

Sadleir Public School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 4

What's On

Friday 20 Feb	PSSA Sport (Round 1) K-6 Assembly
Tuesday 24 Feb	Year 6 Science Day @ Ashcroft HS
Friday 27 Feb	Sadleir PS - Clean Up Australia Day
Tuesday 3 March	P&C Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 4 March	Senior SRC Leadership Conference
Thursday 12 March	Selective High School Test

encouraging team mates, trying as hard as they can, wearing full school uniform, demonstrating exceptional behaviour and listening to the teachers. Sport is a great test of character and I look forward to watching the teams develop throughout the season.

P&C Annual General Meeting

The Sadleir Public School P&C's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 3 March at 9:15am. At this meeting all positions will be declared vacant and new elections will be held. I urge all parents, carers and citizens to come along and participate in the process. By voting on the day you can have a say in who represents the parents and citizens of Sadleir PS. Please consider putting your name forward for a position. In 2014 our P&C raised funds to purchase airconditioning and hall lighting. The P&C discussed important issues and assisted the school to make decisions for the benefit of all students.

School Fees 2015

Yearly financial contributions from families helps Sadleir Public School provide high quality learning materials and experiences for all students. This year, school fees include the cost of a set of headphones. By having their own headphones there will be no need for students to share when working in the computer lab or on classroom computers. All students will be issued with a set of headphones and a carry bag when they pay the school contribution for 2015. Alternatively, headphones can be purchased from the uniform shop. We will let you know when they are available and the price.

Schools Contribution 2015

1 student	\$30
2 students	\$50
3 or more students	\$70

PSSA Sport

PSSA sport begins this Friday. We have entered Girls' Touch Football, Newcombeball and Softball teams. Representing Sadleir PS is a great responsibility and I trust that all students will do us proud by playing to the rules,



Preschool

Thankyou to all our new families who have helped to settle the children in well to preschool over the past two weeks. We have enjoyed meeting everyone and getting to know the children. Preschool is an important factor in the transition to school, and children aged 3 1/2 - 5 1/2 are benefitting from learning through play and achieving skills in all their developmental areas. We will be focussing on improving the children's communication and fine motor skills along with social readiness in preparation for starting school in 2016. Please ask for any information should you be curious and we will continue to update you through our regular preschool newsletters.

Thankyou, Mrs Elliott & Mrs Perfect

Crunch and Sip

Sadleir P.S will be implementing 'Crunch and Sip' in our classes from this year. Crunch and Sip is a program that encourages students to develop healthy eating habits. Students will need to **bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables** to snack on at a designated time in the morning. Students are also encouraged to drink water throughout the day. We are asking that all students come to school with a piece of fruit or vegetable and a bottle of water everyday, ready to eat in the classroom.

A pamphlet is being sent home with the newsletter that outlines suggestions of what is suitable to pack into your child's lunchbox

Swimming

Last Friday, 15 Sadleir Public School students went down to Miller Pool for a time trial event. Every student performed well. A big thanks to all the parents who supported our swimmers.

Four swimmers have qualified for district carnival;

Andrew 5/6J- 50m Freestyle & 50m Backstroke

Terry 5/6J- 50m Freestyle

Tiana 4T- 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke & Breaststroke

Caitlyn 4T - 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke & 50m Breaststroke



Air Conditioning

Last week we had 6 additional air conditioning units installed. The 1P classroom, Arabic community language room, ESL room, 2 Autism classrooms and the canteen are now cool environments for students, teachers and parents to work. Thanks to the P&C for assisting with the funding.

Recycling Bins

Liverpool Council has provided us with 8 new recycling bins for weekly collection. The bins have been placed around the school and will be put out for collection each Thursday

night. Teachers will be talking to students about recycling and using the correct bin over the next few weeks.



The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 27 February**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Regards

Matthew Ralph
Principal