# School Newsletter

***10 March 2022***

## *What's On!*

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| 10 March | Garden Club Yrs 3-6 11:20-12pm |
| 10 March | Souths Cares 2-4pm |
| 16 March | Student Parliament Workshop 2 |
| 17 March | Garden Club Yrs 3-6 11:20-12pm |
| 17 March | Souths Cares 2-4pm |
| 22 March | Inquisitive Minds Yrs 3-6 |
| 23 March | Harmony Day |
| 24 March | Garden Club Yrs 3-6 11:20-12pm |
| 24 March | Souths Cares 2-4pm |
| 30 March | Cross Country |
| 31 March | Garden Club Yrs 3-6 |
| 31 March | Souths Cares 2-4pm |

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# Principal Report

Dear parents and carers

It has been fantastic to be able to open the gates to the community over the last week. Most activities will be back in full operation by the end of the term. We have a number of new teachers so please say hello.

Weather—The extreme wet weather has caused some disruption to our school with a number of staff not able to get to school due to flooding in South-West Sydney. Despite the obvious terrible weather most programs did run and the students were very sensible in relation to the conditions. Our school has new roofs so no leaks recorded but the drains can not handle the heavy rain and we did have lakes forming in parts of the school. Hopefully we are past the worst and our thoughts go out to those poor people who have lost everything due to the floods. Year 6 students have organised a fund-raising day for these families in need. More information to follow.

We have had to close the side gate until further notice due to the flooding and build up of mud. Students and families can now use the front or back gate as in previous years. The rain has also held up the completion of the new COLA.

Homework—All students should be receiving regular homework from their teacher. this can vary and may simply be reading time and counting practice. Older students may have assignments, research projects or revision activities. We do encourage every child to complete their homework and at times you may be called on to assist. Please talk to your child's teacher is you would like to discuss homework.

Literacy & Numeracy—During the holidays Mrs Hogg was appointed to the position of Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction. She will be working with teachers to ensure that all students can progress and gain the literacy and numeracy skills they need to succeed at school and in life. The school has also received government funding for intensive tutoring to address learning that our students lost during the Covid lockdown of 2021. Miss McAlister and the team will work with students on a needs basis to ensure that all students make great progress despite the interruptions caused by Covid 19. Please remember that it is vital that your child read or be read to as often as possible. Even 10 minutes 4 times a week will make a difference.

Science—Yesterday I had the pleasure of teaching some science in Year 5. The students and teachers were very generous and the learning and engagement was fantastic. I was very impressed by the students' teamwork, descriptions of the experiments and use of high-level technical language.

Playgroup—Playgroup will commence again in 2 weeks' time. We look forward to seeing many parents and young children. If you would like to know more, please contact Mrs Shashati.

Student Assistance—Our school receives government funding (Equity Loading) to ensure that no child misses out. This money can be used for sport, excursions, camps, equipment, literacy and numeracy resources, technology and even uniforms. If you are having any difficulty paying for something at school, please contact me immediately. No one should ever miss out.

Regards, Matthew Ralph

# Class List 2022

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| K Yellow | - | Tracey Proctor |
| K Orange | - | Nicole Perry-Kerr |
| 1 Navy | - | Brittany Phillips /Karen Martin |
| 1 Aqua | - | Tracey Hetherington |
| 2 Sapphire | - | Katherine Morabito |
| 2 Cobalt | - | Julianne James |
| 3 Lilac | - | Jasmina Duricic |
| 3-4 Violet | - | Michelle Tantoco |
| 4 Indigo | - | Danielle Galbraith |
| 5 Sage | - | Morgan Butler |
| 5 Teal | - | Debbie Pham |
| 6 Olive | - | Rebecca Franklin |
| 6 Jade | - | Andrew Gerrard |
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| K-6 Lime | - | Fiona Thomas |
| K-6 Amber | - | Kaylah Smith |
| K-6 Peach | - | Nancy Yin |
| 3-6 Emerald | | Shanna Rose |

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: FREE VISION SCREENING AND GLASSES PROVISION*

During Term 1, Sadleir Public School will be hosting “Pinpoint Vision” in order to provide a free vision screening service to all students from kindergarten to year 6. Students will be seen by a qualified optometrist who will assess vision, refraction and eye health. They will also receive a free evaluation by an orthoptist. This will be used to assess visual skills including eye muscle control and tracking as well as to screen for information processing problems that may be affecting their learning.
***Any student diagnosed with marked reduced vision will receive a free pair of glasses. They will be able to choose from a range of frames and the complete pair will be delivered to the school for distribution by the Health Coordinator.**

In order to receive this free service for your child please ensure that the permission forms which were sent home are completed and returned to your child’s class teacher by Friday, March 11th, 2022. Alternatively, you can use the online permission form by clicking this link:

https://forms.office.com/r/nsaFYALXfU

Mr Matthew Ralph

School Principal

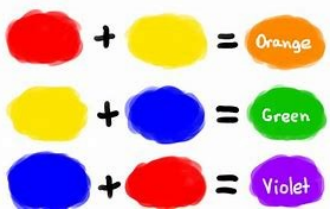
Ms Fiona Thomas

Assistant Principal

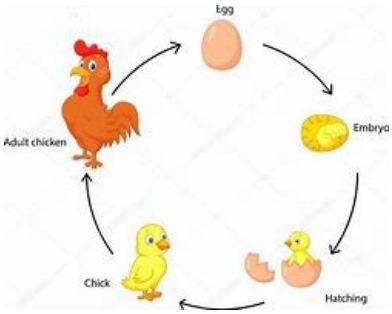
# Preschool News

It has been a great start to the year for Preschool. We have been busy making new friends, learning new routines and getting to know our teachers, Miss Dixon, Mrs Foat and Mrs Zammit.

The children have been exploring colours. They have been mixing colours together to see what would happen.



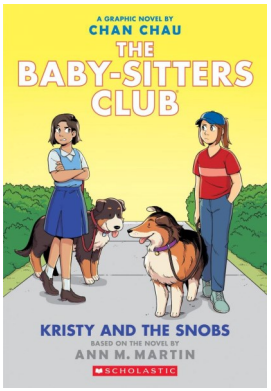

We have also been learning about the life cycle of a chicken. The children have been very interested and have been enjoying playing with our toy chicken house, which has lots of eggs.

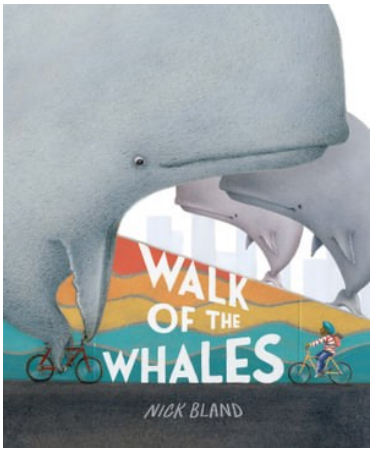


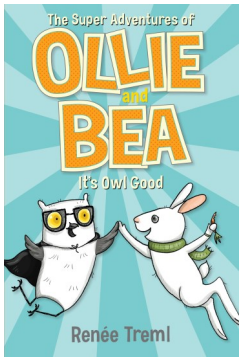
# Booktalk!

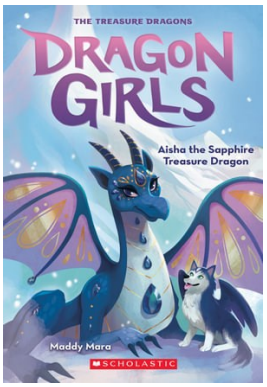
This term in our library students have been very interested in our graphic novels and our junior fiction book sets. We have a huge new selection of books for all of the children to enjoy. Remember to bring back your library books so that other students can borrow them.

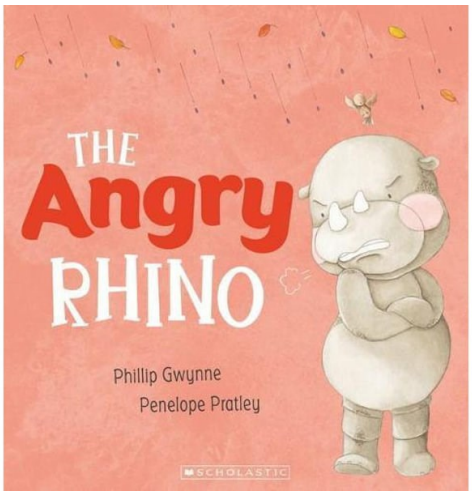
See below for some of our newest titles.

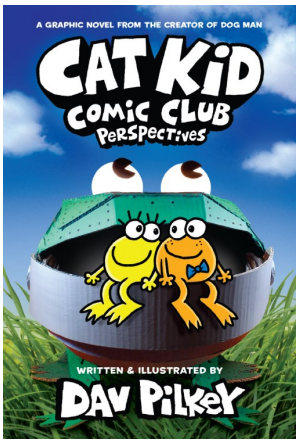


# K Orange

Students in K Orange have had a fantastic start to the year and are enjoying making new friends and learning all about school routines. We are trying really hard to learn about numbers from 1 to 30, our alphabet letters and some letter sounds that will help us to read and write.

Each day we complete Literacy and Numeracy activities, as well as working hard to strengthen and control our fine motor skills (eg. drawing, threading, writing) and gross motor skills (eg. running, climbing and catching).

We are so excited to keep learning with our teachers.

# Your P&C Community

## student

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to form our new "Garden Club" for Term 1 and Term 2:

*Zahra E, Serene H, Ibrahim S, Metta, Aya E, Yara, Liliana, Khodar O and Sam M.*

Our Garden Club will help design the construction of the new vegetable garden and take part in planting, harvesting, composting and many other gardening activities.

**Tina Shashati**
**Community Liaison Officer**

## P&C CANTEEN

Our canteen is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will reopen for lunch and recess as of next Monday 14th March 2022.
Look out for our NEW menu which will be sent home this week. We also need volunteers to help so any time you can spare would be a massive support for students. Please fill out the volunteer slip at the end of the menu and return to school OR email tina.shashati5@det.nsw.edu.au for any further enquiries.