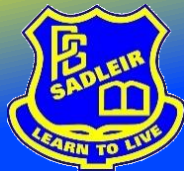




Education



# Sadleir Public School



Learn to Live

Newsletter Term 3 Week 8



## Days to Remember!

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday** - Canteen Open

**Tuesday, Thursday** - Uniform Shop Open

**Tuesday** - School Banking Day

**Wednesday** - Playgroup

**Thursday** - Parent Café, PSSA Training

**Friday** - K-6 Assembly, K-6 Sport Day, PSSA sport



## What's on @ Sadleir



### Term 3 Week 9

- ♦ Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Kindergarten Excursion to Symbio
- ♦ Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September - PSSA Round 1
- ♦ Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September - K-6 Assembly with an item performed by 3-6M

### Term 3 Week 10

- ♦ Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September - P- 6 Music Viva Incursion
- ♦ Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Karitane Parent Workshop
- ♦ Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Preschool Drama Incursion
- ♦ Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - PSSA Round 2
- ♦ Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - K-6 Assembly hosted by Bass and Hume House Captains
- ♦ Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Last Day of Term 3.

### Term 4 Week 1

- ♦ Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Students and Teachers return to school.
- ♦ Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October - School Swimming Scheme
- ♦ Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October - School Swimming Scheme
- ♦ Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October - School Swimming Scheme
- ♦ Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October - School Swimming Scheme
- ♦ Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October - School Swimming Scheme
- ♦ Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October - PSSA Round 3
- ♦ Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October - K-6 Assembly hosted by Class SRC Representatives.



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## Mr Ralph's Principal Report

The term is racing by and we are already into Week 8.

We have received our NAPLAN results for 2016. The results provide our school with important data to gauge our progress and areas to develop. The results showed that our students continue to make strong progress between Year 3 and Year 5 in literacy and numeracy. 96% of Year 3 students and 86% of Year 5 students performed at or above minimum standard in reading. This is a pleasing result but there is still room for improvement and we will continue to develop quality evidence based teaching and learning programs to support and challenge our students. There are many ways that you can support your child's progress but one of the easiest ways is to ensure that they read at home. Ask them questions about what they have read.

Recently I attended an education research conference. I worked closely with leaders in the field. The learning will enable me to assist our teachers and team leaders to plan and implement programs to improve the quality of education that we provide for all our students. Our aim is that all students will not only reach but will exceed their potential here at Sadleir.

Recently I have been out of the school attending intensive finance training as part of the LMBR (Learning Management Business Reform) implementation at Sadleir. This new system will improve the way in which we record data, budget, purchase resources and run the school. It's new to all of us but the system looks impressive and once we are up and running on 17 October you should begin to notice some improvements. Mrs Dean and Mrs Braun will be attending 15 training days this term to ensure a smooth transition.

This week I have had the pleasure watching our students perform at the Western Liverpool Festival of Performing Arts. I enjoyed the performances immensely and spent the night in awe of the talent. Huge congratulations to all the dance and choir students who represented us. The junior dance group put on a great show with their 'Dance in France' performance. The K-2 students looked nervous at first but after a few seconds they gained confidence and did a great job. The senior dance group's 'Force in Motion' combat dance was fantastic also. The festival organisers made special mention of this item. Special thanks to all the parents and friends who supported the students on the night. Miss Walmsley and Mrs Duricic did a great with their choreography and dance tuition over the past term. Also thanks to Mr Tran and Mrs Low for running the choir, Miss Collas, Miss James, Mrs Whitby, Mrs Pepper and Mrs Brown for helping at the venue.

Yesterday I attended the 2168 NAIDOC day at Miller Public School with all our Aboriginal students. Our students enjoyed a range of cultural activities and experiences. The students mixed with students from 14 different primary and secondary schools from the local area. Thanks to all the students and Ms Ryan and Miss McAlister for their help on the day.

Regards

Matthew Ralph



## Tell Them From Me Survey

### **STUDENT SURVEY: The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey for year 4,5 & 6 students.**

This term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education 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.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

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 us 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.

The survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 12 September and 23 September. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with year 4, 5 & 6 students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 12 September. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

### **PARENT & CARER SURVEY: The *Partners in Learning* parent survey**

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The computer laboratory at Sadleir Public School will be set up for parents and carers to complete the survey on 2 occasions:

1. Thursday 15 September between 8:30 am and 10:00 am.
2. Monday 19 September between 2:30 and 4:00 pm

The survey is conducted entirely online and takes about 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. There will be staff to greet you at the computer lab and assist where necessary with any technical assistance required.

The survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

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



## Celebrating Education Week

What amazing performances we had for our Education Week Celebration! Thank you to all the parents and friends who came and supported our school and to all our wonderful teaches and students for their hard work in getting ready for the day.



## School Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all students that participated in the School Spelling Bee Final. The results are as follows:

Kindergarten Winner - Carmelo

Year 1 Winner - Ghaith

Year 2 Winner - Suraiya

Year 3 Winner - Uyen

Year 4 Winner - Redil

Year 5 Winner - Ryan

Year 6 Winner - Jack

Congratulations and good luck to Redil, Uyen, Jack and Antonio who will represent Sadleir PS at the Regional Spelling Bee Finals at the end of the term.





## Choir News

Sadleir Public School held the second choir rehearsals for the Western Liverpool Festival of Performing Arts (WLFPA) on Tuesday 9th of August 2016. Well done to our students for their positive attitude and behaviour during the rehearsals.

"Choir rehearsals was heaps of fun, I learnt a few new exercises to warm up my voice" Shayma

"I had lots of fun during choir rehearsals because I made some new friends" TJ



## Library News

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all teachers and students across the school for a great result in this years Premier's Reading Challenge. We achieved a 98% completion rate across our school and this is our best result to date. The book tasting sessions in the Library have reinforced our students' love of reading and everyone is to be commended on a great result. Certificates should be available during Term 4 of this year.

Thank you, Mr Taylor



## Preschool News

We have been fortunate to have 2 wonderful helpers in the Preschool with Luke and Rihal's mums coming in to play, read stories and help the teachers. This is a great opportunity to really see your child play and learn, and we are always grateful for the extra pairs of hands. There is sometimes some craft that we will ask you to prepare for us as well. If you have a spare couple of hours at any time, please let us know.

The Pyjama and Teddy bears picnic days were lots of fun! We cooked cupcakes and watched a movie and loved having the teddies join us for afternoon tea outside in the sun.

Our concert item was just fantastic, and we have had some really positive comments which make us all proud of the children's efforts. We had almost all of the children from both groups come to join us, which is a mammoth effort, so thank you to the families that managed to join us. The children will be performing again at the Preschool end of year concert

National tree planting day was in July, and the children have been planting some new shrubs in pots and in our garden. They have learnt that plants need sunlight and water to survive, and even some fertiliser (which smells!). Being outside and learning in nature is an important part of our program, as it encourages the children to be responsible, and care for their environment. We have many watering cans that the children love to fill with water from the hose and water the gardens as well.

We are doing lots of fine motor activities every day to increase the strength in the children's hands, which will help them learn to write more easily. Can you please ensure they are using pencils to draw with at home, as the more exposure the children have to using writing tools, the easier it will be for them. We are doing much more intentional teaching around writing names, and numbers and if the children are doing lots of drawing at home, this will really give them an advantage at school next year.

Our Transition/Orientation program will be starting across some weeks in Term 4, more details to follow soon.







SADLEIR PRESCHOOL



is joining Enviroweek, a national schools' event celebrating our positive everyday impact for our school community.

From now to September we will be joining in by taking action and creating our online profile to share ideas with other schools and watch our collective impact grow across Australia.

Watch our progress through our Enviroweek school profile:

<http://www.enviroweek.org/teams/preschool-garden/>

We are doing simple actions like making a green space at our entrance using a vertical garden, growing an edible garden, and upcycling materials to make garden features. We spend the whole afternoon in Winter, and mornings in Summer in our Outdoor garden.

Enviroweek learning will be incorporated into numeracy and literacy as well as a range of activities connecting students with nature, improving health and classroom learning through time spent outdoors.



There is a wide body of local and international research linking childhood contact with nature to a wide range of benefits in human health and wellbeing.

Contact with nature is good for mental health, reduces stress in children, and can provide calming and stabilising memories they can draw on during stressful periods in life.

It is good for the mind, providing a wealth of learning opportunities and improve academic achievement.

Nature is good for the body, as outdoor play in natural environments help improve balance and coordination and most importantly, research has shown that spending time in nature increases feelings of joy and happiness.



## Community News from Mrs Shashati



### Playgroup & Preschool Olympics

Playgroup and Preschool joined forces to have our own **“SADLEIR OLYMPIC GAMES 2016”**. We brought along mascots and made our very own Olympic Torch for the opening Torch Relay. The events were Obstacle Track, Bean Bag Toss, Balance Beam, The Tunnel Crawl and lots more. All athletes received an Olympic Medal (even our Mascots). We also had an exhibition of memorabilia from the “Sydney 2000 Olympic Games”.



### Parent Café

To celebrate **“Friendship Day”**, we created beautiful flowers in our Parent Café. Parents showed off their flair and gave out their creations as a token of their friendship. A gorgeous bouquet now graces our morning tea table in our Community Room.



### Parent Excursion – University of Western Sydney Campbelltown Campus

On Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016 we had our parent excursion out to UWS Campbelltown. We had a tour of the campus and its many teaching facilities such as library, Court House, hospital and many more. A presentation was given, explaining everything from course selection, entry criteria, and costing. It was an enjoyable and inspiring day!



### P&C News

### Canteen News

The All Rounder is out! Lunch box orders have been distributed to students and are ready for lunch orders. Lunch order slips can be collected at the canteen when needed. If you haven't ordered as yet, there is still time. Order forms are available from the canteen or at the front office.

Please ensure when sending your child to school with a lunch order, that they are at the canteen before 8.50am. This will ensure children get to class before the 9am bell and Canteen staff have enough time to prepare enough food for all orders.

We would like to thank all the parents, students and staff that bought pizza from our "Pizza Day" fundraiser. We raised \$361.65 to go towards our "Fit'n'Fun" playground project. A very BIG **THANK YOU** to all our wonderful parents that helped make the event run so smoothly.

