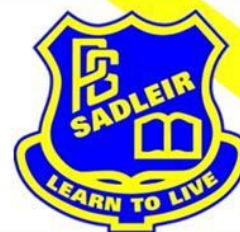


SADLEIR SNIPPETS



24th June 2013

Principal's Report

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Information was sent home last week to all families about Parent/Teacher interviews, which have been scheduled for Tuesday, June 25. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to become a partner in your child's education and I encourage you to attend. Student reports for Semester 1 will be distributed at this time.

For students in Year 1 to Year 6 the front of each report outlines the five point scale which compares your child's achievement against state wide syllabus standards (not against other students). The following language is used:

- Limited Achievement
- Basic Achievement
- Sound Achievement
- High Achievement
- Outstanding Achievement

The five point scale describes the depth of knowledge and understanding and the range of skills that students at that standard typically show.

A student who has received a **SOUND ACHIEVEMENT** has **achieved what is generally expected**. This is what we, as educators, would typically expect students of a similar age to

achieve. Therefore, **sound achievement is good**.

A HIGH OR OUTSTANDING level of achievement indicates that a student has achieved **more than what is generally expected**.

A BASIC OR LIMITED level of achievement indicates that a student has **not yet achieved what is generally expected** compared to what is written in the syllabuses for students of a similar age to achieve.

Kindergarten students will have a similar report but will be assessed using a three point scale.

As you read your child's report, please praise them for what they have achieved. If you are unable to attend, please contact the class teacher to arrange an alternative time for the interview, so you can receive your child's report.

Farewell Mrs Thompson

Friday will be Mrs Thompson's last day at Sadleir. She recently received a promotion to the position of Assistant Principal through the



merit selection process and she starts at her new school at the beginning of Term 3. While congratulating Mrs Thompson I would like to thank her for everything she has done for the students at our school and wish her all the best in her new position. As yet the Department has not advised me of a replacement for her.

Athletics Carnival

What a great day our athletics carnival was last Tuesday at Edwin Wheeler Oval. The weather, although a little cool at times, was generally kind to us and it was wonderful to see all the students participating so enthusiastically, running, jumping, throwing and catching.

Congratulations to the students on their fine behaviour and thank you to the parents and friends who came and supported them.

Well done to Mrs Brown and her team for their outstanding organisation and thank you to all staff for ensuring the day ran so smoothly.

A magnificent team effort by the whole school community!

School Ambassador

I am pleased to announce that Mackenzie Loxton of 5/6J has been selected to be the Sadleir PS Ambassador for Public Education in 2013. Mackenzie's selection was based on her:

- demonstration of the values of public education;

- excellent leadership qualities; and
- positive contributions made to the life of the school community.

Congratulations Mackenzie!

Attendance

As the year approaches the midway mark, there can be a tendency to let children have the occasional day off. Stay strong, especially after the weekend. Monday morning is hard for most of us and children are no different. Getting a good night's sleep on Sunday is important. Some parents find it easier to do a bit of preparation on Sunday, giving themselves a bit of extra time on Monday morning. This could be in the form of getting uniforms ready, finding shoes and socks, packing bags, having the students bathe or shower at night instead of in the morning, and packing lunches.

Student attendance is constantly monitored by both myself and regional office staff in order to rectify any problems as soon as possible. **An interesting fact that you might not be aware of is that if a child has one day off a week during their primary school career, by the time they are in Year 6 they will have missed the equivalent of one full school year.**

Lost Property

Lost property still continues to pile up around the school. Those with names clearly labelled are usually returned personally to the owner. Those without names are not. Clothing can become expensive if parents are continually replacing items which are lost. To help avoid



these unnecessary costs, please label everything that comes to school.

Reading To Children At Home

Children learn about the value and importance of reading as they watch their family read and write in everyday life. Here are a few simple things you can do at home to make reading fun.

1. Listen to your child read every day, even if only for a short time.
2. Discuss the meanings of stories and words.
3. Talk about books together and make reading a shared, enjoyable activity.
4. See that there is a range of reading material, both fiction and non fiction, for your child at home.
5. Try not to let television or the computer intrude on reading time – set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.

Late Pick Ups

The end of day bell goes at 3:00pm and on many occasions staff have after school commitments which they need to attend to. Therefore it is important that all students are collected on time. Of late there have been too many instances where this has not occurred. If you know you are going to be late please contact the school and leave a message. Students who are not collected on time will be asked to wait at the school office.

Term 3

Don't forget that Friday is the last day for this term. All students should return to school on

TUESDAY, 16 JULY for the commencement of Term 3.

During the last few weeks many families have been struck down with winter illnesses. The holidays will provide a wonderful opportunity for everyone to recharge their batteries and get fit and healthy once again.

Have a safe and restful break and I look forward to seeing you again when school resumes.

Stephen Gray

Principal

UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES

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| 29th June 2013 | House Captains |
| 19 th July 2013 | Senior SRC |

UPCOMING EVENTS:

26th June 2013 – IMAX theatre & Australian National Maritime Museum – 3/4C, 3/4D, 4/5T & 3T



Athletics Carnival

Well what a wonderful day we had for our Athletics Carnival. It was a little bit cold first thing in the morning, but the sun was out and it was good to see the rain stay away.



As always, we started with our 100m age race, and it was good to see everybody try their best to earn a place in the finals. It was such a long way for our Kindergarten students - but they all ran and they all made it to the finish!

As usual, the field events for the 8-12 year olds were competitive. All students gave their best to meet the qualifying distances for the District Carnival in Term 3, and some had great success.

Relays, balls games, discus, shot put and long jump were the rotations for the 5-7 year olds. They were fun and exciting but they also help with development of skills for the field events as they get older.





The day finished with the 800m race (two laps of Edwin Wheeler Oval) and the 100m finals. I'm certain there were lots of tired students - and teachers - after such a long day.

Congratulations to all students for doing your best and well done to those who will qualify for the district carnival which will be announced in a week or two.

Thank you to all the teachers for your help on the day and to the P&C for running a canteen. Also, to the parents and families who went to watch their children. It's always nice to see you at our school events.

Mrs Brown - Carnival Organiser





Stage 1 Excursion

Last week, students in classes 1L, 1/2B, 1M and 2T participated in an excursion to Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage to consolidate the HSIE unit they have been studying, Families: Past and Present.



At Old Government House, students attended a class reminiscent of how school life would have been in 1815. Mrs Johnson was a very strict teacher who had some of our students shaking in their shoes!



Then they toured the rooms in the house, looking at how Governors in the past used to live. It's surprising how many of us take the simple things in life – like electricity and bathrooms – for granted. The old ways of living and keeping entertained were very interesting for all of us.



Students got to dress as convicts at Experiment Farm Cottage, and learnt how James Ruse in 1789 was chosen by Governor Arthur Phillip to run an experiment to see how long it would take a man to support himself on the land. It took him 15 months to successfully become self-sufficient and was given 30 acres which we planted some corn on!





James Ruse then sold his farm to surgeon John Harris, who built Experiment Farm Cottage. Students visited his doctors office and learnt about plants that were used as medicines and how doctors treated patients back them.

It was a great day. Everyone had a fun time and learnt a lot about life all those years ago!

Mrs Brown - 1/2B Classroom Teacher

