



St George School 2018 Newsletter

Diana Murphy, Principal

Date: 28 March 2018



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers



On behalf of all staff and drivers, I would like to wish you a happy and safe Easter weekend. I hope it is relaxing and provides the time to be with family.

After the Easter break there are two weeks before the end of term. School finishes on Friday 13 April 2018 and students return on Tuesday 1 May 2018.

The school re-opens on Monday 30 April for school development day. This is a dedicated professional learning day for all staff. On this day we will be covering mandatory annual Code of Conduct training, values education and use of current technology for student learning.

Key Dates:

Good Friday
30 March

Easter Monday
2 April

Anzac Day Ceremony
Tuesday 10 April at 11.30pm

Last day of term 1
Friday 13 April

First day term 2 for students
Tuesday 1 May

Term 2 P&C meeting and
Coffee & Chat
Thursday 17 May
10.15am Coffee & Chat
11.30am P&C meeting



Celebrating Ability...

Student Assembly Awards

Congratulations to our award recipients for the first assembly this year held on Tuesday 13 March and Tuesday 27 March 2018:

Kyah McGroder for initiating independent walking – 11 steps

Manar Saleh for exploring objects during sport

Matteo Farinaro for good listening and tracing words in Geography

Jaxon Crittenden for holding the parachute during sport

Josie Fishwick for wonderful choice making during educational programs

Sophie Groll for consistently pressing the switch to activate cause & effect programs on the computer

Athan Loucas for intentionally pressing a switch to activate a cause & effect program on the computer.

Joshua Welch for choice-making and increasing engagement in class activities

Eva Giatsios for excellent work grasping and releasing objects as she counted during maths

Kevin Yun for choosing and saying words to write a beautiful birthday card for Adania

Adana Evans for making choices using the Yes/No button

Samuel Sirio for clear and calm communication of his needs

Yamma Rammo for clear communication of choices and patience during program setup

Mark Maurizi for improvement in independent feeding and trying new food choices

Alysia Dalianis for increased participation and enjoyment in music

Dominic Cheuk for choosing and then independently playing a learning game on the computer

Jay Smith for increased verbal communication using yes/no to select activities

Brett Houdek for independently swimming across the pool for the first time

Joshua Sale for following all instructions to assist his staff

Julia Wainwright for working hard in the pool

Ismail Flewellen received a sports award for independently pushing a bowling ball down the ramp independently

Tahlia Chigioni received a sports award for initiating climbing onto a bike for a ride

Vanessa Gazal received a sports award for engaging with all sporting activities

Manar Saleh received a sports award for responding to the verbal prompt to kick her legs during swimming

Allegra Watkins received a sports award for enthusiastically participating in the primary team's Commonwealth Games Shooting Competition

Mohammed Jomaa received a sports award for signalling 'finish' as senior students finished a racing competition.

Tahlia Chigioni received a library award for sitting and listening to the story 'Whose Nose'.



Save the Date – Sibling workshop

This year we are making the sibling workshop a Friday night family outing. Save the date for an evening sausage sizzle and sibling workshop on Friday 1 June commencing at 6.00pm.



To our March birthdays:

Dean Parratt - 13 years
on 7 March

Anthony Qiu – 8 years
on 13 March

Ben Rein - 12 years
on 16 March

Ashleigh Kelly - 12 years
on 17 March

Ethan Liew – 10 years
on 20 March

Adania Evans – 11 years
on 24 March

Zeinab Saleh – 9 years
on 23 March

Lachlan Guiotto – 14 years
on 26 March

Athan Loucas – 8 years
on 30 March

Companion Card

Kylie from National Disability Services attended the school on Thursday 28 March to complete the assessment for a companion card for the 17 students whose families had requested a card. These families will receive the Companion Card, in the mail, in the coming weeks.

Anzac Day Assembly

Representatives from our senior classes, including our school captains, Mohammed Jomaa, Joshua Sale and Natalie Tassone, will attend the combined government and non government schools commemorative service at Hyde park on Monday 9 April 2018.

At school we will hold a special assembly on Tuesday 10 April at 11.30am. All the classes will participate and each team will select lines from a poem to present the tragedy of war either through drama or pictures. One such poem is Australian poet, Kenneth Slessor and his poem Beach Burial written during the Second World War:

On ANZAC Day, during the holidays, I will be representing St George school at the service to be held at Kogarah RSL.

Easter Show

Our secondary classes attended the show the day before the show opened last Thursday 22 March. Our students from the primary and middle classes are looking forward to their show day today.

Easter Hat Parade

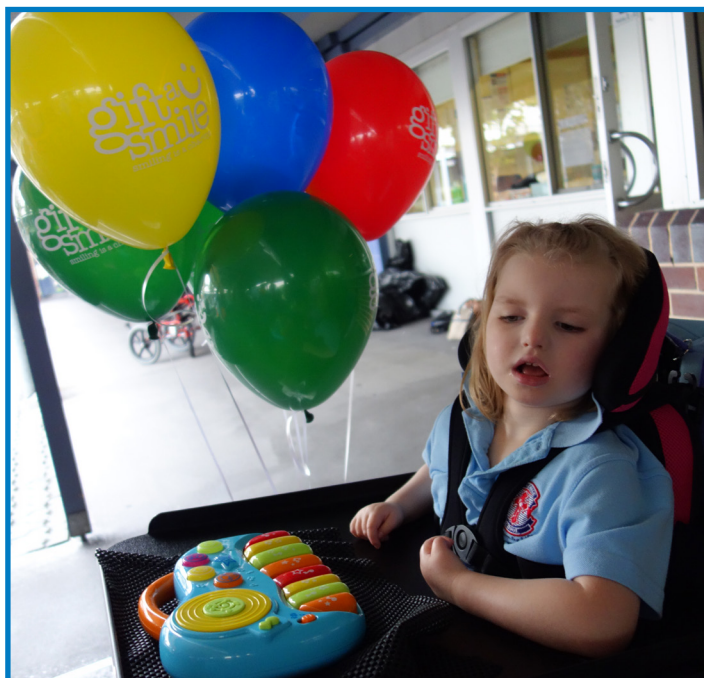
The primary classes put on a wonderful and colourful array of Easter hats on Tuesday 27 March. Special thanks to the parents and grandparents who attended and made the day special. The parade was followed by the awards assembly and then concluded with an Easter egg hunt. Special thanks to Janelle Ferguson for coordinating the event. Photos from the event are included in this newsletter.

Music Program

It was with sadness that we farewelled Daniel, our talented and dedicated musician who took over from Josh Oshlack more than 12 months ago. Daniel is moving on because he was successful in gaining a musician position at the Randwick and Westmead children's hospitals. The good news is that we welcomed back Josh Oshlack to our school. Josh will cover the music program in the short term.

Visit from 'Gift a Smile'

Representatives from the organisation 'Gift a Smile' visited the school on 13 March for the school assembly. The ladies in this group visit children with disabilities in a number of schools and provide a bag of goodies for the children. Lina was the coordinator; the visit made the assembly special and memorable. Photos of the day have been included.



Community Notices

Civic Disability Services has forwarded booklets for families regarding their services which includes:

Vacation care

Before and After School Care

Individual support

Accommodation – both long and short stays

Programs for teens and young children.

The booklets will be forwarded home with the hard copy of this newsletter next Tuesday 3 April 2018.

Allawah School Holiday program below

Voluntary Donations

Thank you to families who have responded to requests for voluntary donations.

There are no fees for your child's attendance at St George School. However a contribution to the school of \$80.00 per semester is appreciated as it assists the school in meeting some of the costs of operating the school.

As St George School is a special school, contributions are tax deductible donations. A receipt will be issued for tax purposes. If there is a preferred name for the receipt please indicate when making the donation. please indicate the preferred name on the tax receipt.



**Allowah
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
PROGRAM**

APRIL 23RD TO 27TH

SUPER HERO CENTRAL!



Up, up and away! This week is all about the Super Hero. We are reliably informed that there will be capes for everyone. And maybe not so much lycra. We will have a great week with super hero crafts, drama, stories, adventures, movies and so much more!

Be yourself... unless you can be Batman... then be Batman!

All days are fully catered with all diets and nutrition requirements met.

Give us a call to enquire or book - Ph: 88773400 and ask for Maura Hanney




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APRIL 16TH TO 20TH

FANTASTIC TALES!



Princesses, Princes, Frogs and Faeries... they will all be at Allowah this week. We will weave stories of wonder, read tales of the fantastic, have fun with art and craft and sing fantastic songs celebrating imagination and beauty. There may even be a movie or two!

And! If that is not enough, Alvin the Wonder Horse (aka Grand Steed of all Princes and Princesses!) will be here with his Royal Entourage on Monday 16th. If you haven't met Alvin, check out the video on our website of his visit (in full Bat-Pony disguise!).

We will enjoy the Autumn air and sunshine and each other's company.

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