



Friday 1:10 pm



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# Sackville Street Public School

**Term 1 Week 5**



**22/02/2017**

## *From the Principal*

After a very busy first few weeks our enrolment numbers have allowed us to settle on 21 classes. Our class structures allow teachers to meet the needs of all students and ensure they reach their personal best every day.

We welcome Mrs Captain, Mr Purvis and Miss Seeney to our staff. They have already become a part of the Sackville Street family and I thank those parents who have also had an opportunity to welcome them.

Our school canteen is now up for tender. The tender process will now take place over 4 weeks. Thank you to Mrs Henson, Mrs Findlay and Mrs Castle for representing the parents in the culling and selection process. We will ensure that we get the best outcomes for our students based on stringent healthy canteen guidelines and value for money. Please see the Macarthur Advertiser and Liverpool Leader for details. It will also be placed in this newsletter and on our Facebook page for your perusal.

Don't forget students have access to both Wushka and Reading Eggs at home. Both websites allow students a huge library of online books to read and complete activities. If you are looking for extra homework to be fun for your child then make sure you have a look. Passwords have been issued. If you don't have them please ask your child's teacher.

## Diary Dates



### February 2017

24<sup>th</sup> – PSSA commences

### March 2017

2<sup>nd</sup> – Zone Swimming  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Swim scheme ends  
9<sup>th</sup> – School photos  
9<sup>th</sup> – Selective High School Test  
14<sup>th</sup> – Regional swimming – Bradbury

### April 2017

7<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term  
25<sup>th</sup> – Anzac Day  
26<sup>th</sup> – Students return for Term 2

### Assembly dates:

K-2: 23 Feb, 9 Mar, 23 Mar, 6 Apr  
Y3-Y6: 2 Mar, 16 Mar, 30 Mar

This year our teachers are spending a lot of their professional learning time on Numeracy. Staff will be involved in a spirals of inquiry learning so that we make sure all students gain at least a year's growth for a year's learning. We cannot wait to see the strategies and learning capacity that both staff and students will be engaged in this year.

Michael Newcombe  
Principal

### *From the Deputy Principal*

It's already midway through Term 1 and the school as a whole, has settled in well to new routines for the year. I'm particularly proud of the new found independence of our Kindergarten students. As a Kindy mum myself this year, I can relate to all the mixed feelings parents have sending their child off to school. Pretty soon anxiety gives way to great feelings of pride, which I've seen on many of your faces. It's lovely to hear your stories when I'm out in the playground. I congratulate all staff, parents and students who are working hard to establish routines for school. Students have a greater sense of well-being when their routines are consistent, predictable and give the individual some self-sufficiency.

Mrs K Lyneham  
Acting Deputy Principal

### **Office News**

The Department of Education has advised that the office is no longer able to accept credit card payments with details on permission notes or envelopes. The preferred method for credit card payments is online via our website [www.sackvillst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sackvillst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au). Alternatively parents are able to telephone the office and give the details over the phone. Cash and cheques will be still be accepted.

### **P&C Meeting Monday 27th February 2017**

The first P&C meeting for the year will be held in the school's library at 7:00pm next Monday (27.2.17). P&C is a great opportunity to hear about school initiatives, fundraising opportunities, supporting school community events and to be in partnership with the staff and students of our school.

### **Meet & Greet Night**

We once again thank you for supporting the school at our recent Meet & Greet night. We hope you enjoyed meeting our staff and hearing about our exciting plans for your child's learning this year. Copies of information given out that night can be found on the school's website.

### **Medications for Students**

Many students require medication at school. This can be a regular medication or something that is needed short term. Medications can be given at school by our office if we have the box issued by the pharmacist that shows the child's name and dosage details. Department of Education policy requires our staff follow these procedures. A form must be completed at the school office allowing staff to administer such medication.

## Swimming Carnival & Swim Scheme

Congratulations to staff and students on a highly successful swimming carnival last Friday. Impeccable organisation and great co-operation from our students made it a very enjoyable day. We love that so many of our retired SSPS staff volunteer their time to help out on these days. Thanks to those community members who came along to cheer our students on.

This week our Swim Scheme commenced. It has been pleasing to see the high number of participants this year. The students are co-operating very well with the swimming instructors and are very proud of each new skill they learn. Such a valuable experience!

## Library News

The Library borrowing days for all classes are:

Monday: 5/6M, KA, KL, 2/3D, 3/4C

Tuesday: 5/6R, KD, K/1H, KB

Wednesday: 5/6D, 3/4H, 3/4S, 1/2P, 1/2C, 1/2B, 1/2W, 1/2S

Thursday: 5/6L, 3/4B, 3/4J, 5/6B

K - Year 4 require a library bag which can be purchased from the Library for \$3.

Wendy Chenoweth

## PSSA News

PSSA competition starts this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Children should have returned their permission notes to their coach by now. Please remember to pay \$7.00 bus money on Thursday morning in the hall. We have to leave by 9.00am on Friday morning so please be at school on time if you are in a PSSA team. PSSA students involved in swimming scheme will still be able to do both. Remember that cricket players must have protectors and softball and t-ball players must have shin pads. Shin pads are available at the school office at a cost of \$5.00 each.

### PSSA Venues:

\* Please note \*

**Students depart school at 9.00am and return to school at 1.00pm.**

Girls Softball:	Hammondville Oval - Heathcote Rd, Hammondville
Boys Softball:	Hammondville Oval - Heathcote Rd, Hammondville
Oztag:	Woodward Park – Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool
Cricket:	South Park – Charlton Avenue, Chipping Norton
Newcombe Ball:	Homestead Park – Homestead Ave, Chipping Norton

## School Photos

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**All students**, whether they are ordering and paying for the photos or not, will need to bring the photo envelope to school **ON THE DAY** and give to the photographer. No money/envelopes will be accepted at the school office.

**Sibling only envelope** is available from the office – also to be given to the photographer on the day.

Photos to be taken are: class photos, individual student photos, Year 6 group and individual, prefect photos (payment required).

**Full summer school uniform must be worn.**

## High School Placements 2018

Applications for 2018 high school placements were issued to all year 6 students on Tuesday 21 February 2017. Please check that all pre-completed information is correct. Read the instructions carefully and fill out **ALL** the information required and return the form to the school office no later than the week beginning 13 March 2017. Prompt return of forms will be greatly appreciated.

## 2017 Bus Passes

Beginning Term 1 2017, Transport for NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the School Student Transport Scheme.

If your child has previously been issued with a student travel pass the school will be automatically issued with a 2017 School Opal card for your child.

However, parents, guardians and students will need to apply if the student:

- Is just starting school and has not had a pass before
- Is moving from Year 2 to Year 3 or Year 6 to Year 7
- Is changing schools
- If the student's personal details have changed

All new applications must be performed online and once processed, will be sent to the student's nominated address.

Further information can be found at [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students) or call 131 500

### Notes sent home:

Stage 3 and 4/5 Newsletters Term 1.

**Copies of all notes that go home are on the school website.**

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## First Confession and Holy Communion

Catholic children in State Schools, in third grade or over, are due to be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion. An enrolment and information meeting for parents will be held on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Basement of the Holy Family Church, Oxford Road, Ingleburn**. Baptism certificates are required for enrolment. For enquiries please contact Fr. Peter on 9605 2785.

**East Hills Girls Technology High School – Lucas Road, Panania – 9773 9160**

*“Educating girls for a technological future”*

An invitation is extended to parents of Year 6 girls to meet staff, students and parents on:

**Wednesday 22 February 2017 at 1pm**

**Wednesday 22 February 2017 at 6pm**

*Please arrive at 6pm to view students’ work and our excellent school facilities. Information session will begin at 7pm.*

**26th Campbelltown City Challenge Walk**  
**The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan**  
**Sunday 12 March 2017**

8am start – gates open 6.30am.

\$10 entry fee, \$20 on event day

Enter online now: [www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/challengewalk](http://www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/challengewalk)

**School Canteen Licence**  
**Sackville Street Public School**

Tenders are called for the licence of the School canteen for the school year commencing 2017 and for a term of approximately 2 years. Annual school enrolments will be approximately 540. General enquiries and requests for a Tender Information Package should be referred to:

Mrs Pam Morley

School Administration Manager

(02) 9605 3073

Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “Confidential – School Canteen Tender” and sent to:

The Principal

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Tenders close at 3pm on 14 March 2017.

A tender visit and briefing session is planned to be held in the near future. All applicants must make themselves familiar with clause 2 of the tender offer.