

St George School Newsletter

Diana Murphy, Principal

18 September 2015



Key Dates:

Friday 18 September 2015

End of term 3

Tuesday 6 October

Term 4 commences for students and staff

Monday 12 & 13 October

Primary 2 camp to Taronga Zoo

Friday 23 October 2015

Grandparents Day Celebration

Thursday 29 October 2015

Music Count Us In

10 November

STC performance Pinocchio

27-28 November 2015

Schools Spectacular

Wednesday 2 December

St George School concert day

16 December 2015 – last day students

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

We wish you all the best for a relaxing two weeks holidays with your family. Hopefully a break from the morning rush, lunch preparation and school bag packing.

School resumes on Tuesday 6 October 2015 for staff and students. Our School Development Days for term 4 are at the end of term after school concludes for students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ana Mowle for relieving as fulltime principal for more than half of this term. Ana is an outstanding leader and has been a wonderful support to myself, staff, families and students. Ana will continue as relieving principal on Mondays and Tuesdays.

It has been a busy and productive term. We have celebrated Superhero Day, Education Week acknowledging our Local Heroes, Beanie Day; competed against other schools in Boccia tournament; participated in Musica Viva performance; delved into exciting curriculum activities during Science Week, Book Week, National Literacy & Numeracy Week; supported the implementation of a new library system called Oliver; showed our sporting skills in NRL day, supported P&C fundraising activities with Trivia night and the Fathers Day Stall; attended the Police Charity golf day; welcomed Reath Kawang Nyak, our newest university student from Denmark; staff participation in the SEPLA (special education) conference; welcomed representatives from the councils and clubs in the area to support the ongoing fundraising activities of the St George Children with Disabilities Fund. Tomorrow we conclude with an acknowledgement of the importance of Peace Day which will be held officially during the holidays.

It was also productive from our staff's perspective:

We farewelled Caroline Cass two weeks ago after she was successful in attaining an Assistant Principal's position at Sadlier PS in the Liverpool area. We celebrated the marriage of Annette Kay, Assistant Principal. Janne Kelly, Assistant Principal, welcomed a new grandchild into her family.

We look forward to 4th term with enthusiasm with some 'stand out' events such as the Primary 2 camp at Taronga Zoo, Grandparents Day, visit by the Sydney Theatre Company performing Pinocchio, whole school participation in Music Count Us In, our students participation in the Schools Spectacular, two weeks intensive swimming program, our end of year concert, Variety Club Christmas party and our Leaver's Assembly.

Many happy returns to our
September Birthdays

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Yamma Rammo will turn 9 on
27 September

Jim Chen turned 17 on 14
September

Congratulations to our award recipients at our most recent assembly



St George School aims to provide a stimulating learning environment that has high expectations for all students, focuses on the abilities of students and promotes and celebrates student successes (School Plan Strategic Direction 1).

Congratulations to our recipients at our assembly in week 10:

Primary: Joshua Welch, Rehan Jaffer, Adania Evans, Mark Maurizi

Middle: Dean Parratt, Jay Smith

Secondary: Joshua Sale, Jordan Hunt, Liam McManus, Hayden McIvor, Gabby Nappa, Angela Zhu

Primary Sports Award: Ashleigh Kelly for demonstrating her enjoyment of tennis

Middle Sports Award: Dean Parratt for excellent participation in soccer

Secondary Sports Award: Julia Wainwright for independent bowling skills

Library Award: Julia Wainwright

Environment Award: Admin Staff

Farewell Aaron Mosel

Today we say good-bye to Aaron who will be moving with his family to live in Singapore. It has been a pleasure having Aaron as a student at St George School. We will miss him. We wish Aaron well in his new school and trust that Aaron and his family will enjoy their stay in Singapore.

P&C Notice

Next P&C Meeting

**Thursday
29 October 2015**

**in the staffroom
at 11.30am**

This will be our last
P&C meeting for the
year.

All welcome



Schools Spectacular

Rehearsals commence in week 4 next term on Fridays for our participating students: Ashleigh Kelly, Mohammed Jomaa, Joshua Sale, Angel-Rose Papapavlos, Liam McManus and Kate Beardsley.

Tickets for this event go on sale to the public on **Tuesday 1 September**. If you would like to buy tickets for this event you need to order them through ticketek. For details about pricing, visit <http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=SCHOOLSS15> this is an event not to be missed.

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the ability of our students in an inclusive forum for all students in NSW schools. The performance will be televised by Channel 9 and shown in prime time.

Thank you for the support of our Father's day stall

It has been a few weeks since we celebrated Fathers' Day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank families for supporting the stall and special thanks to Anna Dalianis for her tireless efforts. We trust the dads were happy with the purchases.

The P&C raised \$549.00.



Our Trivia Night

A small group of staff and families supported this event. It was a well organized and fun night with an array of activities. The P&C raised \$1049 for the evening. This amount included our raffle of a Fathers' Day Hamper which raised \$250.00. The club patrons of the Beverly Park Golf Club joined in the fun and supported the raffle.

New vehicle donated to the school for families to borrow

Yesterday the St George Children with Disabilities Fund hosted a visit to St George School of key personnel from the local councils and clubs. One of the purposes was to thank the clubs for their donation to the Fund through the CDSE grants coordinated by councils.

Through the successful submission by the Fund, a new vehicle has been purchased for the school for families to borrow. This vehicle is relatively new with just 21,000kms on the clock. It is a Renault and has been modified for easy access to the vehicle.



Accessible Mercedes Vito for Sale

The vehicle which was used by families prior to the recent Renault purchase is now for sale by the St George Children with Disabilities Fund.

Kms: 94,701

Price: \$30,000 o.n.o.

If interested or for further details, please contact **Garry Morris** from the St George Children with Disabilities Fund on **0458 583 220**.

Community Notices:

1. Message from **Assisted School Travel** to schools on submitting an application for any variation to your child's transport.
2. Rotary Club of Hurstville – **World Festival of Magic**
If you are interested please complete the flyer and return to school

Excursion News

Three Bridges Outing to the Sydney Aquarium

By Secondary 4

On Monday 17 September 2015, the Three Bridges Monday group went to the Sydney Aquarium. The students of Secondary 4, Gabby, Michaela, Aaron, Nasya and Jim as well as Jordan of Secondary 2 participated. The excursion was supported by volunteers Neovy Nappa, Sue Hazali, Shu Chen and Mrs Joseph. Reath, student on practicum from Denmark also supported the group.

We met the 3 Bridges group outside the aquarium at 11am. After enjoying morning tea, we entered the aquarium where our photo was taken. After this, it was time to enjoy all of the exhibits. The first tank contained 2 platypuses as well as a variety of fish. We then walked down to the bottom of the aquarium where we were able to stand under the dugongs. This was an amazing site. Gabby and Nasya were totally enthralled. After this we moved on to the sharks and rays. We all found it very exciting.

The final exhibit was the reef theatre where we could see the activity of over 6000 animals in a coral canyon through a window 7m by 4 metres. It was beautiful and very relaxing.

We then had lunch and celebrated Jim's 17th birthday. Jim's mother brought a delicious strawberry mousse cake. We all enjoyed it.

At 1.15pm it was time for us to return to school. So we boarded the bus and headed back to Kogarah. We had a great day.

Many thanks to Michelle and Bridgette from Three Bridges who organised this awesome event. Special thanks to Neovy Nappa, Sue Hazali, Shu Chen, Mrs Joseph, Reath and the other volunteers who helped to support the enjoyment of this unique experience.

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SCHOOL FACT SHEET #2

Applications for Travel Variation

Assisted School Travel Program

Variation requests are submitted by schools with a minimum of 7 working days notice



What is a variation?

Variations are a request to change existing ASTP student transport arrangements to and from school on a permanent or temporary basis.

Requests for variations must be submitted by the school on a *Variation Form* available from the ASTP [website](#) under the schools section.

What types of variations are there?

- Variation to attendance times at school
- Change of residential address
- Request for change of transport days / journeys
- Change of before and/or after school care transport address
- Request for transport to respite care
- Temporary withdrawal of transport
- Cancellation of transport
- Other - work placements, HSC exams etc

Handy hints for submitting forms

- Variation requests are submitted with a minimum of 7 working days notice before the change is required
- Forms are complete and accurate, (Incomplete forms are returned to the school)
- Days / time changes are clearly indicated on the form and on any attachments
- Principal and parent have signed where required
- Forms are emailed to variations.astp@det.nsw.edu.au with the student and school name in the **subject line** of the email
- Change of address or requests for additional transport services requires a new *Part A of the Application for School Travel form* with the *Variation Form*
- The *Part A Form* is available from the ASTP [website](#)

How are variations processed?

- All variations are assessed in date order as they are received by the ASTP
- If approved an amended run card is sent to the school's email address
- Schools advise parents of the outcome of the variation request

Further Information

Assisted School Travel Program
Locked Bag 7009
Wollongong East
NSW 2520

generalenquiries.astp@det.nsw.edu.au

1300 338 278

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/astp

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Proudly Presents...



FREE Event for Special Needs & Disadvantaged Kids!

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The 'World Festival Of Magic' Show is spectacular family entertainment, starring internationally acclaimed Australian magician **Michael Boyd**, whose mastery of 'Grand Illusion' will amaze & astound audiences of all ages! Michael will be supported by the extraordinary artist **JETON-The Gentleman Juggler** – performing balancing acts seen nowhere else in the world!

The Rotary Club of Hurstville Inc. hosts this amazing show to lift the spirits, & bring well needed joy, laughter & wonder to the special needs & disadvantaged children of Hurstville & its surrounding areas. This show will captivate & mesmerise both adults & children of all ages!

WHEN & WHERE

SUTHERLAND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

30 Eton St. Sutherland NSW 2232

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2015

11.30pm & 6.00pm

(Show Duration 90 Minutes including Interval)

*This FREE Show is complimentary of Rotary Club of Hurstville Inc. and would not be possible without the generous support of the South Sydney Business Community.

For all enquiries please contact MEREDITH NEWMAN.

Please send TICKET ORDERS via EMAIL or FAX

(I will not be available for contact or to confirm received ticket orders between 15-24 AUGUST 2015)

PH: 1800 727 857 (Free Call)

(03) 9417-3654 (Direct)

FX: 1800 823 287

E: hurstrotary@sponsorship.net.au

☺FROM ALL OF US INVOLVED, PLEASE ENJOY THE SHOW☺

SUTHERLAND WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC

2015 TICKET ORDER FORM

Important Information below, please read carefully

- **ONE BULK ORDER PER ORGANISATION / SCHOOL**
 - No Individual orders if possible please.
 - We encourage schools with Learning & Support classes to attend the Day Time Show.***
- **ONE TICKET PER PERSON IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY**
 - Example: 5 children & 1 adult = 6 TICKETS TOTAL REQUIRED
- When you have reached a **FINAL NUMBER** of tickets required, please **FAX** or **EMAIL** your order through to us (**Contact Details Below**)

TICKET ORDERS DUE:

- ***We encourage you to get your order in ASAP as tickets are distributed on a first come first served basis. Ticket availability is limited & not guaranteed. NO notice will be given once all tickets have been allocated.***
- ***Tickets will not be posted out after Thursday 5th November 2015***

<i>SHOW DATES 2015</i>	<i>SHOW TIMES</i>	<i>TICKETS REQUIRED</i>
THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER	11.30 PM	
THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER	6.00 PM	

**** TO ENSURE WE HAVE ALL THE CORRECT DETAILS PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

CONTACT NAME _____

ORGANISATION NAME _____

POSTAL ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____

PH: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

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