

St George School Newsletter 21 July

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2017

Key Dates:

NAIDOC week celebrations

Tuesday 25 July 2017

Superhero Day Fundraiser

Thursday 27 July 2017

Jeans 4 Genes Day Fundraiser

Friday 4 August 2017

Education Week Open Day

Wednesday 9 August 2017

Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser

Friday 11 August 2017

Musica Viva Performance

Thursday 17 August 2017

Message from Ana and Diana

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to third term. We trust you had time to relax during the holiday period. We look forward to learning and special events this term brings.

Ana will continue in the role of principal this term whilst I complete some project work in Early Learning and Primary Education which is part of the Learning and Teaching Directorate. Ana and I will work together as principals in managing the school.

Important events this term

Next Tuesday 25 July we will be celebrating **NAIDOC week**. We will be having a special performance from indigenous students from Endeavour HS at 11:30am. The Rhythm Village will also be supporting the celebrations on this day. Parents and Family are welcome to join us.

We are celebrating **Education Week** on **Wednesday 9 August 2017**. Please mark this date in your calendar. An invitation will be forwarded home in the next week. Details of the themes of Education Week across NSW are presented in this newsletter.

We are also celebrating **Book Week** in the week commencing 21 August. The theme for this year is '**Escape to Everywhere**'

NDIS

Many families have already received their NDIS package. Packages will include funds for transport. This may cause some confusion. I wish to reassure that at this stage, your child's current approved transport will continue as before with transport to and from school being funded by the Department of Education.



Celebrating Ability.....

Student Assembly Awards

Our celebration of student achievement will recommence with our first assembly in week 4.



Janne Kelly, Assistant Principal, will be retiring on Friday 28 July. Janne has provided a farewell message....

Thank You and Goodbye

I have had a wonderful experience working at St. George School over the past 24 years. As a result, it is a bittersweet occasion that I writing in this newsletter, announcing my retirement from St. George School and my position as Assistant Principal. I have enjoyed every moment of it. Since I began in 1993, I have been a member of a team who has created a very successful and innovative school for our students and this has included celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. George School and being part of the building of a new school in 2002.

It is with much thought and deliberation that I have made this decision. After discussing this with my family and considering my personal goals and my continuing journey as an individual, I believe that I have made the right decision.

My colleagues and students have been a central part of my life over the past 24 years. While I look forward to the opportunities retirement will bring me, it still saddens me to be leaving St. George School. I will miss the many personal and professional relationships that I have developed, but most of all, I will miss all the students.

I leave St. George School thankful. I appreciate and value the lessons I have learned over the last 24 years and thank you for the opportunities, friendship and support during this time – it has been truly a joy.

In ending, I want to emphasise that I will forever be grateful for having the opportunity to be a part of the achievements and accomplishments of the students and the staff and the great times we have had over the years.

It is time for me to retire, however, it is an opportune time for someone else to become a member of the team to lead St. George School to achieving great outcomes for our students and I wish both students and staff all the best for the future.

If I ever need a "retirement job", I would hope to be able to come back to St. George School as a casual teacher or a volunteer.

Good luck and best wishes

Janne Kelly

July Birthdays

Happy birthday to.....

Natalie Tassone who will turn 17 on 26 July

Vanessa Gazal who turned 13 on 13 July

Luke Hanna who will turn 13 on the 29 July

Aggie Szyszkowska who will turn 11 on 22 July

Angel-Rose Papapavlos who turned 10 on the 12 July

Shafia Diab who turned 5 on 8 July

Josephine Fishwick who turned 5 on 19 July

School Uniforms for Sale



If you would like to purchase uniform items for your child, the school has a uniform pool with both new and second hand clothes which can be purchased.

Contact the office to place an order or to buy items in stock 95882400

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Education Week Theme

Education Week is a state-wide, annual event to celebrate public education in NSW. This year it will be held from 31 July to 4 August. We are celebrating on Wednesday 8 August 2017. This year's theme is *I Learn, We Learn*. It is a celebration of our schools' commitment to

ensuring:



System-wide improvement

Every student, every teacher, every leader and every school will improve every year.



High expectations for all

A culture of high expectations for our students and our educators sets high standards, which leads to high achievement.



Personalised student learning

By teaching to the strengths and needs of each individual, students will be better able to reach and exceed their potential.



Wellbeing

Every student will be known, cared for and respected.



Creating stronger ties with local communities

Parents and carers are our schools' partners in the education and wellbeing of each student. Partnerships with local businesses and industry create opportunities for our students to contribute to and thrive in society.

Working with Children Check

The Working with Children Check (WWCC) was introduced in NSW a number of years ago to ensure that all child related work environments including schools followed procedures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children.

All staff in NSW schools will need to have a WWCC by November 2017 in order to retain employment with the Department of Education.

The WWCC also impacts on all volunteers, contractors, therapists and other professionals working in schools. From next term all therapists, volunteers and other professionals will need to complete Appendix 11 in order to work, paid or unpaid, at St George School. I have attached Appendix 11 for your information.

The link to Appendix 11 is also available on the department's site at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/working-with-children-check-policy>

Your support of the department's policy and implementation procedures is appreciated.

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

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