



Sutherland North Public School

School-talk – 12 December 2016



Principal's Message - Fiona Young

As this is the final newsletter for 2016, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the whole school community for your warm welcome and support throughout my first year as Principal at SNPS. It has been a wonderful journey so far. I am looking forward to working with you in 2017 where we can continue to build on the strong partnerships between home and school in the pursuit of educating our students. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the entire SNPS staff, teachers, administrative staff and support staff for their dedication, commitment and for the multitude of extras they do, especially in their own time and always going the extra mile. A wonderful team!

Farewell Year 6

Special congratulations to our year 6 students who will be graduating from primary school. I look forward to their farewell. I would like to thank Mrs Minogue and Miss Maloy, the office staff and parents (especially the parent committee) for organising this very special event.

Presentation Day

Parents, carers, family members and friends are invited to attend:

**Sutherland North Public School
Presentation Day Assembly
9.30am Tuesday 13th December 2016
School Hall**

We hope you can join us for this celebration of student achievement in 2016.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms Janes on the safe arrival of baby Samuel, born last Thursday.

To Mia in KK and her family, congratulations on the safe arrival of a new sister, Lucy.

Last Day for Students

The last day for the year for the children is Friday 16 December. The farewell parade for the Year 6 children will commence at 2.45pm in the COLA area. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Our 'Thankyou' morning tea for volunteers was well attended last week. We are very fortunate to have their support across the school. Whether it be reading, maths, sport, help in the library, covering books, running the uniform shop, banking, book club, delivering scripture and ethics classes to name a few. We couldn't do it without you.

Thank you to the many students who brought in donations for the 'Christmas Giving Tree Appeal'. Your donations will greatly assist families in need.

Merry Christmas and warm wishes for a joyous and peaceful Christmas. Enjoy the holiday break and keep safe.

Term 4

December Monday 12

Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 13

Presentation Day
9.30 - 11.00

Wednesday 14

African Drumming

Friday 16

Last Day of Term

January 2017

Monday 30

School Resumes
for Years 1-6

February

Thursday 2

Kindergarten start

From the Library

The end of the year procedures have started in our Library. Parents and carers please help us by returning any books or assist your child to find any books at home that need to be returned as soon as possible.

Those students who have achieved their Platinum Award this year for The 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge will receive them after the Presentation Day Ceremony. They are all our Year 6 students. Congratulations for showing such persistence. Well done for being such excellent role models!

Due to such a busy schedule at this time of year, the staff has decided that all other award winners including Gold Award winners will receive their awards in Week 1, 2017.

This is a great opportunity to develop your patience!

Merry Christmas and may your holidays be joyful and safe.

Mrs Connor



Congratulations Malcolm S 3/4M who placed third in the State Championships for Acrobatic Gymnastics

2017 Music - Expression of Interest

Student Name: _____

Music lessons will be held each Monday afternoon next year, culminating in a school Music performance. We ask that students nominate their preferences now so that we can begin planning for 2017. Please return this page to the school office as soon as possible as places are limited. Preferences will be given to continuing students and then in order of return to the school office. Please number cells 1, 2, 3 in order of preference.

2017	2017 Year level				Preferences	New student	Continuing student	Instrument hire
	3	4	5	6				
BAND								
Clarinet								
Saxophone								
Trumpet								
Trombone								
Flute								
Horn								
Drums								
Ukulele								
Guitar								
Choir								
Recorder								

DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY AT THIS STAGE. Students will be informed if places are available in the new year.

I have read and understood the conditions and expectations of participation in music programs. I understand that students need to commit to music lessons for a year and that fees are payable in advance as a term fee for participation in these programs.

Parent / Guardian name _____ Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

Pam Buckle

Music co-ordinator

Assistant Principal

School Band

Playing in a band can contribute to student's development of team and community spirit, self-esteem, self-discipline and responsibility. Participating in the band requires commitment from both students and parents. Most students start in our training band and progress onto our performance band. The band performs at school assemblies, *Bandfest* and participates in the Sydney Region *Blow-in* during the year. Students participate in a 15-minute small group tutorial for their instrument **and** a half hour band rehearsal with one of our experienced conductors.

Instruments

Opportunity exists for children to play flute, horn, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone and drums. Other instruments may be accommodated on request. Most of these instruments are available for hire by students. Students in the Performance band are encouraged to provide their own instrument. There is no hire fee for drums / percussion as there is no kit available for hire. It is expected that percussionists have their own kit at home and use the school kit for rehearsals. Percussionists provide their own drumsticks.

If there is a problem with a hired instrument during the year, please contact the band coordinator via the school office. Parents are responsible for any loss or damage to any hire instrument. The full cost of the instrument will be payable if instruments are lost or significantly damaged. It may be possible to include the hire instrument on your household insurance Policy.

Music

Training band members must buy the band book *Essential Elements* for their instrument. This book is available from most music shops. Additional music is provided to students at times and students need a Black A4 display folder with plastic sheets to store sheet music. Band books are not to be stored inside instrument cases as the extra pressure on keys can damage instruments. A black band bag is available from the school uniform shop to protect books.

ALL Students must have their own Black Band bag containing a Black A4 display folder and Essential Elements music Book.

Band rehearsals

Instrument tutorials will **NOT** be held at lunchtime; they will take place on Monday afternoons. Children will not return to classes before the end of the school day. Pick up at 3.10pm will be from the school hall.

Band Costs

Band fees will be \$9.00 a week and is payable in advance each term. Instrument hire is \$100 for the year with a bond of \$50. This will be returned when students no longer hire an instrument.

We usually participate in the *Bandfest* and Blow in performances during the year which cost approximately \$20 each.

About our Conductors & Tutors

Lizzie Moncrieff

Lizzie completed her Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Education in 2014 with UNSW majoring in piano. Whether it be teaching at school bands, private music tuition, running the Loftus Probus Choir or performing in the pit for Sutherland Musical Theatre Group, Lizzie already has a lifetime of musical experience under her belt. Lizzie brings a sense of fun to the band room along with her passion for teaching music.

Matt Humphreys

Matt has been involved in music since he first asked his parents to learn piano at the age of seven. With band programs at six different schools it has been a joy to share his gift of music with enthusiastic young students. Matt's exposure to music has ranged from being a private music tutor for several different instruments, a Musical Director for live theatre, choirmaster, and involvement in countless music groups and bands.

Kasia Slowikowski

Kasia has just finished her HSC where she majored in her music component with the flute. Playing in school bands throughout primary and high school has given Kasia a great grasp on what is needed from each section of the band. Kasia is a natural musician and has already picked up several new instruments since starting with the band program.

Senior Choir

Every year our School Choir performs at Sutherland Entertainment Centre during August in the Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival (SSSMF). They also have the opportunity to perform at school functions and events. Students participate in 2 half day and a full day rehearsal before performing at the Sutherland Entertainment centre.

Costs

There is no weekly fee to participate in senior choir. There is an approximate cost of \$30 to attend rehearsals during the year. Students will also need to purchase a t-shirt to wear to the performance for approximately \$10.

Ukulele & Guitar

The school has an established Ukulele program running for students in years 3-6. Most students start in our beginner ukulele group and progress to intermediate or advanced ukulele group.

In 2017, we will be offering the option of guitar lessons to current ukulele students. This option is only available to Ukulele students who have progressed to intermediate level. Students can choose to continue with senior ukulele lessons or switch to guitar.

Instruments

Students need their own ukuleles or guitar and a tuner to suit their instrument. They are available to purchase from music shops. Students participating in guitar lessons need a suitably sized acoustic guitar- adult sized guitars are often too big for a child to manage. Nylon strings are preferable for beginners as steel strings can be hard on fingers.

Please note: Electric guitar amplifiers will **NOT** be accommodated in lessons.

Music

Students need a Black A4 display folder with plastic sheets to store sheet music. A black music bag is available from the school uniform shop to protect books. Students will be advised if they need to purchase a tuition book at the start of the year.

Costs

Ukulele lessons are currently set at \$6.50 a week.

Guitar lessons will be approximately \$9 per week.

Fees are payable in advance each term. Students are to provide their own instrument, tuner and a black A4 display folder to store sheet music.

Recorder

We hope to establish a recorder group in 2017 for students in years 3-6. Students will need to supply their own recorder or buy one from the school for approximately \$10.



Join us this Christmas and hear about...

The Real Star of Christmas

Christmas Eve

6:00pm - Open Air Carols
Cnr Loftus & Tenth Ave Loftus

11:00pm - Reflections Service
St John's Sutherland

Christmas Day

7:30am - Communion Service
St John's Sutherland

9:30am - Christmas Day Service
St John's Sutherland



For more information please contact us:
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SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL VACATION CARE

Enrolments are open for Council's school holiday Vacation Care.

Our centres at Miranda, Lucas Heights and Burraneer Bay offer plenty of fun including:

- Sports, cooking, science fun and a farm visit.
- A Cronulla Sharks football clinic - including meeting some of the Sharks players and seeing the NRL trophy!

Burraneer Bay: Kindergarten-12 years
Lucas Heights: Kindergarten-14 years
Miranda: Kindergarten-14 years

Centres open 7am-6pm. Miranda also open during the Christmas/New Year period (Wednesday 28 - Friday 30 December).



Programs and enrolment:

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