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# Sackville Street Public School

**Term 4 Week 6**



**16/11/2017**

## *From the Principal*

### External validation

Last week we were externally validated. Mark Hagan, Principal - School Leadership and Jude Hayman principal of Griffith Public School met with our school excellence team. The School Excellence Framework supports all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high quality practice across the three domains of learning, teaching and leading. The Framework describes 14 elements across these three domains which define the core business of excellent schools in three stages. Each year, schools will assess their practices against the Framework to inform their plans and annual school reports. The description of excellence in the Framework supports schools as they engage their communities in the development of a shared vision, the identification of strategic priorities, and the ongoing tracking of progress towards them.

Our external validation was highly successful with our school sustaining and growing in 11 elements and delivering in 3 elements. This encouraging results reflects the hard work of our school community in always improving our practices.

## Diary Dates



### December

- 5 Year 6 Farewell
- 12 Presentation Day – K - Year 2
- 13 Presentation day – Year 3 - Year 6
- 15 Year 6 graduation
- 15 Last day of term

### January 2018

- 29 Staff return
- 30 First day of term1 for students Y1-6
- Kindergarten – date to be advised

### Assembly dates:

K-Y2: 23 Nov, 6 Dec  
Y3-6: 16, 30 Nov, 14 Dec

## KEEN KINDER ORIENTATION

Our Keen Kinder orientation was another great day of learning for both students and parents. Our new kindergarten students spent time with our staff whilst parents joined our expo. It was a well organised day and I can't thank our community enough for supporting the morning. Brooke's Canteen, Coins for Kids, YMCA, the Uniform Shop, our current Kindergarten parent helpers and support staff gave up their time to make this a truly community spirited event. A big thank you to Mrs King for all her efforts in making Keen Kinders an annual success. If you know of any families yet to enrol their child in Kindergarten please have them drop by the office.

Michael Newcombe  
Principal



## *Deputy Principal's Report*

Last week a group of our staff, including our Education Director, attended the funeral of Sackville Street's former principal Mrs Janet Chan.



I would like to take this opportunity to express thanks and admiration to Janet, whom I was fortunate enough to count as a mentor. Janet was a highly accomplished woman and a very respected educator. She was an experienced teacher, executive, principal, relieving education director and worked closely with the Board of Studies in curriculum and policy development. Janet was an ethical and visionary leader who was held in high regard by her principal colleagues, staff, students and the community. Whilst only leading Sackville Street for a short time, she was the catalyst for many of our priorities and directions in the past four years. We are grateful that such an amazing educator was part of Sackville Street's history.

As we approach the end of the school year it is important that school expectations are just as important as any other time of year. Attendance, being punctual, wearing uniform and following school rules are important every day of the school year. We appreciate you supporting and reinforcing these things with your child so that the end of the school year is a happy time leading into the holidays.

Kylie Lyneham  
Deputy Principal

## MAD Project

5/6L have been assembling a vegetable garden to help feed the homeless. Here are some of the seasonal vegetables that we are growing in the garden: beetroot, spring onions, carrots, tomatoes, beans and many more. These vegetables are going to be given away to "one meal at a time" and other charities of choice.

Building this garden was a challenging task for our class. We had to manufacture 8 garden beds and pack dirt, mulch and soil into them. It was hard work that involved shovels and determination.

After the construction we planted the vegetables with pride and ease. Yesterday 15 November we had the delight of harvesting our first vegetables.

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## YEAR 6 GRADUATION 2017

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**School hall**

**Arrive at 1.45pm for a 2pm sharp start.**

The end of the year is fast approaching, which means Year 6 students are close to finishing primary school. We would like to invite you to a graduation assembly for our Year 6 students. Students will be presented with their graduation certificates. Please send your child to school in full school uniform. If your child is unable to attend, please contact their class teacher.

## Community Forums

In the upcoming weeks we will be holding two community forums for parents and caregivers to attend. Both sessions will be the same but we are holding one during the day time and one in the evening. The purpose of the forum will be to inform you of our achievements in the last school planning cycle and to gain community ideas and feedback for priorities going forward in the next three years. Light refreshments will be provided at each so we will ask for families to RSVP so that we can cater. We are very much looking forward to meeting with families to discuss many of the important issues in your child's education. Please complete the RSVP below and return to the office or inbox the school's Facebook page to notify us of your attendance. Choose the session most convenient for you as both are the same.

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I would like to attend the following Community Forum session- (please tick)

- ☐ Monday 27th November 5:30- 6:45 in the library
- ☐ Tuesday 28th November 9:15- 10:30 4/5K classroom

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ My child/ren are in the following class/es \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return to the school's office)

## Head lice

We have had several cases of head lice over the last few weeks. Please ensure you check your child/ren's hair regularly. If lice or eggs are present you must treat the hair. It is essential that you follow up the treatment to ensure all live lice and eggs are removed.

Further information can be obtained at

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>

**STUDENT NOT RETURNING IN 2018 OR RETURNING AFTER 30TH JANUARY 2018**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Will be returning late: Date returning to Sackville St PS \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Will not be returning: Name of school student attending in 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have a child who will be returning late or not returning at all to Sackville Street Public School in 2018, could you please complete this slip and return it to the school office as soon as possible.**

## **PSSA Venues**

**Students depart school at 9.00am Friday morning and return at 1.00pm  
Payments are taken from 8.30am Thursday morning in the hall. Correct  
money would be appreciated - \$7.00 per week.**

Friday 17 November 2017

Softball boys and girls

OzTag

Cricket

Newcombe Ball

Durak Park

Woodward Park

Amalfi Park, Lurnea

Homestead Park

## **Notes sent home**

Year 6 graduation