

St George School

29 August 2016

Newsletter

Dates to Remember

P&C Meeting
Thursday 1 September
11.30am

Year 12 Formal

Saturday 29 October 2016

Intensive Swimming Program

Weeks 9 & 10 this term

Message from the Principal

Dear Families

The last fortnight has been a peak time for students catching illnesses with many students being hospitalised.

Keeping Our Students Safe

I would like to reassure parents that all staff at the school is committed to the wellbeing of students at all times. However, at this time of the year, we lose students (and staff) to infectious illnesses.

The following controls are implemented at the school to minimise spread of illnesses:

- All SLSO have health care certification which includes infection control (recertification every two years)
- Infection control posters are in all our change areas.
- Hand sanitisers are in every change area and in every kitchen/meal area
- Surfaces are wiped down and Glen 20 used to control spread of germs.
- Gloves are used and disposed of for all personal care, health care and feeding procedures.
- A note goes home to all families when it is identified that there are similarities of symptoms or when families inform us of an infectious illness. A note went home last week.
- Parents are contacted when students are unwell and asked to take their child home. Students are isolated whilst waiting for families to collect their child.



Next P&C Meeting

**Thursday 1
September 2016.**

In the staffroom

All welcome

Keeping Our Students Safe continued..

Some additional procedures to be implemented:

- Regular wipe down of buses particularly buses that are used during the day for excursions.
- Additional posters regarding handwashing and infection control to be displayed.
- Greater visibility of sanitisers for staff, parents, visitors and volunteers.
- Termly reminder to families about the importance of keeping students home if unwell.

What are parents expected to do?

- co-operate with the school on student health matters
- inform the school when health conditions develop or change
- liaise with the child's medical practitioner about the implications of any health condition for the schooling and convey advice and information from the medical practitioner to the school

Other issues to consider:

- Ultimately parents have responsibility for medical intervention and keeping their child well and adhering to infection control procedures of not sending a sick/infectious child to school.
- Transportation on the buses poses risks for students as a small closed environment such as a vehicle can spread disease.
- It is acknowledged that the difficulty for parents and school is that sometimes the period of infection is not discernible. It is also acknowledged that the majority of families are vigilant about keeping their child home.
- However, as our students are vulnerable and dependent on us for infection control, it is important for families not to send their child to school/not to put them on the bus, if the child has a temperature or if the nasal discharge is coloured and indicative of an infection.

Please contact the school if you have concerns about this matter.

Intensive Swimming Program

Little Heroes will be conducting two weeks intensive swimming during the last two weeks of term:

Week 9: Secondary classes and Middle 1

Week 10: Primary classes and Middle 2

Celebrating Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who received awards in the last fortnight:

Primary 1: George Yu

Primary 2: Adania Evans

Primary 3: Dominic Cheuk

Middle 1: Ashleigh Kelly and Jay Smith

Middle 2: Julia Wainwright

Secondary 1: Joshua Sale

Secondary 2: Dylan Chaplin

Secondary 3: Sebby Lara-Barris



For further information, visit the website:

<http://www.schoolsspectacular.com.au/>

Tickets are available from Ticketek:

<http://premier.ticketek.com.au/>

The Schools Spectacular is in a new venue this year with better accessibility options for our students both during the performance and between performances.

It promises to be a memorable experience for families and students.

Welcome Cecilie and Malene from Denmark

Last week we welcomed Cecilie and Malene from Denmark for a six week practicum. Cecilie and Malene are studying physiotherapy at university in Denmark. For their practicum, they have developed a schedule to support the physical management programs of some students. They will also be supporting the intensive swimming program.

Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Families will have received their invitation to the Year 12 Graduation Dinner. Leah Ponzio and Clare Pritchard are working with staff at the school to make this a special event for our Year 12 students. This year we have a record number of leavers with 10 students graduating.

Jack, our Companion Dog

Jack, our Companion Dog, arrived in Sydney approximately three weeks ago and has been undergoing intensive training since that time. The trainers will bring Jack to school tomorrow as part of his transition to our school environment.

Jack is owned by Clare Pritchard, teacher, who will be responsible for bringing Jack to and from school on a daily basis. One of the requirements for a companion dog was that the school nominate a staff member to be the owner of the dog to care for at night, weekends and during the school holidays. I would like to thank Clare for taking on this responsibility on behalf of the school.

I would like to acknowledge the support of Geoffrey Beuzeville, one of our drivers, for his initiation and ongoing support in procuring a companion dog for the school.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of WMD Law and especially Sallyanne Henderson for providing financial support. It was through Geoff's contacts and support that WMD law became interested in this project.

Community Notices:

- NDIS Information sessions (2)
- Hand huggers to support independence

NDIS Education Forum

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing individualised support for eligible people with permanent and significant disability, their families and carers.

Join us for an NDIS forum that focuses on how education staff can best support students and their carers prepare for the NDIS. The forum will also include education specific NDIS information.

Ageing Disability and Home Care staff will be delivering the Forum and will be available to answer questions you may have.

Time: 4:00pm – 6.00pm

Date: Wednesday 07 September 2016

Venue: Wangee Park School
12 Second Avenue, Campsie NSW 2194

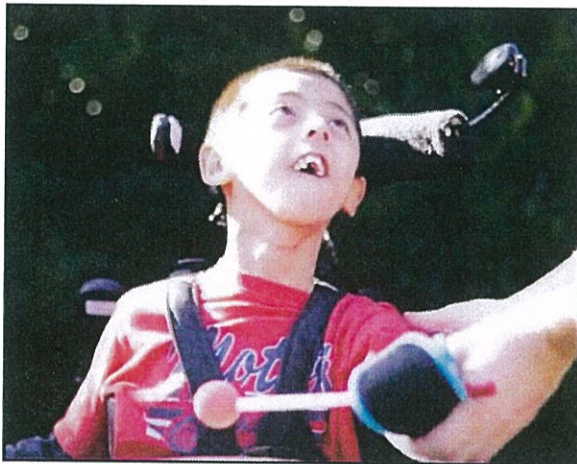
RSVP: by **Wednesday 31 August 2016** to Ben Sutton on 8746 5510 or info.sydney@facs.nsw.gov.au



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National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Information Night

**You are invited to join us for a presentation by Northcott,
to learn more about the NDIS and how it may benefit your child.**

Wednesday 31st August 2016

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Danebank Performing Arts Centre (PAC)
97 The Avenue, Hurstville

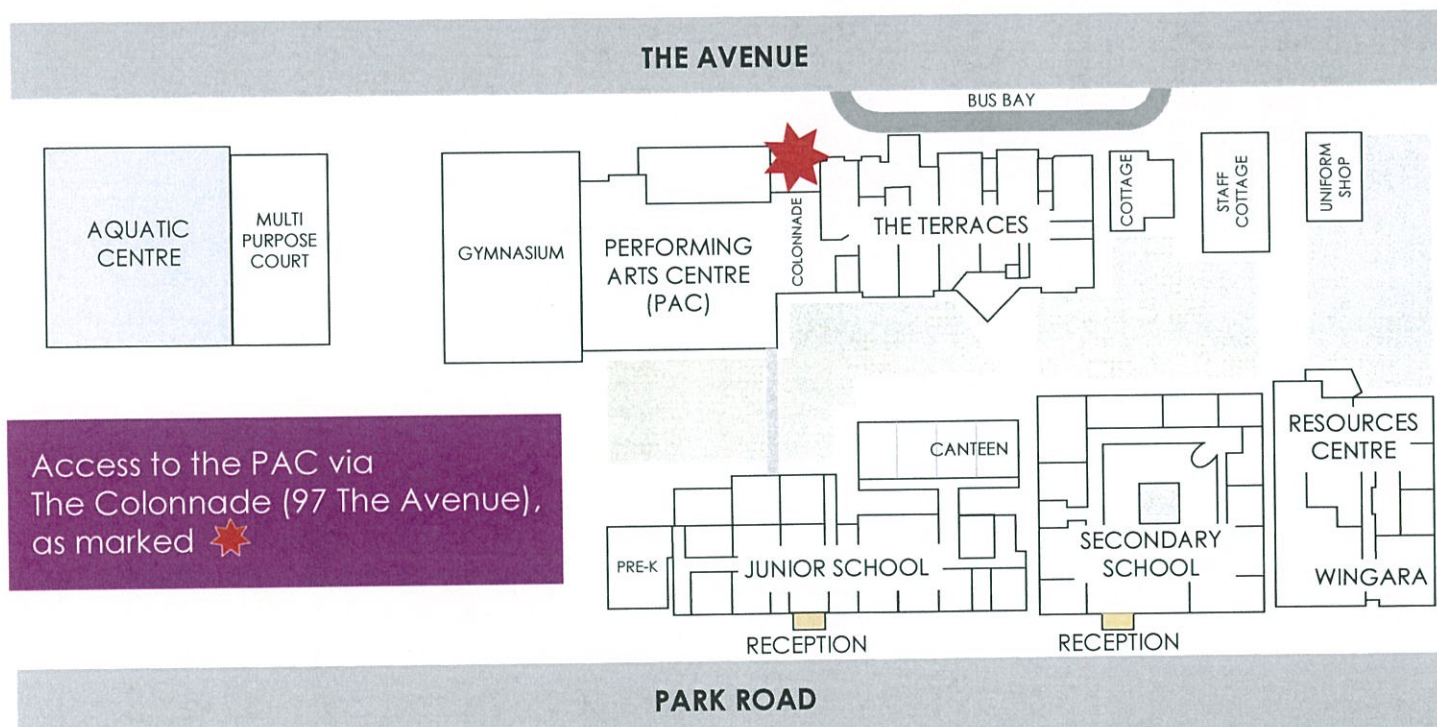
- * What it is and what supports it offers.
- * How the NDIS might support you to do new things.
- * How to identify the right supports for your child.

RSVP www.trybooking.com/219332

Parents have said:

"The Information gave a good overview, specific details and good advice."

"Very helpful ... now I feel better informed."



Access to the PAC via
The Colonnade (97 The Avenue),
as marked ★



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