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Sackville Street Public School

Term 4 Week 8



30/11/2017

From the Senior Executive

P&C

Two weeks ago the P&C made a motion to dissolve which was passed. The decision was not made lightly and with a vision of allowing more parent access and voice in our school. I would like to personally thank the outgoing P&C for all your support and effort and for building a strong relationship with our school.

PARENT FORUM

A big thank you goes out to our parents and students who attended our forums as we move into the 2018-20 school plan. Your input is extremely valuable and we look forward to many more forums, workshops and working parties in 2018. If you can support in any way we would appreciate your time and effort. Look out for more information to come.



Diary Dates



December 2017

- 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

February 2018

- 2 First day for Kindergarten students

Assembly dates:

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

REPORTS

Semester 2 reports will be handed out next Friday. It is so good to see how well students have been working on their individual learning goals. We are looking forward to the end of year assemblies where we recognise student achievement.

OBEYING TRAFFIC RULES

Yesterday one of our Kindergarten students came dangerously close to being hit in the driveway of the Bradley St car park. This incident could have resulted in a tragedy. The car was reversing from the staff car park where the driver had chosen to turn their car around. In addition to the careless driving, the child was not accompanied by an adult or using the crossing. The license plate of the car was noted by staff and passed on to police and a phone call made to the parent. This will continue for all adults not following road rules. Not providing adequate supervision of young children can result in a notification by our staff to FACS. All road users are encouraged to make safety the priority, not convenience.

We also have a number of parents dropping off children in "No Stopping" zones. Did you know it is a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points? We will continue to monitor Bradley St as child safety is our priority. Another issue is parking across driveways. Please ensure you do not park across our neighbour's driveway at any time. Staff will also not tolerate abuse by parents and carers. **We will invoke an Inclosed Lands Act warning that may incur a 6 month exclusion from school grounds.** It is sad that we have to go to these lengths. Please keep our children safe.

No stopping/no standing

These signs mean that in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stop your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Sometimes a no stopping area is indicated by a solid yellow edge line.

Hours of operation may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only.



YEAR 6 GRADUATION 2017

Friday 15th 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.

Article by Ben Chenoweth from The Advertiser

Sackville Street Public School students and staff are determined to help make a difference to the lives of those less fortunate in Macarthur. The school recently installed several vegetable patches and will donate the produce to charity once it's ready to pick.

Their chosen charity, One Meal - It Makes a Difference, supplies meals for homeless people and those doing it tough in the region. Teacher Lyn Lynch said students in years 5 and 6 talked about helping those in need after they read a book about a homeless person.

When staff discussed MAD (Make a Difference) projects at a conference weeks later, the idea of the gardens was born. Mrs Lynch said it was as simple as buying seeds and dropping them in dirt. "Students had to plan, design, budget and inquire about community support before establishing the gardens," she said. The kids managed to convince several organisations to donate their time and supplies. Gregory Hills business Austec Irrigation designed and supplied the equipment for the automatic irrigation system, Bunnings Campbelltown supplied garden beds, plants tools and advice, and Flower Power Mount Annan supplied soil and compost at a discounted rate.

Student Wilford Jacob said it was tough work. "Some of us went home with sore shoulders," he said.

Classmate Ada Kumar said she enjoyed building the garden while fellow student Roy Mapusua said his favourite part was "watching the plants grow."

There are a variety of plants currently growing in the gardens including beetroots, carrots, lettuce, tomatoes, spinach, beans, corn, onion and herbs.

However the gardens will continue to produce all year round with different vegetables grown during different seasons.

Founder of One Meal - It Makes a Difference, Paul Mackin, welcomed the contribution from the school.

"The school was looking at a way of giving back to the community," he said.

"There's nothing like local or homegrown vegetables that you can put into a nutritional meal to feed the homeless in Macarthur."



END OF YEAR FUN DAY

Thursday 14th December 2017

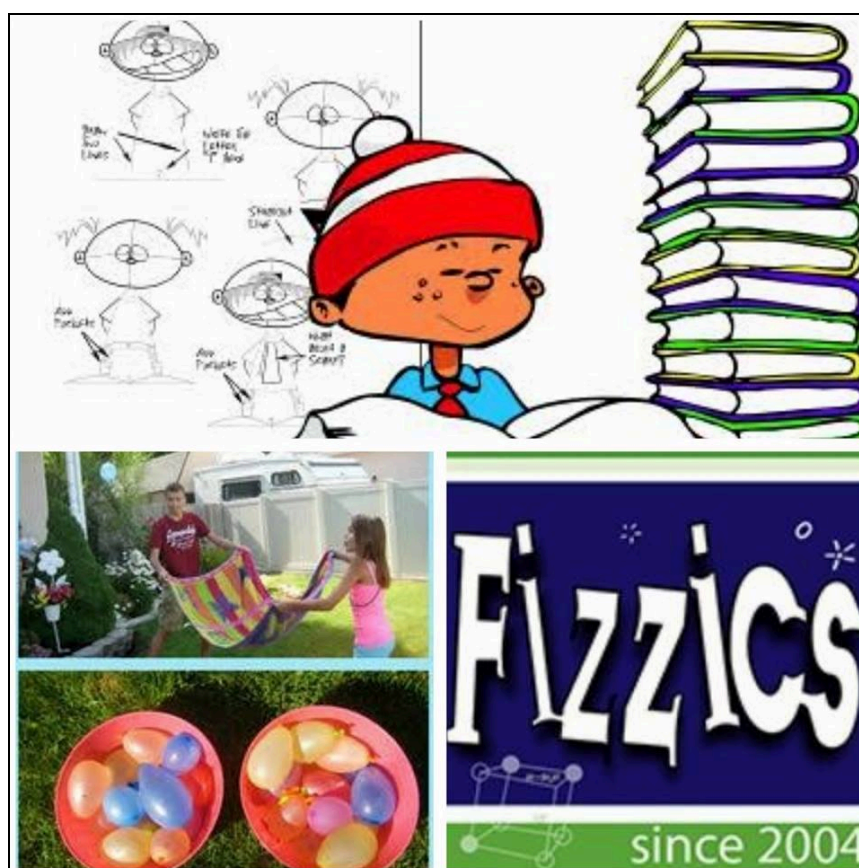
9.00am – 3.00pm

FREE

Sackville Street Public School grounds

Students will be participating in a cartooning workshop, hands on science experiments provided by Fizzics Education and water games (weather permitting). Students will not be getting completely wet, it is anticipated that students will dry off before going home in the afternoon. Should we experience severe weather on the day, the water games will be changed to an indoor activity.

We are excited to announce that the money raised at the 40th Fun Day earlier this term is **covering all expenses** for these activities. This means there is **NO COST** to families for Fun Day this year.



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.