



# Sarah Redfern Public School

## Newsletter

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Welcome to our Kindergarten children! Our amazing team of Kindergarten teachers include:

- ~ Mrs Natasha Beecher (KB),
- ~ Miss Karina Formosa (K/1F)
- ~ Miss Steffanie Maghiaru (KM)

Each classroom is buzzing with activity with a lot of new learning taking place and new friends being made. It has been a pleasure to visit each classroom to engage in some very "important" conversations and getting to know the newest members of our school.

The first year of school is an extremely important one. It is in kindergarten that school routines are established to prepare the children for their learning journey... therefore it is imperative that the children attend school every day to ensure that there are no gaps in their learning. The children will be learning to read, write, and master arithmetic strategies...and overall, to be a safe, respectful learner. Please feel free to make an appointment with your child's class teacher, or myself, if you have any questions regarding your child throughout the year.

A reminder that Kindergarten and Preschool parents are invited to attend a "Welcome Morning Tea" to be held in our school hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am. We hope you are able to make it!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year together!  
Mrs Marilyn Friedrich.



### Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February – Minto Community of Schools Swimming Carnival
- Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March – PSSA Gala Day
- Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March – Coffee & Chat in the community room 9am
- Mon, 5<sup>th</sup> – Fri, 9<sup>th</sup> February – School Swimming & Water Safety Program
- Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March – Whole School Assembly 2pm
- Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March – Zone Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March – Kindergarten Parents Welcome Morning Tea, 9am
- Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March – The Fields Zone Swimming Finals Night
- Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March – Coffee & Chat in the Community Room 9am
- Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March – PSSA Gala Day
- Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March – Coffee & Chat in the community room 9am
- Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March – Whole School Assembly 2pm
- Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March – Pre-School Group 1 Photo Day
- Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March – K – 6 School Photo Day
- Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Pre-School Group 2 Photo Day
- Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March – Coffee & Chat in the community room 9am
- Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday
- Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Monday

*Success for all in a respectful, safe and united learning community*

Hello Parents and Carers,  
**Welcome back to school!**

It has been an exciting and busy start to the term as teachers and students have settled so smoothly into their new classes and routines. Many new students and some new members of staff have joined us at Sarah Redfern and I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Zachary Delaney, Mrs Tania Forbes and Miss Samantha King. It has been a joy to meet many members of our community. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

Thank you to our school community for your input at our recent teacher / family conferences. This opportunity saw our teaching staff connect with students and families to develop an understanding of the goals and aspirations we share for our students to better meet the learning needs of students whilst strengthening school and family partnerships.

What a privilege to spend 2018 amongst an amazing staff and community who strive with success to support all students to meet the high expectations held at Sarah Redfern PS! It is going to be a fantastic year!

### **Safety**

The safety of our students is paramount here at Sarah Redfern PS. The beginning and end of the school day are very busy times and we all need to work together to ensure the safety of our students. Please remember that there is no parking in our **kiss and drop zone**. This area is for dropping off students only.

It is important to supervise your children when they are **riding a bike** until they are at least 10 years old. Until children are at least 10 years old they should ride away from vehicles and driveways. As they are learning to ride it is important to ride or walk alongside them.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

Please ensure that your child wears a helmet if riding a bike to school.

Please also see the information about school zones attached to this newsletter.

To ensure student safety please let your child's teacher know details about how your child travels home daily. This is important as teachers will allow students only to leave the school grounds on the conditions outlined by parents and carers. In this way we can work in partnership to provide increased safety for our students.

### **Administration**

When returning permission slips to the front office please ensure that your child's full name (first name and surname) is written on the note. This allows our office staff to process notes quickly and ensures all students access to the many exciting opportunities provided here at Sarah Redfern PS.

**Amiee Jahshan**

**Rel. Principal**

## **Student Leaders for 2017**

Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded on their achievement on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at the Leadership Induction Ceremony:

**School Captains:** Kiel. D and Sienna . T.

**School Prefects:** Alvi . S, Sarah . D, Ayman . A & Lynis . K.

**Peer Mediators:** Ibrahim. H, Shayan.A, Gillian. K, Violet. R, Blake. W, Sabreen. S, Farhan. K, James. B, Mackenzie.H, Kristian. S, Shaifin.A, Khadija. A, Muhammed.A, Shamsia.S, Cameron.S, Sanjida.H, Shaine.N, Makayla.S

**Library Monitors:** Adijiana.K, Jeff.F, Aresha.HI.

**SRC Members:** Adela.I, Ynigo.S, Amy. P, Wafiya.R, Samara.A, Cali-Boy.W, Jemimah.K, Bailey. M, James.D, Cooper-Rae.M, Shafeel.K, Sabreen.S, Kate.L, Karmel.K, Keyani.K, Akif.S, Tijana.K, Zaara.A, Seth.P, Kai.T, Ella-Nevaeh.S

**House Captains:**

**Blaxland**

Bailey. M, Katelyn.P, Jai.M & Victoria.N

**Hume**

Joseph.S, Sarai.V, Isaiah.R & Jazmun.V

**Macquarie**

Zaqaan.J, Teysharn.G, Jonnie.F & Sialei.F

**Oxley**

Swapnilo.A, Harmonie.E, Charan.B & Charvi.B

## **Award Winners**

Congratulations to the following children who are recipients of awards for outstanding achievement:

### **Bronze Award:**

Rehan.A - 2S

Swarupa.N – 3J

Arika.H – 4/5L

Shivam. L – 5/6K

Tijana. K – 5/6J

Taylor F – 3/6M

Mayeem.A – 3J

Nashmia.K – 3J

Jai Meikle 5/6K

Violet. V 5/6K

Jana W – 3/M

John P – 3/6M

### **Silver Award:**

Amira. C – 4/5L

### **Gold Award:**

Isabella S – 3/6M

Madison . S – 3/6M



## Front Office Information

### Payments

Our office hours are 8.30am to 3.15pm. We only take payments up until 10.30 a.m. Mornings are our busiest time. To alleviate the need for parents to be waiting for a lengthy amount of time to pay fees etc we would ask that you take into consideration the following.

### POP (Parent Online Payment)

The preferred method of payment of any school fees/excursions etc is via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card. The payment page will be accessed through the front page of our website by selecting "Make a Payment" tab. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

Items that can be paid include general contributions, excursions, sales to students and any other extra-curricular activities. **Payment for an activity or excursion does not constitute permission to participate. Permission slips are still required for all activities/excursions by the nominated due date. If your payment is not received by 6 pm on the due date, your payment will be refunded back to you.**

When making an online payment, you must enter the student's name (as stated on their Birth Certificate) and date of birth. These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. You will also have the option to enter in a Student Reference Number (SRN) as well as an invoice number. You must also enter details about who is paying. No student details are given to Westpac. As a consequence, payments for each student must be made separately.

Under the payment options, you enter the activity or item for which you are paying. Write a title in the payment description (e.g. Year 6 Camp, Stage 3 Party Day, Athletics Carnival, School Hat). This will enable the office staff to identify and match your payment with the account or any other separate payment that has been requested. Multiple items can be made in one transaction for each student. If you have received a "Statement of Account" and wish to pay the total, you may list this as "Full payment of Statement of Account" in the *Other* field, without having to list each item individually.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed by you.

Details of payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against the student's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page, a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

**Please note, payments must be made by 6.00pm to show on the school's account the next working day. Payments made after that time will appear two days later.**

***We hope this method will streamline payments and save parents time.***

### EFTPOS

We also accept payments at the front office via EFTPOS. Acceptable methods of payment with cards are savings, cheque, credit, tap & go. This is not a cash out facility and we are unable to refund any payments made via EFTPOS. Refunds will be processed via a school cheque if approved.

As we will incur merchant fees, a minimum payment of \$10.00 is required to use EFTPOS.

We accept payments at the front office between the hours of 8.30am and 10.30am, at which time our daily banking reports are completed and closed off.

### Cash

**THE CORRECT AMOUNT** must be placed into an envelope with the permission note and sealed and placed in the secure box outside the admin block as this alleviates the need to enter the office area and eases congestion.

Please make sure that you have your child's name (as stated on their Birth Certificate), their class and the payment details



written on the front of the envelope. Once the payment has been receipted, a receipt will be sent to your child's teacher for them to hand to the student.

Please note that we have a cut-off date for payment of school excursions etc. **Late payments will NOT be accepted unless prior arrangements have been made with the office.**

### Seven new school zone traffic offences

To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers there are seven new traffic infringements with new fines. None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but in a school zone they each come with two points.

The changes are:

1. Stopping in intersection - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.
6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.
7. Parallel park close to dividing line - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.

All updated school zone offences can be located through Roads and Maritime: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

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## Preschool News

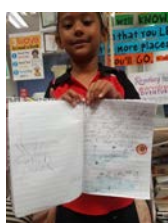
Preschool have started the year off in great fashion. The students have settled quickly into routine and they appear to be having a lot of fun. We are looking forward to many fun activities, incursions and opportunities to extend the student's learning!

Please note that the veranda gate will be closed from 9.30am – 2pm, for all inquires please go through the main school office.



## Stage One News

In Stage 1, students have been writing to inform for a variety of purposes. They have been learning how to write recounts about their weekend and various events. Students have been focusing on adding time connectives to link their ideas together. Below are some recounts from some students in 1B!



## Endicott Cup news

A huge congratulations to Swarupa, Zaara, Nashmia, Nishat, Risha, Arika, Mayeem and Ahyen from Stage 2, as well as Sarah, Tijana, Ayman, Alvi, Violet, James, Heba and Aresha from Stage 3 who represented our school at the Endicott Cup on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. While we did not take home the trophy for round 1, each of our students did our school proud. Well done!

## Library News

2018 in the library has with a bang!

We have been making tinkers, learning through play and researching in the library. All systems go for learning at Sarah Redfern Library with Mrs Nioloska ☺



## Library

We are looking for helpers in the library! Please come and see me if you are able to cover books or tidy up our shelves. You can contact me by ringing the front office or by chatting with me under the COLA at the beginning or end of each day.

Thanks  
Mrs Alexandra Nikoloska  
Teacher Librarian



## 2018 Swimming Fun Day

In Week 3, primary students participated in our Swimming Fun Day/Carnival. The students had a fantastic time, with fun activities in the morning and swimming races in the afternoon.

Congratulations to our swimming race place getters, who will now attend our Community of Schools Swimming Carnival, where they will contest for positions in the Zone Swimming Competition. Thank you to all the families and friends who came along on the day to help support our students

Mr McDonald

