



St George School 2018 Newsletter

Diana Murphy,
Principal

Date: 11 April 2018

Key Dates:

Last day of term
Friday 13 April

First day term 2 for stu-
dents
Tuesday 1 May

Term 2 P&C meeting and
Coffee & Chat at 10.15am
Thursday 17 May 2018

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

The end of term is upon us. First term is always a busy term with setting up classes, establishing learning priorities for each student's learning plan, reviewing health care plans and more. I am sure that both families and staff look forward to a relaxing break.

School finishes this **Friday 13 April 2018** and students return on **Tuesday 1 May 2018**.



Anzac Day Assembly

Representatives from our senior classes, including our school captains, Mohammed Jomaa, Joshua Sale and Natalie Tassone, attended the combined government and non government schools commemorative service in Hyde Park on Monday 9 April 2018. The presentation of the wreath was made by Joshua Sale. Photos are included in this newsletter.

At school we held a special assembly on Tuesday 10 April at 11.30am. Representatives from Kogarah RSL supported the commemorative service.

During the assembly, each team presented a poem that captured the courage and sadness of war and the significance of Anzac Day. The poems the teams chose were: Red Poppy (Primary team), The Slouch Hat (Middle team) and Anzac Day (Secondary team)

The Leader local paper will write an article regarding the Kogarah RSL Club's activities and community spirit to commemorate ANZAC Day 2018. St George School will be mentioned in the article. At the end of assembly, the representatives from Kogarah RSL and three students, Natalie Tassone, Matthew Chiotis and Sophie Groll participated in a photo shoot for the a photo to accompany the article.

Special thanks to Violeta Bakrdanikoska for the wreaths that she made for the services.

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

School Photographs

We have engaged the School Photographer for a number of years and although we have had some good photography over the years, we have also had disappointing photos. This year we received feedback from some staff and some families who were disappointed. There were aspects that were well done but overall disappointing.

Robert Mola, volunteer and photographer, has re-photographed a number of students and the School Photographer is returning to school on Friday to rephotograph one of the classes that had high absenteeism on the day.

We are looking for an alternative company for 2019 and have been provided with some names. If you are confident about the quality of a photographer you may wish to put forward the name of the company for consideration by phoning the office on 9588 2400. No decisions have been made to date.



Happy Birthday

to our April birthdays

Ruby Balkwell – 15 years on
10 April March

Kyah McGroder – 5 on 19
April

Lauren Green – 17 on 20
April



Celebrating Ability...

Student Assembly Awards

Congratulations to all the award recipients for first term.

The ANZAC Day commemorative service replaced the awards assembly this fortnight.

Sailability

Next term our students will participate in Sailability on Wednesdays. Sailability occurs at Kogarah Bay and is supported by a team of volunteers who are experienced in sailing. Students are given 1:1 support. It is a wonderful experience for the students who get the opportunity to experience sailing, a mainstream sport, in a safe and secure environment.

A roster will be developed and, weather permitting, your child will participate in sailing twice during the term.

Your class teacher will forward an excursion permission slip prior to Sailability and follow the usual procedure for excursions.

Rifton Chair

The parents of Elliot Austin are offering a Rifton chair (see photo below) to a family at school. Following surgery for scoliosis, Elliot no longer needs the chair.

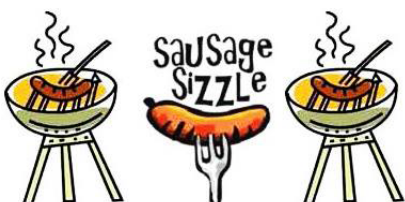
If you could use such a chair, Elliot's family is happy to gift it. The chair is in great condition and is fully functional and "as new".

If interested, contact the office and we can then look at a way to transport it.

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.



P&C Meeting – Annual General Meeting – Term 2

Our next P&C meeting will be the annual general meeting. If you are interested in nominating for any of the executive positions, please complete the form below and return it to school. It is required that members of the P&C pay the annual fee. At St George School this fee is set at \$2 per annum.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 17 May at 11.30am, following the Coffee & Chat session.

The need to increase participation at the P&C was discussed at the last meeting. Sometimes the function of the P&C is not clear. In essence, P&Cs across all schools provide the opportunity for families to be partners in the education of their child. Parents/carers have the right to be involved in education. This can include consultation on key issues, fundraising for identified needs etc.

One of the issues raised at the last meeting was the timing of the meetings and the mode. By mode we mean in attendance or via video-conferencing.

The current meeting day and time was selected following a survey of families a number of years ago. At that time, the meetings were held at night and the decision was then made to hold the meetings during the day.

In order to gain current feedback, I will send a brief anonymous survey to families to indicate a preferred time, day and mode.

P & C Nomination form

I would like to nominate for the following position/s:

	Position	Name of Nominee
	President	
	Secretary	
	Treasurer	

I am a financial member of P& C

Name

Signature

Date