

St George School Newsletter

Diana Murphy, Principal

26 April 2017



Key Dates:

Mothers' Day concert

Thursday 11 May 2017
(invitation to be forwarded for this event)

Mothers' Day stall

Friday 12 May 2017

Transition preparation meeting

Wednesday 24 May 2017
(TBC)

Kara's walk fundraiser

Tuesday 13 June 2017

Coffee & Chat

Thursday 15 June 2017

Sibling workshop

Wednesday 21 June 2017

Reports home to families

Thursday 22 June 2017

Parent teacher interviews

23 – 28 June 2017

Last day of term

Friday 30 June 2017

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to second term. The weather during the holidays was glorious and hopefully provided you with many opportunities to relax and unwind.

We look forward to this term. It is a busy term. At the end of this term, you will receive your child's end of first semester report. Parent-teacher interviews will be held at the time and will provide the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at school and discuss priorities for the remainder of the year.

Staffing Matters

This term, I have been seconded to the Department of Education's State Office to work in Primary Education and specifically in the policy area of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education Ethics (SEE). This will be new and different for me and a likely challenge. Ana Mowle will relieve for me as Principal this term. Ana has significant experience in the relieving principal role and has done so in a part-time capacity for more than two years. I would like to thank Ana for her support of the secondment and her commitment and dedication to the school. Ana will be replaced in Middle 2 by Janelle Ferguson who currently shares the class with Ana. I would like also to thank Janelle for her flexibility and willingness to change roles in the school. Janelle will relieve as Assistant Principal for the Middle team this term.

We welcome Shaun Hayes, a very experienced special educator. Shaun has replaced Emilie Bell on Thursdays and Fridays in Primary 3. Emilie is looking forward to the birth of her second child.

We congratulate Kay Dagli who was appointed as a permanent member of staff of St George School from the commencement of this term. Kay is currently the school learning support officer on Primary 3.

We welcome back Lynda Johannson who was on leave for the last three weeks of term.

We have some staff who will be taking leave this term. All staff on leave are replaced with experienced and reliable casual staff:

Janne Kelly, Assistant Principal, was on leave last term and will continue her leave this term. Ursula Ransom and Shayne Gannon will continue as class teachers in Primary 2. Leah Pozio will continue in the role of relieving Assistant Principal this term.

Jennifer Hallows from Primary 2 will be on leave for the first three weeks of term.

Towards the end of term, Eve Campbell from Primary 3 will take leave and will be replaced by Shaun Hayes who is currently sharing the class with Eve.



April Birthdays

Happy birthday to.....

Ruby Balkwell who turned 14 on 10 April. We also wish Ruby a speedy recovery and look forward to Ruby's return to school in the coming weeks.

Lauren Green who turned 16 on 20 April



Coffee & Chat

Karen Crawley, mother of Kara who recently passed away, will support our Coffee & Chat session this term with a presentation on NDIS from a parent's perspective. Karen delivered this presentation last month to a number of families. Karen developed the presentation after attending numerous presentations on NDIS. Karen summarized the key aspects of NDIS to support families in this new and complex area.

The tentative date is

Thursday 15 June at 10.00am in the staffroom at school.

P&C Meeting

The term one P&C meeting was held in the last week of term.

The minutes from the meeting are attached to this newsletter.

Celebrating Ability.....

Student Assembly Awards

Congratulations to our award winners for in first term. Our final assembly in first term was our Anzac day assembly. Our assemblies recognizing student effort and achievements will recommence on Tuesday 2 May 2017.



Some highlights from a busy last week of term...



Anzac Day Assembly

Our commemoration of Anzac Day was held on 6 April. Our students gathered around the flagpole area at the front of the school for the service. All staff and students wore their Legacy rosemary sprigs. Our captains Jordan and Kate placed a wreath at the base of the flag pole and, with support, raised the flags during the Rouse.

I would like to thank families for the support of the Legacy appeal. I would also like to thank Violeta Bakrdanikiska for the wreath that she made for the service. Advice regarding the amount raised for Legacy will appear in the next newsletter.

Easter Hat Parade

We had a wonderful response from our families in the Primary team for our Easter Hat Parade which was held on **Thursday 6 April**. Families and staff went to a lot of effort to make this event special for the students and I would like to thank them for doing so. I would like to thank also Leah Ponzio, team leader for the Primary team, for coordinating this event. Special thanks too to Violeta Bakrdanikoska for the delicious and plentiful morning tea.

Easter Show

We had perfect weather and outstanding support from families, volunteers, drivers and staff for our whole school excursion to the Easter Show. I would like to thank everyone involved in this event. Special thanks to Ana Mowle who successfully undertook an incredibly challenging task of coordinating transport to and from the show, purchase of tickets and allocation of tickets.

We look forward to seeing some of the photos from the above events.

Children with Disabilities Fund

On Friday 12 May 2017, the St George Children with Disabilities Fund will hold their charity golf day. The Fund continues to work tirelessly to support the school and individual families in the school.

Return of raffle tickets: Garry Morris, Chairperson for the Fund, has requested that raffle tickets be returned to school as soon as possible. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the golf day function on 12 May.

Payment options at St George School

There are various ways families can make payment to the school, as required:

- 1) POP (parent online payment) – on the school website, click on Make a Payment

<http://www.stgeorge-s.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

- 2) Eftpos, if visiting the school
- 3) By phone for credit card payment
- 4) Cash
- 5) Cheque.

Direct deposit, electronic funds transfer is not available as an option.

Community Notices:

1. Eva's fundraiser – Saturday 13 May 2017

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ST GEORGE P&C ASSOCIATION INC
GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, 6 April 2017

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting opened at 11.40am

1. Welcome and Attendance

Present: Diana Murphy, Celia Baxrer, Ming Qiu, Adam Palmer

Apologies: Fay Chiotis, Valentina Kizi, Anna Dalianis

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting November 2016 – business arising

3. Correspondence In -

Letter from Tracie Guiotto regarding donation to school and P&C from the Cronulla Ladies Bowling club. Half amount to school and half to P&C.

Letter from DC Innovative Accounting regarding the need to update P&C's ABN details.

Bank statement received for period 1 Nov 2016 – 31 Jan 2017.

Letter from Anna Dalianis regarding coordinating Mothers Day Stall and Fathers Day Stall this year.

Correspondence Out: Nil

4. Treasurers Report outstanding –

Quarterly cheque from P&C for the operation of the 7 bus runs.

Period Nov- Jan:

Opening balance:	\$5,264.16
Debits:	\$141,052.13
Credits:	\$147,276.23
Closing balance:	\$11,488.26Cr

5. School Council Matters

School Plan focus for 2017 – brief overview of projects for 2017 was presented by Diana.

Information regarding roles of the executive was postponed until executive members were present.

Incorporation requires an auditor's report prior to AGM. Diana to follow up with DC Innovative Accounting.

Adam Palmer was employed to run the physical management program funded by the St George Children with Disabilities Fund. The program operates on a 5 day fortnight and includes every every class and students targeted for eye gaze practice.

Grant from Bayside Council to the St George Children with Disabilities Fund for Music program with families and siblings. Five sessions organised: Harmony Day; concert for mother s (Mothers Day); sibling workshop; celebration of NAIDOC week; Education Week performances.

6. General Business

Adam Palmer nominated for Secretary's position and was accepted. Nominated by Diana Murphy and seconded by Celia Baxter.

7. Principal's report

Eight new students this term. Settled in well.

Flexible staffing used at the school to provide additional SLSO support. Flexible staffing permitted under the Department of Education's 'Local Schools, Local Decisions' initiative. Staff staff for ten class but currently operating 8 classes.

Audit of books is outstanding and needs to be addressed asap.

8. Calendar of tasks

In term 1 - Audit of books (outstanding)

9. Unscheduled business – nil

Meeting closed at 12.35 pm.