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Did you know?

Australia is the 4th happiest country in the world. Can you find out who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd?
Hello to all and welcome back to a brand new school year. This year I will continue in the role Deputy Principal. I’ve had the pleasure of meeting many new students who’ve enrolled at our school in the last week and I extend a welcome to all new families at Sackville Street. On Tuesday our new Kindergarten students commenced with the expected nerves and excitement – and that was just their parents and teachers! They have settled in very well already. To our new Kindergarten families I extend a welcome and a thank you for choosing Sackville Street Public School to start your child’s primary education.

If I can be of assistance to students or families during the year, particularly during this settling in period, then please feel free to contact me at the office. When you see Mr Newcombe or myself out and about, please introduce yourself so we can get to know you and your family a little better.

Permanent Classes

Each year schools submit their enrolment figures so that the government can allocate staffing and resources. At the end of last year we had student numbers to form 20 classes but due to the number of new enrolments, we are now in a position to form a 21st class. As you can imagine this creates a significant restructure to classes, which we have now undertaken this week. All students were placed in their permanent classes for 2016 on Wednesday. We are awaiting information from the Department regarding a new teacher for the newly formed 1W.

Keeping up to Date

Our staff at Sackville Street have a number of ways we provide information to our parents. Besides meeting with you or phoning we communicate via some of the following ways:

- fortnightly newsletter
- the school’s Facebook page (be sure to ‘like’ it if you haven’t already)
- our school’s website
- the Skoolbag app which can be downloaded to your smartphone
- notes home with your child. (please check bags regularly)

Meet the Teacher

Each year our school holds a ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening. This year it will be on Tuesday, 16th February. It is a great opportunity to hear about what is happening at the school this year, as well as having an informal chat with your child’s new teacher. This is not a parent teacher interview night, so if you wish to speak to your child’s teacher for a longer period it is best to make an appointment to see them. More information about this evening will come home soon.

Parking

Our school is a busy place particularly at drop off and pick up times. For student safety and ease of traffic flow it is imperative that all parking signs on the streets around our school are observed. The office and staff car parks are not to be used for student pick-ups or drop-offs, unless an arrangement has been made with the principal or deputy principal. This is usually in the case of disabilities. At the end of each school day our office car park is used for after school care services to collect our students and must be kept free of other traffic.

Mrs K Lyneham
Canteen News

Welcome back all!

The canteen has some exciting and delicious new menu items this year. The new 2016 menu is attached to this newsletter and can also be found on the school website. The canteen is always striving to provide a variety of food for your children. There will be yummy extras sold throughout the week so don't forget to check with me regarding these. If you have any suggestions regarding how we can best cater for your children please feel free to see me.

Please note that all lunches need to be ordered by 9:00a.m each morning so that our staff have enough time to prepare orders for the 11:00 lunch break.

Thank you

Caroline (Made Fresh)

Office News

2016 Bus Passes

Beginning Term 1 2016, Transport for NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the School Student Transport Scheme.

If your child has previously been issued with a student travel pass the school will be automatically issued with a 2016 School Opal card for your child.

However, parents, guardians and students will need to apply if the student:

• Is just starting school and has not had a pass before
• Is moving from Year 2 to Year 3 or Year 6 to Year 7
• Is changing schools
• If the student’s personal details have changed

All new applications must be performed online and once processed, will be sent to the student’s nominated address.

Further information can be found at www.transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131 500

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School

Auditions for Year 6 students who will be attending High School in 2017 will be held on the 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th March, 2016.

Students have to audition in one of the Performing Arts subject areas to be eligible to attend the High School such as Dance, Drama, Vocal, Instrumental Music and Circus Skills.

The closing date for auditions is the 26th February, 2016.

A Year 7, 2017 information evening will be held in the School Hall at Campbelltown Performing Arts High School on Wednesday 10th February, 2016 at 6pm. Any enquiries can be made to the Auditions Coordinator on phone: 46 25 1403

Application forms can be collected from the school office at Sackville Street Public School.
**Library News**

**Book Club.** Order forms for Issue 1 Book Club will be given out next Monday and are to be returned to the Library by Thursday 11th.

The brochures are now in one booklet, but the ordering procedure remains the same.

**Library 2016.** Borrowing times are yet to be determined, but as soon as there is a timetable in place, parents and children will be advised.

Children can always borrow before and after school and during lunchtimes.

_Wendy Chenoweth – Teacher/ Librarian_

**P&C News**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 29th February, 2016 at 7pm in the school staffroom. All members of the school community are welcome to attend.

P&C Committee