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Sackville Street Public School

Term 1 Week 4



22 February 2018

From the Principal

It was great to see so many parents and students at our Meet the Teacher night. The new format was well received by our community and we hope to continue this way of communicating going forward.

This year we begin our 2018-2020 school plan and we have worked with our community to get ideas on improving outcomes for all our students. Our priority areas of Learning, Leading and Linking will ensure we remain current in our educational practices and deliver high quality experiences for our community. You will be presented with our new plan shortly as well as a visual display that keeps our plan alive.

A reminder that parents are still parking in No Stopping Zones particularly on Bradley Street. This is really dangerous and we will pass on number plates to police to ensure our community remains safe.

Michael Newcombe
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

This last fortnight has been a great opportunity to get to know new students and families. I've also been able to catch up with others about how the start of the year has been going. For some of our students it can take a while to adjust to new changes at the beginning of a school year. If you are concerned about your child feeling unsettled at this time please get in touch with the class teacher, Assistant Principal on that stage or myself so that we can help resolve any worries your child may have. We have had great success working in partnership with parents/carers getting students to school on time and feeling happier.

Thank you so much to the many families who attended last week's "Meet the Teacher Evening." I thoroughly enjoyed catching up with our community and appreciated the wonderful feedback about our staff and learning programs. I look forward to seeing you at our parent meetings this year which will run in both the evening and day time. Please see the information sheet included in this newsletter.

PARENT CONTACT DETAILS

Often after a school holiday break we find that parent/carer contact details may have changed. People move house or buy new phones etc. It is very important that the school is kept updated with these changes. The school should be able to reach a contact at any time, particularly in the case of an emergency. Could all parents and carers please ensure the following:

Address and phone details are up to date.

If parents/carers and emergency contacts have more than one number they can be reached on, eg a work number, please provide that to the school.

Forms for updated contact information were sent home last week for families to complete. Alternatively you can phone the office with this information.

Kylie Lyneham
Acting Deputy Principal

YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS

Each year our Year 6 students have the opportunity to purchase a shirt to commemorate their time at Sackville Street Public School. These shirts will display the Year 6 students' names on the back. This year the cost of the shirt is \$33.00.

If you wish to purchase a Year 6 shirt, please complete the payment slip issued to students and return it to the school office. All money must be placed in a clearly marked envelope. **THE FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT IS FRIDAY 9TH MARCH 2018.** No orders will be taken after this date and there will be no refunds.

SUMMER GALA DAYS

A reminder for children selected to represent the school at the Fields Zone Gala day to be held on Friday 2 March 2018, that notes and \$7.00 bus money must be returned to the office by Wednesday 28th February.

Students will depart school at 9.00am and return by 3.00pm.

EAST HILLS GIRLS TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2018

East Hills Girls Technology High School combines a strong tradition of high student achievement with a wide range of opportunities for students in learning and leadership. Our school is a supportive learning community in which girls achieve high personal standards of learning and behaviours.



What's happening this term?

Sackville Street Community Partners Meeting

2018 sees the start of exciting new ways for our school and community to partner in the education of our students.

With the feedback we received last year the school has created opportunities in 2018 for families to engage with our school. The partnerships will be focused on improving the school environment, resourcing and most importantly the learning at SSPS.

When?

First day meeting: Wednesday 7th March, 2018 9:15am (staffroom)

First evening meeting: Monday, 12th March, 2018 6:30pm (library)

The organisation of both sessions will be the same so it's just a matter of choosing the time that suits you.

The school will provide nibblies at both sessions.

Opportunities for you to meet with school leaders to find out what's happening in the school, as well as provide feedback and suggestions.

Workshops led by staff and community to support student learning.

Learn about our relaunched student reward system

School event committees that parents can join eg. Year 6 Farewell, Market Day, Keen Kinders, school musical

Supporting fundraising initiatives



ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

Drive and park safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road
- never call out to children from across the road – it is very dangerous
- always take extra care when driving in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs – these help keep children as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park – it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or three-point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children.

For further support

Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education or visit education.nsw.gov.au and search for road safety education.

When travelling in a car ensure your children:

- use a booster seat if they are aged between 4 and 7 years old – it's the law
- are correctly buckled up in their seatbelts
- always get in and out of the car through the 'safety door' – the rear door on the footpath side of the car
- are never left alone in the car.



Up to 6 months

Approved rear-facing child car seat



6 months to 4 years

Approved rear- or forward-facing child car seat



4+ years

Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat



145cm or taller

Suggested minimum height to use adult lap-sash seatbelt

Seven new school zone traffic offences

To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers there are seven new traffic infringements with new fines.

None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but in a school zone they each come with two points.

The changes are:

1. Stopping in intersection - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.
6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.
7. Parallel park close to dividing line - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.

All updated school zone offences can be located through Roads and Maritime:
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

February 2018

SACKVILLE STREET PLANNER

Term 1 2018

Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
4	19 February Sports in School 3-6	20 February	21 February	22 February K-2 Assembly 2pm	23 February	24/ 25 Feb
5	26 February Sports in School K-2	27 February West Tigers Visit 3-6 Zone Swimming Carnival	28 February	1 March 3-6 Assembly 2pm	2 March GALA Day	¾ Mar
6	5 March Sports in School 3-6	6 March	7 March 9.15 SSPS Community Partners Meeting - Staffroom	8 March	9 March	10/ 11 Mar
7	12 March Sports in School K-2 Swim Scheme All Week 6.30pm SSPS Community Partners Meeting - Library	13 March	14 March	15 March Selective HS Test K-2 Assembly 2pm	16 March	17/ 18 Mar
8	19 March Sports in School 3-6 Swim Scheme All Week	20 March	21 March	22 March 3-6 Assembly 2pm	23 March	24/ 25 Mar
9	26 March Sports in School K-2	27 March	28 March	29 March	30 March GOOD FRIDAY	31/ 1
10	2 April EASTER MONDAY	3 April	4 April	5 April K-2 Assembly 2pm	6 April	7/8 April
11	9 April	10 April	11 April	12 April 3-6 Assembly 2pm	13 April	14/ 15 April
Hols	16 April	17 April	18 April	19 April	20 April	21/ 22 April
	23 April	24 April	25 April	26 April	27 April	



Shop In-store



Step 1

For every \$10 spent at Coles, you will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.



Step 2

You then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.



Step 3

Every voucher you donate to your school can be redeemed for leading brand sports equipment.



**Once enrolled,
children are
required to attend
school each day it
is open for
students.**

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that **within 7 days** you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence. Notes are attached to this newsletter for parents to complete.

If your child's absence drops below 85%, your child's teacher, the attendance coordinator or the HSLO (Home School Liaison Officer) may contact you to discuss ways the school can help and support you to improve your child's attendance.



The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- ☐ Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- ☐ Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ☐ Give students time to greet their friends before class
- ☐ Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.



HOW MUCH TIME IS YOUR CHILD MISSING FROM SCHOOL?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly 1 and a half years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2 and a half years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/She is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 mins per week	nearly 1 and a half weeks per year	nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	over 2 and a half weeks per year	nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	half a day per week	4 weeks per year	nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	over 2 and a half years



Sackville Street PS
Parent Explanation of Student Absence (blue)

Dear Mr/Mrs/Ms _____, ___/___/___
My child _____ Class: _____ was absent from school on _____,
name date(s)
due to: Illness ☐ Family reasons ☐ Other reason please state _____
Parent/Carer signature: _____



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