

Dates to remember:

Thurs 31 March	Selective High school test
Tues 5 April	Easter Egg Raffle draw
Wed 6 April	Years 3-6 Athletics carnival at Sylvania Athletics Track
Fri 8 April	Last day of Term 1

Term 1 Week 9

25th March 2022

Message from the Principal

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thanks to all parents and carers who have been able to meet with their child's teacher for an interview over the past two weeks. It is important for families and teachers to discuss the progress of students at this early stage of the year and set some achievable learning goals for the terms ahead. I would also like to acknowledge the professionalism and flexibility of teachers who have ensured that all families have had an opportunity to discuss their child's progress. In some cases where a planned interview has been postponed, it is recommended that parents and carers contact the school early in Term 2 to reschedule an appointment.

SRC Class Representatives Elected

This week the 2022 Student Representative Council (SRC) was finalised with 2 representatives from each Year 2-6 class as well as this year's student leadership team members.



Year 3-6 Representatives



Year 2 Representatives

Class Representatives		Leadership Team Reps
2R Ian M and Ellyse M	4D Andrew K and Kiara R	Jayla M
2S Aston N and Keiley P	4T Abigail S and Ethan H	Xavier S
2T Arabella E and Zian Y	5K Evan K and Cilla C	Christina S
2V Milo S and Poppy M	5T Ethan M and Joumana A	Akram K
3N Kai F and Gia L	5Z Seamus B and Estelle T	Lily T
3P Camilla N and Luke B	6C Michael P and Anika T	Budd C
3/4K Petar J and Minan N	6H Emilija M and Zac S	Lily F
4C Lachlan H and Miaa L	6W Hansen Y and Georgia J	Christopher M

Mrs Holmes, Mr Hoff and Mr Lowe – SRC Coordinators

RAT Kit Distribution Monday 28 March

On Monday 28 March all students in attendance will be provided with 5 additional RAT kits each to bring home. These saliva testing kits are for families to use for symptomatic testing of children throughout the final 2 weeks of term. Please note: It is recommended that students using saliva testing kits should not eat or drink for 30 minutes before taking the saliva RAT, to give more accurate results.

Back up Photo Day

Advanced Life Photography will be coming to school on the morning of **Thursday 31 March** to take portrait photos for those students who were absent on Tuesday this week. Please note that no class photos will be retaken , only individual portraits.

P&C Meeting Tuesday 29 March

On Tuesday 29 March at 7pm the P&C will hold its 2nd meeting of the year in the ILLA (upstairs in A Block). This is a great opportunity for parents to become involved in a range of school community initiatives and to support the students of Sans Souci PS. We encourage parents and carers to attend and you can register your attendance at the following email:

Sans Souci Public P & C Meeting Intent to Attend:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIFQhgUUmFVp-kZg3DE4RJjTVFZRjdIlgNJ3jM_UOMqEaM4w/viewform

Fiver for the Floods Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone in the community who donated to last week's Fiver for the Floods fundraiser. In just 2 day the community raised an incredible **\$3700** that will go towards a nominated school that was critically affected by the recent NSW floods.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence & 2022 Bully Buster Update

During our Primary Assembly last Friday, 18 March, we acknowledged National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. The theme for this year's NDA Day was Kindness Culture.

Kindness Culture promotes inclusiveness, respect and community belonging. Kindness plays an important role in bullying prevention. Students created a "Kindness" wall of messages and poems and shared poems and messages during our assembly.

Year 5 students will participate in "Bully Buster" training, a peer mediation program before the end of Term One. We hope to introduce our new Bully Busters at the beginning of Term Two. We are also considering a new name for our Bully Buster team since the role has evolved over the years to become much broader than peer mediation.

Stage 3



**National Day
of Action** against
Bullying and Violence

Official

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NO WAY!**

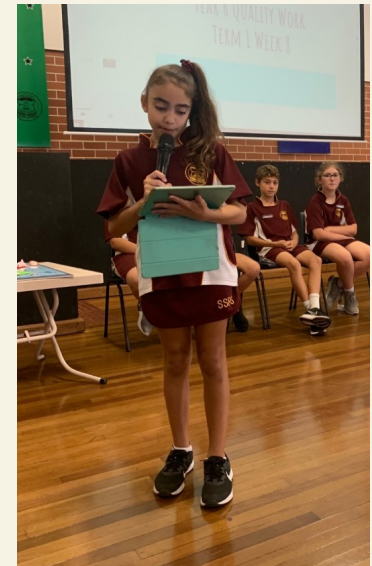
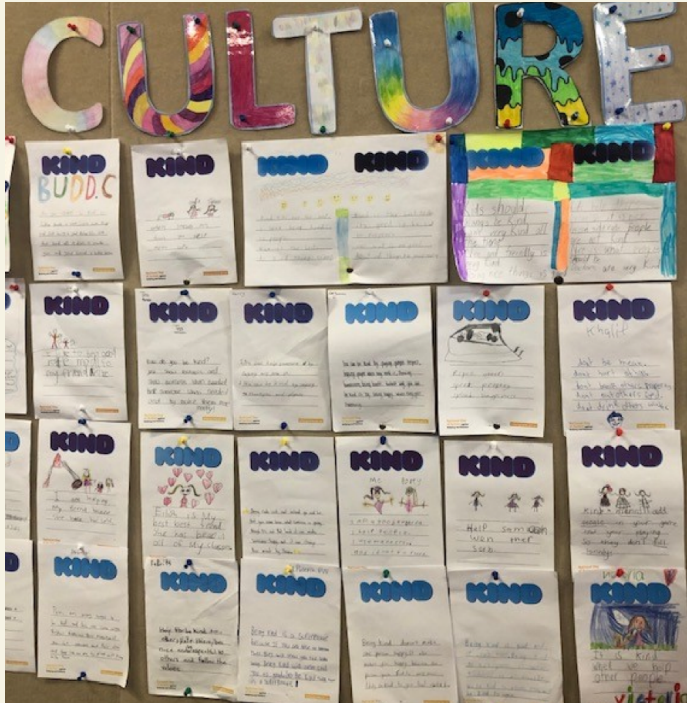
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KINDNESS CULTURE

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Kindness Poem

Kindness is selflessly helping people.

It's when you care about other people around you.

No, you don't need to be friends with them.

Don't be mean

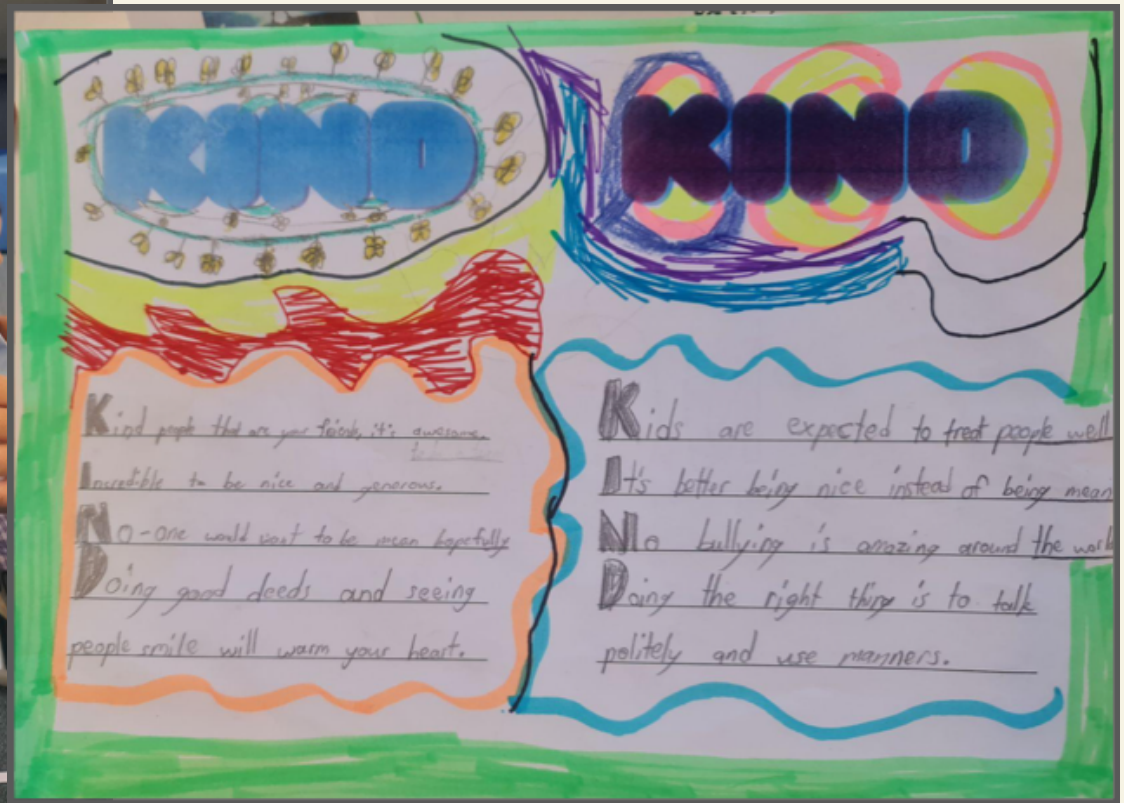
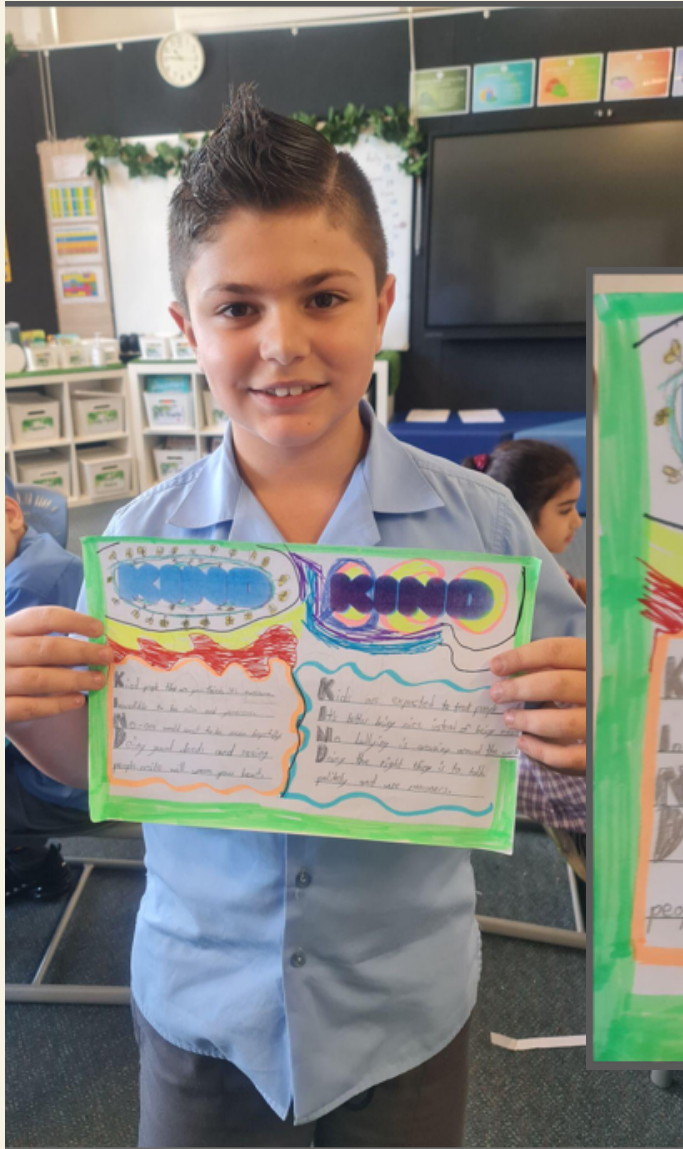
Nice words only

Extravagant is a nice word to call someone

Speak only with words of kindness

See how people will treat you with kindness too

BULLYING.
NO WAY!



Sydney East Swimming Carnival at the Homebush Aquatic Centre

What a fabulous effort by the students who participated at the Sydney East swimming carnival at Homebush Aquatic Centre last Monday. 7 SSPS students participated with pride and humility and achieved some fabulous results.

Special mention to Lily R, who competed in 5 events and placed 2nd in 4 of them, qualifying her for the upcoming NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival on Monday 4 April.

Mrs Dobosz



SSPS Clean Up

On Friday the 18 March the rain eased enough to allow students in K - 2 and 3 - 6 to finally participate in Clean Up Australia day and give our school a thorough clean up. Students were highly engaged in making a difference to our school environment. Hopefully those students who accidentally drop their rubbish will try harder to pick it up and put it in one of the several Red Bins available. We are also encouraging students to assist at Lunchtime and Fruit break with picking up rubbish by providing students with Pick Up Tools. The school will again participate in the Return and Earn Blue Bin recycling program and this will encourage students to dispose of their single use plastic containers responsibly.





NAPLAN Practice Tests

NAPLAN Practice tests will be available in the online assessment platform from Monday 21 March to Friday 8 April 2022.

Participation in the practice tests is highly beneficial for schools and students in their preparation for NAPLAN. It allows schools and students to become familiar with the online assessment platform and processes. All students at Sans Souci PS will be completing the NAPLAN Practice tests over the next two weeks.

The practice tests include an omnibus test (combination of reading, conventions of language and numeracy questions) and a writing test, both approximately 40 minutes. Students in Years 5 will participate in both tests. Students in Year 3 will participate in the omnibus test only.

Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions about this process.

Public Demonstration Site

The public demonstration site helps students understand the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN tests. It also provides an opportunity for students to experience the interactive navigation of the online test, try the online tools and make adjustments that may be appropriate for students with disabilities.

Students can access the public demonstration site from the NAP website, which is available all year.

Unlike the real NAPLAN tests, the demonstration tests are not tailored tests and do not include branching between testlets. Example branching messages are included for familiarisation. In NAPLAN online tests, branching messages between testlets advise students if they may go back to previous testlets to change their answers or not.

When accessed through the NAP website, the public demonstration site does not disable browser features such as grammar and spell-check. These features will be disabled during NAPLAN testing.

Touch-typing is not a requirement to successfully complete the writing test. The test window for the official NAPLAN 2022 is 10-20 May 2022.

Check-in assessment for Years 4 & 6

Year 4 & 6 students will participate in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment. The Check-in assessment is an NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 4 & 6 students during Week 10 & 11

Students in Year 6 will require headphones or earbuds that connect/plug into their iPads to enable them to hear audio during the assessment.

SRE and SEE Coordinators

The coordinators for each of our SRE and SEE classes are listed below. If you would like more information about your child's SRE or SEE class you can contact the coordinators directly.

SRE or SEE Group	Coordinator	Email
Catholic	Brother Michael	Mjmac01@tpg.com.au
Islamic	Rackel Diab	rageh_rulz03@hotmail.com
Orthodox	Mary Stathos	marystahos@bigpond.com
Combined Christian	Ann Lowe	rosemaryannelow@gmail.com
Ethics	Carolyn Samsa	carolynsamsa@gmail.com

Volunteer Ethics (SEE) teachers Needed for SSPS

Our ethics program has just commenced for the year and we are in desperate need for some additional volunteer teachers to help with the growing demand of classes.

Ethics classes give our students the opportunity to discuss ethical issues with their peers, while developing important thinking, reasoning and discussion skills.

Classes run for 30 minutes each Tuesday morning. No teaching experience is necessary; all training is free and provided online by Primary Ethics. All lessons are fully scripted and approved by the Department of Education, no lesson planning is required.

Teaching ethics is a wonderfully rewarding way to get involved with the school – seeing our students grow and develop their critical reasoning skills throughout the year is one of many highlights! You will also be joining a friendly and supportive team (who are parents and grandparents of the school) and learn new skills in the process that can be applied in your home and work life.

To find out more information about becoming an ethics teacher, you can either contact Carolyn Samsa (SPSS Ethics Coordinator) on 0417 060 583 or email carolynsamsa@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can find out more information about Primary Ethics or register your interest to teach on their website www.primaryethics.com.au.

Carolyn Samsa

Ethics Coordinator, SSPS

Encouraging Respectful Online Behaviour

Privacy awareness is not just about protecting your own privacy, but also the privacy of others. It is not only a right; it is a responsibility.

We all have access to information about our friends and families and we need to teach children that sharing personal details can have a negative impact on others. Before posting something about another person we should stop and ask: Is this information private? Is it sensitive? Is it necessary for me to share it?

Encourage your child to act with empathy, compassion and respect, just as they would in their face-to-face interactions.

It is encouraged that over the school holidays you spend some time looking at this website with your child and discussing the issues it raises.

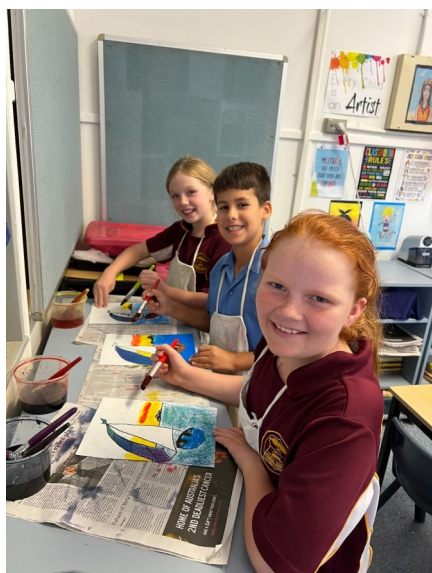
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/cyberbullying>

SISA Athletics Program Update

The weekly athletics skills program is going extremely well with all Year 2-6 students gaining experience in a range of athletics disciplines in readiness for the upcoming school athletics carnival at Sylvania Waters Athletics field on Wednesday 6 April. This is the 3rd time we have run this program and by the time the carnival comes around the students will have built confidence to participate in field events such as shot put, discus, high jump and long jump, as well as track events. Here are some shots from this week's program:



Quality Learning K-6
Visual Arts Showcase from Term 1





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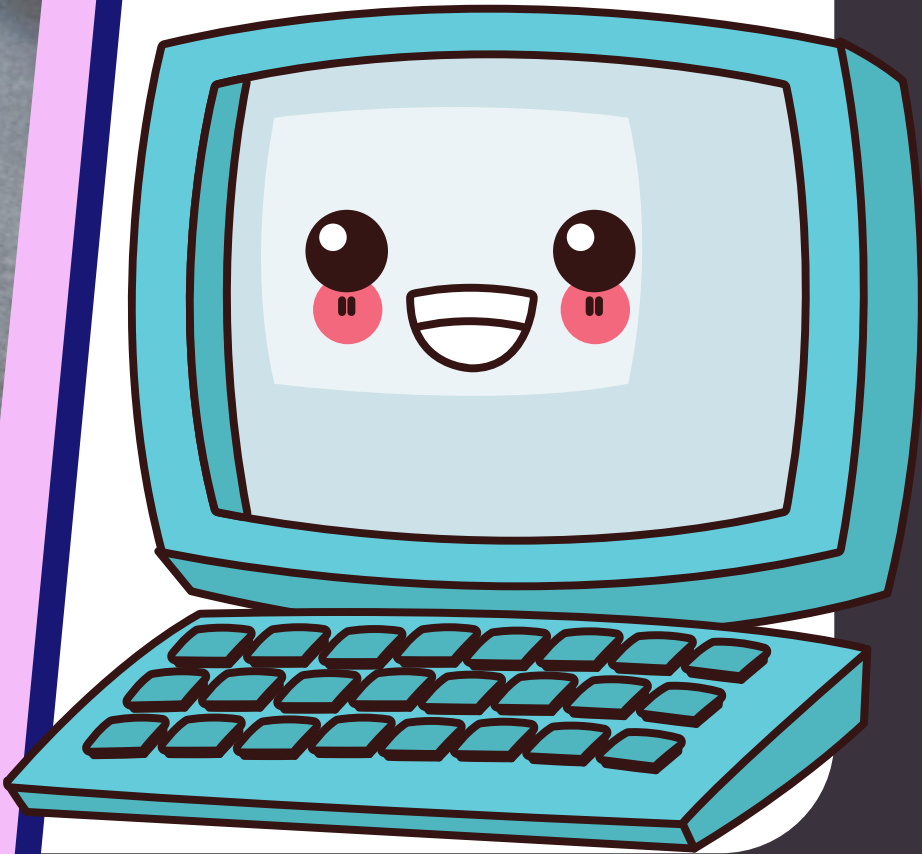
Stage 1



2V - Sport In Schools



2S - Harmony Day Activity

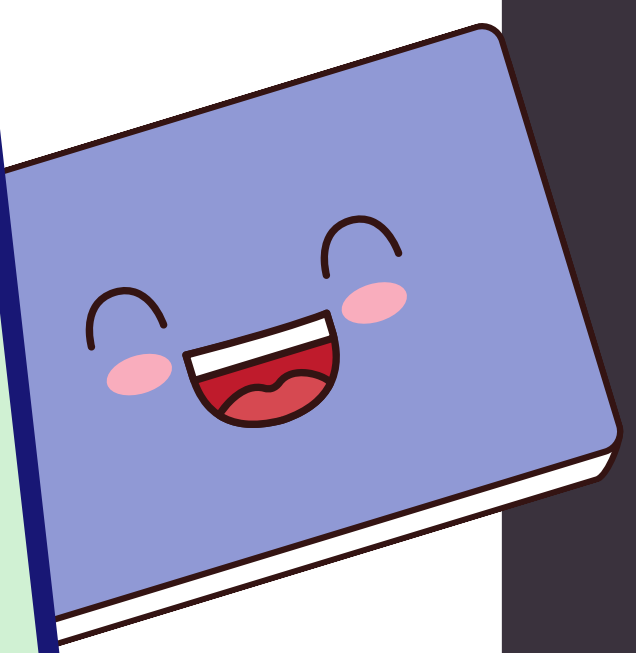




**1S - Measuring
Length and
Clean Up
Australia Day**



1P - Measuring Area



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