Welcome back

Welcome back to another very busy and dynamic year at Sutherland North Public School. Welcome all our new students including Kindergarten 2015 and their families to our Sutherland North community!

Staffing

We also welcome back our teaching and support staff. We especially welcome Mrs Anne Minogue as Assistant Principal. The teaching staff are Mrs Karen Kinred, Ms Belinda Janes (Assistant Principal), Mrs Kathy Dugan, Mrs Barbara Greaves, Mrs Sue O’Hare, Mrs Peta Moseley, Mrs Stacey Coates, Mrs Janeen Dargaville (Assistant Principal), Mrs Pam Buckle (Assistant Principal), Mr Matt Menegazzo, Mr John Warwick, Mr Luke Fleming, Mrs Gillian Rollason (RFF), Mrs Gaynor Connor (Librarian), Mrs Karen Meacham (Learning Assistance & Support) and Mr Brian Plummer (School Counsellor). Our Administrative & Support staff are Mrs Jennie Aberline, Ms Alysha Bryson, Mrs Myra Smith, Mrs Marlene Sands and Mr Kevin Perry.

Classes 2015

This year we have an enrolment of approximately 258 children which should enable us to form 11 classes. Classes will be formed this week as we confirm enrolments ready to begin in their 2015 class on Monday.

Congratulations


Administration

The school has purchased an administrative program which includes reporting, student welfare and achievement tracking, electronic roll marking and a messaging system. It is vital that the school has current email addresses and mobile phone numbers to contact parents, especially if your child is sick. If you have recently changed your contact details please contact the office immediately to advise staff of the new details.

Parents & Citizens’ Association (P&C) Meeting

On Wednesday 18 February we will be holding the first P&C meeting for the year starting at 7.30pm in the Library. The meeting includes the Annual General Meeting where the 2015 Executive Committee of the P&C is elected. The P&C is an
important school group that gives parents a voice in the business of the school. We would like to extend a special invitation to our new Kindergarten parents. I am looking forward to meeting many new parents at the P&C meeting.

Swimming Carnival
The Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 17 February at Sans Souci Pool commencing at 9.30am. All children in Years 3 – 6 and 8 year olds in Year 2 who can competently swim 50m will be attending. Please see your child’s class teacher for a note if your child is in Year 2 and should be attending the carnival. I hope parents can attend to support the children. A separate information note will be sent home soon. The permission note with an indication of your child's swimming ability and money must be returned to your child’s class teacher by Friday 13 February.

School Times
School commences at 9am and finishes at 3pm. The school grounds are supervised between 8.30am and 3.00pm. Children should not arrive at school prior to 8.30am as staff is not on duty. Children are to arrive by 9am or they have to be signed in at the school office by a parent. The school gates are closed each day at 9.05am and opened at 2.55pm. Entry to the school during the day is via the School Office in Auburn Street. Parents are asked not to enter the school before 2.55pm as standing outside the classrooms interrupts the children's learning. School finishes at 3pm and all children are to be picked up on time. Parents are reminded that children must be directly supervised by an adult if using the playground equipment or playing in the playground after school. Children must follow the school rules that apply when using the playground including not climbing on the "top" of the equipment or throwing sticks. It is great to see the children playing together after school, please remember that the school is not responsible for children's safety after 3pm. The school gates will be closed by approximately 3.30pm.

School Uniform
Sutherland North is a proud uniform wearing school. Wearing full school uniform brings our students together and ensures they take pride in their school. Please assist us in making sure your child is currently wearing full summer uniform each day and sports uniform on Fridays with the maroon rugby style jumper if it’s cool. In particular please remember that netball skirts are not part of our uniform and tights, bike pants or leggings are not to be worn under the summer tunic or for sport. We also have a no hat; no play policy which involves wearing a Sutherland North school hat. When purchasing new school shoes for 2015 please ensure your child wears black shoes with white socks for girls and grey socks for boys. Please label all items of clothing. I appreciate your support with ensuring the children continue to look well-presented in their uniforms. It would be wonderful to see a continued improvement in the standard of the uniform and in particular the wearing of black school shoes in 2015.

Newsletter and Website
The newsletter is published every Wednesday on the school website at www.sutherlann-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. It is recommended that parents subscribe to have the newsletter emailed directly each Wednesday by visiting our website and following the link in the Newsletters tab. A hard copy of the newsletter is being sent home to all families this week only. Families who do not have access to the internet can request a hard copy sent home and a limited number of copies are available in the office. If you subscribed last year you will continue to receive the newsletter by email. A return slip to request a paper copy of the newsletter is attached.

Band & Ukulele 2015
A note was sent home last year with all children in Years 3 – 6 (band) and Years 3 – 6 (ukulele) asking parents to indicate if they would like their child to join or continue with the band or ukulele group this year. Please return the reply slip with payment as soon as possible so that I can confirm with the tutors that we have sufficient numbers to continue
in 2015. Lessons commence on Monday 9 February. Additional notes are available on the website or from the school office.

Crunch & Sip
Crunch & Sip is a set break to eat fresh fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Children re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning session, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration. We would like all children to bring fresh fruit or vegetables to eat after daily fitness. We would also like to encourage children to bring healthy alternatives for recess and to make an effort to reduce the amount of packaging or even consider waste-free lunches. Waste-free lunches benefit the environment by reducing packaging waste, which in turn reduces energy and resource use. Waste-free lunches result in reduced litter and encourage healthy eating. Often, highly processed foods are packaged while unprocessed snacks, such as fruit and vegetables, are not.

Student medical forms & Medication
Last year we updated our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health. The new forms help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child. Please contact the school office as a matter of urgency if you need to update your child’s medical information for 2015 or you did not return a form last year. New students including Kindergarten 2015 will receive a form to complete if you have not already done so. Please contact the office before sending any medication to school.

Anaphylaxis & general use adrenaline autoinjectors
All government schools have a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) in their first aid kit. This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered. If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know – see Action steps for parents. The 2015 Action Plan will be sent home to parents to have their child’s doctor complete tomorrow. This needs to be returned to school as soon as possible.


All families are asked to assist the children in our school who are anaphylactic. I ask your cooperation in not sending any of the following foods for your own children, whilst they are at school: Peanuts and or peanut butter, other nuts (including cashews, hazelnuts, walnuts, pistachios, macadamia, Brazil nuts & Nutella) and muesli bars containing nuts. Thank you for your support.

Birthday Cakes
To celebrate a child's birthday parents sometimes bring cakes to school. Please speak to your child’s class teacher to check if it is convenient before you bring cake to school. Only cupcakes or large slab cakes (eg. Sara Lee) pre-cut into pieces are suitable for a class. Please provide serviettes. All cakes must be nut free. Please do not send in lolly or party bags as we are not able to distribute them. Please speak to your child’s class teacher if your child is anaphylactic to make arrangements for a suitable treat or cake to be available.
Student Welfare Policy - Merit Scheme

Sutherland North Public School believes that fundamentally, students should be pleased with their achievements when they try their best and are motivated to succeed (intrinsic). This is achieved through the creation of a quality learning environment where students are engaged in experiences that possess intellectual quality and significance. At Sutherland North PS, intrinsic rewards are coupled with our school merit scheme which rewards students for actively demonstrating our school’s core values and trying their best academically. Students are able to work towards the achievement of a series of commendation levels. Placement on these levels is earned by upholding the school’s rights and responsibilities, exemplary behaviour, outstanding citizenship and working to potential within learning programs. In order to work towards the various levels students earn assembly awards. Each week the children will have the opportunity to receive the following awards at the Friday assembly:

- Merit Certificates – 2 or 3 per class (depending on the class size)
- Student of the Week ribbon – 1 per class
- Library – 2 certificates
- RFF – 1 certificate per stage
- Spelling Award – 1 award per week on a class roster basis
- Sports Awards – infants sport, primary sport & PSSA sport – 2 certificates per group
- Principal’s Award

All of the above awards have a value of one, except for the Principal’s Award, which is worth two as it is more difficult to achieve. The following number of assembly awards need to be earned in order to achieve the commendation levels of gold, silver and bronze.

4 awards = Bronze Pennant   8 awards = Silver Pennant   12 awards = Gold Pennant

On reaching each level students are presented with their pennant at the whole school assembly. A letter is sent home congratulating the student and inviting parents to attend the assembly. The children are also recognised in the school newsletter.

Request for a hard copy of the Newsletter

I do not have access to the internet and would like a hard copy of the newsletter sent home with my youngest child each Wednesday. Please return the note to your child’s class teacher.

Youngest child’s name: ................................................................. Class: ....................................................

Signed: ................................................................. Date: .................................................................
Canteen Volunteers 2015

Please consider volunteering to assist in the Canteen in 2015. The canteen successfully ran at a profit in 2014 even with a small number of volunteers. Please complete the form below and return it to the office as soon as possible. Even one day per term helps to fill the roster. Thank you to the parents who continue to volunteer their time. The children really enjoy being able to go “shopping” at the Canteen particularly in Term 1 when they like an ice block on the hot days.

Thank you Canteen Committee

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Websites of the Week

NSW public school terms and holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.

Printable 2015 homework calendars

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out School A to Z's 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.
Find out more at http://bit.ly/2015SchoolCalendar
Outline of Costs 2015

To assist with family budgeting please find below, an outline of anticipated activities & approximate costs you can expect during 2015. Please note this list is not complete & exact costs will be notified at the time of the activity. Bus costs are likely to increase in 2015. Additional excursions will be scheduled for individual classes next year. A note outlining the Student Resource Fee and additional classroom requirements for 2015 has been sent home and is also available on the website.

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Student Resource Fee $55 approx  
University Competitions Yr 3 – 6 $8.80 x 3  
Swimming Carnival Yr 2 – Yr 6 $15+  
Yr 6 Jerseys $55+  
PSSA Sport – bus fare $6 + registration fee $6  
Junior & Senior Choir - bus fare $10+, t-shirt $10  
Band $7.50 per lesson $15 book for new students + instrument rental  
Ukulele $24 instrument + $6.50 per lesson  
School Photographs $32 approx |
| 2    | Dance Group Costumes $25  
PSSA Sport $6 + $6 registration fee  
Band $7.50 per lesson  
Ukulele $6.50 per lesson  
DanceSport Yr 5 – $75 lesson fees |
| 3    | DanceSport Yr 5 – costumes, tickets for parents  
Music Festival tickets  
Athletics Carnival $6+ Bus fare  
PSSA Sport $6 + $6 registration fee  
Band $7.50 per lesson  
Ukulele $6.50 per lesson  
Intensive Swimming Yr 2 & non-swimmers Yr 3 – 6 $50+ |
| 4    | Stage 3 Camp – Berry $250 approx  
Yr 6 Farewell $35+  
PSSA Sport $6 bus, $8 Basketball bus & court + $6 registration fee  
Band $7.50 per lesson  
Ukulele $6.50 per lesson  
Gymnastics K-2 & Non PSSA Yr 3 – 6 $40+ |