

Sadleir Public School

Newsletter Term 3 Week2

What's On

Friday 24 July	K-6 Assembly (Attendance Awards)
Tuesday 28 July	P&C Meeting
Thursday 30 July	Education Week Open Day
Monday 10 August	Aboriginal Elders Mobile Display
Thursday 27 August	Book Week Parade
Monday 31 August	Literacy and Numeracy Week
Friday 4 September	PSSA Season 3



Over 60 students had a 100% attendance record in Term 2.

Camp Quality Performance

Last Monday our students attended the Camp Quality Puppet Show. The performance helped the Sadleir school community create a supportive environment for any child affected by cancer, whether they are living with cancer themselves or have a family member with cancer. The students responded very well to the performance and the key messages about cancer.

Dear Parents and Carers

Education Day at Sadleir Public School

Next **Thursday, 30 July**, we will be holding a special **Education Week Assembly** from 10:00am. The assembly will include the presentation of special Education Week awards. **Classrooms will be open for you to visit from 10:40am** and we invite parents and carers to eat lunch with their children from 11:20 – 12:00.

School Attendance

During Term 2 our daily attendance rates were much lower than in Term 1. Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their best and increase their career and life options. If a student misses as little as 8 days per term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.



Athletics Carnival

Yesterday's athletics carnival was a great success. Our students performed very well and some talented

athletes emerged. A big thanks to the 50 parents who attended. Thanks again to the P&C for providing the new house banners. The district athletics carnival will be held at the end of August (more details to follow).



Special P&C Meeting

There will be a special P&C meeting on Tuesday 28 July and 9:15am in the learning centre. Please come along to support the school.

Regards

Matthew Ralph

Library

Brochures for issue 5 have been handed out to students. If you would like to order any books for your child please enclose the completed order form with the correct money in an envelope with the child's name and class and place it in the money slot at the office. Payments can also be made by credit card directly to Scholastic and the credit card receipt details must be enclosed with the order form. The last day to place your order is Friday 31st July 2015. If you have any questions, please direct them to the library.

B. Acquah Teacher- Library

Wooglemai Camp

Stage 2 are going on a 2 day, overnight camp to Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre on Monday 12th October to Tuesday 13th October 2015 (Week 2 Term 4). All positions are now full.

Communication

Communication between teachers and parents is very important. Please feel free to talk to your child's teacher about their progress or issues that may arise. While the teacher will make every effort to be available before and after school they will often have duties or professional development meetings. It is often better to book a longer meeting through the office at a time that the teacher can spend 15 or 20 minutes with you uninterrupted.

Word Mania Challenge

The Literacy Planet website are giving away \$50,000 in prizes to schools and students in their 'Word Mania Challenge' competition, which has been highly publicised on free to air television in the mornings. The aim of the challenge is to reach a goal of 10 million minutes of on line literacy in Australia.

This week, parent information notes and student usernames and passwords were sent home so that students could practice for the challenge. The first round starts on Monday 27th July - Sunday August 2, with rounds two and three following consecutively. Finals will happen on Thursday, September 3.

Students can practise and/or participate from home or school via a PC, tablet or mobile phone app. Each game takes only 3 minutes to play.

It is not a compulsory challenge, but it is a fun way to improve spelling and word building skills, so students should be encouraged to participate. Please allow students to word build by themselves. Finals will take place in Sydney and students will not be allowed to have parents/carers sit with them.

For more information about the competition, how to access the website or participate, please read the flyer in this newsletter, or see Mrs Brown

Stage 1 Incursion

Classes 1Y, 1P, 2B and 2W had the opportunity this week to learn about the incredible life of leaf and stick insects (phasmids) from the Field of Mars Educational Centre.



We got to see live specimens and used the interactive whiteboard to explore their habitats, life cycles, behaviour and camouflage abilities.



We also made replica leaf and stick insect eggs and constructed stick insect models from natural and man-made materials.



Some fantastic phasmid facts we learnt.....

- * They have six legs. But if they lose a leg before they become an adult, it will grow back.
- * They are coloured green/brown/grey to blend in with their environment. This is called camouflage.
- * Females have wings, but they can't fly. Once an adult, they will live for about 18 months.
- * Males have wings and can fly. Once they are an adult, they will live for 3 months.
- * They have no bones in their body.
- * They smell through their antennae.
- * The mother phasmid will throw her eggs away once laid. Usually ants carry these eggs back to their nest and lick the shell which is sugary to taste. The eggs are protected in the ant nest from the rain, wind, sun and predators.
- * They eat leaves with their tiny jaws.
- * They are food for hungry birds, lizards and frogs.
- * As they grow bigger, they lose their skin. This skin is called an exoskeleton.
- * They experience incomplete metamorphosis. This means once hatched from an egg, they just get bigger until they become an adult. Their body shape doesn't change. A caterpillar to a butterfly, or a tadpole to a frog experience complete metamorphosis.

Mrs Brown

Stage 1 Science

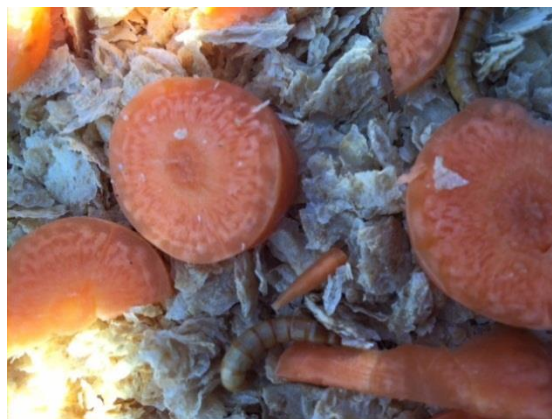
Year 1 and 2 will be studying the unit, *Watch It Grow*, this term.



Through activities and investigations, students will compare the growth of living things under different conditions.



Our main focus will be on the life cycle of a mealworm. Each class has mealworms they are observing in varying environments. We had fun setting up the containers they are going to live in for the next few months.



Mealworms are easy to care for. They live in crushed up wheat bix and every week, fruit or vegetables are placed in the container to give them the water they need to survive.

We can't wait to see the changes that will take place with our mealworms. Do you know what they will turn into? Darkling beetles - we hope!

Mrs Brown





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Maths Challenge

Answer the following mathematical language twisters. All correct entries will go into the draw for a \$10 Office Works gift card. Entries must be received at the office by 9:00am Tuesday 28 July.

1. There were 67 people on the bus including the driver. How many people were on the bus?
2. There were 43 passengers on the bus and 1 driver. How many people were on the bus altogether?
3. What is the sum of 19 and 12?
4. What is the difference between 25 and 12?
5. 20 is how many more than 3?
6. What number is 3 more than 15?