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Newsletter T4 W9

Thursday 8 December 2022

Staff Farewells

As we come to the end of the year, we thank all of our staff that have made a difference this year. As with all years, there will be staff that farewell the school and new staff that arrive.

This year we farewell;

- Miss Micallef who will start her maternity leave
- Miss Derbyshire and Miss Clutton who are taking a year of leave from their positions
- Mrs Hall who will take well deserved long service leave in semester one
- Miss Matthews, Mr Riordan and Miss Jablonka who finish their temporary contracts and have not renewed
- Miss Keating and Miss Kenny who will return home to Ireland
- Mrs Hozier who has officially resigned from the Department after a long career at Maroubra Bay

Our thanks to our staff for everything they have done for our students. We thank you for your contribution to Maroubra Bay.

In 2023 we will welcome a number of new staff, both experienced and graduates. We look forward to announcing our new line up when we return in 2023.

A focus for 2023

Children can display difficult behaviour at times as a normal part of growing up. Your child may have been impacted by the behaviour of others or have behaved in a way that impacted other people at school.

These behaviours can be very distressing to other children, parents and teachers – but they will also likely to distress the child behaving this way, and their family. As a Department of Education school, we are

well equipped to manage the many complex needs of students that are enrolled in our system.

Sometimes these strategies are simple and work quickly. Other times they are more complex and represent the complexity of the challenging behaviours presented. Often a lot of these strategies operate in the background and other students and parents may not necessarily see what is happening.

Parents and carers should know that we access a range of strategies including in class supports, withdrawal groups, SLSO support staff, teacher professional development and department behaviour support. As a Department school, we also have access to behaviour support classes at other schools if appropriate.

We look forward to working closely with all students in 2023, offering the support that each child needs and working even more closely with all families. Expect to see improved individual assessments in Literacy and Numeracy as well as specific wellbeing programs in social skills, relationships and anti-bullying next year. We have also doubled our staffing commitment to learning and support in 2023 and will target particular cohorts that require the most intervention.

I look forward to working with all families next year.

Our next school newsletter will be the week before school returns in late January. Enjoy your break.

Matthew Ackerman

Principal

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SSHS Enrichment Program

Over the past six weeks, a small group of Year 5 students attended the South Sydney Enrichment Program every Thursday.

The South Sydney Enrichment Program was an amazing experience for us. We were very lucky to be able to encounter this spectacular experience. It has taught us many things and let us meet new people from different schools. We have learnt many new skills such as communication and coding skills.

We were separated into two groups (Group A and B) Throughout the day, we would rotate between groups and do tasks with Miss Gor and Miss de Poir.

Fun activities included:

- Sports - Betrayal, Multi-sports
 - Mini games - Four in a Row, Giant Jenga, Chinese Checkers
 - Fun activities - Colouring, puzzles, problem solving questions
- Sophie

We really enjoyed participating in the Enrichment Program this term because we feel that being in a high school learning environment has helped us further excel. We also think this was a great experience because we got to meet kind and caring new people with common interests. Overall, the SSEP program has really helped us with strategies, communication, robotics, sport and helping the environment. Thank you for choosing us!!

- Olivia



Doing this program in Term 4 gave us a great opportunity and gave us a taste of high school. It has helped us in many different ways. We have met loads of people and made many new friends during the six Thursdays of being there.

- Roxy

The Enrichment Program was a great experience for us and our learning. We learned to work with other people and to be open minded. We tried new things every week and learnt so many new skills. This was a great opportunity for us and we hope others will try this program in future.

- Matilda

It was a very fun experience and I wish I could go again. My favourite day was robotics day because we got to code games and make robots to fight each other. I made the robot ankle break the other robot.

- Rocky



Year 6 Fun Day @ Luna Park

On Wednesday staff took Year 6 to their annual fun day. This year, for the first time, we went to Luna Park. What an amazing and inclusive day it was. The students were so well behaved and showed great respect, responsibility and care towards each other and other guests.

We look forward to making this an annual event for Year 6. Our thanks to Mr Lucas for all of his organisation of this great event.



End of Year activities

Parents and community members are invited to our end of year activities this year. Please make sure these dates and times are in your calendars.

- ☐ K-2 Presentation Day, Wednesday 14 December at 9.30am
- ☐ 3-6 Presentation Day, Wednesday 14 December at 10.15am
- ☐ Year 6 Graduation Assembly, Friday 16 December at 2.00pm

Change to end of year staff day

After completing professional development in Trauma Informed Practice as well as Managing Actual or Potential Aggression training this year, staff are not required to attend school on Tuesday 20 December. Therefore staff will finish on Monday 19 December.

Term 4 2022

Month	Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
December	9	5/12 S3 Footsteps	6/12 S3 Footsteps	7/12 Year 6 Fun Day @ Luna Park	8/12 S3 Footsteps	9/12 Picnic Day @ Eastgardens S3 Footsteps
December	10	12/12 S3 Footsteps	13/12 S3 Footsteps	14/12 K-2 Presentation Day 9.30am 3-6 Presentation day 10.15am S3 Footsteps	15/12 Year 6 Graduation Night	16/12 Student's last day Year 6 Graduation Assembly 2pm
December	11	19/12 School Development Day				

Term 1 2023

Month	Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
January	1	23/1	24/1	25/1	26/1 Australia Day	27/1 School Development Day 1
January / February	2	30/1 School Development Day 2	31/1 Students 1-6 Return Kinder Best Start	1/2 Kinder Best Start	2/2 Kinder Best Start	3/2 All Kinder students start
February	3	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2 Swimming Carnival	10/2
February	4	13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2	17/2
February	5	20/2	21/2 SRE / SEE starts	22/2	23/2	24/2
February / March	6	27/2 ESPSSA Zone Swimming	28/2	1/3	2/3	3/3
March	7	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3
March	8	13/3	14/3	15/3	16/3	17/3
March	9	27/3 Year 2 Swim Scheme	28/3 Year 2 Swim Scheme	29/3 Year 2 Swim Scheme	30/3 Year 2 Swim Scheme	31/3 Year 2 Swim Scheme
April	10	3/4 Year 2 Swim Scheme	4/4 Year 2 Swim Scheme	5/4 Year 2 Swim Scheme	6/4 Year 2 Swim Scheme Student's Last day	7/4 Good Friday

School Travel

Term 4 2022

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Travel from Term 1 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

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- FRIENDSHIPS**
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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Big changes in a little person's life can feel overwhelming. Our **BIG SCHOOL Ready** Program runs through the Summer School Holiday Program and supports school readiness through a fun program practicing the important skills your child has begun to learn at Kinder, Preschool & Day Care.

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