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Sackville Street Public School

Term 4 Week 1



19 October 2018

From the Senior Executive Team

Welcome back from the spring holiday break to our students, families and staff.

We begin our last term of the 2018 school year in an exciting way with the three performances next week of our whole school musical. Can we say ahead of time that we are super proud that our musical is inclusive of all students in the school. Our students have rehearsed in a very dedicated way and they are very excited to show our community next week. Our staff have worked countless extra hours – including their holiday time, to ensure every detail is something our school can be proud to showcase.

We welcome back Mrs Brinkworth to SSPS. Mrs Brinkworth is returning from maternity leave and will be working Mondays and Tuesdays in a leadership role with our Stage 3 team of students and teachers. She will co-lead the Stage 3 team with Mrs Stacey.

ANTI BULLYING IMPLEMENTATION

Our staff have been undertaking further investigation on effective strategies for managing bullying. In addition to exploring current research, our staff have investigated effective practices in other schools.

We are also promoting student led initiatives in this area. We believe our students can have a powerful leadership role in this area and should be proactive in developing solutions to bullying.

Diary Dates

October 2018

- 23 Musical "A Million Dreams"
Matinee 11.30am and evening 6pm
- 24 Musical "A Million Dreams"
Matinee 11:30am
- 25 3-6 Assembly
- 30 Community Forum 6.30pm
- 31 Keen Kinders

November 2018

- 1 K-2 Assembly
- 2 PSSA Gala Day
- 7 Keen Kinders
- 9 Community Forum 2.00pm
- 14 Kindergarten 2019 orientation
- 15 K-2 Assembly
- 22 3-6 Assembly
- 29 K-2 Assembly

December 2018

- 6 3-6 Assembly
- 13 Presentation Day K-2
- 14 Presentation Day 3-6
- 17 Year 6 Farewell
- 18 End of year fun day
- 19 Year 6 Graduation
- 19 Last day of term



Stage 3 boys contributing to student led initiatives to combat bullying.

So many great ideas.

Student agency in this area is so valuable.

COMMUNITY FORUM MEETINGS

Our next Community Forum Meetings will be held:

Tuesday evening 6th November at 6:30pm in the school staffroom

Friday afternoon 9th November at 2:00pm in the school library

Our main discussion points will be

- communication around the school's procedures for managing student behaviour (in particular bullying).
- updates on our playground plans
- gain community feedback to inform planning for 2019
- as always we will have an open question time with the school leaders

Mr M Newcombe & Mrs K Lyneham

Our staff have registered for the 24hour Fight Against Cancer on 20th-21st October. If you would like to support our team, you can come and visit on the day and walk a few laps with us or perhaps buy a raffle ticket for \$2. If you would like more information about the walk please check out the organisation's Facebook Page or Website.



Gold award winners

Jasleen Baidwain – 1/2V

Agnya Patel – 1/2V



STAGE 2 CAMPING EXPERIENCE DAY

Stage 2 students are looking forward to a camping experience day at school on Friday 30th November. They will get to participate in a number of fun and challenging activities including: rock climbing, mini golf, orienteering, an environmental scavenger hunt and many more. The day will be complete with dinner in the evening.

Mrs Bryant (rel) Assistant Principal

STUDENT EYECARE PROGRAM

The school is pleased to announce that the Student Eyecare Program will be running this year. An optometrist will be onsite during school hours to provide students with a **FREE comprehensive eye examination that is covered through Medicare Australia.**

1 in 6 students have eye conditions that go undetected. This is due to the high level of visual demand on their eyes from books, laptops, tablets and smartphones. Every attendee will receive a full report about their eye health and a prescription will be provided if glasses are required. The prescription can be taken to any optical store to get the glasses made. Don't let your child miss out on this worthwhile health program!

Permission notes were issued to students on Friday 19 October. Please return the notes as soon as possible.

Dates will be advised shortly.

Mrs Wells
(Coordinator)

PREFECTS 2019

It is time for us to start thinking about training a new student leadership team to carry out responsibilities as prefects, captains or vice captains for 2019. Current Year 5 students wishing to be considered for a school leadership role need to nominate themselves by filling out a nomination form to be endorsed by a 3-6 teacher. All nominations will be carefully scrutinised by a Stage 3 teacher to ensure that the leadership team consists of students who are excellent role models by being safe, respectful learners. Any student wishing to nominate themselves should speak to their class teacher.

PSSA GALA DAYS

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2018

FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2018

The first of two gala days for this term will be held on Friday 2 November. Green notes were issued to students that were selected for a **SUMMER TEAM IN TERM 1**. Payment of \$7.00 must be paid **no later than Wednesday 31 October 2018**. No late payments will be accepted. With the possibility of the second gala day being cancelled, we request only \$7.00 be paid at this time.

INTENTION TO APPLY FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL IN 2020

Applications for selective high school placement is now open. The selective high school test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2019**. If you would like to have your child considered for year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the students' email address). For detailed instructions on how to apply online go to www.education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7.

There are no paper application forms. However information brochures are available from the office. You must advise the school of your intention to apply and these notes are also available from the office.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 12 NOVEMBER 2018. YOU MUST APPLY BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE.



Busy Bees SPS Top Tip 3: Using describing words to make longer sentences

- A great way to build a child's vocabulary (words they understand and use) as well as sentence length is through our own models of language.
- The perfect opportunity we have to jump in and model language can be when our child makes a comment e.g. they say 'a lion' or 'the bus is big' when reading books, looking at pictures, watching movies or in everyday conversation.
- If your child uses a phrase like 'the bus is big', you can model a longer sentence by describing other features of the bus. An example could be "the big yellow bus has lots of windows" or "the bus is long and yellow".
- It is important to follow a structured sentence e.g. the item is (size) (shape) (colour). It has (component names). It feels (texture words).
- Features you can describe are:
 - Size (e.g. large, huge, long,
 - Shape (e.g. round,
 - Colour + Patterns (e.g. straight lines, swirly lines)
 - Texture (what it feels like)
 - Parts of the object (windows, doors, eyes, nose etc)
- The most important part is to get creative and have fun with it.
- A fun game to play is to choose 5-10 items from home and pop them in a bag. Have your child select an item from the bag as their target item to describe. You can help them as much or as little as needed. The more describing words they use the better!

Dania Mohammed
Director & Speech Pathologist
Busy Bees Speech Pathology Services



Parent Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses



Helping parents to
understand their child's
progress through
primary school



The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) have provided our school with copies of the above document for parent's information. If you would like a copy, please collect from the school office. The guide is designed to help parents follow their child's early learning in English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, History, Geography, PDHPE and Creative Arts. For further information visit www.syllabus.nesa.nsw.edu.au.