FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Walk Safely to School Day

Tomorrow is National Walk Safely to School Day. Families are encouraged to walk to school or part of the way to improve health, promote road safety and reduce traffic outside schools. A note was sent home to families earlier this week with information about this day.

Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week is May 27 until June 3. This week provides us with an opportunity to acknowledge the significance of First Australians and concentrate on the importance of reconciliation to all Australians. Our students will recognise this week with activities in their classroom.

Social Media Issues

From the Facebook community standards web page https://www.facebook.com/communitystandards:

On Facebook people connect using their real names and identities. We ask that you refrain from publishing the personal information of others without their consent.

The Department of Education and Communities staff and students have social media rules of engagement (Social media guidelines 2011). There are a couple of rules that I think could apply to the wider community:

4. Consider what you say before you say it – it’ll be on the web for a long time!
6. Use discretion. Take care not to publish information that should not be made public.
7. Play fair; be polite, be considerate
10. Admit your mistakes

Ultimately social media is an avenue for expressing thoughts, opinions, values and experiences. A person is free to post what they wish to through their own accounts. We request that our community is mindful of the rights of others when they are reporting using social media.

Cross Country

On Tuesday May 21, 50 students represented Sackville Street PS at the Liverpool Zone Cross Country Carnival at South Park, Chipping Norton. Mrs Urquhart, Mrs Arzaplian and Mrs Capps were impressed with the pride and respect that our students demonstrated on the day.

Kyeanne (5/6W) came 1st in the 12-13 girls, Fadia (5/6W) came 6th in the 11 years girls and Jabriel (5/6B) came 9th in the 11 years boys. Both Kyeanne and Fadia will go on to compete in the South West Sydney Regional Cross Country Carnival on Thursday June 13 at Hurlstone Agricultural HS.

Lunch Orders

Today families will receive information about lunch orders available to students for the remainder of the term.

The canteen is not open. So students will not be able to purchase items at recess and lunch. Lunch orders only are available.

As these orders are being delivered to the school, it is essential that all orders are to be at the office by 9.20am. Children who come to school with orders after this time will receive a sandwich made by staff for their lunch.

We expected Janet Chan, our new Principal, to begin earlier this term. Her expertise has been required longer than initially thought, at the Department of Education and Communities State Office. We anticipate that she will start at Sackville Street PS in a few weeks time.

Mrs Kristy Hill
Relieving Principal

Homework Survey

In Term 1 many of the staff were pleased to talk with families at a homework policy meeting. We received some excellent feedback and many valuable ideas.

We understand that evening meetings at school can be difficult to attend, so we are extending to the community an opportunity to contribute via a written survey. You will find the survey with this newsletter. If you should require additional or replacement copies, please download one from the school’s website or see the office.

Completed surveys should be returned to the school’s office or to your child’s teacher.

Mrs Lynetham
Library News

A Big thank you to the SSPS Day Club for the funds they gave to the Library to buy new shelving. It looks great and makes our library very colourful and easy to access. Come and have a look!

Mrs Chenoweth, Teacher/Librarian

ESL

ESL parents meeting will be every term on a Wednesday of week 5 at 2.30pm. This term’s meeting will be on Wednesday 29th May. Thank you

Mrs Vasu

Day Club News

Thank you

The Mother’s Day Fundraiser was a massive success and raised $1270 towards classroom technology for our school. Thank you to all the families that supported this event and especially to Linda, Loretta, Pamela, Kylie, Libby, Sue, Jenni, Cindy, Alyssa, Amanda, Carey, Christine, Jen and Sharon. These are the wonderful volunteers that assisted either at the stall and the lead up to the event. It was with their help that the day ran very smoothly and we appreciate it very much.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

We have a second hand uniform sale from 8.45—9.15am on the 19th June in the school hall. As always if you have any good quality uniform items that you no longer need please consider donating them to the school. They will then be sold in the second hand uniform stall. All uniform donations are greatly appreciated and proceeds from these sales go back into the school. These sales are cash only and the highest priced items are $5.00. There will be a large number of clearance items from 50c.

Cup Cake & Cookie Day

There will also be a Cup Cake and Cookie Day on the 19th June. We are asking Year 1 and Year 6 to please donate cupcakes or cookies this time. Please leave the cupcakes or cookies in the school hall in the morning and they will then be sold for 50c at recess in both the iK-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.

Cookie Dough

The Billy G Cookie and Biscuit Dough Fundraiser is starting this week. The catalogue and information sheet has gone home with each child this week. Tubs are $16 each and there are 8 flavours to choose from this year. It’s a great fundraising opportunity for our school and there are prizes for every child who sells even just one tub!

All order forms are due back on or before the 21st of June. The delivery date of the dough is Wednesday 17th July. As the dough will be frozen and too heavy for the children to carry in their bags, we ask that you collect the dough from the school hall between 1.00pm—3.30pm and it will have to be picked up that day.

Day Club Meeting

Our next meeting is on the 19th of June in the staffroom. These meetings are a great way to find out what is happening in the school. Everybody is welcome including babies and toddlers.

Day Club Committee

P & C News

May Madness 5 cent Fundraiser

A HUGE thanks to our SSPS parents, staff, students and community members with your efforts in donating 5 cent pieces for the terms P & C Fundraiser. So far you have all raised just over $1300! There’s only six more school days left to get your coins in and win a pizza lunch for the class in K-2 and 3-6 that raises the most money.

P & C Meeting

The next P & C Meeting will be this Monday 27th May from 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Term 2 Disco

The next P & C disco will be a daytime disco on Wednesday 12th June. If you would like to help on the day, please leave your name and number with the office ladies for a P&C member to contact you. The theme for the disco is crazy hair brought to you by the SRC.

P & C Committee