



SADLEIR PUBLIC SCHOOL



**Wishing you a safe and happy
holiday season!**

**From all of the staff at Sadleir
Public School.**

15 December 2020



**School children return to
school on Friday 29th
January 2021.**

**Kindergarten students first
day is on Tuesday 2nd
February 2021.**

(A letter with start time has been posted).

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

The 2020 school year is drawing to a close with Wednesday 16 December the final day for students. What a year it has been. Hard to imagine this time last year with the bush fire disaster and the Covid19 pandemic dominating our lives.

Sincere thanks to all our families and staff for working so hard to guide our students through the year. Your support has been outstanding. The students have responded with great character and resilience, building strong relationships and helping others each and every day.



Year 6 farewell

Last night I attended the Year 6 Farewell. The Year 6 students had a great time and the teachers were extremely proud of the growth, maturity and citizenship that all students demonstrated. Our Year 6 students have been a great group and we will miss them next year. Special thanks to Mrs Duricic and her stage 3 team for the fantastic organisation.

Staff Changes

Mrs Farkas will be leaving us at the end of the year to take up an important leadership role in the Newcastle area. Mrs Farkas is an outstanding educator and her knowledge and expertise in literacy, numeracy and the curriculum will be greatly missed. She has demonstrated a strong commitment to school improvement and maximising success for all our students and teachers here at Sadleir PS. Sincere thanks to Mrs Farkas.

Ms Thomas is our new support unit leader. She comes to us with a wealth of experience and expertise.

Share the Space

The school grounds will be open for community use during the holidays. The playground equipment, basketball court, concrete area, back field and vegie garden are open. Please feel free to pick some vegetables. Please ring the security number on the back fence if you see anyone damaging school property.

Principal's Report

Holiday Building

Over the holidays builders will be constructing 2 ramps and a wheelchair lift to improve access for students and parents .

Covid Packs

We have sent a COVID-safe summer pack to each student. The contents of the pack will help students maintain healthy hygiene practices and to stay COVID-safe during the school holidays.

Here are some quick tips to help you and your families stay COVID-safe during the school holidays:

- Encourage your children to use their packs whenever they leave the house.
- Meet outdoors whenever possible and wear sunscreen.
- Meet in small groups.
- Encourage good hand hygiene practices and remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow.
- Keep up-to-date with the latest health information by monitoring NSW Government website.

I sincerely wish all of you a peaceful and happy Summer holiday break.

Regards

Matthew Ralph



Merry Christmas



At the end of the school year I will be farewelling Sadleir Public School to move to a corporate role within the department.

Throughout these four years, I have had the pleasure to work with wonderful staff and fantastic students. I consider myself fortunate for being surrounded by people who inspired and supported me.

I would also like to say a big thank you to all the families of Sadleir Public School. It has been an honour getting to know you all and I am going to miss coming here on a daily basis.

Although it is a sad day for me, I leave knowing Sadleir Public School is in a great position to continue the outstanding literacy and numeracy learning with the expert teachers at the school. I am confident Sadleir Public School will continue to grow in strength, meeting the challenges of educating students in a changing world.

I leave with this quote from Winnie the Pooh, *'How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.'*

Mrs Cheryl Farkas
Deputy Principal, Instructional Leader



Sadleir Public School would like to introduce you to our new Assistant Principal in the Support Unit, Ms Thomas. Ms Thomas will be taking over the role that was filled by Miss Walmsley. We would like to thank Miss Walmsley for her expertise and efficiency in the role.

Share Our Space

Share Our Space is back these Summer 2020/21 school holidays, opening up NSW public school spaces for our communities to share and enjoy quality, green open space at their local school during the holidays.

Key things to know about Share Our Space;

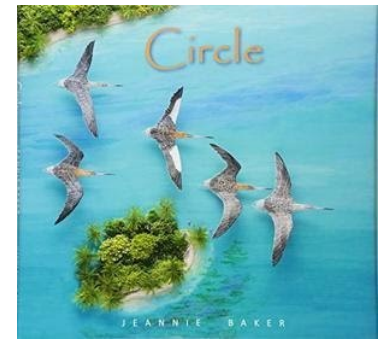
- Share Our Space will be operating in participating schools from Monday 21 December 2020 to Friday, 22 January 2021, including public holidays
- Gates are opened at 8am and closed at 5pm each day
- To remind visitors to maintain appropriate physical distancing and COVID safe hygiene practices, additional signage will be provided. A weekly external cleaning service will also be provided to all Share Our Space schools during the holidays and at the end of the program.
- The list of schools that are open may change because of emergencies or natural disasters.
- Each school will have only one gate open during Share Our Space
- **School toilets are not open during Share Our Space.**

Sadleir Public School will be open these school holidays as part of the 'Share Our Space' program. Please drop in and have a picnic, play some footy or cut yourself some fresh vegies from our school vegie patch.



K-6 Lime

Students in K – 6 Lime have been exploring the idea of living sustainably.



We read the book Circle by Jeannie Baker which tells the story of the migration of an iconic Australian bird, the godwit.

It has the longest migration of any animal on the planet, from Australia to Alaska and back.

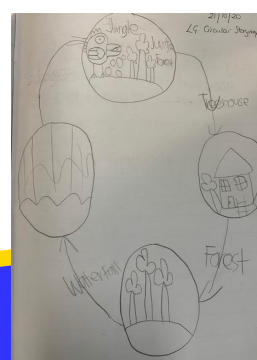
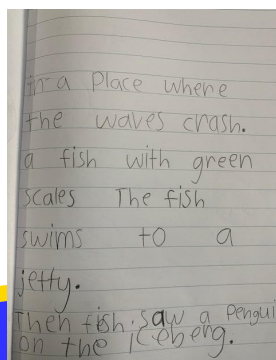
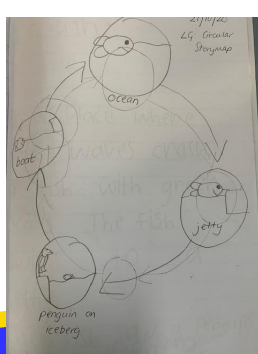
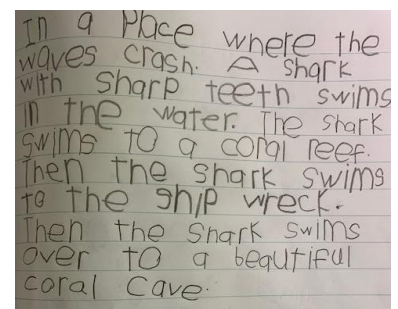
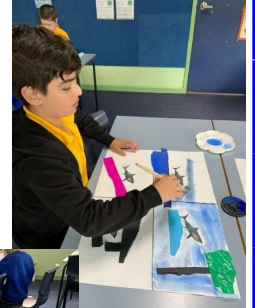
The story shows the impact of global habitat destruction on the godwit population and natural environment.

Jeannie Baker uses collage and mixed media to create the illustrations in the book. In Visual Art, we explored her techniques to create collages made of recycled materials to create our own illustrations.

In English, we developed our own story texts based on Circle. We used a circular story map to plan our writing and created texts about our chosen animals.

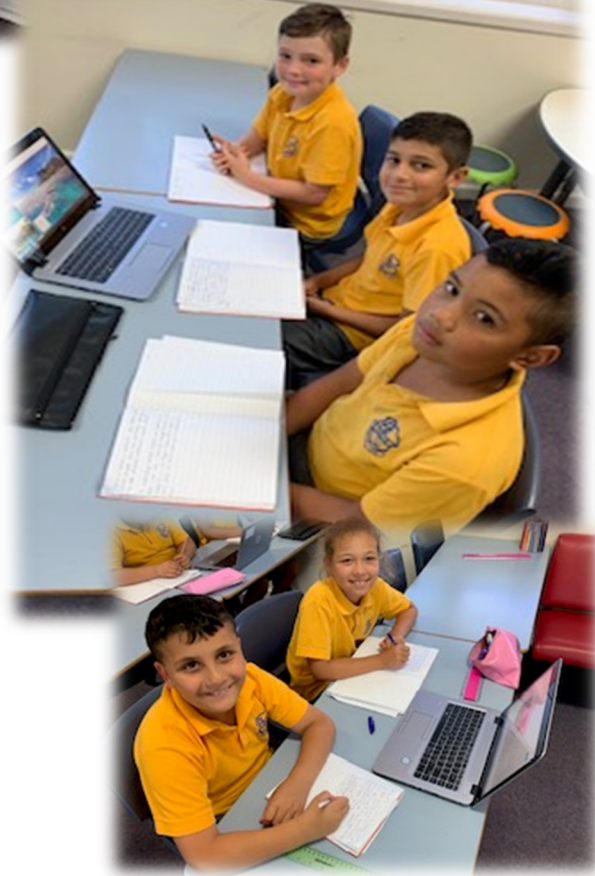
Finally, we used the Book Creator app on the iPads to bring all the elements together to create digital picture books.

We really enjoyed the process of creating our e-books and hope you enjoy reading them. They will be on display in the front office.





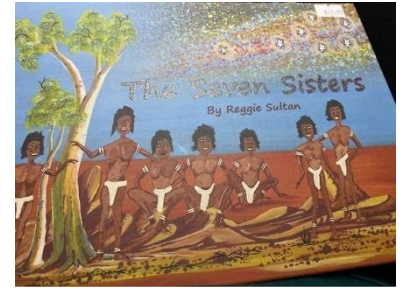
4 Ruby



Students in 4 Ruby have been learning about how and why places are similar and different. They have been researching Australia's neighbouring countries e.g Fiji, Indonesia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste and comparing the diverse characteristics within these places to Australia.



3-6 Yellow



3-6 Yellow have learnt how to tell Aboriginal stories and identify star constellations through Aboriginal String Theory. They have learnt to create the star Sirius, the constellation Orion and Haydes. They can use a star, canoe and 2 pronged spear in an Aboriginal story. They also learnt the story of The Seven Sisters which is a story about the stars of the Milky Way.

In Term 4 students have participated in a sports program run by Dance Fever. In this program 3-6 yellow have learnt a new set of sport skills each week, Hockey, Soccer, Football and Basketball.



Science is a favourite topic

in our class, especially when we get the chance to experiment with different things to see how they work. In these photos you can see students experimenting with potential and kinetic energy with their elastic band powered boats. Solving problems using magnets, exploring the effect of friction on force and motion. Creating circuits and using heat to cook honeycomb.



Using Robotics technology students had to navigate an obstacle course and determine how to program their Bee Bot to cross the room without stopping.



Silly Scientist Visit – K-2

This semester we have been learning about our Physical World. We have completed experiments to test changes in materials, looked at energy and forces and made toys from different materials. We discussed why certain materials are used and how we might make improvements to existing toys. On Monday 7 December our students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two were visited by the Silly Scientist to help us consolidate our learning! He invited some of our students up on to the stage and turned them into scientists. The Silly Scientist and his helpers showed us what happens when chemicals combine, how to make a bottle rocket and all about soundwaves and vibrations. We also sang some funny songs that had us all laughing. It was a great incursion and we all enjoyed the fun learning experiences.



experiment

2020 PBL

GOLD

PARTY

In Week 8, on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th of December Sadleir Public School celebrated our 2020 Gold Award recipients with a K-2 and 3-6 'Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Gold Party'. To reward our student's consistent and exemplary behaviour during this academic year two incursions were organised to celebrate their achievements.

As part of our whole school community values program, Kindergarten to Year 2 enjoyed three rotations; messy play with the 'Mess it Up' company, water play and mini sports. Years 3 to Years 6, participated in two rotations; laser tag on the back playground and played in the 'Ultimate Gaming Trailer'.

Miss C. Malone
(Teacher Librarian)





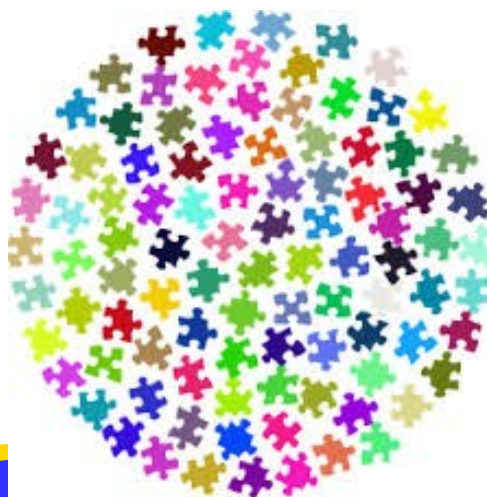
PUZZLES



A selected number of students have been working with Mrs Carruthers and Mrs Farkas completing jigsaws puzzles in their breaks.

Jigsaw puzzles improve mental speed and is an especially effective way to improve short term memory and improve your visual spatial reasoning.

This was evident in their improved speed in completing these puzzles, as well as, their collaboration and problem solving skills.



STAGE 2 SCIENCE INCURSION

Our Science incursion was FUN! There was a ball and we put our fingers on it and then it started glowing. We had to make a circuit of people to make it glow. We also learnt about electricity including atoms, circuits and wires. We made our own circuits to make a wheel turn and to turn on a light bulb. You could turn on the wheel and then flick the switch off and the fan would go flying! Depending on which way you set up the circuit you could change the direction the wheel flew off. The incursion was my favourite part of our Science Day.

By **Danny** 3/4Aqua



I liked the incursion and I learnt quite a lot about electricity. We had a challenge and it was to make a circuit that led to my circuit singing 'Happy Birthday'. It was not my first as my Dad works with electricity and I help him. It was interesting and enjoyable and I want to do the incursion again.

By **Andy** 3/4Aqua



STAGE 2

SCIENCE

INCURSION

On Friday 11th December we had an incursion for 3/4Aqua, 3/4Jade, 3Silver and 4Ruby. We had to do a task and that was to make an electric circuit. We worked in groups of three to complete our circuit. We needed to follow an instruction booklet. We had a set and each piece had numbers to make it work. You had to look at the picture that is shown and put the pieces together. I learnt that when there is more wire to pass through the longer it takes to function. In the classroom we had to construct a car with a sail that was powered by wind. We also learnt about solar power and how it works. We learnt about Science and had an amazing day.

By Zahra 3/4Aqua



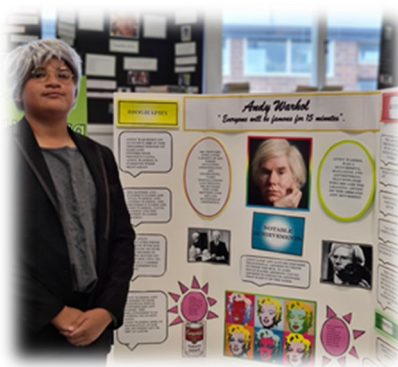
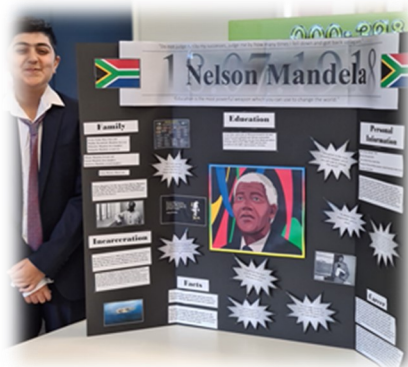
Presentation Day

Sadleir Public School held Presentation Day onsite in week's 9 and 10 Term 4, on two separate days. Each stage held a ceremony to celebrate the 2020 year of learning and the progress of their students. Congratulations to all award winners.

Presentation Day ran smoothly thanks to the organisational efforts of Mr Tran and Miss Pace. There was an outstanding music performance from the stage 2 and 3 recorder group.

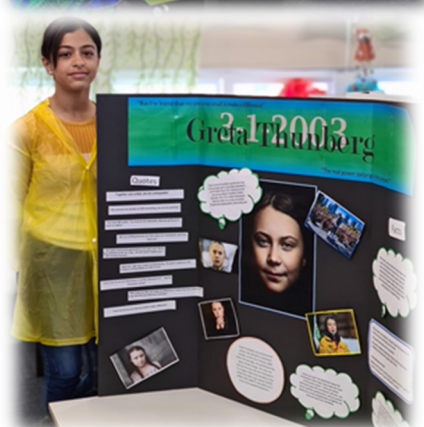
Thanks to our community members, parents, caregivers and P&C for celebrating the students' outstanding academic achievements of 2020 with us.



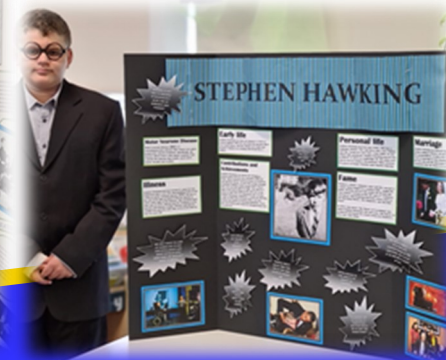
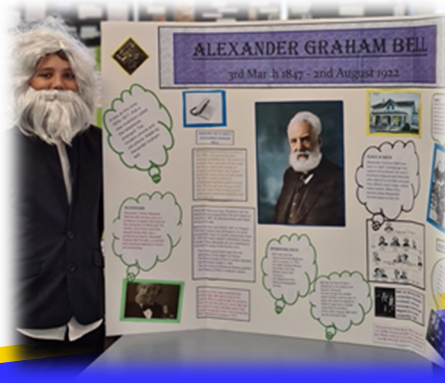


Night of the Notables

The Night of the Notables is an inquiry based learning project in which students engage in an in-depth study of a notable person. A notable person is someone who has made a notable contribution to society and is significant to the students involved in the project.



Students have overcome many challenges this year to produce their final masterpieces. They are extremely proud of the results of their hard work!





2021

Talk – Play – Learn Together

Every Wednesday 9am-10am

School Hall

Craft – Music – Painting – Puzzles – Creative & Sensory Play

If you would like to join playgroup in 2021, please email Mrs Shashati as places are limited.

tina.shashati5@det.nsw.edu.au

Playgroup Coordinator – Tina Shashati



Canteen Closed Week 10



Our school canteen will be closed from Monday 14th December for the rest of Week 10.

A massive thank you to all of our amazing canteen volunteers that have provided a healthy and delicious canteen for our students this year.

THANK YOU!

**Enrolments are
now open for
January 2021
School Holiday
Programs.**

**Spaces are
limited,
so please make a
booking and
return your
enrolment form
to Wattle Grove
Community
Centre as soon as
possible.**

***On receipt of
enrolment, you
will be advised if
your spot is
confirmed.***

**Contact
Bethannie for
more
information on
9825 2575**

**Or
0411 106 355**

Wattle Grove Community
Centre is managed by The
Junction Works



Enrol Now!

January 2021

School Holiday Programs

Children aged: 5 - 12 years old

(Children must be attending primary school in 2021)

Cost: \$10 per child per program

Morning Tea and Lunch Included

Tuesday 12th January 2021 11am – 2pm	Tuesday 19th January 2021 11am – 2pm
Mini Olympics	Scavenger Hunt
11am: Children arrive and are signed in by parent/carer & morning tea	11am: Children arrive and are signed in by parent/carer & morning tea
11:15am – 12:30pm Mini Olympics A range of activities will be set up as stations, for example mini golf, and participants will be placed into small groups. In these small groups the children will rotate between the stations until all groups have completed all of the stations.	11:15am – 12:30pm Scavenger Hunt The children will be placed into two groups and the first group will complete the indoor scavenger hunt while the second group will complete the outdoor scavenger hunt. Once completed the groups will then complete the other scavenger hunt.
	
12:30pm: Lunch	12:30pm: Lunch
1pm – 2pm: Craft & Games	1pm – 2pm: Craft & Games
2pm: Children are picked up and signed out by parent/carer	2pm: Children are picked up and signed out by parent/carer

**Wattle Grove Community Centre
8 Village Way
Wattle Grove 2173**