



# Sutherland North Public School

*School-talk – 6 March 2017*



## Principal's Message – Anne Minogue (Relieving)

### Zone Swimming Team

Congratulations to the members of the Sutherland North Swimming Team who participated in the Sutherland Zone Carnival last Thursday. They represented our school with pride and deserve to be commended for their excellent behaviour, effort and achievements. They also deserve to be congratulated on the support and encouragement they gave each other. Thank you to Miss Maloy and Mr Fleming for their organisation and support of the students.

### Easter Activities

Our K-2 Easter Hat Parade, Concert and Easter Raffle will be held on Friday 7 April commencing at 9.30am. The students will make their own Easter hats at school on Tuesday 4 April with the assistance of a Year 3 -6 buddy. Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 students are to bring a hat base and any suitable decorations that they would like to use to school by Friday 31 March.

On Wednesday 22 March we are having a Mufti Day (students can wear play clothes and closed-in shoes). The students are asked to bring in Easter egg/s as a payment for not wearing their school uniform. Please do not send in Easter Eggs that contain nuts. These Easter egg donations will be used to make Easter baskets which will be raffled on Friday 7 April. Any parents who are able to assist with putting these baskets together are invited to come to the school hall at 9.00am on Thursday 30 March.

### Head Lice

The school has been notified of a few students with head lice. Please check your child's hair for nits/lice using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp>

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended. Please check and treat, where necessary, all members of your family.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews Online Bookings

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in from Monday 20 March to Friday 7 April at various times of the day, depending on the availability of teachers. There is also a common time for most teachers on Tuesday 21 March from 3.15pm to 7.00pm. Bookings will open on Thursday 9 March at 8.00am and close on Friday 17 March at 5.00pm. A note with additional information will be sent home this week.

### School Merit System

Students are recognised for their behaviour and hard work in a number of ways at our school. Teachers have their own reward systems in their classrooms and each week at assembly 2 Merit Awards and a Student of the Week ribbon are presented to students from each class.

Please note:

Students take home their awards the day they are received.

### Term 1

#### February

#### March

##### Friday 10

Last Day of PSSA

##### Wednesday 15

P&C Meeting

##### Monday 20 – Friday 31

Parent/Teacher

Interviews

##### Tuesday 21

Harmony Day

##### Wednesday 22

Easter Mufti

##### Monday 27 –

##### Wednesday 29

Stage 3 Berry Camp

#### April

##### Friday 7

Easter Hat Parade

Last Day of Term

### Term 2

#### April

##### Monday 24

SDD – Staff Return

##### Wednesday 26

Students Return

##### PSSA Sport – 10 March

Touch Footy

Waratah Oval

Kanga Cricket &

Softball

Prince Edward Park

Once a student has collected 3 awards (this has changed from 4 awards) they are to bring those certificates or ribbons to their class teacher and a pennant will be awarded. When the student receives their pennant, the 3 merit certificates/ribbons are returned to them to take home. The merit certificates/ribbons are signed on the back to denote they have already been presented. A letter is sent home to notify and invite families to upcoming Pennant Awards Presentations. No invitation is sent home for the Principal's Award. This is a surprise award.

Teachers still operate a system of collection and recording for any student requiring support to manage their awards and ensure correct allocation occurs where required.

Our award system does not carry across a calendar year, so only awards presented this year can be used towards pennants.

3 awards = Bronze Pennant

6 awards = Silver Pennant

9 awards = Gold Pennant

### High School Transition

Students in Year 6 will be taking home an expression of interest form this week to enrol in high school in 2018. The forms must be returned by Friday 17 March. Every student needs to return the form, regardless of whether or not they are attending a government high school. If you have any questions regarding the process please contact Mrs Minogue.

### Voluntary School Contributions 2017

A note regarding school resource fees and voluntary contributions was sent home last Friday. A voluntary contribution is a contribution from parents/carers that is requested each year by most schools to supplement existing school funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources to ensure our students have the best possible learning opportunities. We feel that perhaps the community would like to be more informed about how the school manages its finances and what a difference the payment of the Voluntary School Contribution can make.

Each year the school receives a base school funding allocation from the State Government. The amount is determined by the needs of school. From this budget such things as teaching resources for all learning areas, casual staff salaries, utilities (electricity, water, waste etc.), school maintenance and all basics for the office, staff and students are purchased. In order for our school to provide the very best for our students, we rely on the support of the parent community through these voluntary contributions. In past years, and this year, the voluntary contributions will be used to provide additional quality teaching and learning resources in all areas of the curriculum. We appreciate your anticipated support.

### Lost Property

There is an enormous amount of lost property located in the blue bins outside the office, many of these items are not labelled. Please check these bins to ensure that there are no items belonging to your child. The bins will be emptied on Friday 17 March and items in decent condition will be donated to the Uniform Shop. Please remember to label all uniform items and lunch boxes and drink bottles.

### Snacks at School

Please ensure that the school snacks you provide for your child are easy for them to access. There are a lot of students that are unable to open containers and little packets of food. If your child has difficulty opening a packet of food, please cut it at home so they are able to access the food without the help of a teacher. Teachers on duty need to be vigilant and at the moment are spending too much time helping students open food items. Please also ensure that the food you send with your child is healthy and sufficient. We appreciate your support in this area.

**Mrs Anne Minogue**  
(Relieving Principal)

**ASSEMBLY IS HELD ON THURSDAYS AT 12.30 – ALL WELCOME**

Assembly Awards Term 1 Week 6			
Award		Student Names	
Principal's Award		Blake T – 4/5M	
Principal's Book Work Award		Lachlan S – 4/5M	
PSSA Boys		Jack K – 5/6S	
Class	Student of the Week	Class Awards	
KK	Jackson S	Oliver G	Evie H
KJ	Aiden D	Liam S	Felicity T
1K	Adam H	Lila H	Jacob K
1R	Ethan Y	Jayden k	Rose C
2/3E	Harrison S	Saxon B	Isabella N
2B	Benjamin H	Ronnie J	Chelsea A
3F	Nelly I	Zayna M	Angus H
4C	Mitchell T	Ewan M	Prabuddhi P
4/5M	Liam N	Dylan M	Camille P
5/6M	Oktay G	Oktay G	Chrystal M
5/6S	Orlando S	Connor B	Brooke C
Harmony Day Poster Certificates			
Riley O - 4C, Ebony S - 5/6M, Grace P - 4C, Camille P - 4/5M, Neve J - 3F, Abigail H - 5/6, Steven C - 2B, Camila A - 3F, Tahlissa D - 3F, Hannah M - 5/6S, Harrison - 5/6M, Jessica B - 4/5M			

## Harmony Day Posters On Display At Sutherland Library

Congratulations to Tahlissa, Jessica, Hannah and Harrison for winning our Harmony Day Poster Competition. These posters will be displayed in the entrance foyer of Sutherland Library from 6<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> March, along with entries from other schools. Members of the public are now able to vote. It would be great if you could visit the library to view the posters and cast your vote!



Thank you  
P Moseley

## Volunteers to Teach Coding

Coding is what makes it possible to create computer software, apps and websites. In preparation for the ANSTO (Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation) Top Coder Competition later in the year, Mr Entwistle is looking to establish an ANSTO Top Coder Team for Years 5 and 6. The ANSTO Top Coder Competition requires students to be familiar with the Scratch programming language to create a game or animation. The Scratch website is free and its address is <https://scratch.mit.edu/>. If you are familiar with coding and you are interested in coaching a team, please contact Mr Entwistle.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week, children will be learning to be SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL in the hall. They will learn to keep their hands and feet to themselves, follow teacher instructions, listen to the speaker, enter and exit quietly, congratulate the achievements of others appropriately, and be in the right place at the right time.



## Learning about Claude Monet in 1K

1K has been looking at the French artist, Claude Monet and the beautiful paintings he created using his garden as a focus. We enjoyed making our own water lily ponds using pastels, water, coloured dyes and salt.



We watched a film about Monet.



We drew the bridge from his garden.



There were lots of lily pads in the pond.



We used pastels to colour our sketches.



Next we drew our colourful lillies.



We wet our paper with water.





The blue dye looked like water.



Adding salt to our art work.



The green dye became the trees.



We added some purple dye.



Come and see our art displays on Monet.



## CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY AT SUTHERLAND NORTH

On Thursday 2 March, students at Sutherland North participated in Clean Up Schools Day. We adorned gloves, used assigned bags for disposal of rubbish and safely cleaned our school. We are pleased to say that between our students general tidiness and Mr Todd's fantastic work, our school was very clean already.

Congratulations students and well done Sutherland North Public School.

Mr Menegazzo



### ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS IN YEAR 6

are invited to apply for

THE JANNALI HIGH SCHOOL

GIFTED & TALENTED

SELECTIVE CLASS YEAR 7, 2018

Interested Year 6 students must sit an external examination at The Jannali High School on:

**TUESDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2017.**

For information about this application process please contact the school, either :

- In person – collect the application from our Front Office or during our **Open Night on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017, 6-8pm**
- By phone on 9521 2805
- Or download the application form from our website at [www.jannalihs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.jannalihs.nsw.edu.au)

**All applications must be submitted by FRIDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

