



St George School 2019 Newsletter

Diana Murphy, Principal

Date: 8 March 2019

Key Dates:

Harmony Day
Thursday 21 March

Coffee & Chat TBA

Anzac Day assembly
11.30am Tuesday 9 April

Primary Classes Easter
Hat Parade
Thursday 11 April

Last day of term
Friday 12 April

First day term 2 for
students Tuesday 30 April

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

We trust the term is progressing well. It is difficult to believe that we are half way through the term already. Teachers have been busy meeting with families for PLP meetings. Your support of this process is important and appreciated.



Communication

We try to keep families informed and trust that you feel supported in this process. We have a number of mechanisms. The daily communication book provides essential feedback on the activities of the day and can include teaching and learning, personal care, meals, administration of medication and administration of health care procedures. It also provides class staff with the opportunity to receive your feedback, requests and advice.

Many teachers also use SeeSaw, a social media platform to provide families an opportunity to receive photos of school activities during the day. Many families have appreciated this immediate and close connection with the class. All SeeSaw accounts are closed at the end of the year and new ones are established with the new school year.

We also have our Facebook page and school website. The school was supported in movement to a new departmental website platform last year and our website will be updated with 2019 matters in the near future. It's on the to-do list.

Staff leave

A number of staff are taking leave from the end of this term and during next term. The majority of leave is short and experienced casuals are covering class. I, myself, will be taking leave next term following the school development day at the commencement of term. Annette Fuller will relieve as principal. Annette's Assistant Principal position will be filled through an expression of interest. There will be no disruption to school activities or events during this time. I will still be attending the P&C meeting scheduled for term 2 and will be available if necessary.

Students turning 16 this year

Most families are aware that children with disabilities are able to apply for the Disability Support Pension when they turn 16 years. I have included this advice to ensure that everyone is aware of this information. Further information can be obtained from Centrelink. We have supported families in this process by providing a principal's report. Parents are often requested to provide a report from the school.

Transition support

Teachers of our senior students provide detailed information and opportunities for student and their families in the last two years at school. This is an important process as families need to make decisions about post school during the last year at school. Annette Fuller, Assistant Principal is available to provide more



Happy Birthday to our March birthdays

Dean Parratt turned 14 on
7 March

Zeinab Saleh turning 10 on
12 March

Anthony Qiu turning 9 on
13 March

Ben Rein turning 13 on 16
March

Ashleigh Kelly turning 13
on 17 March

Adania Evans turning 12 on
24 March

Lachlan Guiotto turning 15
on 26 March

Athan Loucas turning 9 on
30 March



Celebrating Ability

Student Assembly Awards

Congratulations to our award recipients for this fortnight:

Kyah McGroder for improved listening and participation during group times.

Josie Fishwick for excellent participation in all activities during the library excursion and Maritime Museum incursion. Great effort Josie!

Matteo Farinaro for waiting patiently for his ankle straps to be attached to his wheelchair.

Jaxon Crittenden for following the verbal direction to stretch his arm out straight without any physical prompts or support.

Bella-Rose Thiel for independently walking across the pool during hydrotherapy.

Samuel Sirio for clearly communicating his feelings using Proloquo2go

Mouemin Hammoud Champion bowler award

Dean Parratt Enthusiastic participation in class activities.

Brett Houdek for demonstrating his knowledge of the sequencing of numbers 1 – 10.

Jessie Neal for enthusiastic participation in the Maritime Museum Incursion.



Sport Primary

Oliver Mai for enthusiastic participation in the Primary Team Bowling Competition.

Sport Secondary

Alysia Dalianis for enthusiastic participation during Bollywood dancing and her enjoyment of dancing – singing along to the music.

Music Award

Yamma Rammo for independent drumming to the beat in music



Changes to our playground

The school's liberty swing is being relocated from the outside area near the pool to the playground. This will provide additional opportunities for use during recess and lunch breaks.

Maritime Museum Incursion

Judith and John from the Maritime Museum provided an engaging and successful incursion last Friday for all classes. The theme was based around the beach and the sea. Students and staff were dressed in beachwear. The students were provided with sensory experiences around what we would see, hear and do at the beach. Students also looked at water safety. Each class prepared in advance for the incursion by participating in a boat building challenge and they tested their class boat during the incursion to see if it would sink or float.

Students engaged in listening to sea shanty songs throughout the incursion.

This incursion is linked to the sensory theatre theme for the term which is the sea and water.

P&C meeting

Yesterday the P&C met. The minutes of the meeting are attached for your information.





ST GEORGE P&C ASSOCIATION INC.

Thursday 7 March 2019

Minutes of Meeting

1. Welcome and attendance

Meeting opened at 11.30am

Present: Karen Baker, Barry Watkins, Ron Watson, Matt Balkwell, Susie Welch, Diana Murphy

Apologies: Annette Fuller, Janelle Ferguson

Chair: Ron Watson, President

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting October 2018 were read by Diana Murphy.

Business arising:

- New signatories have been set up for the P&C: Ron Watson, Barry Watkins and Karen Baker (two to sign)
- Monthly statements to be sent in lieu of online access
- School Photographer used again for school photos – the company listened to feedback and understood the need for time in order to get the best photo.
- Skype for business will be used from term 2 once email addresses of new students have been finalised.

Minutes were accepted by Karen Baker and seconded by Ron Watson.

3. Correspondence In – Bank statements – Feb 2019

P&C Federation Journal

Two invoices from P&C Federation: student accident insurance and bus public liability (for ASTP contract)

Correspondence out - nil

4. Treasurer's report

Financial report presented by Karen Baker, Treasurer,

Opening balance Feb 2019: \$89, 581.25Cr

Total debits: \$90,182.41

Total credits: \$5157.32

Closing balance: \$4556.16 Cr

Deposits:

December 2018 hamper raffle raised \$1800

Deposit from ASTP for 7 bus runs

Payments

Invoices paid: Christmas gifts – gifts for students \$1200

Student accident insurance: \$262.20

Bus liability insurance for ASTP runs: \$1778.00

Monthly cheque to the school for the 7 ASTP bus runs owned by the P&C and operated by the school.

Treasurer's report accepted by Matt Balkwell and seconded by Ron Watson

5 School Council matters

School Plan 2018 – 2020 – update on priorities for 2019.

St George School annual financial statement for 2018 presented and discussed.

Fundraising for 2019:

- suggestion of P&C using federal election day in May as opportunity to fundraise

- Suggestion of call for donations for a Mothers day and some parents to man the stall on the Friday before Mothers day, 10 May 2019.
 - Suggestion to charge therapists to advertise in parent newsletter
 - Suggestion of parents making contact with corporations requesting donations to the P&C
- There was discussion of setting up a parents social media site to support exchange of information in the area of disability – not necessarily a P&C site.

6. General Business:

List of financial members for 2019 presented.

Membership remains at \$2 per annum

Skype meeting option from Term 2– link to join meeting to be forwarded to all families via email.

AGM for 2019 to be held in term 4 – books to be audited prior to AGM

Meeting days for the year:

Next term Monday week 6: 3 June at 11.30am

Term 3: Tuesday week 6: 27 August at 11.30am

Term 4: AGM - Tuesday week 6: 19 November at 11.30am

7. Principal's report

Five new students in 2019 – settled into school well.

Changes to the playground - relocation of the liberty swing

Flexible staffing in 2019 – three classes of max 8 students – two in primary and one in secondary

St George Chn with Disabilities Fund has purchased a fourth eye gaze bundle for the school

Lions Club Kogarah has provided funds for the purchase of a mobile/portable tablet for eye gaze.

The Men's Shed – support from Paul Cox – for wireless switches for the ipads

White room proposal to be supported by the Men's Shed Hurstville.

NSW Police - donation of \$16000 from Police Charity Golf Day held in September 2018

8. Calendar of tasks

Nil

Meeting closed at 12.50pm