

# Sadleir Public School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 2

## What's On

20 October	K-2 Gymnastics Lessons & Kindergarten Orientation 2016
22 October	P&C Meeting
23 October	Virtual Excursion 3/4M
27 October	Kindergarten Orientation/Gymnastics Lessons
28 October	P&C Disco
11 November	Premier's Spelling Bee Final
9 December	Presentation Day
10 December	Year 6 Farewell

Dear Parents and Carers

Our vision is to build pathways to success for all students. The programs that we implement are designed to enable all students to connect, thrive and succeed, academically, socially and emotionally.

### Outstanding Achievements

Recently a number of Sadleir students have demonstrated outstanding achievements. Vinh Phan scored 100% in the University Spelling Test, Aishe Ghazzaoui was the Stage 3 runner-up at the Liverpool Public Speaking Final and Ryan Vergara who won the Stage 2 Regional Spelling Bee Final. Ryan will now represent South Western Sydney in the Premier's Spelling Bee Final. These achievements are fantastic but all our students are making significant gains every week. Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Stage 2 camp for the night. It was great to see our students in a different environment. They adapted extremely well and demonstrated some great skills that we don't necessarily see at school. Thanks to Miss Collas, Mrs Murray, Mr Hutchinson and Mrs Barry for making the camp such a great success.



### New Assistant Principal

Mrs Caroline Cass has joined the Sadleir Public School leadership Team as Assistant Principal Special Education. Mrs Cass comes to our school with a wealth of experience in special education. Mrs Cass will be teaching 3/6H. Please say hello if you see her around the school.

### Learning Spaces

In 2015 class 2B have been trialling innovative 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Spaces. To cater for the changing curriculum and learning demands classrooms around the world are changing. The national curriculum places new emphasis on collaboration, problem solving and critical and creative thinking.

### School Projects

As many of you have noticed we completed a number of projects around the school during the last holiday break. Two new flagpoles were installed at the front of the school. These will fly the Australian national flag and the Aboriginal flag.

We also had \$5600 worth of tree maintenance done around the school by a specialist arborist. One tree was removed and over 10 large gum trees were inspected and unhealthy branches removed. We also planted 22 trees in the back playground. These trees are deciduous and will provide much needed shade in the Summer. They will grow quickly and we expect to see the benefits within two to three years. An area up the back of the school has been cleared and will become a native garden area. This will eventually attract native birds. The vegetable garden is up and running and a big thanks to Mrs O'Grady for her hard work. Please talk to her if you would like to get involved in the vegetable garden project.



### Traffic

I have attached a traffic map for you to look at. Council provided this map as part of our discussion about road safety around the school.

### P&C

The P&C has organised an after school disco for Wednesday 28 October. A note will go home to all students shortly.

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Thursday 22 October at 9:15am**. The change of day is due to Kindergarten Orientation.

### Morning Fitness

Morning fitness will not take place this term. All students will attend a 5 week gymnastics program and 90 students have spent the last 2 weeks at daily swimming lessons. The swimming program was a great success and I thank Mrs Low for all her organisation and hard work.

Regards

Matthew Ralph

### Term 3 Fun Day

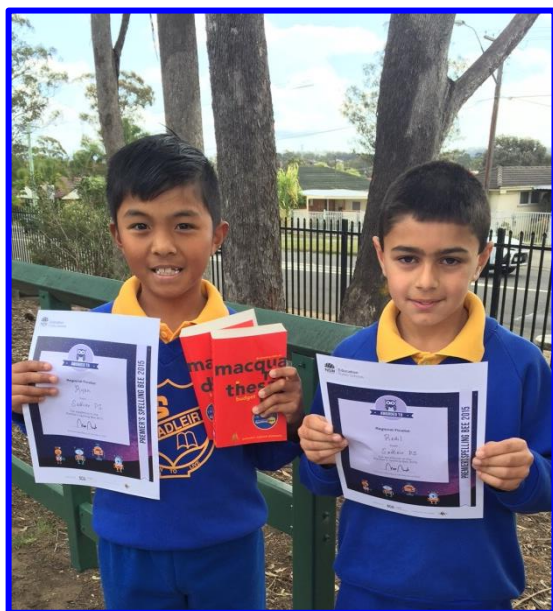
A big thank you to all teachers and students for their help and enthusiastic participation during our Term 3 Fun Day. Our presenter for the day was Anthony who expressed a deep appreciation for the way all students engaged and behaved while interacting with the animals. Anthony has a unique style of presentation that contributed greatly to student's interest and in their willingness to ask lots of questions. It was terrific to see students handling the animals and in some overcoming their fears around reptiles that not many of us come across in our daily lives. Mr Huntington

### Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Finals

Last term we had 4 students represent Sadleir Public School at the Regional Spelling Bee Finals at Busby Public School.

Ryan and Redil represented Sadleir on the Stage 2 finals and Mohammad and Tayla in the Stage 3 finals. The students were up against 44 other students and correctly spelt some exceptionally hard words including subsist, intermediary, arbitrate, pestilence, surveillance and incomprehensible. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school and we are so proud of them all. Well done to Redil who was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Stage 2 finals and Mohammad who was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Stage 3 finals.

Congratulations to Ryan who after 10 rounds including 3 unseen words was declared the Stage 2 Spelling Bee Regional Champion. He will now compete in the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee State Finals in November. We wish him the best of luck!





### Stage 2 Wooglemai Camp

Last Monday and Tuesday, 42 Stage 2 students participated in an overnight camp to Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre at Oakdale. All students participated in team building and initiative games, archery, a high ropes course, bush walking, bike riding, a camp fire and other recreational activities. The students were outstanding ambassadors for Sadleir Public School and demonstrated great leadership and team work skills. Despite keeping us up very, very late the teachers were impressed by their positive attitudes and willingness to try new things! Congratulations to all students who attended camp!



The best part was archery because we had a bow and arrow and you had to try and shoot a bullseye! Only Dina got close to the bullseye, archery is hard! My best shot was in the red which gave me 9 points. I liked the camp fire too! It was fun sitting around and toasting marshmallows. We got to use our torches to look for animals at night, all we saw was an owl and a fox. - Easa



My favourite part of camp was the ropes course. I was jumping off and swinging in my harness, it was so much fun. I liked riding the bikes too! - Tiana



My favourite part of camp was when all the girls stayed up late talking. We got to use our torches in the dark and had a camp fire - Amani





The best part about camp was the ropes course. First you start in an easy level and you think it is going to be easy, then it gets harder and harder. At the end it is so high and scary! This camp was the best camp ever! - Amali



My favourite part of camp was doing archery because it was fun learning how to shoot the bow and arrow. It was the best time of my life! – Emily

It was really fun doing the ropes course because it was really challenging and it was also fun getting to have a big sleepover with all my friends. Everyone got on really well. - Dan



The ropes course was the best part because I was scared at first but the further I went on the more fun I had, it was so high! The funniest part was when the boys woke up at 1:40am and Miss Collas and girls could hear us next door! Mr Ralph had to tell us to go back to sleep 3 times! - Hamza



My favourite part of camp was bush walking because when we went down the hill we got to slide on our bottoms. We had to hold onto the trees to help us. We found treasure and Francis Beralier's journal and learnt about the local Aboriginal history. We called cooe which means 'we are here' across the valley! - Ali



Camp was really fun! My favourite part was the ropes course it was high! I also liked getting to go to sleep really late! - Caitlyn





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