

Sutherland North Public School

School-talk – 6 February 2017



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to grow

Principal's Message - Fiona Young

Last week I spent time visiting classes. I have been very impressed by the level of readiness to learn and how settled the classes are. I thank the office staff and teachers for working double time to ensure a wonderful first week of school for all.

With the superb help from Year 6 student buddies and their teachers, Kindergarten students have had a wonderful start at Sutherland North Public School. It is pleasing to see how confident and happy our new Kinders are at school.

Parent Meet the Teacher and P&C Annual General Meeting

We are holding both 'Meet the Teacher' and the 'P&C AGM' on Wednesday 15th February, 2017.

Meet the Teacher - An invitation will be sent out shortly to all families. You will have the opportunity to hear from your child's teacher, meet the whole staff and other parents. We hope you will be able to join us. Further details will follow.

P&C Annual General Meeting - The first meeting of the year will be held at the conclusion of 'Meet the Teacher' meetings starting at 7.30pm in the Library. The meeting includes the Annual General Meeting where the 2017 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.

Class Organisation for 2017

We have 11 classes and 268 students enrolled this year. A letter was sent home last week to each family advising you of your child's teacher and a school map on the reverse side for your reference.

Class	Teacher
KK	Mrs Kinred
KJ	Mrs Kingsnorth (Semester 1) Miss Janes and Mrs Kingsnorth (Semester 2)
1K	Mrs Dugan (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & alternate Thursdays) Mrs O'Hare (Wed & alternate Thursdays)
1R	Mrs Rees
2B	Mrs Buckle (Mon, Tues, Wed) Mrs Lamont (Thurs & Fri)
2/3 E	Mr Entwistle
3F	Mr Fleming
4C	Mrs Coates
4/5M	Mr Menegazzo (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs) Mrs Te Puke (Fri)
5/6M	Mrs Minogue
5/6S	Miss Maloy

Term 1

February

Friday 10

PSSA Sport Begins

Wednesday 15

Meet the Teacher

P&C AGM

Thursday 16

First Assembly 12.30pm

Scripture Begins

Tuesday 21

Swimming Carnival

March

Wednesday 1

School Photos

Thursday 2

Zone Swimming
Carnival

Wednesday 15

P&C Meeting

Monday 27

Stage 3 Berry Camp

Release from Face to Face	Mrs Moseley (Mon, Tues) Mrs Rollason (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
Library	Mrs Connor (Tues, Wed, Thurs)
Learning and Support Teacher	Mrs Greaves (Tues, Wed, Thurs)
School Learning Support Officer	Mrs Cunningham
School Counsellor	Mrs Williams (Wed)
School Administration Manager	Mrs Luckman
School Administration Officers	Mrs Sier (Mon, Tues, Fri & every second Thursday) Mrs Smith (Wed, Thurs)
General Assistant	Mr Perry (Tues, Thurs)
Cleaners	Mr Todd Mrs Glena

Executive Staff

The following teachers are members of the Executive staff and supervise the following areas:

Mr Fleming (Relieving)	Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) Stage 2 (Year 3) RFF Teachers
Mrs Buckle (Mon, Tues, Wed) Mr Entwistle (Thurs, Fri)	Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)
Mrs Minogue	Stage 2/3 (Years 4, 5 & 6)

Please ensure that if an issue arises, please see the classroom teacher first so we can work with you in partnership to support your child. If the issue has not been resolved, you may contact the member of the executive staff responsible for the stage in which your child is in. If you still feel that the issue has not been resolved, then please contact the School Principal.

Assembly

Our first K-6 Assembly will be on Thursday 16 February 2017 at 12.30pm. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

If your child will be receiving a Bronze, Silver or Gold Pennant Award, a special invitation is sent out to the family.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to our 2017 School Captains: Amelia & Jayden, and Prefects: Abbey, Brock, Chrystal and Jack. I know they will be outstanding school leaders.

Student Achievements

I always like to share student's achievements. This week Josh from year 6 has written about the Athletics competitions during the holidays. Congratulations and well done to Kosta, Rachel and Josh.

Last Saturday and Sunday 28th and the 29th of January, Kosta, Rachel and Josh went to the regional championships. Josh competed in the under 12s high jump, Kosta competed in the 800 metre and 4 x 100 metre under 11s relay and Rachel competed in the under 11s discus. Kosta came 2nd in both his events, Josh came first in his high jump, and Rachel came 7th. Rachel threw 19.99 metres. Kosta ran a 2.35.67 in the 800 metre and in the 4 x 100 metre relay his team ran 57.74. And Josh jumped one metre 50.

Catholic Scripture Families

The enrolment period for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St Patrick's Parish Sutherland is from 28 January 2017 to 14 February 2017. Candidates must be baptised Catholic, be seven years or older and be in year 3 and above. Enrolment forms were distributed in term 4 of last year, however, there are spare forms at the back of the church. Should you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Kay Macadam (Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator) on 9521 2356 or email – admin@stpatssutherland.org.au.

ASSEMBLY IS HELD ON THURSDAYS AT 12.30 – ALL WELCOME



TAKE CARE GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Welcome back to a new school year! Sutherland Shire Council Roads & Traffic 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 you will 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 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



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ROAD SAFETY TIPS FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU

Do you have children starting kindergarten next year? Starting school is very exciting for your child. They may not be thinking much about safety, but you should.

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. They will need your help to spot the dangers around traffic.

Sutherland Shire Council wants all children to be safe going to and from school - and that depends on you. Act safely when driving or walking around schools so our children will learn to be safe too.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

- Make sure your children are in an **appropriate child restraint** in the car that is fitted and used correctly.
- Stick to the **40km/h speed limit** and keep a sharp lookout in school zones as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- Always park and turn legally around schools and **avoid dangerous manoeuvres** like U-turns and three-point turns.
- Up until the age of eight, **always hold your child's hand** whenever cars and other vehicles could be around. Park your car and walk them to the school gate.
- Drop older kids off and pick them up on the **school side of the road** in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area.
- **Avoid calling out** to children from across the road because they may run to you without checking traffic.
- It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the **kerb side of the road**, away from passing traffic.
- If walking to school, plan your trip so you **use pedestrian crossings** where possible.

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK

Every time children cross the road, remind them to:

- **Stop** one step back from the kerb
- **Look** for traffic to your right, left and right again
- **Listen** for the sounds of approaching traffic
- **Think** whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and use them when they are old enough to travel alone.

This brochure has been developed from the Transport NSW Centre for Road Safety website <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au>

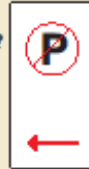
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