



# School Newsletter

28th September 2018

## What's On!

### School returns Monday 15th October

**Every Tuesday:** School Banking

**Every day:** Breakfast Club

**Every Thursday:** Parent Café

**Every Tuesday & Thursday:**

- Sipahh Straws

**Every Wednesday:** Playgroup

**Monday Oct 15—Friday Oct 26**

- Swim School

**Thursday Oct 18:**

- Assembly

**Friday Oct 19:**

- Student Parliament Excursion
- PSSA rd 4

**Wednesday Oct 24:**

- West Tigers Abilities Program

**Thursday Oct 25:**

- Community Arabic Forum

**Friday Oct 26:**

- PSSA rd 5

## Principal Report

Dear Parents

Term 3 has been a very successful term for our students, staff and parents and I would like to thank and congratulate all members of our school learning community on their contributions to Sadleir Public School.

Term 3 highlights have included:

1. **Student attendance.** Our attendance rates in 2018 are at 95%. This is 3 percentage points higher than 2017. Thanks for helping your children get to school everyday.
2. **Stage 2 and 3 overnight camps/excursions.** Students had new learning and social experiences
3. **Parents.** The P&C organised and ran several successful events including the school disco. Parents also participated in valuable forums and workshops and an end of term excursion.
4. **NAIDOC 2168.** Over 45 students attended a combined NAIDOC celebration K-12 at Miller.
5. **Special education unit Sailability Program.** Students participated in a 5 week sailing course at the Sydney Regatta Centre.
6. **Year 3 NAPLAN.** Our year 3 students performed extremely well with a significant number of students achieving above the national average.
7. **Staff development.** Staff attended a great mathematics evening session this week and K-2 teachers have all but completed their intensive literacy PL for 2018.
8. **Big events.** Sadleir very successfully organised the district athletics carnival and the 2018 Bookweek celebrations. Feedback has been very positive.
9. **Public speaking and spelling.** Students competed in school based competitions and 6 students represented at a regional level. Ahmad G won the stage 3 Liverpool/Glenfield final with a great impromptu speech on gun control.
10. **Helping farmers.** Students and parents banded together to raise over \$1000 for drought affected farmers.

Today is the last day of Term 3. I would like to thank the Sadleir Public School staff for their outstanding work this term and their ongoing commitment. We hope that you have a great holiday break and enjoy quality family time together. We look forward to students returning on Monday 15th October refreshed and motivated to continue their learning.

Matthew Ralph  
Principal

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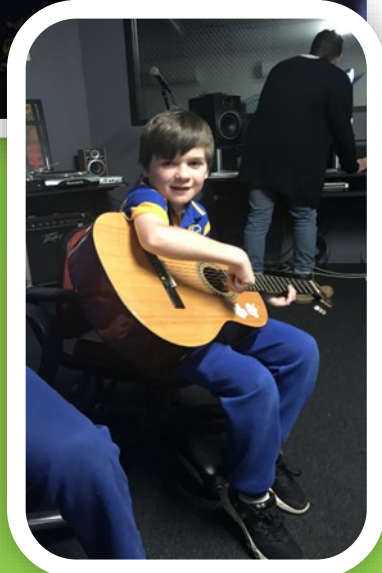
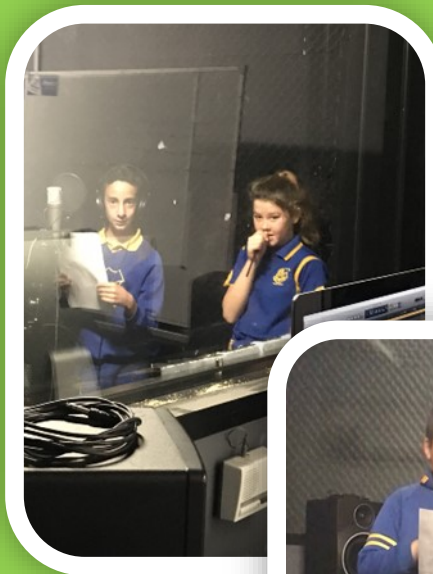


# THE STREET UNIVERSITY™

## RAP SONG

Street University :

In Term 3 our Year 6 students Abdul, George, Sarwan, Lachlan and Brooklyn have been attending Street University in Liverpool. The group have been going with Mrs Brunetta by bus to the centre where they have been working in their music studio producing a music rap. The students worked together to write the lyrics to a song about bullying. The song is almost ready and the students are looking forward to releasing the rap at assembly in Term 4. Stay tuned !!!!







Students from the Sadleir PS Support Unit attended the excursion to the Featherdale Wildlife Park in week 8. Students fed the wallabies, patted the wombats, and played with the farm animals. David loved seeing the koalas in the trees. Justin was keen to see the Tasmanian Devils, his favourite animal, but they were on holidays elsewhere. Students loved the hands on animal experience.



Do you know how to make better bubbles? Students from the Support Unit do now that they have explored and experimented with ways to make better bubbles for blowing. Everyone loves bubbles, so students explored how to make them last longer, be bigger and basically give more enjoyment to those around them.

Student also made ice cream, exploring how chemical reactions work. It took a lot of shaking the mixture, but students enjoyed eating the result.

Building catapults was fun, as students predicted how far they could flip objects using hand made catapults.

Turning dirty muddy water into drinking water by filtering was inspiring and surprising with some students creating such clear water they could drink it!!

Science Day in the Support Unit was fun, creative, inspiring and full of investigation. Thanks to the special education teachers who provided inquiry based lessons differentiated for all the students to engage and



# SUPPORTING



## Special Education



The wonderful staff of Sadler Public School all dressed up for a fun and fancy night at the Gary Walden Trust Fundraising dinner.

Staff of the Sadler PS Support Unit attended a fundraising night on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The Gary Walden Fundraising Event raises money for Special Education in South West Sydney.

The Gary Walden Fund was established in 2007 under the auspice of the Department of Education, to raise funds to enable projects that build capacity for special needs children within our public schools.

Gary Walden was the Director for Schools, Macarthur and the fund was established after his passing to continue the work he pioneered. The fund is managed by volunteers and started with \$10,000.00, contributed by mourners in lieu of flowers at Gary's funeral.

The fund has relied on fundraising and donations since its commencement. All funds raised by the Gary Walden Fund are directed back into the school community to enhance the learning of children with special needs through grants to purchase resources and fund creative programs. Each year the number of requests for funding far exceeds the money raised.

Each year funds raised support a total of 18 individual projects in public schools across Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly, & Liverpool.



# Community Values

Week 9



BRONZE

Bronze  
Award  
Winners



GOLD



Gold Award Winners

  
**AWARD WINNERS**



SILVER

Silver Award  
Winners



# Stage 1 Emergency Services visit

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September stage 1 received a visit from Mr Findlay of NSW Ambulance (position of chaplain) and Constable Mary Watson (Youth Liaison officer, Liverpool area command) and Bernie, multicultural civilian officer.

They came to speak with students about who they are, their jobs, and what to do in an emergency. Mr Findlay also spoke with everyone about how to be safe with medicines, where it is safe to keep them, and who can give them to us.

We want to thank them for coming in and taking the time to share their knowledge with us.



# Does Attendance Matter?

If your child misses ...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2.5 years</u>
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over <u>8 years</u>

Attendance @ Sadleir Public School	
2017	2018
90.7% at end of Term 3	93.5% at end of Term 3

# YES!





## Top tips to keep kids reading over the holidays



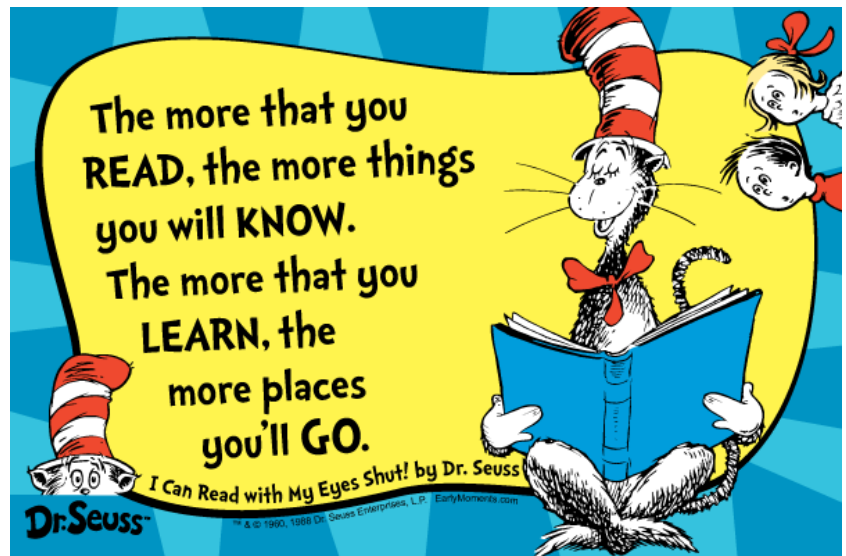
### Ryan Spencer, University of Canberra

Research clearly shows that when kids put down school books on their break, their reading ability also drops with it. Teachers in Australia also frequently report that students return to school after their break with a lower reading level and interest in books, than when they left previously. Therefore it's vital that we continue to encourage our children to read widely and often whilst they are on holidays.

Here are my top tips to make sure your kids stay engaged with reading over the school break.

#### 1. Make reading time fun (and quick!)

It is easy and necessary to make reading together the most fun time of every day. Read together with funny voices, try humorous books to engage the reluctant readers in your family and trust that toilet humour is often a sure-fire winner for most boys. You should aim for no more than ten minutes reading together – just enough to encourage the kids to come back tomorrow. Set a timer if you need to, it will encourage them to ask for a minute or two more when reading time comes to an end.



## 2. Visit bookstores and the local library

Make regular visits to bookstores and the local library part of your family's routine. These trips are simple ways to drive reading passion. Bookstores often sell brand new popular kids' books for less than \$10, much less than a movie ticket. Many children are amazed when they discover that they can borrow sometimes up to twenty books from their local library for free (and probably will the first time).



## 3. Allow children to choose what they want to read



Book choice is a vital component of the reading process. As adults, we very rarely read anything that we either don't love or enjoy. If we read a book and it takes a while to get going, or we lose interest, we simply put it down, or lend it to a friend. Why then do we insist that children must read cover to cover something that they don't necessarily enjoy or like?

Often these imposed choices on children come from a place of love – we are trying to support the children in accessing a text that is at their reading level. It is often hard to let go and let children choose their own books, however it is vital to developing strong, self-sufficient readers. If you are picking up a book at the bookstore for your child during your lunch break, grab a few different titles. Having a choice to choose from will allow your children to have control over their reading process.



## 4. Have a 'screen free night' each week



Make a screen free night part of your family's regular routine where everyone in the family picks up something to read. Having your children see you read and talk about books adds value to this reading time. Different approaches to the screen free night may be to invest in reading lamps or book lights so that children can read in bed before sleep.



## 5. Give books as gifts

Birthdays for kids means presents, and more books in the house can never go astray. Gift the next book in the series that your child is loving – the 65 Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths or the Alice-Miranda series by Jacqueline Harvey are great places to start. Encourage your child to lend and swap their books with friends once they have read them.

## 6. Read together using supportive strategies

When you are reading together with your child, it's a great idea to give them the option of how they would like to read. Provide the opportunity for children to choose whether they would like to read aloud or silently. Check if they would like to try paired reading if they feel like they need extra support with the book.



***When your child comes to a word that they don't know or aren't sure of, remember to:***

- 1.Wait:*** give your child a chance to figure out the word on their own
- 2.Ask:*** does that make sense? Does the picture give you a clue? Could you read on for more information?
- 3.Then skip:*** if the child is still stuck on the word, ask them to skip it and read on. You can always drop that word into the conversation as you turn the page. This has the added advantage of not making the child wrong!

*Working with your child to maintain good reading habits over their school break allows you to not only establish your family as*





From Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 students across K-6 were selected to perform dance and choir items for the annual Western Liverpool Festival of Performing Arts. This has been a unique opportunity for our students to learn to work collaboratively and cooperatively to show the wider community their performances they have worked very hard for.

This year's theme was "Showtime!". The choir group performed on Tuesday night with a repertoire of songs selected by the choir coordinator including 'On Top of the World' by Imagine Dragons, and 'This is Me' from the Greatest Showman Soundtrack. Mr Tran has worked extremely hard with the choir to ensure they were performance ready. Thank you Mr Tran.

Junior Dancers, led by Mrs Phillips and Mrs Spence, showed off their "Power" on Wednesday night looking fabulous and showing the audience just what they had. They have worked tirelessly throughout the terms to perform what they worked hard on. Thank you Mrs Phillips and Mrs Spence for all your time and dedication to these students.

Finally, Senior Dance group performed their "Ode to Michael Jackson" on both Tuesday and Thursday night. Mrs Turner and Miss Pham, alongside the students worked extremely hard to perfect this amazing dance. Students rehearsed daily and their dedication and commitment paid off. They looked amazing in their Michael Jackson costumes and their talents shone throughout the night!

Sara A auditioned and was successful in being part of the Community of School's performance item (Thursday) night and was incredible in representing Sadleir Public School and just showing her incredible talent for the dance art form. Well done Sara, and thank you Mrs Duricic for working alongside her during the terms.





# SPORTS REPORT



## Rd 1

The juniors played against Mt Pritchard PS in round one. The beginning was hard but we improved our teamwork and won the game. The players of the match were number 12 Lupepe L and number 9 Jayda Z. The girls played better throughout the game and I would like to congratulate them.

**Written by Zara Hira**

On Friday, Sadleir girls' basketball team had played and won their first game. They worked really hard and displayed great sportsmanship. Players of the match were Ashmet and Xanthe.

**Written by Dina**



## Rd 2

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of September, the junior girls' basketball team played against Bringelly Public School. Unfortunately we lost by 20 points but we still enjoyed the game and had a lot of fun playing against a new school.

**Written by Jayda Zeneddin.**

Senior girls basketball team challenged Bringelly Public School in round 2. It was a hard game as they were more experienced. Although our team lost by 20 points, everyone enjoyed the game.

**Written by Xanthe**



# SPORTS REPORT



## Round 2 Newcombeball wrap up

Juniors second Round of Newcombeball had to face a challenge of being short 4 players this week. We quickly scrambled to find ourselves some extra players. Our Captain Daniel led us to Victory despite the fact that we didn't have our whole team. We played against Hoxton Park Public School's juniors who were a fantastic and fair side who displayed great sportsmanship. We were defeated in the first set but managed to make a comeback to win the second set. This meant that we drew a tie. Our player of the match for this round is Suraiya S for her sportsmanship and use of encouraging words to other players.

Game 2 of the Senior match saw us achieve a glorious win for the records and it was carved in the hearts of the Seniors! Sportsmanship, skill and determination saw us strive to achieve our best and gain a win. We played united on the court with a great leader, Ahmad Al Z who led us to victory. We faced ups and downs through the game but we overcame them to achieve our goal. We hope to see another victory next week. Our player of the match for this week goes to Dakota despite having an injured hand, she pushed through and played to the best of her ability. Well done seniors and Dakota.

## Softball PSSA Report



Round 2 Sadleir Public School Girls Softball team played against Hoxton Park Public School. Seniors played really well and won 10-4. We are undefeated after 2 rounds. Juniors did an awesome job even though none of them have ever played softball before. They won 10-5! Well done to all the girls! Keep up the great work!



# Community Excursion

## CASULA POWERHOUSE ARTS CENTRE



*Parents visited Casula Powerhouse and learnt how to create with clay. We made beautiful baskets with the guidance of our wonderful teacher, Kathie Raco.*





# Playgroup

Cupcake Party!



Playgroup made cupcakes at their end of term party. We enjoy mixing all the ingredients together and decorating them with frosting and sprinkles







## JERSEY DAY RAFFLE Winner



Thank you to all the families that purchased Jersey raffle tickets to support our playground project. We raised \$557.50. Congratulations to **Aya** from **1 Rose** who was the winner of the signed Bulldogs jersey. A massive thank you to Mrs Tsoukalas for arranging the jersey and to the P&C for their amazing effort.



**Everyone had an amazing time at our school disco and danced the night away!**

**A huge thank you to the P&C for organising the disco and to all of the staff who volunteered their time to stay back to supervise the students.**







# Parent Tutors



We need parents to listen to students read in K-2 classrooms.

*No experience needed.*

*Come up to the Community Room to find out more!*

## PARENT TRAINING



Parent Fitness starts again for Term 4 at  
**3.15pm-3.45pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**  
**(16<sup>TH</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup> October & 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> November)** in our school hall.

Mr Tran plays the hottest tunes while taking us through a fun circuit, guaranteed to get our muscles dancing! Suggest your favourite work out; ball game, boxing, dance, and we could have a session just for you!

**Bring your runners, water and a friend. Students welcome under parent supervision.**

# Family Fun Day

at the New South Wales Parliament  
October School Holidays!

FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER  
10 AM TO 3 PM



**Free fun educational activities  
at Australia's oldest Parliament  
for children from 4 to 12 years.**

Follow the children's trail; enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative chambers places rarely open to the public. Engage with roving historical characters and celebrate the 100 year anniversary of women becoming eligible for election to parliament and admittance to the legal profession in NSW.



**FREE ENTRY  
Activities**

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

**Location**

6 Macquarie Street –  
opposite Martin Place

**The public café  
will be open.**



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