



St George School 2018 Newsletter

Diana Murphy, Principal

Date: 4 May 2018

Key Dates:

P&C meeting and Coffee &
Chat

Thursday

17 May 2018

Coffee & Chat at 10.15am

Sibling workshop

Friday 8 June at 6.00pm

Reports home to families:

Thursday 28 June

Parent/teacher interviews:

29 June – 3 July

Sailability

Wednesdays Term 2

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

We start the term with staffing changes. These changes are as a result of filling teacher positions as mentioned in our first newsletter this year.

Towards the end of last term, three teacher vacancies were filled through the department's merit selection process. It was a competitive field and we had several outstanding applications .

I congratulate Angela Stupar for her successful application for a permanent full-time teacher position. Angela will continue in her current role on S1. Prior to this application Angela was permanent part-time.

I also congratulate Nicklas Parks on his successful application for a permanent position at the school. Nicklas commenced as full-time teacher position on Primary 4 this term. Nicklas held this position part-time in first term.

As a result of Nicklas' appointment. Ursula Ransom who worked part-time in P4 in first term is now the full-time teacher on S2.

We were advised late on Wednesday afternoon that Melanie King, currently teaching in another special school, has been successful in attaining the third teacher position. Melanie will start as full-time class teacher on M3 from Monday 4 June 2018. Clare Pritchard and Shayne Gannon will share the teaching role on M3 for the next four weeks until Melanie arrives.

I would like to acknowledge the professional input of Jenni Combe as she vacates the Middle 3 class. Jenni has been outstanding in setting up the educational programs in M3. Jenni is a generous and competent member of staff and it is fortunate that we are able to retain Jenni at the school.

From next week, I have been seconded back to the department's state office in Oxford St to continue as a project officer for revised procedures for special religious education and special education in ethics. Ana Mowle will resume the role of relieving principal in my absence. Jenni Combe who is the current teacher of M3 will take over the full-time classroom teacher for M2 from next week. Jenni will be able to provide professional support to Melanie when she arrives and to Clare Pritchard and Shayne Gannon over the next four weeks.



Happy Birthday

to our May birthdays
Mouemin Hammoud
12 years on 2 May

Mohammed Jomaa
18 years on 4 May 2018

Julia Wainwright
17 years on 9 May

Allegra Watkins
9 years on 12 May
Jay Smith
14 years on 13 May

Hailee Scifleet
12 years on 18 May

Ittai Shveibish
8 years on 28 May

Manar Saleh
6 years on 28 May



Date Change

Sibling workshop
now on 8 June at
6.00pm

Welcome new student

This term we welcome Diana Novakov and her family to St George School. Diana commenced this week in Kindergarten in Primary 1. We trust that Diana will have an enjoyable and rich learning experience at school.

Sailability

Sailability commenced this week. Primary 3 and Primary 4 enjoyed the experience at Kogarah Bay. Some photos have been included in this newsletter. The cost per student for Sailability is \$10. You will receive advice about this cost when your class teacher sends home the excursion note.

P&C Meeting — Term 2

Our next P&C meeting will be a regular meeting and not the annual general meeting. We currently have two vacant executive positions; Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in taking either of these roles please let me know.

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

Next week I will send out a survey to gauge the best time and mode for future P&C meetings.

Save the Date – Sibling workshop

This year we are making the sibling workshop a Friday night family outing. We originally scheduled the workshop for the 1 June but we needed to change it. The new date is Friday 8 June commencing at 6.00pm. Save the date for a sausage sizzle and sibling workshop with Josh Oshlack.

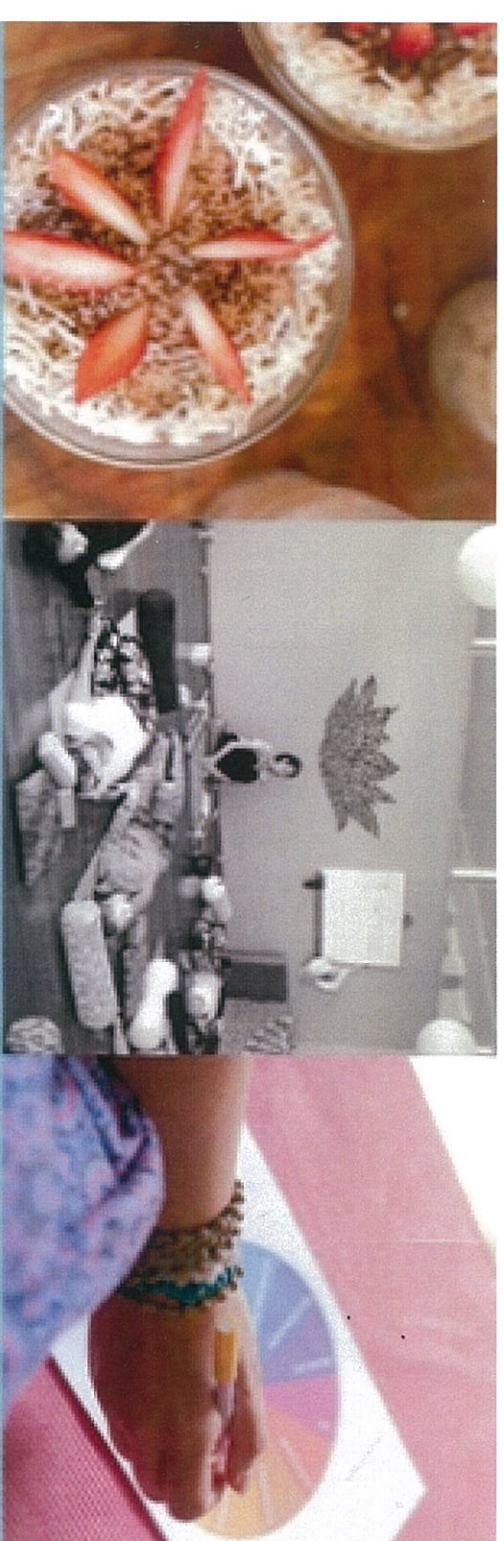
Community Notices

Please see attached 'Rest and Reset Retreat' flyer



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REST & RESET RETREAT

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

2 DAY / 2 NIGHT RETREAT

- ♥ Nourish your body, mind & soul
- ♥ Bathe in the beauty of nature, surrounded by lush rainforest
- ♥ Connect with other parents who understand your challenges
- ♥ Learn effective tools to help you live your best life
- ♥ Enjoy time, space, support & whole body relaxation

DATE: 27-29TH JULY 2018

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your best life*



Tanya Sarva

The Road Unseen

WELLNESS & LIFE COACH

As a special-needs mum, I know the challenges you face in supporting your children. I dreamed of creating a beautiful space for parents & carers of children with additional needs. A space to rest, connect, reset and nourish your body, mind & soul. I combined my life's work to create this retreat just for you.

Join me on my next retreat in Govinda Valley, Otford NSW

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