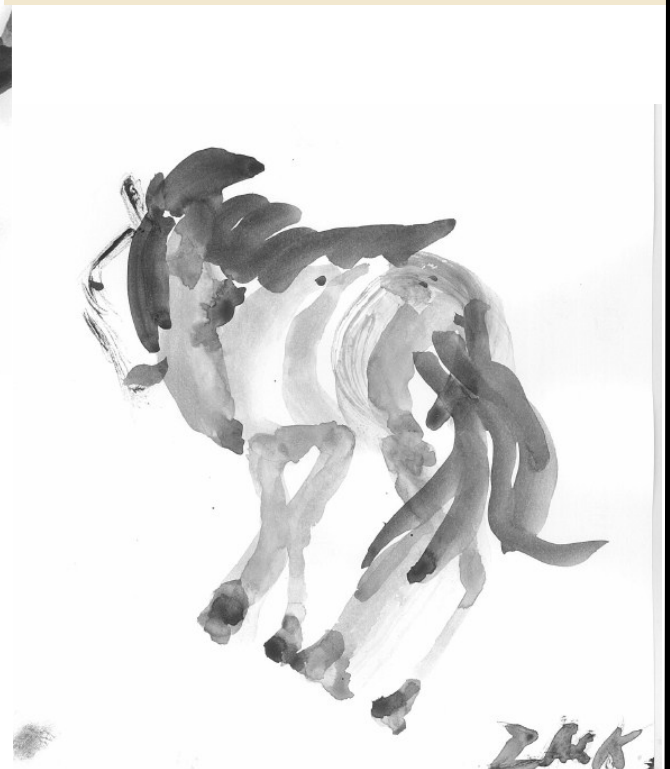
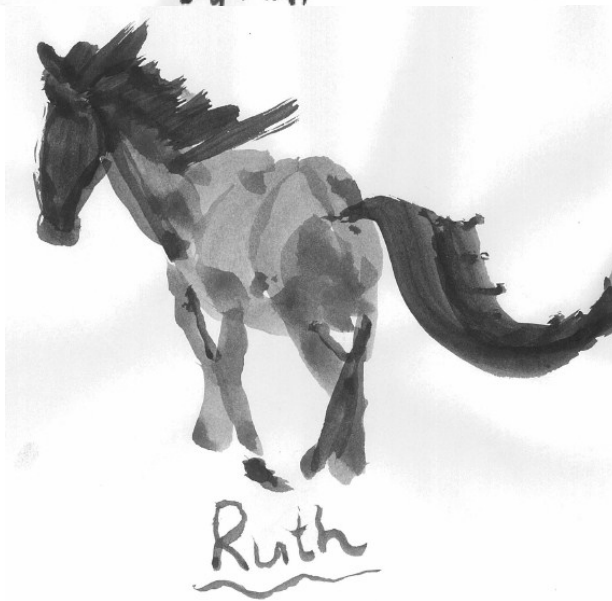


Scripture 2014

I DO NOT wish my child to attend Scripture lessons in 2014.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Signature: _____



5/6W painted horses to celebrate the Year of the Horse 2014 . A Chinese technique was used to paint the horses. These horses were painted using the least number of brush strokes.

Horses displayed were painted by Dylan, Ruth and Zack.





STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER

Win a CommBank Marquee for your school and \$50 for a student just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking account in Term 1.

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OPEN NIGHT 2014

Wednesday, 26th 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

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