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Sackville Street Public School

Term 2 Week 1



2 May 2019

From the Senior Executive

A big welcome to everyone for Term 2. Having talked to students in these past days it was obvious that many had a great holiday break. During the holidays Mr Newcombe, Mrs Lyneham, prefects and school captains attended the Dawn Service at Ingleburn RSL. Sackville Street had the largest school contingent laying a wreath. We were very proud of our student leaders for being there so early in the morning and for the respectful way they conducted themselves.

We enjoyed seeing so many beautiful Easter hats in the last week of school. Many thanks to the community who supported our event in large numbers. In the coming weeks we have quite a few opportunities for our parents to join us for school events, so look out on our Facebook page and website for notes and information.

Staffing News

We welcome Mrs Megan Guerrero to Sackville Street Public School. She has been permanently appointed to our school and will be teaching 5K for the remainder of the year.

Welcome back from maternity leave to Mrs Meads and Mrs Robson. We are very happy to have them back and are pleased that they are sharing the teaching of 5M.

As mentioned at the end of last term, Mr Newcombe is on leave and will return on Monday, 20th May, 2019. Mrs Lyneham is relieving in the principal's position and Mrs Murhan the deputy's during this time.

Congratulations to Mrs Micheal who had a baby boy in the school holidays. The school community wishes her family the very best on the arrival of her beautiful son.

.....From the Senior Executive

ANZAC Commemorations

As mentioned on our Facebook page, Sackville St held a very moving service on Tuesday to commemorate ANZAC Day. This year the focus of the ceremony was to honour the service and sacrifice of nurses in the Armed Services. We paid tribute to local, Ingleburn nurse Sister Haultain, who served in WWII and lost her life on a hospital ship when it was attacked by the Japanese.

We were also particularly proud of the prefects and captains who joined us very early for the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day at Ingleburn RSL. They very respectfully laid a wreath on behalf of our school community. Many thanks to the families who brought their children for this service.

Mothers' Day Events

Next week (Wed 8/5/2019) we will be holding the Mothers' Day gift stall. A note came home with information about purchasing gifts. On Thursday afternoon (9/5/2019) all mums, nans, step mums and carers are invited to join us with their children for a complimentary afternoon tea. A note has gone home with details. It is very important that families RSVP for this event to assist with catering plans.

NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5

A reminder that NAPLAN testing for Years 3 & 5 will commence Tuesday, 14th May, 2019. It is important that students be in attendance for each day of testing and that they arrive at school on time. Parents who wish for their child to be withdrawn or exempt should see Mrs Lyneham or Mrs Wells before 3:00pm Friday, 3rd May to complete the necessary form.

SRC Presentation

On Thursday 23rd May we will be holding an assembly to present SRC badges to this year's representatives. The badges will be presented by our local MP Mr Anoulack Chanthivong. Reminders about this assembly will be provided closer to the day.

Mrs K Lyneham

Mrs M Murhan

Diary Dates

May

- 3 Community Space Opening 9am
- 8 Mother's Day Stall
- 9 Mother's Day Afternoon Tea 3-4pm
SSPS Cross Country 9-11
Police Forum KL
- 10 Fizzics Education Science Show K-6
- 14 Naplan begins
- 15 AFL Clinic
- 18 Walk Safely to School Day

ASSEMBLY DATES:

Assemblies commence 2:20pm

- K-2: 16, 30 May
13, 27 June
- 3-6: 9, 23 May
6, 20 June



BREASTSCREEN NSW VAN

The BreastScreen NSW mobile van is returning to Minto Marketplace car park, near the car wash, Moss Glen Street side from 1 to 31 May 2019.

The service will be open weekdays from 8:45am to 4pm, (lunch closure 12:30pm to 1:30pm) BreastScreen NSW is a government funded screening program for the early detection of breast cancer. For more information there are pamphlets located in the school office.

SACKVILLE STREET COMMUNITY SPACE

The Sackville Street Public School Community Space will officially open at 9am this Friday 3rd May in our school hall. We would love to see as many community members as possible there to share morning tea with us. Toddlers are welcome. Please have a think about how you believe the space can best be used going forward. We very much value your input. Our local member Anoulack Chanthivong will also be in attendance to help us celebrate the opening. Make sure you collect a raffle ticket on the way in for the chance to win a lucky door prize.

Mrs Kerrie Bryant
Assistant Principal

FIZZICS EDUCATION SHOW

Friday 10th May 2019

K-4:- 2.00 – 3.00pm

5-6: 10am – 12.30pm



K-4 students – this exciting and interactive show will form part of the introduction to the **Material and Physical World** science units. The cost of the show has been heavily subsidised by the school with a cost of just \$2.00 per student. Online payments are due by Tuesday 7th May and other forms of payment are due **Thursday 9th May 2019**. Notes have been issued to students.

Year 5-6 students – this exciting and interactive show will form part of the introduction to the Stage 3 **Material World** science unit. To allow for more hands-on experiences, we have organised two smaller group sessions of the workshop. While your child is not in the workshop with Fizzics Education they will be doing a range of science experiments with their teachers in the classrooms. Once again this has been heavily subsidised by the school with a cost of just \$5.00 per student. Online payments are due by Tuesday 7th May and other forms of payment are due **Thursday 9th May 2019**. Notes have been issued to students.

CHAIRS FOR SALE

We have used plastic children's chairs in excellent condition for sale. The cost is a gold coin donation which will then be donated to "The Silver Coin Project". Please contact the office staff if you are interested.



ZONE SPORT CONGRATULATIONS!!



A big congratulations to our following students who have made a Zone team and are representing Sackville Street Public School.

Rugby League – Brock Achurch.

Soccer Boys – Lincoln Hawes

Soccer Girls – Mia Golchini- Sigari

Hockey Boys – Max Murphy, Zac Murphy & Mason Richardson

Hockey Girls – Shante Taumata & Makayla Richardson.

Another BIG congratulations to Brock Achurch and Mia Golchini- Sigari who have also made the Sydney South West (SSW) teams for their sport.

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL

Your child has been given a clothing collection bag from Stewart House. If you have any unwanted clothing or linen that is in good condition that you may wish to donate, could you please place them in the bag provided and drop it off at the school office **before Friday 3rd May 2019.**

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

We are participating in Woolworths Earn and Learn again this year. We ask if you shop at Woolworths that you collect the sticker token and bring them to school. If you shop at Woolworths Ingleburn or Minto we have a box where you can place your tokens. In the past the tokens have allowed us to purchase our buddy benches, sports and maths equipment.



CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Next Thursday 9th May 2019 we will be running our Yrs 3-6 Cross Country Carnival. This event is held at the school and will be starting at 9:00am till approx. 11:00am. Families are welcome to join us for this event. Year 2 students who turn eight this year are eligible to compete in an event if their parents have advised their teacher.

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

At the 3-6 assembly held on Thursday 9th May one of our amazing students, Lily McPake will be cutting her hair to raise money and awareness for blood cancer. Keep an eye for the photos to come. If you would like to make a donations please go to. my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/laramcpake



NAPLAN

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy.

This year the assessment will begin on the 14th May 2019.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level, it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

If you would like your child to be exempt from participating in this assessment please arrange an appointment to speak to Mrs Wells or Mrs Lyneham by Friday 10th May 2019.

NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers



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Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What is assessed?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills.

There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site at nap.edu.au

How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of coaching providers. NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests. However, children in some other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN paper tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that all schools will move online by 2020. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au



Busy Bees SPS Top Tip: Encouraging language during mealtimes

Going out for a meal with the family at a restaurant or café is an excellent opportunity to develop speaking and listening skills. Here are a few ways you can do this:

Conversation with the staff

- Model and encourage your child to greet the staff at the venue.
- Engage in conversation with the wait staff and model turn taking and asking questions

Looking at the menu:

- Look at the menu together with your child
- Read the items on the menu out loud, if they can't read yet
- Talk about the meal you are all going to order
 - The name of the meal
 - What it might look like
 - How you think it might taste
 - What colour you might see on the plate?
- Look at the writing on the menu and point out the letters and numbers (younger children)
- Practice ordering the meal with your child.
- Think of some questions you may need to ask or special requests you need to make.

Ordering:

- Model the task of ordering a meal
- Encourage your child to order their meal for themselves as this prepares them for a lifelong skills
- Support your child to order their meal when the waiter comes, step in or step back as needed.
- Praise your child for their efforts.

Meal-time:

- Now that the food has arrived, you can talk about:
 - Whether it looks or tastes as you expected
 - Rate the meal on a scale of 1-10 (encourages your child to give an opinion)
 - Ask your child to explain why they gave it that rating.

If you have any specific questions or requests for tips, please send them through to info@bbsps.com.au

Thank you,

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