



Sutherland North Public School



School-talk – 21 October 2019

Principal's Message – Fiona Young

We have a very busy schedule ahead of us in Term 4 with Kindergarten transitions, Grandparents Day, Schools Spectacular & Presentation Day just to name a few.

2020 Planning and Organisation

Organisation for 2020 is high on our agenda and as you can imagine this a very complex process. We are currently in the process of organising staffing and student classes for 2020. Today our numbers indicate we will have 11 classes in 2020 if there are no further changes to enrolments.

The school staffing structure and formation of classes at SNPS is governed by the Department of Education staffing formula. A school structure that best meets the needs of all students and teachers is a collaborative process designed by staff and ratified by the Principal. The Principal has the delegated authority to determine the final makeup of classes.

The classes are formed in the best interests of **ALL** students. In this process the school staff take into consideration a multitude of factors and not in order of preference, including but not limited to:

- Teacher professional judgement.
- Professional conversations and consultation with staff who are familiar with students.
- Academic and welfare data.
- Learning adjustment requirements.
- Student friendships, personalities.
- Students' educational history.
- Behaviour support needs.
- Gender balance.
- Has the student been taught by the teacher in previous years.
- Significant information that may be provided by parents of educational reasoning.
- Teacher preferences.
- Teacher skill and expertise.
- Professional learning goals.
- Effective balanced stage teams.
- New teachers to the school and/or Graduate Teachers.

If you feel there is information of educational reasoning that you would like to be considered for 2020 class placement please submit your request in writing to the Principal by **Friday 6 November 2019**. Please include the child's name, current class, request and reason for the request.

Please note: All requests remain confidential and will be considered but there is **no** guarantee that requests can be met, as there are many contributing factors in preparing class lists.

Term 4 - 2019

October

Monday 21

DanceFever/Multisport Yrs K-6
Kindergarten 2020 Orientation

Tuesday 22

Counsellor Day
Senior Choir Rehearsal 8.30am
Music Bus
Ukulele Group

Wednesday 23

Music Bus

Thursday 24

Grandparents Day 12.00pm
Assembly 12.30pm

Friday 25

PSSA Sport
Cricket Program
Schools Spectacular Rehearsal

Monday 28

Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
DanceFever

Tuesday 29

Counsellor Day
Senior Choir Rehearsal 8.30am
Ukulele Group
Music Bus
Kindergarten 2020 Orientation

Wednesday 30

Music Bus
P&C Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 31

Assembly 12.30pm

November

Friday 1

PSSA Sport
Cricket Program

Requests will not be considered at the beginning of Term 1 in the following year unless the Principal considers there are mitigating circumstances. Please note that generally class structures cannot be finalised until the total school enrolments are known in the following year and usually by Week 2, of Term 1.

Requests for particular teachers will not be considered and is discouraged. We appreciate that you trust our professional judgement taking into account the multitude of factors that We thank you for your support, and understanding. Mrs Young

Students and Families Leaving School (Other Than Year 6)

We ask that if you are aware your family will no longer be attending Sutherland North Public School for any reason—please advise the Office in writing at your earliest convenience. If this information needs to remain confidential, please send in a sealed envelope, marked to the attention of Mrs Young.

If your child will not be present for the first two weeks of the 2020 school year but will be returning to SNPS this must also be communicated in writing to the Principal as soon as possible.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Kinred on the birth of her first grandchild Vida Rose born on 8 October. Mum, Vida Rose and Grandma are all doing well.

Assembly Awards Term 3 Week 10			
Award		Student Names	
LaST – Mrs Greaves		Hazel M – 1T, Emma S – 1T, Ivy T – 1T, Oliver S – 1T, Destin S – 1T	
RFF – Mrs Rollason/Mrs Te Puke		Max D – KB, Elisabeth B – 4/5M	
Class	Student of the Week	Class Awards	
KR	Mason T	Mitchell H	Maddison F
KB	Harry A	Sienna G	Harrison H
1T	Hazel M	Destin S	Thomas H
1/2A	Erin D	Tessa W	Liam S
2V	Hurley S	Tamiah C	Ryan B
3G	Kobi F	Noah T	Jayden K
3/4Y	Gemma H	James G	Kylie W
4/5M	Isabella N	Jayden R	Saxon B
5/6O	Ewan M	Tamara G	Reilley K
5/6P	Gabrielle H	Lily W	Sophie H
Silver Pennant			
Link S – KR			
Bronze Pennants			
Adam H – 3G, Astrid B – 3G, Mia H – 3G, Ava T – 3G, Kingsley T – 3G, Emma S – 1T, Mikaela G – 1T, Ella S – KB William G – KB, Kei S – KR, Quintia T – KR, Link S – KR, Te Kaea G – 4/5M			

Assembly Awards Term 4 Week 1			
Award		Student Names	
LaST – Mrs Greaves		Brayden O – 5/6O, Pravash T – 1T	
LaST – Miss Janes		Tristan O – 1/2A, Scarlett O – 1/2A	
Library		Liberty B – KR, Ava G – 3G	
Class	Student of the Week	Class Awards	
KR	Soren G	Aria S	Rhys C
KB	Chloe D	Mia R	Caleb L
1T	Zeke C	Lauren E	Nyah T
1/2A	Audrey C	Lachlan H	Evie H
2V	Harrison H	Evan N	Thomas W
3G	Angus E	Annastasia M	Christopher M
3/4Y	Gemma H	Sebastian C	James G
4/5M	Henry T	Lexi C	Ronnie J
5/6O	Logan S	Joshua G	Ewan M
5/6P	Mya L	Riley O	Heath D
Silver Pennant			
Link S – KR			
Bronze Pennants			
Erin D – 1/2A, Harry J – KB, Harrison H – KB, Zachary G – 1/2A			

Scool Disco

Well done to our amazing SRC team who helped prepare and inform the school about our disco event. They dedicated their time to decorate the hall and managed the prize table on the night of our disco. Thanks for a great night teachers and students of SNPS! *Mrs Muldoon*











The *Tell Them From Me* parent survey

Our school is currently participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey. This is another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey is open until Friday 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. The survey is available in 23 languages. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>.

To access the survey for our school go to: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/v3tp9>

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Selective high schools are unzoned so parents can apply regardless of where they live. Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 12 March 2020**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from late-September 2019 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on **8 October 2019** and closes at **10pm on 11 November 2019**. **You must apply before the closing date.**

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 8 October 2019.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

Remember: the tear-off slip below is NOT an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL. This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2021 through the High Performing Students Team website between 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019. Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

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Education

High Performing Students Team

Applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in **2021**

Thinking of applying for
a government selective
high school for Year 7
in 2021?

You must apply online at:

education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7



Key Dates

Application website opens:
8 October 2019

Application website closes:
10 pm, 11 November 2019
You must apply before this deadline.

Test authority advice sent to all applicants:
27 February 2020

Selective High School placement test:
12 March 2020

Placement outcome information sent
overnight on:
4 July 2020

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

Parents should check the website at education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team*.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367
Fax: 02 9266 8435
Postal Address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

Please Note:

* In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

'Parent' is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'

Advertising

Shire Dads

This is a monthly group that provides a place for fathers to come and share their stories with other dads. The group includes an interactive workshop on a different parenting topic each month. The group also provides support for general issues that men face, such as relationship breakdowns and difficult life transitions.

The group assists dads to:

- Discuss parenting issues they face in a confidential, respectful and non-judgmental environment
- Learn and share wisdom, knowledge and life experiences with other men.
- Support other men experiencing life's challenges, connect and make some friends or just have a chat.

Thursday 14th November, 5:30 – 7:45pm

(second Thursday of each month)

Venue: Interrelate Caringbah

383-385 Port Hacking Rd, Caringbah.

Cost: \$15 Bookings essential — phone 8522 4408



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Spring Fete
Saturday 26th October 2019
10am to 4pm
Alfords Point Public School
2c Brushwood Drive, Alfords Point

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Circle of Security Parenting

The Circle of Security Parenting program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. Parents, grandparents and carers of children are invited to join our 6-week program that will help you:

- learn how to recognise your child's needs and better understand their behaviour
- be supported as a parent and gain ideas on how to make parenting easier
- begin to understand your own reactions to your children.

The program increases awareness of children's needs and develops an understanding of how our responses can meet those needs.

Wednesdays, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

13 November | 20 November | 27 November | 4 December

11 December | 18 December 2019

Venue: Interrelate Caringbah, 383 Port Hacking Rd, Caringbah

Special price of \$50 for the 6-week program

Bookings essential — phone 8522 4408

The Circle of Security is an internationally recognised parenting program, designed to strengthen and build secure parent-child attachment. Decades of university-based research has confirmed that secure children show increased empathy, greater self-esteem, better relationships with parents and peers, enhanced school readiness and an increased capacity to cope with challenging situations.

