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Sackville Street Public School

Term 2 Week 4



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From the Relieving Principal

Last week was a particularly busy week at Sackville Street. We had three days of NAPLAN testing and I was very impressed with our Years 3 & 5 students. They were able to achieve the right balance of not being stressed and yet following the exam procedures maturely. Results for those tests take a few months to process.

Thank you for the wonderful turn out at our Mothers' Day picnic last Thursday. Our students love seeing their special family members at the school and I hope you all enjoyed the special afternoon.

Attendance

As we come into the winter months it can become a pattern for families to sleep in. Our front counter is becoming very busy with late sign-ins lately. Our Home School Liaison officer monitors all unjustified partial absences as part of her role. "Sleeping in" is considered by the Department of Education as an unjustified reason for missing learning time. Many of us on the staff are parents and can relate to the before school ordeal of getting kids moving. It may help to explain to your child the strict regulations and laws around compulsory attendance. The following table also illustrates the impact on learning when a child's attendance is irregular.

As always please let us know of any circumstances where we can assist with your child's regular and punctual attendance at school.

Diary Dates



May 2017

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| 19th | Walk Safely To School Day |
| 23rd | ICAS Computer Competition |
| 25th | Debating Gala day 9 – 3 |
| 30 th | ICAS Science Competition |

June 2017

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| 5 th | Stage 1 Excursion |
| 15 th | Regional Cross Country - Hurlstone |
| 21 st | Parent teacher interviews |

Assembly dates:

K-2: May 25 – June 8, 22
3 – 6: May 18, June 1, 15, 29

Attendance every day counts

Missing a day at school here or there doesn't seem like much.

| <i>When your child misses just ...</i> | <i>that equals ...</i> | <i>which is ...</i> | <i>and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is ...</i> | <i>This means that the best your child can achieve is ...</i> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|
| <i>1 day each fortnight</i> | <i>20 days per year</i> | <i>4 weeks per year</i> | <i>Nearly 1 ½ years of school</i> | <i>Equal to finishing Year 11</i> |
| <i>1 day a week</i> | <i>40 days per year</i> | <i>8 weeks per year</i> | <i>Over 2 ½ years of school</i> | <i>Equal to finishing Year 10</i> |
| <i>2 days a week</i> | <i>80 days per year</i> | <i>16 weeks per year</i> | <i>Over 5 years of learning</i> | <i>Equal to finishing Year 7</i> |
| <i>3 days a week</i> | <i>120 days per year</i> | <i>24 weeks per year</i> | <i>Nearly 8 years of learning</i> | <i>Equal to finishing Year 4</i> |

Give your child every chance to succeed at school because every day counts.

Every minute counts

Arriving to school late every now and then doesn't seem like much.

| <i>When your child misses just ...</i> | <i>that equals ...</i> | <i>which is ...</i> | <i>and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is ...</i> |
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| <i>10 minutes a day</i> | <i>50 minutes of learning each week</i> | <i>Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year</i> | <i>Nearly ½ a year of school</i> |
| <i>20 minutes a day</i> | <i>1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week</i> | <i>Nearly 2 ½ weeks per year</i> | <i>Nearly a year of school</i> |
| <i>½ hour a day</i> | <i>½ a day of learning each week</i> | <i>4 weeks a year</i> | <i>Nearly 1 ½ years of learning</i> |
| <i>1 hour eac day</i> | <i>1 whole day of learning each week</i> | <i>8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year</i> | <i>Over 2 ½ years of learn- ing</i> |

Mr Newcombe's Canada Visit



Mr Newcombe has been sending us regular updates of his amazing, working trip to Canada. With an educational conference and visits to many schools, he's been very busy. He has also travelled out to visit educational settings in the Yukon to learn how the Canadian education system meets the needs of indigenous students. He enjoyed a morning trip to school that featured bears on the side of the road. Today in Vancouver he meets with the Minister for Education and with renowned academics Linda Kaser and Judy Halbert, to discuss excellence in public schools.

Mr Newcombe returns from his leave on the 26th May.

Ingleburn High School "Writing For Success"

Yesterday Miss Brinkworth, Mrs Bryant and myself attended an information session at Ingleburn High School related to their "Success for Writing" initiative. It was exciting to hear about the processes the high school is putting in place for students to achieve high standards in writing across the subject areas. It was important for us to attend so that our community of schools can align their teaching and learning, making transition from primary to high school as smooth as possible.

Kylie Lyneham
Relieving Principal

From the (rel) Deputy Principal

This Friday 19th May is walk safely to school day. Please have a chat with your children about the importance of walking safely to school. This is also a time to leave the car at home and walk to school. More information can be found at walk.com.au

Thank you to Mrs Bensley, Miss Hay-Hendry, Mr Downes and Mrs Cancian who organised our Mothers' Day afternoon tea. An amazing amount of preparation and organisation goes into the event and a lovely afternoon was had by all.

Fidget spinners are the latest trend in the school. Teachers are reluctant to ban them as children enjoy playing with them. When they start to cause issues in the school it becomes a problem. At this stage, we are going to allow them to keep coming to school. Please ensure all fidget spinners are clearly labelled with your child's name. We will not allow any trading of fidget spinners or any other personal items at school. We thank you for your support with this.

Tracy King
(rel.) Deputy Principal

STAGE ONE EXCURSION – 5 JUNE 2017

Stage One students will be travelling to Wollongong Science Centre and Planetarium on 5 June 2017. Students are to arrive at school by 8.30am ready to leave at 9.00am. Permission notes and \$23.00 payment must be returned **no later than Wednesday 24th May 2017** to the office. Payments after this date will not be accepted.

HEALTHY HAROLD from Life Education is visiting Sackville Street Public school in Weeks 8-10 of Term 2. We would encourage all students to attend as this experience will be aligned to the learning in each class. It also encourages very positive discussions and leaves a lasting impression. The cost is \$10.00 per child. Please return the signed permission note and payment no later than **Wednesday 31st May 2017** to the office.

Topics by year:

Kindergarten – "Harold's Friend Ship"
Years 1 and 2 – "Growing Good Friends"
Years 3 & 4 – "All Systems Go"
Years 5 & 6 – "It's Your Call"

STAGE ONE REWARD DAY

On Friday 30th June Stage One students will be involved in our Term 2 Reward Day to celebrate their behaviour and effort towards their learning this semester. The day will consist of winter craft and a movie. Students are invited to wear warm, winter pyjamas and closed shoes. There is no cost for the students to attend.

As this is a Reward Day, only students who have displayed excellent behaviour this term will be attending.

STEWART HOUSE DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the clothing appeal, all donations were gratefully accepted. Don't forget to submit your donation envelopes no later than **Friday 19th May 2017** to the office. Each envelope will go into a draw to win a \$4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice. As little as \$2 can make a huge difference.

FREE NRL SUPER CLINIC

Our Year 3 – 6 students have been invited to attend a free NRL super clinic half day at Bradbury Oval on Tuesday 23rd May. Numbers are strictly limited so please return the signed permission note to the office as soon as possible if you would like your child to attend.

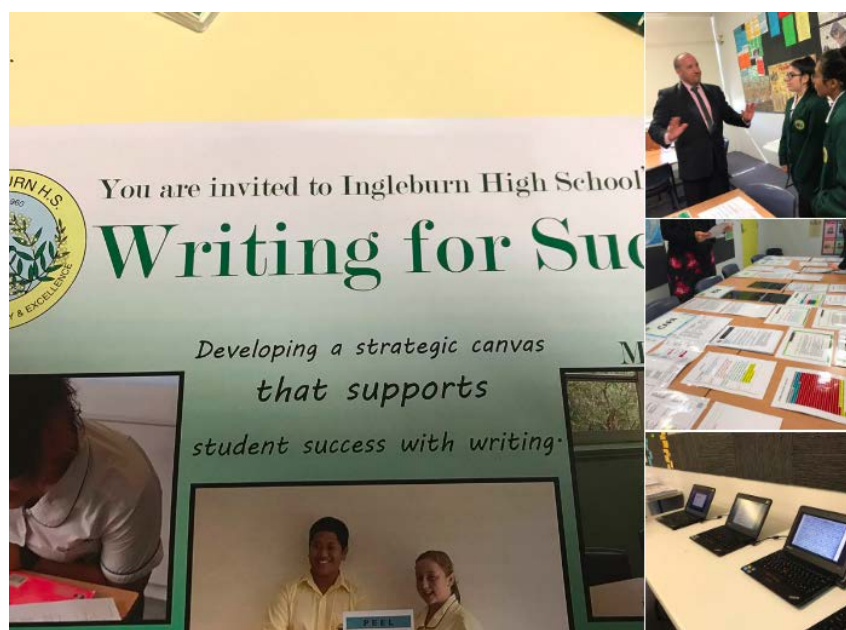
COMPUTER & SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

The sitting for the ICAS Computer Competition will be Tuesday 23rd May 2017.

The following Tuesday 30th May 2017, will be the sitting for the Science paper.

Those children who have paid to sit for these, will need to bring a pencil and rubber.

Wendy Chenoweth (Co-ordinator)



PSSA Venues

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

Hockey: Moorebank Hockey
Soccer: Ash Road
Netball: Woodward Park
Rugby League: Hillier

Notes sent home

Stage 1 Reward Day
Free NRL Super Clinic