

Sutherland North Public School

School-talk – 3 April 2017



grounds
to grow

Principal's Message – Fiona Young

Thank you to all our families that attended the parent/teacher interviews. This is always a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress, their areas of strength, as well as areas for improvement. The teachers at Sutherland North are dedicated and work hard to cater for the diverse needs of students in their classroom. We encourage you to keep communication strong and make an appointment with your child's teacher if you ever have any concerns

Photos with the Mayor, Mr Pesce

Keep a look out in the 'Leader' for a photo of our students alongside Mr Pesce, the Mayor of Sutherland Shire. We were invited to have some of our students appear with Mr Pesce advertising school holiday activities provided by Sutherland Shire Council. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to ask Mr Pesce some very pertinent questions. Here is a sneak review.



Year 5 & 6 Camp

Thank you to Mrs Minogue, Miss Maloy and Mr Menegazzo for their energy, sense of humour and dedication ensuring the Year 5 and 6 Camp at Berry Sport and Recreation Centre was a great success. The students were a credit to themselves, families and the school as they conducted themselves in a Respectful, Safe and Responsible manner.

Opportunity Class Placement and Selective High School Placement

Students seeking placement in a selective high school or opportunity class are required to attend a test in the year prior to their placement. The application website for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2018 opens on Wednesday 26 April 2017 and closes on Friday 12 May 2017. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of Friday 12 May 2017. All applications must be made online. Further information can be obtained from the office or the following website address: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/>.

A shorter version is <https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>.

Term 1

April

Monday 3

Easter Raffle tickets return

Thursday 6

Assembly

Friday 7

Easter Hat Parade 9.30

Raffle drawn

Last Day of Term

Term 2

Monday 24

SDD – Staff Return

Wednesday 26

Students Return

Anzac Day Ceremony

Thursday 27

Assembly

Friday 28

PSSA Begins

May

Tuesday 2

Mother's Day Mufti

Wednesday 3

Cross Country

Thursday 4

Assembly

Monday 8

Mother's Day stall

DanceSport

Tuesday 9

Naplan – Language & Writing

Wednesday 10

Naplan – Reading

P&C Meeting

Thursday 11

Naplan – Numeracy

Assembly

Monday 15

DanceSport

Thursday 18

Zone Cross Country

Assembly

Monday 22

DanceSport

Tuesday 23

ICAS Digital Technologies

SLIPS Yr 6 Leadership course

School Development Days

The start of Term 2 for the staff is Tuesday 26 April. The first day of Term 2 for the children is Wednesday 27 April. Staff will be spending the day developing their knowledge of the 'School Excellence Framework' and the '2015-2017 School Plan'.

Term Calendar

This year a term calendar will be provided at the end of each Term with upcoming activities for the following term. I hope this will assist families with planning.

Student Allergy Reminder

We are asking for your support to assist the school to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students, including students with severe allergies. You can help by not providing any nut or nut based products in your child's lunch box eg: nutella, peanut butter, nut bars. To help minimise any further risks the students are not allowed to share food. Please have these discussions at home with your child to reinforce being 'Safe & Responsible' at school by not sharing food with others.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

One of our students has been diagnosed with hand foot and mouth disease. The following is information from NSW Health on this illness.

Time from exposure to illness:

3 to 7 days

Symptoms:

Mild illness, perhaps with a fever, blisters around the mouth and on the hands and feet.

Do I need to keep my child home?

Yes, until the blisters have dried.

How can I help prevent the spread?

Careful hand washing especially after wiping noses and using the toilet.

End of Term

It has been a busy and successful term that has flown by in the blink of an eye. I know the students and staff are looking forward to their well-deserved break. Have a safe and happy holiday with your families and friends. See you back here in Term 2, Wednesday 27 April.

Assembly Awards Term 1 Week 10			
Award		Student Names	
RFF – Mrs Moseley		Tyler M – 4C	
Library		Liala S – 2/3E, Betty N – 4C	
Primary Sport		Logan S – 3F	
Class	Student of the Week	Class Awards	
KK	Xavier V	Adelaide R	Oscar M
KJ	Zara C	Scarlett O	Thomas W
1K	Christopher M	Gemma H	Julianne V
1R	Rose C	Arlo H	Isabelle K
2/3E	Isabella N	Antony H	Tyler H
2B	Eamon O	Alexander B	Maclaryn H
3F	Harry K	Charlotte C	Jayden R
4C	Tyler M	Lily Y	Thomas G
4/5M	Elliot M	Hayden S	Ellani D
5/6M	Shalei R	Kasey R	Grace M
5/6S	Amelia J	Taylor L	Jordan T
Bronze Pennant			
Brayden O – 4C			
Premier's Reading Challenge			
Rose C – 1R, Rachel E – 5/6S, Liam S – 3F			

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week, children will be learning to be RESPONSIBLE in the playground. They will learn to follow the rules of the game, ask for help, be in the right place at the right time, be fair, and go to the toilet and line up before the music ends.

STAGE 3 CAMP

Well we set out to Berry
With hardly a fuss
Bags packed, family gone
We hopped on the bus.

We arrived after 10
And then the fun arrived, too
But wait! We were busting
To get to the loo.

We settled in quickly
Cockatoos or Crows we were made
Challenging our concept of comfort
We were all very afraid.

Giant swings and sharp arrows
Canoes, and mazes dark
Were just some of the activities...
This wasn't a walk in the park.

And at night did we party
With cockroaches so dead
Our sweat level maximised
Then straight into bed.





On night two we proved that
Even last place matters not
We can all work together
And aim for top spot.

Our teamwork and camaraderie
Ever present throughout
Showed our teachers what we are
made of
What we're really about.

Secret talents (and smells)
We discovered and learned
But smiles and laughter were given
freely
Not difficultly earned.

Cleaning and food service are
Skills we now take home too
As well as the waft
Of someone's old stinky shoe.

But better than anything
And for nothing we'd trade
Were the tears, scrapes and giggles
All of the memories we've made.

By Mr Menegazzo





New Technology Centre Opens

Gymea Technology High School

Gymea Technology High School's new Technology Centre has been officially opened by Eleni Petinos, MP, Member for Miranda.

The state of the art learning space, opened to staff and students last month, arguably provides the best technology facility in any New South Wales state high school.

The centre has been a school community driven project and has been designed and developed in a way that enables teachers across the school to engage students in learning through technology in creative and collaborative ways.

The centre has been designed to provide a flexible, contemporary space with access to innovative technologies for up to four classes simultaneously. These technologies include brand new Apple computers, robotics and 3D printers.

A virtual network lab, digital media facilities and drone technology are amongst the specialised equipment featured in the centre.

School Principal, Mr. Peter Marsh paid tribute to everyone involved in the project, saying: " Our students' achievements make us very proud but I am just as impressed with the deep affiliation and sense of connectedness they have with their school. We are all very lucky to enjoy such a wonderful group of young people working together in what I know to be a great school."

Families interested in having a look can book a school tour by contacting our office on 9521 3244. School tours will be held on Tuesday morning commencing at 9:00am and finishing at 9:30am.



New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 1 rewards with a Future Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!



Cyber Handball



Colour Change Markers

For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every **Thursday**.



Plan a ladies day out & drop the kids at Gecko Sports!

Only **\$88 per child** for 6 hours OR
if you arrange to get 5 families to book
on the same day you ALL get it for only
\$44 per child!

Hurry, book now! Offer ends 1st April!

geckosports.com.au

Franchise opportunities available



Holiday Program Timetable

Tuesday 18th April	9am-3pm
Wednesday 19th April	9am-3pm
Thursday 20th April	9am-3pm

Venue: CBC Indoor Sports, Caringbah
74-76 Captain Cook Drive

Ages: For 5 to 13 year olds

Enquiries: Please email shari@geckosports.com.au

Bookings: Please SMS Shari on 0414 693 394

Facebook: Find out more on Facebook at "Kids Coach - Shari"

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games & much
more!

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TERM 2 CALENDAR 2017

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	April 24 Staff Development Day	25 ANZAC DAY	26 First Day for Students ANZAC DAY CEREMONY@9.30am	27 Assembly @12.30	28 PSSA begins
2	May 1 Dancesport	2 Mother's Day Mufti	3 Cross Country	4 Assembly @12.30	5 PSSA
3	8 Mother's Day Stall Dancesport	9 NAPLAN-Language & Writing	10 NAPLAN- Reading P&C Meeting @7.30pm	11 NAPLAN-Numeracy Assembly @12.30	12 PSSA
4	15 Dancesport	16	17	18 Zone Cross Country Assembly @12.30	19 PSSA
5	22 Dancesport	23 ICAS- Digital Technologies S.L.I.P.S. – Yr 6 at TJHS	24 Anti- Bullying Show- Power of One	25 Assembly @12.30	26 PSSA
6	29 Dancesport Stage 1- Emma & Friends	30 ICAS-Science	31	June 1 Assembly @12.30	2 PSSA
7	5 Dancesport Stage 1- Emma & Friends	6	7	8 Assembly @12.30	9 PSSA
8	12 Dancesport Stage 1- Emma & Friends	13 ICAS-Writing	14 ICAS-Spelling P&C Meeting@7.30pm	15 Assembly @12.30	16 PSSA Junior Choir rehearsal- Bonnet Bay @ 9.30-12.30
9	19 Dancesport Stage 1- Emma & Friends	20	21	22 Assembly @12.30	23 PSSA
10	26 Dancesport Bandfest Stage 1- Emma & Friends	27	28 Senior Choir Rehearsal- Gymea North	29 Assembly @12.30	30 PSSA Last day of Term 2 for students.



Sutherland North Public School Parents & Friends,

The staff, students and P&C community have been discussing the increasing need for air conditioning to be installed in our school. It's been a hot summer and our children's learning has been affected.

In order for this to happen there are a number of things that need to take place

1. A school-wide electrical system review which has been recently undertaken. Split system units can be installed in the brick buildings immediately (Years 3 - 6) however the stand-alone classrooms (K, 1 and 2) require extensive electrical upgrades before units can be installed. If funds are raised, this could be within the next 12 months.
2. The total cost is likely to be in the range \$50-70k and therefore substantial funds need to be raised.
3. The old unpleasant heaters will be replaced by this new system.

Thanks to you, through past fundraising, the P&C has \$22,000 in our long term project fund and \$14,000 set aside for technology; for which a component could be re-directed toward air-conditioning if approved.

These balances are in addition to our regular donations to the school to fund ongoing programs (for example subsidising the cost of dance sport, playground equipment, electronic whiteboard maintenance). Our annual fundraising activities: easter raffle, chocolate drive, mother's and father's day stalls, BBQs will continue in assisting the day-to-day operations, therefore additional sources of fundraising need to be identified.

**We need your help to keep things cool at school.
We need an additional \$40,000 for the air conditioning project.**

How can you help? You can give money, time or get creative.

1. Contribute financially: a \$200 contribution per student will raise the total \$40k. We are seeking your opinion on implementing a P&C levy. You may be able to give more or less - every dollar helps!!
2. We appreciate that not everyone is in a position to contribute financially but you may have time to volunteer 10 hours towards co-ordinating / helping at a fundraising event. We are looking for help to assist with some large events eg Trivia Night, Fun Run, movie night, fete (or a new idea if you have one)
3. Get creative!! You could canvas business/sponsorship/family. Get your kids involved – read-a-thon, walk, go without, create something and seek family and friends to sponsor – this is a great way to get the broader community involved and assist with any contribution towards the P&C levy.

Please let us know how you can help by completing the form below and returning it to school by Thursday 6th April. There is a blue & white striped P&C box located in the school office for the forms.

Parent Name _____ Phone: _____

Name of eldest student _____ Class: _____

I support the installation of air-conditioning Yes / No

I support a P&C levy being issued Yes / No

I can help with the air conditioning project by:

■ Pledging to make a voluntary contribution of \$ _____

(Funds will be requested / collected in July if enough parents are supportive and contributing in some way)

■ Volunteer to co-ordinate / assist with a large event e.g. Trivia Night, Fun Run, New event (10 hours time)

■ Pledge to raise \$ _____ by canvassing business /sponsorship / family

(this needs to be outside of any school activity i.e. read-a-thon, walking to school every day for a month, # laps around an oval, going without chocolate over easter, use your imagination)

■ Other _____

■ I am not able to assist at this time