



# Sutherland North Public School

*School-talk – 5 February 2018*



## Principal's Message – Fiona Young

Welcome back to the 2018 school year. I would like to say a special welcome to all of our new students: Chloe B, Year 1, Kiera B Year 4, Anastasia M, Year 2, Olivia S, Year 2 and Kindergarten who joins us this year. To our existing families, welcome back. The staff and I are looking forward to forging strong and lasting relationships with you as we support your children on their educational journey at Sutherland North Public School.

### Staffing Changes 2018

There have been a few staffing changes for 2018. We welcome Mr Smith, Class Teacher of 5/6 O. Ms Nimmo, Release from Face to Face classroom teacher, Thursday & Friday. Mrs Michelle Luckman appointed by merit selection to the permanent position of School Administration Manager and Mrs Tommasina Owens - School Counsellor. Mrs Owens will be at SNPS every Thursday.

### Change of Details

A courtesy reminder, when your child commenced at Sutherland North Public School, you provided contact details on the enrolment form. If circumstances change at any point, please contact the school office so that these details can be amended.

### Keeping Our School Community Safe

Attached to this newsletter is information about correct road safety behaviours. We appreciate the diligent manner demonstrated by members of our school community on the roads that surround our school. Traffic congestion is at its peak at 9am and 3pm making parking difficult. I am asking all parents and carers to be particularly mindful of our residents by NOT parking across driveways blocking access to and from properties.

### Severe Allergies, Student Medical Forms & Medication

If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy or health care requirement it is important to let us know. It is imperative that you provide current information to the school. Contact the school office as a matter of urgency if you need to update your child's medical/emergency information for 2018. New students including Kindergarten 2018 will receive a form to complete if you have not already done so. Please contact the office before sending any medication to school.

**All families are asked to assist the children in our school who are anaphylactic. We have students with severe allergies to nuts. Please ensure that students do not bring food to school containing nuts.**

### Important Reminders

Please read the following reminders. We have a number of important procedures in place at SNPS and we all need to work together to ensure that all the students are safe.

#### Term 1

#### February 2018

##### Friday 9

PSSA Trials

##### Monday 12

Music Groups Start

##### Wednesday 14

P&C Meeting

##### Friday 16

PSSA Begins

##### Monday 19

Music Groups

##### Tuesday 20

Swimming Carnival  
Years 3-6

##### Wednesday 21

Meet the Teacher

##### Thursday 22

Assembly 12.30pm  
Scripture Starts

##### Friday 23

PSSA Sport

##### Monday 26

Music Groups

### **Student Arrival**

Teachers are rostered on to supervise students from 8.30am until classes commence. The teacher on playground duty wears a fluoro vest so that they can be easily identified by all students. On arrival at school children are to put their bags away in their classroom and move straight to the supervised playground. Students are not to hang around their classroom waiting for friends. The only exception to this is if it is Wet Weather.

All classes line up under the cola area each morning when the music is heard at 8.50am. The music is a signal to parents to let them know it is time to leave the playground so that the children can hear their teachers' instructions and commence classes quickly.

### **Late Arrivals To School**

There are strict guidelines we have to follow to ensure that we have an accurate record of School Attendance. Late arrivals must be recorded as a partial absence. This is a requirement of the Department of Education Student Attendance Policy.

Parents must sign their child in at the office. Students are not allowed to sign their own late slip.

### **Early Departures From School**

There are also strict guidelines we have to follow for early departures. These are also recorded as a partial absence. This is a requirement of the Department of Education Student Attendance Policy.

Parents must sign their child out at the office. Students are not allowed to sign their own late slip.

The school gates are closed each day at 9:00am and are re-opened at 2.50pm. Entry to the school during the day is via the School Office. All visitors to the school must sign in at the office.

Where possible students should attend appointments outside of school hours.

### **P&C Meeting**

First meeting for 2018 is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the school library. We hope you are able to come along, find out what's happening at your child's school, meet other parents and support your child's education. All welcome.

### **Meet the Teacher Evening**

Will be held on February 21st. Information notes will be sent home shortly.

### **Communication 2018**

Sutherland North Public School offers the students many vibrant and positive learning experiences. This year we are trialling Schooltalk being sent out every second Monday.

### **Note Distribution**

This year we will be sending notes home with the **'eldest child'** in the family.

To ensure the smooth running of our school we ask that parents and carers read all the notes that are sent out electronically and as a hardcopy, attend to 'due by' dates and sign the relevant forms and return them as hard copies rather than scan. Our students become very anxious when this does not happen.

SNPS sends information to the community in a number of ways :

The School Website is one of our sources of information and can be accessed by following the link to <http://www.sutherlann-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

The School Newsletter is sent electronically to all families who subscribe to School E-News. To download the free School E-news App go to the school's website and click on the Newsletter/Notes & Alerts tab.

**School E-News:** The Newsletter, School Alerts, Notifications, Attachments, and a variety of notes and P&C notices are all sent electronically via School E-News.



Parents/Carers can also download the free School E-News App to access the same information via iPhone, iPad and on Android. For iPhone and iPad open the App Store on your device, search for "School E-News". For Android open the Play Store on your device, search for "School E-News"

### School Uniform

Sutherland North is a proud uniform wearing school. Wearing full school uniform brings our students together and ensures they take pride in their school. Please assist us in making sure your child is currently wearing full **summer uniform** each day and sports uniform on Fridays with the maroon rugby style jumper if it's cool. In particular please remember that netball skirts and 'skorts' are not part of our uniform and tights, bike pants are not to be worn under the summer tunic or for sport. We also have a no hat; no play policy which involves wearing a Sutherland North school hat. Students are required to wear black school shoes with white socks for girls and grey socks for boys. Joggers/running shoes are to be worn for sport activities **only**. Please clearly label **ALL** of your child's clothing, hats, drink bottles and food containers. This ensures items can be returned to the correct owners. I appreciate your support with ensuring the children continue to look well-presented in their school uniforms.

### Assembly

Assembly will be held on Thursday of each week. Assembly will begin Week 4, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 12.30 to 1.00pm. All welcome to attend.

### Canteen

Due to factors beyond our control the school no longer has a canteen service.

## P&C News

### Scholastic

Please ensure your *Scholastic Issue #1* orders are completed on the LOOP App or handed in to the office by **Monday 12th February**. Any questions on how to submit your order, please contact Naomi on 0409 64571.

### School Banking

School banking will recommence this Thursday 8 February.

## Advertising

Air cadets for boys aged 8 years and older

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The advertisement features a background image of a helicopter on a grassy field with two people in the foreground. A circular logo for the Sutherland Shire Squadron is in the bottom left corner.

## SHARE YOUR WORLD!

WITH AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE STUDENT!



SMS 'HOST' to  
0428 246 633  
for a free info pack!

Have you ever considered inviting an exchange student into your home? WEP is looking for Australian families to join their community of volunteer host families!

Treat your family to an intercultural experience like no other by hosting an exchange student from overseas. Share a piece of your heart and your backyard and support a young person make his/her dream of living and studying in Australia come true.

If you have a room to spare and an interest in other cultures, we would love to hear from you! Remember, sometimes the greatest rewards in life come from taking a leap of faith or doing the things you never thought you would.

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### MEET ELINE!

Hello from Holland! I'm very creative and musical. I'm close to my family and I enjoy talking to my older brother and playing with my little sister. My goal is to become a primary school teacher when I'm older. In my free time, I walk the dog and go to the gym for a run. I can't wait to meet my host family!

#### STEP 1 - REQUEST PROGRAM INFO

- Email or call Sylvia at WEP: [sylvia@wep.org.au](mailto:sylvia@wep.org.au) / 03 9568 4733

#### STEP 2 - CHOOSE YOUR STUDENT

- WEP will send you comprehensive program and student information, so you can choose the student best suited to your family.

#### STEP 3 - PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL

- WEP will assess your application, prepare you for your student's arrival and take care of everything, including school enrolment, assistance with your application for relevant working with children checks, flights, insurance, and more!



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for all new junior players

New players register in person at the clubhouse on  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 5pm - 7pm**  
or contact Mark on 0452 407 352

- Shorts and socks supplied
- Players keep their jerseys at year end
- Terrific small family friendly club
- Boys & girls can start playing from 4 years of age

For more details call 0452 407 352 or email  
[suthopirates@gmail.com](mailto:suthopirates@gmail.com)

[www.sutherlandloftusjrlfc.com](http://www.sutherlandloftusjrlfc.com)

Sutherland Oval No 1, The Grand Parade, Sutherland NSW

## FACT SHEET

# ROAD SAFETY FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

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>

Find out more about Australian Road Rules at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au)

## SIGNS YOU WILL SEE AROUND 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.

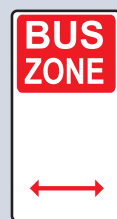
#### Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.



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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 zone.

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# SAFE SCHOOL TRAVEL

Welcome back to a new school year! Sutherland Shire Council Parking 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 will you 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](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au) for more about Australian Road Rules and other road safety information.

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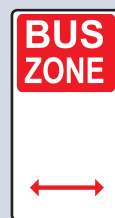
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