From the Principal
A special plea to everyone.
We have some students in this school who are allergic to nuts. It is critical that under no circumstances should you send food to school for sharing that contains nuts. As parents you would all understand the worry that parents of children with such allergies go through. It is a life or death situation for some children. So while we support your birthday celebrations and help you give us on occasions such as the recent Multicultural Day, please be careful that lollies and recipes do not contain nuts.

Parent consultation:
At Sackville Street Public School we are trying to develop true partnerships with you the parents of our wonderful students, your children. We have traditionally used avenues such as parent teacher meetings and formal committees including the Day Club and the P & C. However we know that we can do more.
To this end I invite you to come for a coffee and chat next Wednesday 20 November, 2.00 - 3.00pm in the hall. We can chat about things that we can do to help you feel included in our work. We can share our ideas, but we would love to hear yours.

Budgeting for 2014
With this newsletter is a guide to financial requests we may make of you in 2014. This is to help you budget for the forthcoming year as we understand that there are many calls on a family’s finances. Note that this is a guide only.
and there could be some variation for any year group.

Kindergarten transition
We had our second visit from children who will be starting Kindergarten in 2014 on Wednesday 13 November. The smiles on the children’s visits as they left seemed to indicate that they had a happy time visiting “big school”. As we ran our transition program a little differently to other years, if you were part of it this year, we would love to hear your feedback on your experience and your child’s experience. While we will conduct a formal evaluation in the future, please chat to any of the teachers in the meantime to give us your initial impressions.

Hope to see you on 20 November in the hall at 2.00pm!

“We are here to add what we can to life, not to get what we can from it.”

William Osler (1849-1919 Canadian Physician)

Janet Chan
Principal

2014 School Year
We are beginning to have a look at student numbers for next year. We are asking parents to let us know if their child is not returning to our school next year.

We also need to know if your child will be returning after the start of school on Wednesday 29th January 2014.

Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Library News
Library Shelving
The final section of our Library shelving has now been installed and the books are back on shelves. A big "thank you" to our hard working Day Club and P&C who raised the funds to complete the refurbishment. The Library looks so colourful and is now much easier for the children to navigate. You are welcome to visit.

As a result of the new shelving we have been able to donate many culled books to The Lions Club who now will send them to schools in The Solomon Islands.

This has been a long and busy project, but very worthwhile on many fronts.

Book Club
The last Book Club for this year will be given out next week and orders are due back to the Library by Thursday 21st November

Overdue Library Books
There are still a large number of books not returned from last term. If your child still has books, please assist in returning them to the Library.

W. Chenoweth
Teacher Librarian

Kindergarten Transition
Over the last two Wednesdays we have had the pleasure of meeting the 2014 Kindergarten students and their families. I would like to thank Mrs Alana Ashcroft for her speech, along with Rohan White (KT), Jessica Armstrong (KV), Mia Greenwood (KS) and Angelica Fenwick (KH) for presenting speeches to the families. A big thank you to Holly, Koby, Anis, Mischa, Sofia and Lincoln from class KT, for modelling our school uniform and to Stage 3 students who assisted on the days.

We look forward to welcoming the new families and students in 2014.

Mrs Cristy Treble

Creative Arts at Sackville Street PS
As the end of the year approaches, several opportunities for performances are scheduled for students involved in the Band, Choir and Dance Groups.

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Band
A reminder that Mr Newham will be away for the next two weeks. While the students will not be charged for tutorials during weeks 7 and 8, they will need to bring their music and instruments each Tuesday as Mrs Petersen will meet with the band members during the lunch break.

Ingleburn Community of Schools Concert
On Tuesday 3rd December the schools in the local Ingleburn area are combining to present a Christmas Concert. This will be held at Ingleburn High School at night. Tickets are $5.00 each and proceeds are being donated to charity. Children from Sackville Street are involved in a K-6 choir, Infants and Primary dance groups and Senior drama group. Tickets will be available from the office on Monday 18th November 2013 maximum two per child. Any enquiries please see Mrs Petersen. PLEASE NOTE...Students who are in the dance groups, band or choir who are NOT involved in the Ingleburn Community Of Schools concert are still encouraged to attend practice sessions because many of these groups will perform during Presentation Day assemblies.

P & C News
Christmas Carnival
Coming in Week 9 of this term is the SSPS CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL! Remember to keep Thursday 5th December free on your calendar for students to attend the Christmas Carnival from 4.00pm-6.30pm. There will be a jumping castle, tandem slide, obstacle course, face painting, disco, DJ and dinner all for $10 per student. Look out for the note which includes the permission slip that will come home today. Payments will be accepted until Monday 2nd December.

Kindergarten Transition- Uniform Shop
The uniform shop was open during the recent Kindergarten Transtion and a massive THANK YOU to Karen and Donna who made sure all our new kindergarten students had everything they needed to look fabulous next year.

The uniform shop have a special on school bags. Originally $30 they are now only $10! Only while stocks last.

Do you have a girl’s dress that your child no longer wears or fits in to? Perhaps you could consider donating it to our second hand uniform shop. Donations can be made to Karen on Friday mornings at the uniform shop in the school hall.

Next P&C meeting
The next P&C meeting will be on Monday 25th November. This will be our last meeting for the year and we will be discussing the Christmas Carnival, 2014 calendar and ideas for future fundraising. If you would like to be a member of the P&C, Day Club and Uniform Shop come along to the meeting to find out what’s involved. Everyone is welcome to attend and contribute ideas towards raising funds for the school.

Day Club News
Cupcake and Cookie Day
There will be a Cup Cake and Cookie Day on Wednesday, 20th November. We are asking Kindergarten to donate cupcakes or cookies this time. Please leave the cupcakes or cookies in the school hall on that morning and they then will be sold for 50c at recess in both the K-2 and 3-6 area. We ask for cupcakes or cookies and not large cakes as they are easier for the kids to handle and to be served.

Thank you
A big thank you to everyone who helped out at the Kindergarten Transition program over the last two Wednesdays. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Day Club Christmas Raffle
The Christmas Raffle note and tickets went home yesterday. If you did not receive a note or you would like to buy some extra tickets there will be spares at the front office.

Next Meeting
Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 20th November in the staffroom from 9.15am. These meetings are a great way to find out what is happening in your school. Everyone is welcome including babies and toddlers.
Payments that are due:
Stage 3 Imax Excursion - $30

Notes that have gone home this week:
Day Club Christmas Raffle Tickets
Christmas Carnival Order Form

Copies of all notes that go home are on the school website.
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Kindergarten enrolments are now due for 2014.
If you have a child turning 5 before 31 July 2014 please come to the office to collect an application form as soon as possible.

Business Administration
MACQUARIE FIELDS TAFE
32 Victoria Road, Macquarie Fields

New courses in Business Administration and Computing will commence in February 2014
Part-time and full-time study options available

Course information and enrolment sessions will be held on:

Wednesday, 20 November 2013
and
Wednesday, 4 December 2013

in Block H, First floor, Room H1.22
between 6 to 7 pm

For further information
Contact Business Administration

9829 0332

STUDENT NOT RETURNING IN 2014 OR RETURNING AFTER 29TH JANUARY 2014

Student’s name: _____________________________
Class: _________

☐ Will not be returning for 2014
Name of school student is attending in 2014:
__________________________________________

☐ Will be returning on _______________________
Reason: ___________________________________
__________________________________________

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