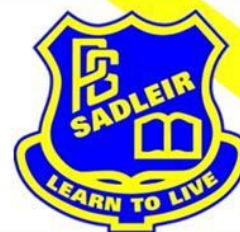


# SADLEIR SNIPPETS



8<sup>th</sup> May 2013

## Principal's Report

### Sadleir Snippets

Welcome to the first edition of Sadleir Snippets, the new name for our school newsletter. Sadleir Snippets will continue to be published on a fortnightly basis throughout the year and contains lots of good information, reminders and reports of student achievement.

We are always looking at ways of improving communications with our families and saving on printing and paper costs so if you would like to receive your copy of Sadleir Snippets by email, please complete the slip located later in this newsletter and return it to the school office.

### Welcome Back

It was great to see everyone back looking so refreshed last week. A particularly warm welcome is extended to families new to our school. I have been into classrooms and noticed that all students are back into daily routines and working very hard. Term 2 is traditionally an extremely busy term and this year is no different. Already we have had school photos and our traditional ANZAC Day assembly with reports, parent/teacher interviews, sporting events, incursions and excursions all still to come.

### Staffing

I would like to welcome Miss Crawford to Sadleir. She will be working across the school as our Learning and Support teacher and replaces Mr Radford who received a transfer at the end of last term.

### Anzac Day

We had a very respectful ANZAC Day assembly last Friday. Thank you to the parents that attended and to those of you who provided flowers for the school wreath, which was once again so beautifully prepared by Mrs Kazzi. Thank you as well to Mrs Brown for her outstanding organisation of the assembly.

### NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 which has been conducted in schools since 2008.

This year the tests will be on **Tuesday 14 May**, **Wednesday 15 May** and **Thursday 16 May**.

The NAPLAN tests are a useful diagnostic tool to support the teachers' ongoing assessments and provide meaningful data to assist the



school in determining future directions in curriculum planning.

Students do not need to do anything to prepare for these tests except make sure that they get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. More information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au).

Information has already been sent home to those families with students who will be sitting the tests. If any parents have any questions about NAPLAN do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child's classroom teacher.

### School Development Days

On Monday and Tuesday last week the teachers worked very hard on a number of new and exciting projects. You may have heard about the new Australian Curriculum that will be implemented across the country commencing in 2014. In conjunction with Ashcroft PS, Cartwright PS and Heckenberg PS we had some very productive sessions learning about the NSW English syllabus that we will be using next year.

Additionally, the staff continued their professional development through their participation in the Focus on Reading program. We began this 2 year program early in Term1 and are continuously embedding this learning into our everyday teaching and learning to maximise our students' successes.

### Opportunity Class Placement 2014

Parents of Year 4 students are advised that information about opportunity class placement in Year 5, 2014 is available now.

If you would like your child to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5, 2014, you may do so in one of the following ways:

- Apply on the internet and submit your applications online. You will need access to the internet, a printer and an email address (not the student's). Detailed instructions are available at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

or

- If you do not have internet access, complete a commercially printed application form and return it to school by **17 May 2013**.

Opportunity classes cater for gifted and talented students in Years 5 and 6. The nearest classes to our school are located at Casula Public School, Newbridge Heights Public School and Harrington Street Public School.

To gain entry, students who apply must sit a placement test on **Wednesday 24 July 2013**. This is usually a very difficult test and parents will need to carefully consider if it is suitable for their child. If you require an application form, or would like further information, please contact me through the school office.



## Mothers' Day Stall

A reminder that the P&C will be holding the Mothers' Day stall tomorrow. Information has already been sent home and I thank the P&C for their hard work in preparing for the stall.

## Stranger Danger

The Police would like to encourage parents to teach/remind their children the following safety tips in regards to stranger danger:

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know is aware of where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are going.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.

If parents ever have any concerns please contact Green Valley Police on 9607 1799.

## Stewart House

It's time again to clean out our wardrobes and cupboards and gather together all the old clothes which we no longer have need for and donate them to Stewart House.

Stewart House has a proud history providing short term respite care for public school students in need of a break from their current circumstance. Through the generosity of schools, teachers, individuals, organisations and corporations, Stewart House has been able to cater for over 150,000 children since it opened in 1931.

Stewart House is a not for profit organisation and is the official charity of the Department of Education and Communities. Last year the clothing appeal raised in excess of \$30,000.

A Stewart House bag will be sent home with your copy of Sadleir Snippets and all clothing donations must be returned by **Friday, 24 May, 2013.**

## School Uniform

I continue to receive nothing but praise and positive feedback from teachers, community members, workmen and visitors to our school about our students and their school uniform. It has been uplifting to see the great majority of students in full school uniform this year. I look forward to this continuing as the cooler months approach.

## Attendance Tip

Students being late to school can have an effect on the teacher, other students in their class and themselves.



Students who are late will:

- miss out on important social interactions with friends in the playground before the bell that can relax them and set them up positively for the day ahead.
- miss out on the start of lessons resulting in their learning becoming disjointed and difficult.
- distract other children when they arrive and interrupt the momentum of the group.
- miss the morning messages.

Undue attention to latecomers can place an unnecessary focus on your child that may make them feel uncomfortable and embarrassed.

Arriving to school on time allows children to be part of the daily school routine and feel they belong to a group.

**Stephen Gray      Principal**

## Library news      Book club

Book club forms were handed out last week. The last day for orders is next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please place order forms with money

into an envelope and put into the money slot at the office.

Family reading afternoon and Book Fair.

May is National Family Reading Month so we will be having an afternoon where you can come to school and read with your children on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. More details will be sent home at a later date. In conjunction with this event we will be holding a Book Fair where you can buy lovely books to read with your children at reduced prices. The Book Fair will be open on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May. We hope you can join us.

**Val Buckman   Teacher Librarian**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

9<sup>th</sup> May – Mothers Day Stall

14<sup>th</sup> May – 16<sup>th</sup> May NAPLAN

20<sup>th</sup> May - Sydney Aquarium, – KC, KH & KP

### UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES

10<sup>TH</sup> May 2013      3/4C

17<sup>th</sup> May 2013      4/5T

## EMAIL REQUEST

Please return to school office:-

☐ Yes I would like to receive my copy of Sadleir Snippets by email.

My email address is \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_      Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_      Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Learning about and to use Computers in 3/4C



I enjoy using Microsoft Office and ABC Reading Eggs. I want to learn to type really fast and to use the internet better. We use the internet to research and communicate. By Ahma



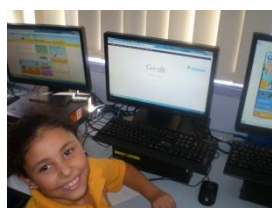
I enjoy going on Targeting Maths and learning lots of things. In the future I would like to know how to make a computer game. We need to use technology so we can communicate and work. By Mariam

I enjoy learning on ABC Reading Eggs. In the future I would like to learn how to make a web page. We use technology to communicate with people. By Fawzieh



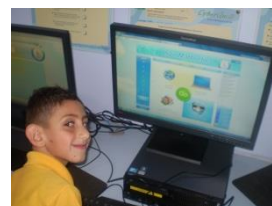
What I like to learn on computers is maths. I want to learn how to create my own program. Computers have lots of uses. By Kai

In computers I like to search websites. I want to learn how to create them. By Blayke



In computers I like going on ABC Reading Eggs because it helps you learn and it helps you to read. I want to learn more about computers so they can help me more. By Janna

What I love about computers is that you can go on learning programs. I want to learn how to use class dojo. We use technology to keep in contact and share with others. By Tanesha







## 2013 Cross Country Results

We were very lucky to have such a beautiful day for our K-6 School Cross Country Carnival. Thank you to all the teachers for their hard work on the day. It was lovely to see so many parents supporting our students and it was great to see all students participating so enthusiastically.



Congratulations to the winners in each age group.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
12 Years Boys	Joel Wilson – 5/6J	Deklan Newling – 5/6J	Ali Chafei – 5/6J
12 Years Girls	Nada Chaaban – 5/6L	Ellie Glennie – 5/6L	Sandy Wannous – 5/6J
11 Years Boys	Lochlan Ebejer – 5/6J	Yacoob Abdul Karim – 5/6J	Brayden Collis – 5/6L
11 Years Girls	Narjs Alkhuzai – 5/6J	Frances Gatehau – 4-6M	Kayla Hanna – 5/6J
10 Years Boys	Bryce Wilson – 4/5T	Chone Rai – 3/4D	Dean Watson – 3/4D
10 Years Girls	Yasmin Taha – 5/6J	Bella Besters – 4/5T	Tayla Haley – 4/5T
9 Years Boys	Terry Whitbourne – 2/3T	Heider Alkhuzai – 3/4C	Andrew Sulkowski – 3/4C
9 Years Girls	Georgia Besters – 3/4C	Sydney Glennie – 3/4C	An Phan – 4/5T
8 Years Boys	Hadi El-Rifai – 3/4D	Noah Chafei – 3/4C	Daniel Stevens – 2/3T
8 Years Girls	Maryam El Abdallah – 3/4D	Tiana Saunders – 1/2B	Amal Al Hussein – 2/3T
7 Years Boys	Ryan Vergara – 2/3T	Miracle Tia – 1/2M	Dan Saffrett – 2/3T
7 Years Girls	Hyatt Chahine – 1/2M	Iesha Abdul Karim – 1/2B	Maddaline Sanders – 1/2M
6 Years Boys	Ahmad Al Zahaowy – 1L	Redil Atroushi – 1/2M	Maama Fangalahi – 1L
6 Years Girls	Hayley Deering - KH	Aisha El Cheikh - KH	Ayah Tayba – KP
5 Years Boys	Xander Cole - KH	Abdulahman Youssef - KC	Abdul Hamdache – KH
5 Years Girls	Bella Ma - KC	Uyen Phan - KH	Shayda El Masri - KP

The winning house for the 2013 Cross Country will be announced at assembly.



## District Cross Country

The Green Valley PSSA District Cross Country is being held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013 at Joe Broad Reserve, Mt Pritchard. Students need to be at school by **8:15am** as we need to be at the park early and ready to walk to the course. Students need to wear full school sport uniform, good running shoes and a school hat. Students need to bring their lunch and plenty of drinks from home.

Good luck to the following students who will represent Sadleir Public School.

12 Years Boys	Joel Wilson	Deklan Newling	Ali Chafei	Alexander Agius
12 Years Girls	Nada Chaaban	Ellie Glennie	Sandy Wannous	Mackenzie Loxton
11 Years Boys	Lochlan Ebejer	Yacoob Abdul Karim	Brayden Collis	Issac Saleh
11 Years Girls	Narjs Alkhuzai	Frances Gatehau	Kayla Hanna	Amanda Wells
10 Years Boys	Bryce Wilson	Chone Rai	Dean Watson	Ken Mai
10 Years Girls	Yasmin Taha	Bella Besters	Tayla Haley	Tanisha Saunders
8/9 Years Boys	Terry Whitbourne	Heider Alkhuzai	Hadi El-Rifai	Noah Chafei
8/9 Years Girls	Maryam El Abdallah	Tiana Saunders	Georgia Besters	Sydney Glennie

