Classes 2014

At this time of year we are busy trying to organise classes for 2014. We endeavour to have classes of 20 in Kindergarten, 22 in Year 1 and 24 in Year 2. Classes in years 3-6 we aim to keep to 30. Arranging the classes into these numbers is not always easy which is why we sometimes have composite classes. I would welcome your suggestions. At this stage we are anticipating the following numbers in each grade:

K – 78, Yr 1 - 82, Yr 2 - 80, Yr 3 – 78, Yr 4 – 71, Yr 5 – 64, Yr 6 – 72.

Please feel free to drop your suggestions off at the office at any time or give me a ring to discuss your ideas. Remember of course that these numbers can change between now and next year which could then alter the organisation again.

Parent consultation

Thank you to those parents who came to our first parent chat. We discussed a broad range of topics including assemblies, class structures for 2014, dropping off and picking up students from school, Kindergarten transition, and more. Next year we would like to include time to talk about how mathematics is taught and how to help your child with reading at home. We may also have some of our chats in the mornings after school begins. Hope to see you at some of these.

Road Safety

At our parent chat last week, at the Day Club meeting and at the P & C meeting recently, discussions have been had about road safety. We all want our children to be safe on and near the road. Therefore, it cannot be emphasised
enough the part that you as parents play in developing an attitude of safety in your children. You are critical role models as a driver and as a pedestrian. Consequently please make sure that you use the road crossing on both Sackville and Bradley Streets whenever you cross these roads with your children. Practice with them stop, look and listen so they learn how to cross the road safely. It could be your child’s life that you save.

Industrial Action
On Tuesday 3rd December, the school will be impacted by a planned stop work meeting by the teachers. Normal school and supervision will not start until 11.00am. A separate note will be sent home about the stop work meeting.

"The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you."
B. B. King
American blues musician, singer, songwriter, and guitarist

Janet Chan
Principal

Library News
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

School Banking
The last day for student banking will be Tuesday 3rd December. Thank you to everyone who has supported the School Banking Program this year.

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.

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 are still available from the office. 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
There are only a few more days left to pay for the SSPS CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL. All money is due by MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER. The Carnival is on next Thursday, 5th December-4.00pm-6.30pm. All students must have the permission note signed and returned BEFORE THURSDAY to be able to go on the inflatables. Don’t miss out on the jumping castle, tandem slide, obstacle course, face painting, disco, DJ and dinner all for $10 per student.

Students who have paid to attend the Christmas Carnival will have a wristband put on their wrist by their classroom teacher on Thursday. The wristband allows entry to the Christmas Carnival and all events on the night. It can be taken off after the Christmas Carnival. Payments for the Christmas Carnival will not be taken on the night - the last day for payments is MONDAY the 2nd DECEMBER.

Kindergarten Transition
Apologies to the Day Club ladies for not thanking them for their excellent effort at the recent Kindergarten Transition days. They provided tea, coffee, sympathy and great information to the many new families coming to our school in 2014. Thank you, ladies.
Uniform Shop
The last day for the uniform shop this year will be FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER - WEEK 9.

If you have a girl who likes wearing shorts and not dresses the uniform shop now has maroon shorts for girls to wear as everyday uniform with a polo shirt. Sizes 6 to 12 are available for $18.00.

Next P&C meeting
The next P&C meeting will be on Monday the 24th February, 2014. Would you like to be part of the P&C, Day Club and Uniform Shop? Come along to the P&C meeting to find out what’s involved. Everyone is welcome to attend and contribute your ideas for fundraising, uniform, donations, etc to our school.

Day Club News
Day Club Christmas Raffle
The Christmas Raffle note and tickets have gone home. If you did not receive a note or you would like to buy some extra tickets there are spares available at the front office.

Items for the hampers need to be brought to school on the Mufti Day on Wednesday 11th December.

Payments that are due:
3-6 Picnic Day - $23
1-2 Picnic Day - $10
Year 6 Farewell - $20
Christmas Carnival - $10
Day Club Raffle Tickets

Notes that have gone home this week:
3-6 Picnic Day
1-2 Picnic Day

Copies of all notes that go home are on the school website.
www.sackvillst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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

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