



School Newsletter

Sadleir Public School

Monday, 6 March 2017



Education



Mr. Ralph's Principal Report

Last Tuesday I had the pleasure of attending the official launch of the 2168 Children's Parliament at the Liverpool City Council Chambers. Liverpool Mayor, Wendy Waller and several other dignitaries were present. The Children's Parliament is made up of 40 elected students from 10 local schools. Sadleir was represented by Ryan, Aisha, Kristine and Redil. The parliament is an initiative of the Liverpool City Council, and is aimed at engaging students in political issues. On Tuesday a selected group of students gave speeches on the issues that matter to them. Kristine gave a fantastic speech about her connection to Sadleir as well as providing the mayor with some practical ideas to make Sadleir an even better place to live.

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What's on at Sadleir this month!

March 2017						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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6 *Aboriginal Garden Prep *Breakfast Club 8:30am—8:50am	7 *Minibeasts incursion * P&C Annual Meeting 9:15am	8 * Playgroup 9am—11am	9	10 *Breakfast Club 8:30am—8:50am	11	12
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Sadleir 7 Day Forecast

	Mon Mar 6	Tue Mar 7	Wed Mar 8	Thu Mar 9	Fri Mar 10	Sat Mar 11	Sun Mar 12
Summary	 Mostly sunny	 Possible shower	 Possible shower	 Possible shower	 Mostly sunny	 Late shower	 Possible shower
Maximum	27°C	24°C	24°C	25°C	27°C	27°C	27°C
Minimum	17°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C
Chance of Rain	90%	70%	80%	80%	30%	30%	50%
Rain Amount	< 1mm	1-5mm	1-5mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	1-5mm

News from The Library



LIVER is our Library's web based catalogue from which resources and information can be accessed 24/7 by students, teachers and parents at school, home or anywhere with internet access.

Students can browse the Library collection, reserve items, view resources, view their current loans, overdue, reservations, set up their own automatic alerts and get automatic overdue all from home. Oliver also provides links to a variety of online educational games and research resources including Kids National Geographic, Primary Games and ABC Splash.

All students have access to Oliver (Orbit) through their students portal.



Music at Sadleir with Mr Vartuli

There is now multiple music programs being taught at Sadlier in 2017. Students are learning the fundamentals and main concepts of music as well as learning how to play instruments through the use of notation, composition and performance across all grades. The response from students so far has been overwhelming. With brand new instruments being delivered within the next few weeks, I look forward to showing the Sadlier community the musical talent we have at the school!

"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent." - Victor Hugo



Uniform Shop

The school uniform shop is opened between 8:30am to 9:00am on the following days:

Tuesday

Thursday

Alternatively, If you require a uniform please contact the front office. Or phone through for an order.



Sadleir Preschool Exceeding National Quality Standards



Sadleir Preschool has been rated as Exceeding National Quality Standard after our recent day long Assessment visit. This Standard sets a national benchmark for the quality of children's education and care services across Australia.

An overall rating of Exceeding NQS is given to a small % of services that go above and beyond the requirements of the NQS in the seven quality areas.

The assessors comments were "Your service is commended on its achievements in providing quality outcomes for children. in particular, careful planning, reflective practice and willingness to collaborate with families and other community organisations to enhance children's learning and well being, demonstrate the commitment to quality by educators at your service."

We were especially commended for our inclusion of the community, staff, staff student interactions and play based curriculum. Before and after photographs included in our QIP were extremely powerful.

The preschool team of Mr Ralph, Mrs Elliott, Miss Dixon, Mrs Foat and Mrs Voegt, along with all other staff who have continuously helped in Preschool for duties. In 2015 we participated in a University of Wollongong research project that placed us as one of the most improved centres in terms of maths and science and language interactions. This project launched our centre to the top of the scale and the effort of the Preschool team in building the environment, program and practice has been outstanding.

Congratulations!!



Teaching kids to think - Digital learning in the Support Unit

3/6 L are working with a Technology Educator in the Computer Lab using a programme called Scratch. What is Scratch? It is a programming language for writing instructions into a computer to have it do what you want. This might be to make an animation, animate a figure, add music and sounds, change locations for the characters. Scratch is a simple coding program to teach logic, maths skills and problem solving.

The technology teacher is Chris Betcher. He is an Australian K-12 educator with over 25 years of experience working with students and teachers to make the most of digital technologies for learning. Chris works for EdTech, a global group of educational technologists dedicated to improving the world's education systems using best practice principles and technologies. He travels a lot around the world, so he works on a voluntary basis with Sadleir students in a community business partnership. 3/6L are loving their learning, and using creative and critical thinking and problem solving skills.

You can download Scratch for free on your home computer from www.scratch.mit.au

Chris has a video you can watch on how to use it at

<http://youtu.be/1qwbVGUeW2w>



West Tigers Visit

On Tuesday 21st February, we had two very special guests come to our school. Scott from the NRL community engagement team and Jack Littlejohn from the West Tigers came to our school to talk to us about respect and what makes a respectful team.

We learned that a respectful team means being inclusive, showing courage and celebrating differences.

Scott and Jack talked about how his team demonstrate teamwork and belonging by showing us how they greet each other with special handshakes. Even a few of the kids were able to come on to the stage and make up a special handshake to show to the rest of the school.

At the end, some very lucky kids were chosen to come up and pick their favourite NRL mascot based on the skills they demonstrated. Tiki from 3/4H picked the Warriors mascot because it showed courage and because it was also named Tiki too!

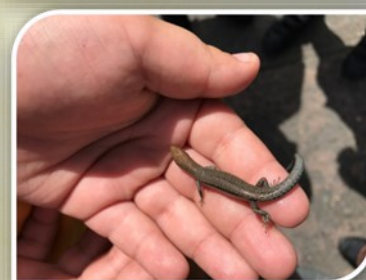


Stage 2 Learning

We have been very busy in Stage 2, working collaboratively in our classes on new and exciting learning experiences. We are writing reviews on variety of texts such as books, advertisements and movies revising addition, subtraction and multiplication strategies through game-based activities during maths lessons.

History lessons have us identifying the original Aboriginal languages spoken in our local area and the special relationship that Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples have to Country and Place. This has carried through into visual arts lessons where we are learning to understand the elements of art to better appreciate artworks carefully created by Aboriginal artists.

We have been helping each other understand living things and non-living things on Earth by gathering and collating information from our investigations in science lessons. We conducted a biological audit on two areas of our playground - the vegetable garden and the mulch pile area at the back fence. We had to compile lists of living and non-living things that we found. Below are some photo's of us doing this. It was fun!

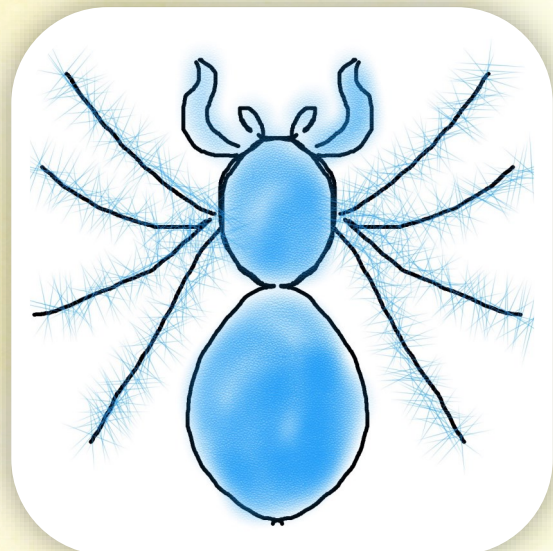
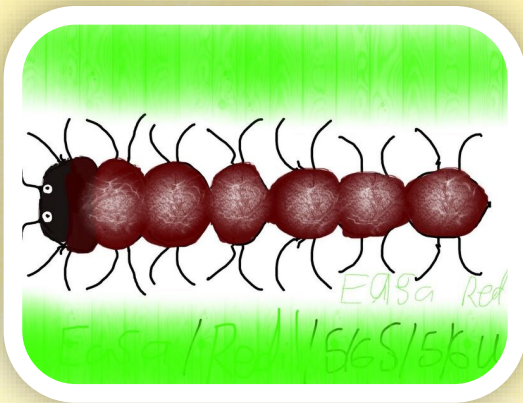


Stage 3 Electric Invertebrates

Stage 3 has had a great start to their learning. In our Science unit, students have been learning about the living world and last week students participated in an incursion learning all about invertebrates.

Students had a great time collecting different types of invertebrates found in our school grounds and observed their special features and adaptations using a range of digital and analog equipment.

After careful observation and study of a creepy-crawly, students created an observational drawing exploring bilateral symmetry, colour and texture using a stylus and iPad. Below are just a few samples of their amazing work. Well-done Stage 3!



Road Safety with Playgroup and Parent Cafe



On Thursday, 23rd February, Rachel Palermo from Liverpool Council held a “Road Safety” workshop during our Parent Café. She outlined the importance of road safety around our schools and discussed many do’s and don’ts on our roads. Rachel informed parents on school zones, signs, penalties, child restraints and everyday tips to keep our children safe. All parents that attended received a ‘Safety Town’ information pack a congratulations to our lucky door prize winner who received a 10 Week Tennis Coaching Voucher from Sports Max.



Playgroup is also learning about Road Safety. We are creating our own suburb with roads, parks, road signs and much more. Children will learn about different road signs they will see on the way to school and the importance of holding hands and walking across the road.

PSSA — Season 1 Update

We have had a fantastic start to Season 1 of PSSA! We are playing 3 sports in season 1; Girls Touch, Boys Softball and Mixed Newcomeball.

Our students look fantastic in their sport uniforms and we are displaying outstanding sportsmanship and skills. It is great to have so many parents, grandparents and friends supporting our students at our games each week.

Coaches:

Mr Vartuli—Girls Touch

Mr Scully—Boys Softball

Mr Tran—Mixed Newcomeball

Round 1			
Girls Touch	Sadleir P.S	v's	Bonnyrigg Heights P.S
Junior	5	defeated	0
Senior	1	defeated	0
Boys Softball	Sadleir P.S	v's	Busby West P.S
Junior	7	defeated	0
Senior	9	defeated	0
Mixed Newcomeball	Sadleir P.S	v's	Bonnyrigg Heights P.S
Junior	2	defeated	1
Senior	0	defeated by	2

Healthy Lunch Ideas:



A nutritious breakfast and a healthy lunch is essential for children's everyday growth. It improves cognitive functions, attention span, behaviour, moods and immune system, all leading to better health and learning in the classroom.

What is a healthy school lunch?

A main item, such as a sandwich/wrap/roll, pasta with vegetables, soup, frittata or sushi.

A fruit or vegetable snack, such as whole fruit, cut up veggie sticks, canned fruit in natural juice, a small salad

A second snack, such as reduced fat yoghurt, grainy crackers with reduced fat cheese, plain popcorn, a slice of raisin bread, a wholemeal fruit muffin, a boiled egg or a can of tuna.

And a drink. A bottle of tap water is best.



Food safety

When packing a school lunch, it is important to consider how the lunch will be kept cool to prevent foods and drinks from spoiling.

To keep sandwiches fresh, wrap them in plastic wrap or 'snaplock' plastic bags.

Freeze water ahead of time.

When preparing lunches the night before they will be eaten, make sure they are stored in the fridge overnight.

Use icepacks in lunchboxes to keep food cold.

Insulated lunchboxes are a great option.

www.nutritionaustralia.org

Anti Bullying Strategies

At Sadleir Public School we aim to create a safe and supportive school for students, staff, and our community. **Friday 17th March 2017** is the **National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence**. It encourages young people to discuss bullying openly and take positive steps to eradicate bullying in their community.

Primary students will be participating in an international project; **1 Million Stars Against Violence** and will weave stars to form part of an installation at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Queensland.

To further promote awareness and action against bullying, all students will participate in anti-bullying lessons and sign a school charter pledging to Stand Together against bullying. The charter will be displayed in the school office.

On **Friday 17th March** there will be a whole school assembly showcasing student work on how to take positive steps against bullying, lead by 5/6S.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying. You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

What is Bullying?

Bullying is **repeated** verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful. Cyberbullying refers to bullying through technology, such as texts, Social networking sites, or emails. Bullying is a deliberate and repeated abuse of power of one student over another. It can be verbal, physical or psychological abuse that is intended to cause harm.

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved including bystanders.

Conflict or fights between equals or single incidents are not defined as bullying and misunderstandings and arguments can be pretty common in the playground as children are still developing social skills and learning how to communicate respectfully with others.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen calmly** and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation.
2. **Reassure your child** they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school.'
3. **Ask your child** what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, supporting them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
4. **Visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au** to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
5. **Contact the school.** Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.



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Sadleir Public School provides a quality education in a supportive environment where students feel confident that their efforts will be encouraged and recognised as they strive to achieve their personal best

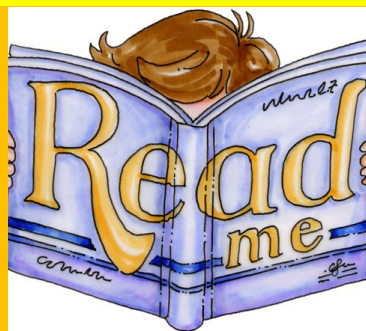
What's on in your community



LIVERPOOL LIBRARY

Come along and join in the fun constructing Lego masterpieces in the library. During school terms 3.30 - 4.30pm

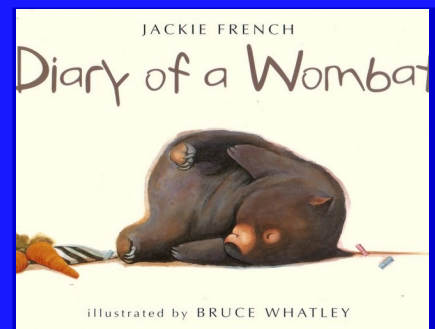
When: 2nd Wednesday of the month | 3.30



MILLER LIBRARY

Check out the new Miller Library Reading Club! Choose a book and we will read to you then you can read to us. 3.30 – 4.30pm

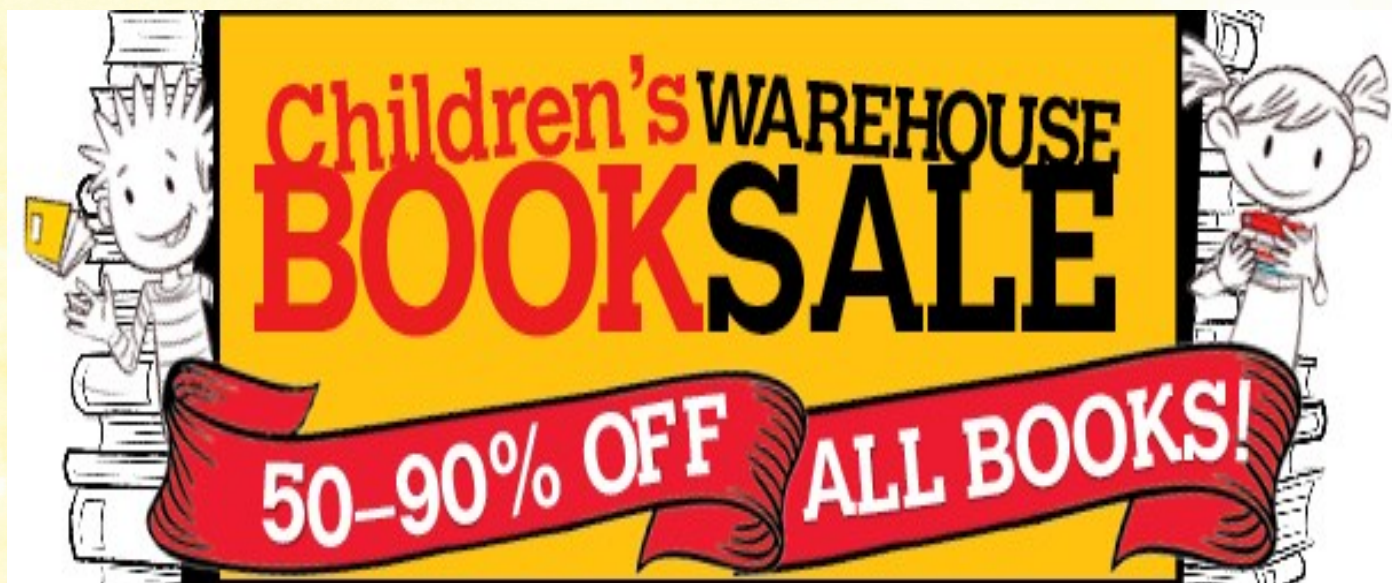
When: Every Tuesday



CASULA POWERHOUSE

The beloved, award-winning children's book comes to the stage.

When: 23 MAR—24 MAR
| 11m & 6pm



Sydney Olympic Park Super Sale

Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, Sydney Olympic Park (Corner of Olympic Boulevard and Sarah Durack Ave)

Parking:

FREE PARKING IN CAR PARKS P4 and P3.

Please note: P4 will now be the main parking area, P3 will have limited parking. P3 and P4 parking tickets will require validation at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre. A three hour limit applies. A fee applies for all other parking areas.

Don't forget your carry bags!

When: Tuesday 28 March: 10am–5.30pm | Wednesday 29 March: 10am–5.30pm

