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Week 6 Term 3

23 August 2017

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Naplan

Last week the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority released the 2017 NAPLAN results for years 3, year 5, year 7 and year 9. Results were sent home to parents this week. Whilst these results only assess a snapshot of where students were on a given day in May this year and only assess certain aspects of Literacy and Numeracy they do give the school information as to where we are achieving success in learning, areas for improvement and on how our school is travelling compared to other schools in NSW. The results will also help to inform and develop focus areas for the 2018-2020 three year school plan.

Public Speaking Excellence

Huge congratulations to Gloria H from 4R who represented Sans Souci PS and won the Regional Stage 2 Multicultural Public Speaking competition at Lewisham PS on Monday. This is an outstanding achievement and Gloria will now represent the school at the State Multicultural Public Speaking Competition in November.



What a month we've had, with the very best of our public speakers competing in stage finals. The quality of speeches across Stages 1-3 was exceptional and to see the growth in confidence in our students was most incredibly rewarding. All competitors should be very proud of their achievements and congratulations to our winners from each stage that will now progress to the network final at Sylvania Heights PS on Thursday September 7.

Stage 1 Winner: Seren K
Stage 2 Winner: Felicia D
Stage 3 Winner: Marianne H

I would like to acknowledge our teaching staff for supporting all students throughout class finals. Thanks to Mrs Walkden for adjudicating finals. Finally special thanks to Miss Noonan for coordinating the finals series and to Mrs Kerrie Rosenthal for volunteering as guest adjudicator for all finals.

Book Week Parade

Tomorrow's 'Escape to Everywhere' Book Week Parade is shaping up as a magnificent celebration of literacy and

FOR YOUR DIARY

Aug	24	Book Week Parade
	25	No PSSA
	30	Fathers Day Stall
Sept	7	Kinder Excursion - Darling Harbour & Stage 2 Excursion to Claydon Reserve
	13	Bandsgate
	15	Kindy Tour 9.30am -10.30am

book characters. The parade will commence at 9:30am weather permitting (please see the note on enews explaining wet weather options) and visitors will have an opportunity to hear the children read a favourite book or text and also are invited to visit the book fair in the library with their child, to buy and donate a book. We are looking forward to seeing the school filled with book characters tomorrow!

Spellathon Sponsorship

Thanks to all families for the amazing generosity so far in returning sponsorship money from the recent Spellathon. It's great to see that we have over \$6000 donated to date and are well on the way to meeting our target of \$20000 towards the new playground shade shelter to be installed in October. I encourage all students to complete the collection from their own sponsors and return to the school office by the end of the week. Remember that the class from each stage with the highest percentage of sponsorship returns will receive a reward!

Zone Athletics Carnival

Sans Souci PS enjoyed many successes at the recent two days of the Botany Bay Zone athletics carnival. Our students performed exceptionally well over in track and field events and congratulations to all students who represented the school in various events; especially those who will progress to the Sydney east Carnival! In the next newsletter, there will be a full report of the results. Thanks to Mr Hoff who has supported the students and coordinated the two events. Fantastic news as from the results of the two days, we awarded Champion School in the zone for 2017!!





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PSSA Success

Congratulations to all students who participated in PSSA finals last week. Fabulous efforts from Senior Girls Football team who were premiers and both the Senior Gold Oztag and the Junior Boys Football who were deemed joint premiers after drawn finals! Our Junior Girls football team was runner-up in their final. Thanks to all teachers who coached teams this winter season; without whose dedication we wouldn't be able to offer so many sporting options for our students. There will now be a two week break before the summer PSSA competition will resume on Friday September 7.



Playground News

On Monday 14th August some students from Kindergarten to year 6, including SRC members, helped Michael and Milva from Urban Landscapes, plan a new Kindergarten playground. First of all, we looked at large maps of the school from above and told Michael what areas are out-of-bounds, where we had active and passive play and where people walked. He was really interested in our opinion because he said that we know the playground the best! Then we looked at lots of photographs of other playgrounds and made suggestions about that we would like to be included. The SRC committee really enjoyed the experience and we look forward to see these changes that we helped design. Nicholas M 5R



SASS Week

In the first week of September our school will celebrate Our School Administrative and Support Staff SASS Recognition Week. Our School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) includes our office administration team of Mrs Lovedee (School Administration Manager), Mrs Michael, Miss Kane (School Administration Officers); our School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs); Mrs Orr, Mrs Najem, Mrs Talbot, Mrs Gregoire and Mrs Soldo, as well as Mr Vickers our General Assistant. These amazing people do so much behind the scenes to help our school run smoothly throughout the year and we really value and appreciate their work in many areas across the school. During SASS Recognition Week we will acknowledge our SASS team at the K-6 assembly and I encourage you to show your appreciation in some way throughout the week.



Talented Students Showcase

On September 8, Hugo Z will perform at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Sydney South-East Symphonic Winds Ensemble at the Sydney Opera House. Also coming up, one of our talented dancers, Tiana K from Year 6 will perform as part of the State Dance Ensemble at the Seymour Centre. We wish both students all the best for these performances.



Changes to the school bells chimes

We are currently trialling changes to the school bell sounds as a new and improved system has been installed. Music is being played in the playground for three minutes prior to the chimes to go into class in the mornings and after lunch and fruit break. When the music is heard, all students are to stop playing and start to prepare to move to class lines or there classroom. The three minutes of music should allow adequate time to visit the toilet and bubblers if necessary.

Father's Day Stall

Next Wednesday the P&C will hold its annual father's Day Stall in the Multi-purpose room upstairs in A Block. Thanks to all parents who have donated time to organise this important school event.

Mr Rob Jennings

Number Crunchers

Last Wednesday 16 August, Year 6 student, Christian E, represented our school in the annual Number Crunchers competition. This is an annual competition is to see who can achieve Mathematical excellence by using mental strategies to solve challenging mathematics questions. A large number of schools across Sydney participate in this event each year. Christian achieved fifth place in his heat in this very challenging competition and just missed out on going through to the next level. We would like to congratulate Christian for doing so well and thank him for representing our school.

We would also like to congratulate Pavan W for his achievement as runner up in our school Number Crunchers competition.

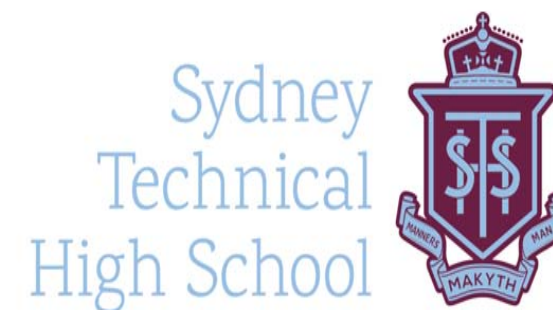
Mrs Thompson

Stage 2 Kids Teaching Kids

On Thursday, 17 August students in Year 3 and 4 were involved in the Kids Teaching Kids program. Well done to all the Stage 2 students for collecting materials, refining the ideas and making sure they were able to build a recycled craft object with their Year 2 buddies.



The day was a real success and I know all the teachers involved were really impressed with the way the Stage 2 students worked with their buddies.



INFORMATION MORNING

Prospective Year 7 Students 2019

Tuesday 10 October 2017

at 9.15am in the School Auditorium

Sydney Technical High School, established in 1911, has a proud tradition of student achievement. The school prepares young men who are scholarly and socially responsible. Features of the school include languages, music, visual arts, debating, public speaking and sport. Teaching and learning programs feature higher order thinking and are recognised as best practice in gifted education. The school actively promotes an environment in which student welfare, tolerance of others and strong community values support each student reaching his potential.

Enrolments: Students seeking entrance into Year 7 must participate in selection procedures organised by the Department of Education. For further information contact the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367 or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au.

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Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Lifeskills Mindfulness program

Week 3 Excellence

The values we bring into our beautiful class plan this week are excellence and participation. Through participation students learn how to be an active learner, give things a go and share ideas and learn from others. Excellence occurs over time as we perform tasks consistently and well. Students participate in games that require them to help one another, understand each other's perspectives and ideas and share.

Students practiced a mindful breath and anchor point which is a mindfulness technique which trains the brain to have increased focused attention. This mindfulness tool is especially important when students need to reorient their attention or regulate the nervous system.

Children worked as a team to complete a non-competitive team game. They all had a chance to participate and focus on personal excellence. After the game we discussed what went well and why the game was so fun and well played. Students gave ideas such as, "we listened to each other, we encouraged each other, we followed the game rules." The students also explored the way in which not being competitive can be a great feeling. It is amazing to see that students are tuning in to the positive advantages of working cooperatively as a team.

Ask your child to tell you about our team games and show you their favourite parts from class! Maybe you can do the mindful breath and anchor point together. Or perhaps you can ask your child to show you some of the poses they have learned in class. It would be great if you could have a go at some poses as well.

Week 4 Body Awareness

Through partner work and inclusivity, we dive into learning the value of fairness. Students were able to use their bodies to perform movement challenges with partners. Our class worked together to increase strength, stamina and balance. Students learned first hand that sometimes one person is stronger in one area than another and that is what makes us all unique. It is wonderful to know that students are directly applying the values they have learned.

The students also developed further body awareness through mindfulness activities. They focused on parts of their body individually and tried to notice any sensations they could feel. They also identified reasons why it is important to listen to their bodies. Noticing sensations allows us the awareness to understand our emotions and feelings.

Ask your child to describe some of the movements

they created with their body. You might like to do some with your child. You could also ask them to do a 'mindful minute' with you and practice noticing sensations in the body.

Week 5 Mindful Thoughts

Our "Mindfulness in Action" class plan teaches students about mindful thoughts. Sometimes it is difficult to focus and we find that our thoughts can worry us if they are drifting into the past or the future. Mindful thoughts and anchor words help us to focus and keep us in the present moment.

Students held their movements longer this week and were reminded that even if it feels challenging, determination will help us to develop perseverance. Of course, all students took on the challenge like rock stars and did not give up on themselves. In the end, the students saw their perseverance increase.

During the games students were asked how they could continue to persevere independently yet, as part of a team. The brilliant ideas they mentioned were to think positively and focus on the movements of the body.

Talk to your child about the importance of resilience and perseverance. Have a meaningful conversation about how mindfulness is helping your son/daughter.

National Science Week

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. Established in 1997, National Science Week aims to encourage an interest in science pursuits among the general public, and to encourage younger people to be fascinated by the world we live in.

In Week 4-5, Stage One students enjoyed participating in a hands on Science incursion run by 'Fizzics Education' exploring the chemical reactions between a range of household mixtures. SSPS staff also enjoyed an hour of engaging science professional learning last Tuesday afternoon.

'Fizzics' Incursion

On Tuesday 15th August, a visitor called Bree came to our school and was setting up some experiments in the hall. Our experiments were all about mixtures.

When we arrived, we saw skittles, milk, weetbix and food colouring on the table. Bree told us to find a partner for the experiments and mine was Peter. When we tried them they were so awesome that I wanted to stay.

My favourite experiment was breaking down the milk fat with the detergent. All you need is milk, food colouring and detergent. We also learnt that oil and water are not friends.



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What I found most interesting was all the colours mixing around in the skittles experiment.

It was a really fun day and I want to go again!

By Daniel B 2E

Enrolments for 2018

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2018. Children turning five before 31 July 2018, are eligible to enrol. Families wishing to enrol a child must provide originals of the child's Birth Certificate, Immunisation History Statement and either Council Rates or Lease Agreement. Please bring all documents to the school office between 10.00am and 2.30pm. We are also providing school tours for parents and carers who have a child starting school in 2018.

This is will be an opportunity to meet our school principal who will provide a guided tour of the school.

The tour will be on the following Friday mornings at 9.30am: 15 September 2017.

P & C CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 28 Aug	HELP NEEDED	Mon 4 Sept	HELP NEEDED
Tues 29 Aug	HELP NEEDED	Tues 5 Sept	HELP NEEDED
Wed 30 Aug	BASCENT	Wed 6 Sept	BASCENT
Thurs 31 Aug	HELP NEEDED	Thurs 7 Sept	HELP NEEDED
Fri 1 Sept	ADRIANNA & HELP NEEDED	Fri 8 Sept	HELP NEEDED

Please note :

All lunch orders must be placed before 2nd bell at 9.15am canteen shutters are then closed. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Kind Regards,
Debbie & Christine. 0417 530 011

Book Week Parade

In the event of wet weather this will be the organisation.

9:30-10am	10-10:30 am	10:30-11am	11:15-12pm
K-2 Book Character Parade in the assembly hall	K-2 students participate in partner reading with visitors	K-2 students who wish to purchase and donate a book visit library Book Fair with a family member	Normal lunchtime procedures for students and library open for continuation of book purchases
3-6 students in class	3-6 Book Character Parade in the assembly hall	3-6 students participate in partner reading with visitors then proceed to the library to purchase and donate a book	End of Event Students return to class at 12:05

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

Don't forget your Dad this Father's Day

The P&C are holding their annual Father's Day Stall on **Wednesday 30th August**

Choose a beautiful gift and show Dad how much he is loved and appreciated.

Prices range from **\$1 to \$10**

Children should bring their money and a bag to put their gift in.

All profits raised benefit our school.

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