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# Sackville Street Public School

**Term 2 Week 8**



**14/06/2017**

## *From the Principal*

Healthy Harold has arrived at Sackville Street and the students are excited to visit him and Cathy. Thank you to all the parents who visited Harold yesterday. Please visit Life Education's website at <http://www.lifeeducation.org.au>. You will find a very extensive resource section for parents on topics such as healthy eating, cyber safety, healthy bodies and social and emotional health. There is also a section for students with games, songs and stories.

Parent/ Teacher interviews will be on Tuesday 27th June. A booking note will come up this week with the code. It will also be placed on Facebook and bookings will start at 3pm on Friday.

Last week Mrs Lyneham and I attended a Parent Engagement Conference in Melbourne for three days. Thank you to Mrs Murhan for stepping into my role and Mrs Bryant for relieving in Mrs Lyneham's role. We are lucky to have strong leadership capacity in our school so that others can step out and bring more knowledge back to school.

Every year there are a number of Work, Health and Safety practices we ensure are completed for the safety of all school community members. Currently we have had a tree audit inspected by a qualified arborist. All trees are safe however we will be trimming some branches in the near future as a precaution. Next week we have electrical tagging to make sure all equipment is up to safety standards.

Every day I am so lucky to have students come to my office to show me their work. What impresses me the most is that they know why they are learning and how they have achieved their goals.

Mike Newcombe  
Principal

## Diary Dates



### June 2017

- 13-27<sup>th</sup> Life Education Van
- 15<sup>th</sup> Regional Cross Country – Hurlstone
- 21<sup>st</sup> Education Director's visit
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Teen Ranch information session
- 26<sup>th</sup> Comm Schools NAIDOC day
- Debating Gala Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> Parent teacher interviews
- 29<sup>th</sup> SSPS Naidoc Day (mufti)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Reward Day
- Stage 1 Reward Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

### July 2017

- 17<sup>th</sup> Staff development day
- 18<sup>th</sup> Students first day of term 3
- 26<sup>th</sup> OC placement test

### Assembly dates:

K-2: June 22  
3 – 6: June 15, 29

## *From the Deputy Principal*

The end of Term 2 is approaching and we have many school events to which we can look forward. Our school is particularly looking forward to NAIDOC celebrations, as we have many excellent activities planned.

Last week Mr Newcombe and myself were fortunate enough to be invited by ARACY (Australian Research Alliance for Children & Youth) and the Australian Bureau of Statistics, to attend a conference in Melbourne on "Parent Engagement". This was an amazing opportunity to hear and interact with experts and educators from overseas and across Australia. Conversations around how schools can effectively engage the community in the learning of our children were very valuable as was the opportunity to reflect on our practices at SSPS and what we can do next. We always welcome any suggestions about how parents can partner in the learning at our school.

### Upcoming NAIDOC Week Celebrations

We are very excitedly planning events for our school's NAIDOC Week celebrations. The official NAIDOC week falls in the school holidays and schools choose a time close to this to celebrate the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Here are a few sneak previews of what is happening. A more detailed note will come home in the next week.



- \*Stage 1 students will attend an Indiguknow session provided by the GWS Giants. This is free to our students and provides age appropriate awareness of Aboriginal culture.
- \* Our Aboriginal students have been invited to attend a Community of Schools NAIDOC Day on 26.6.2017. Please return permission notes for this event.
- \* Our big celebration day for the community to be involved, will be Thursday, 29th June. We will have community elders join us for our day. Students will have an opportunity to rotate through activities that will teach historical and cultural knowledge, as well as the many successes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- \* Thursday, 29th June will be a mufti day for students to wear red, black & yellow or any clothing that displays Aboriginal designs on it.
- \*Our canteen operator Brooke will also get involved in the celebrations with some awesome canteen specials and cooking with students.

### Reports

Our teachers are close to finalising half yearly reports. Your child's report for semester one will go home on Thursday, 22nd June. As always you are able to discuss your child's progress with the teacher by making an appointment for either a face to face interview or by telephone.

Kylie Lyneham  
Deputy Principal



# Wollongong Science Excursion



## SMALL CHANGE CAN HAVE A BIG IMPACT

**Luisa Cogno**

BIG-HEARTED residents are being urged to help the students at Ingleburn's Sackville Street Public School have the basic necessities including uniforms and healthy lunches by donating their spare change to the Silver Coin Project.

Ingleburn parents Darko and Jenny Ristic, whose two children attended the school, started the charity and its Coins for Kids project after volunteering to help with other organisations.

Through their volunteer work they said they found some students lacked the basic needs for everyday school life such as backpacks, uniforms and

healthy lunches so they started Coins for Kids to change the situation.

Mrs Ristic said Sackville Street Public School principal Michael Newcombe backed the project.

Residents are being encouraged to collect their spare change or silver coins to do something nice for someone else.

"If people can't donate, they may know of someone who can help us and provide backpacks, for example, for the students," Mrs Ristic said.

"The school will let us know what they need and we have the funds and go and get what they need for the children."

Mrs Ristic said some funds could also be used to pay for students to attend school excursions.

Sackville Street deputy principal Kylie Lyneham said Mr and Mrs Ristic have had a long association with the school.

Mrs Ristic said her children Sarah, 21, and Seth, 12, who graduated from the school last year, were supportive of the project.

To help, visit [thesilvercoinproject.com](http://thesilvercoinproject.com)



Sackville Street Public School captains Sebastian Buhrmann, 12, and Jessica, 11, support the Silver Coin Project, which is the idea of Ingleburn's Darko and Jenny Ristic. (pictured inset) with their children Seth and Sarah. Photos: Robert Pozo and Tim Clapin

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## 1/2D ASSEMBLY ITEM

On Thursday 22 June from 2.00pm, 1/2D will be performing their item during the K-2 assembly. The students are encouraged to wear mufti clothes on the day. It is preferred students wear bright, coloured clothes. Please let Miss Daniels know if your child does not have any of the requested items.

## COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS NAIDOC DAY

Indigenous students from our school are invited to attend a community of schools NAIDOC celebration to be held at Sarah Redfern Public School on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The day will begin with a formal assembly followed by various workshops and activities to celebrate NAIDOC day. Students with special dietary or vegetarian requirements should bring their own lunch. All students are asked to wear school uniform and bring a hat.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend the event. The formal assembly will **begin at 10.00am**, followed by activities and workshops, which will **conclude at 2.00pm**. Please return your signed permission slips to the office as soon as possible.

## NAIDOC DAY CANTEEN SPECIALS

Brooke's Canteen is kindly providing us with some delicious menu options that can be pre-ordered for lunch on NAIDOC Day. Orders need to be paid in full to the canteen by Wednesday 28 June 2017. For every meal and drink purchased on the day, \$1 will go towards the construction of a yarnning circle in our school.

## KINDERGARTEN & STAGE 1 REWARD DAY - FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017

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 an activity 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.

## STAGE 2 CAMP – TEEN RANCH – 5 & 6 SEPTEMBER 2017

This year Stage 2 camp is going to be held at Teen Ranch, Cobbitty. We will be holding a camp information session on **Friday 23 June 2017 at 3.15pm in the School Library**. Teen Ranch will lead the information session and will be available to answer any questions you may have so we encourage all parents to attend.

Permission notes and further information will be sent home shortly.

## STAGE 3 CAMP PAYMENT REMINDER

A friendly reminder that full payment for The Great Aussie Bush Camp must be made by **Monday 11 September 2017** and that this date must be strictly adhered to. You are most welcome to continue paying the balance in instalments up to this date.

Please contact the school immediately if there are any problems with the payment.

### PSSA Venues

**Students depart school at 12.00pm and return to school at 3.00pm**

Hockey: Ernie Smith Reserve, Moorebank  
Soccer: Ash Road  
Netball: Woodward Park  
Rugby League: Woodward Park

### Notes sent home

1/2D assembly item  
Kindergarten Reward Day  
Stage 3 Camp Payment Reminder  
NAIDOC Day Canteen Specials

Stage 2 Camp – Teen Ranch Information session  
Community of Schools NAIDOC Day  
Maths library helpers required